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Shopping tips, picking out a real Christmas tree, last-minute gift ideas, recipes from the pros and lots of funny thoughts from — Section B

REGIONAL MARKET

Fine Chinese dining

Jasmine's, a fine Chinese dining establishment in Northville, offers customers a unique dining experience with an upscale atmosphere it may be off the besten path of Main Street on Mary Alexander court down-town, but worth the effort to find. -- Page 10B

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■ Wixom's downtown gets underway

By Kim Kovelle

Surrounded by acres of mud, Lynda Schemanske stood under the white plastic tent at Chambers Road and Pontiac Trail last Wednesday.

With husband Jim and scores of others, the 30-year Wixom resident was awaiting the groundbreaking of "Tribute," a 75-acre project that II bring a central downtown to the city for the first time since 1929.

time since 1929.
"I never thought I'd see this in my lifetime," Schemanske said.
"I'm so excited to think we might have a downtown like Northville. or Plymouth, I feel we got lost between Novi and Milford."

between Novi and Millord:
Schemanske's pride was shared
by residents and officials alike,
who kicked off the nearly \$250
million endeavor that ultimately
will boast 75,000 square feet of
retail and 579 various style
homes

City Manager J. Michael

"I never thought I'd see this in my lifetime."

Lvnda Schemanske

Doman commended the joint venture between Cohen Associates and Robertson Brothers.

"Today, the entire community takes a front row seat to see their efforts put into action," Doman said. "I am confident you will be impressed."

Besire, need to rebuild

Since fire claimed Wixom's original agricultural downtown district 75 years ago, reconstruction has been patchy.

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A holiday classic

Members of the Novi Sports Club's ballet studio are preparing for their Dec. 18 presentation of the Nutcracker Sulte at Novi High School. The performance will benefit Novi Youth Assistance. Showtimes are 3 and 6 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults, free for children 2 and under. Call the Sports Club at (248) 477-3830 for more information. mation. From left are Kathleen Perry, Katherine Miller, Stepannie Curran, Christine Curran, Angela Schmidt, Jay Kim, Joline Smith, and Jessie Linton. For more details, see story on page 8.

MEAP may go

■ Governor's OK needed for change

By Ramez Khuri

Though it won't be official until Michigan Governor Jermifer Granholm provides her stamp of approval, it seems as though high school students throughout Michigan won't have to worry about taking the MEAP test anymore. That's because Senate Bills 1153-1157 contain provisions that will change the test to the Michigan Merit Exam.

The change has passed both the House of Representatives and the Senate. The bill has now been sent to the

governor for a signature.

According to Novi Community
School District Superlittendent Emmett
Lippe, if the bill is approved by the federal government, the MEAP will be given to most students in the 2005-06 school year, with a sample of them tak-ing the Michigan Merit Exam. In the 2006-07 school year however,

the new test will be given to all students. Also in that year, students will be able to qualify for a merit scholarship by meet-ing a certain test score. In addition, their results will factor into whether or not students will qualify to receive other

scholarships.
The new exam will assess English

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Bonnie and Clyde wannabes strike seven salons

Shelby Twp. couple arrested in Canton hotel

By Pam Fleming

Bonnie-and-Clyde-style team from Shelby Township was arraigned last Friday in 52-1 District Court in Novi for stealing more than \$5,000 from

seven beauty salons. Robert Ryan er, 28, Holly

Marie Brenner, 29. arraigned on

a seven-count warrant for uttering and publishing, known in layman's terms as passing bad checks.



band-and-wife cr team was arrested by

"They would would enter local beauty salons, select vari-

Novi police Dec. 10 at the Stay hotel in

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crime

ments, according to Rhea,
"They were targeting salons,"
Rhea said. "Evidently, they had
passed a bad check at a salon or ous pieces of merchandise and write a fraudulent check for

over the amount of the purchase to receive cash back," described Det. Kevin Rhea, Novi Police

Department.
The seven salons in Novi were hit from Nov. 5 through Nov. 23, with surrounding com-munities still investigating their salons and other retail establish-

salons in the past and believed that they were an easy target."

Salon owners told Novi police that it's not unusual for spas or beauty salons to allow customers to receive cash back so that they can tip their stylists or other staff members.

The two are currently lodged in the Oakland County Jail on a \$25,000 bond. Their prelimischeduled Dec. 15 at the 52-I

District Court, The couple was able to fraud-

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State finds \$370 million gap in expected revenues

Schools dodge bullet; Novi district ready for cuts

By Cal Stone

from the state's general fund to the school aid fund late last week, school districts across the state heaved a sigh of relief - for now.



The Legislature's mohey move came after a special revenue estimating conference Dec. 3 revealed a \$370 million difference between actual and expected revenues for the fiscal year, which began in October.

"In the immediate future, at least, funds for this year are protected probably until they have the next confer-

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■ Governor and legislators faced with difficult decisions

By Pam Fleming

State legislators who serve Novi say zero-based budgeting is the only way the state can deal with the cur-rent state deficit, estimated at somewhere between \$380 million and \$460 million, depending on whom

Zero-based budgeting means N. Cassis

departments don't start where they left off last year but "They have to justify every expenditure and how it fits in to what citizens want and expect. It must reflect

■ City officials take bare bones approach to budget

By Pam Fleming

Novi is in better shape than many Michigan communi-ties when it comes to budget concerns. But, that doesn't mean that some hard decisions talks take place next

A goal-setting session for the City of Novi will take place at 6 p.m., Monday, Jan. 31, in council chambers. The meeting is open to the public and will be shown on the local govern-ment access cable television channel, Channel 13.

GOAL-SETTING

A goal-setting session is planned for 6 p.m., Monday,



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City of Wixom's new downtown gets underway

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"The desire and need to rebuild Wixom's Downtown, boy, it goes back many years," Assistant City Manager Tony Nowacki said.

Manager Tony Nowacki said, About 10 years ago, he said, the city started purchasing 41 acres in the area for the project. After community brainstoming began in 1998, a December 2000 Village Center Ordinance, was approved. The resulting downtown zon-ing district rovers the city's cening district covers the city's cen-

tral pocket, stemming from Pontiae Trail and Wixom Road. An interviewing process started in 2002.
"Our goal was to find develop-ers that shared the city's vision," Nowacki said. They found it in Cohen of West Bloomfield University of University University. Robertson of Bloomfield Hills.

who joined forces at the city's equest. Keith Rogers of Covington Properties is president of the

Acquisition, Wixon LLC, "It's a cohesive plan to reinvent Pontiac Trail as Main Street,"

Nowacki said, "Wixom still is a small town. The people in this community interact and volunteer and work logether."

The first phase also will include 215 townhomes and stacked ranch condos. A second phase will include 120 single family homes.

Looking forward

Last week, several buildings on the mostly vacant land were demolished and work was underway to fill in lowland.

The downtown will include pedestrian-friendly walkways and a plaza and perhaps a bandshell.

as well as street parking on Pontiac Trail.

"We always try to make sure we develop a sense of communi-ty," Paul Robertson of Robertson Brothers said, "We had everything that you needed to be able to start a town."

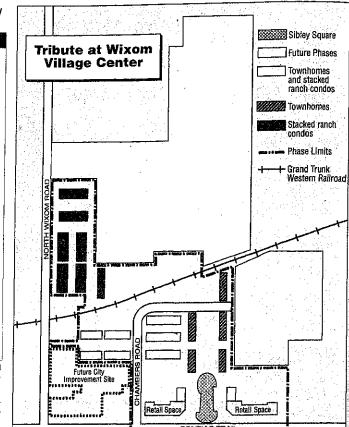
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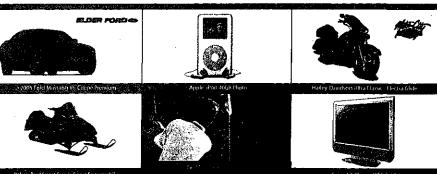
Tribute, Wixom's new downown now in the works, won't cost taxpayers any extra. Assistant City Manager Tony Nowacki said the city's Authority will help canture.

"Property value increases as people move in, Nowacki said; with that, property tax amounts also incrementally

ties and nearby pond recon-

"That difference between the oped land, that goes to the DDA," Nowacki said, "The DDA goes out, borrows money from private investors. That money, they pay it back through the





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incremental tax increase." Schools in the city's Village CRS/Robertson police station, city offices and the new Volare Italian restaurant are across the street.
"You don't necessarily have to Center Area are exempt. Wixom's Downtown Rogers said. Th's centrally located to the expressway, in between people's homes and how they get in your ear and drive to diner." said Larry Cohen, president, roward."

The first round of homes should be finished early next Development authority provides for 25 years to pay back the improvement costs, with est from focal and regional retail-ers, and he anticipates 90-95 per-cent will be leased by spring. Buildings will have varied ority list of In an evening event also held last Wednesday, 63 signed a pri-ority list open to Wixom residents Based on the dedication and early numbers, many seem willfacades to give the impression of building over time, he said.

Local businesses and eateries will be staples, Nowacki said.

"Wixom's always been on the path to progress," Mayor Michael McDonald said, "Nothing good is con roveite is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107 or vin commit Kim Kovelle is a staff writer for If he staples, Nowacki said. Metronand said. Occurring growth and to compete to the malls ever accomplished without taking a risk." Life is full of choices. court has been providing Exceptional Senior Living in the Farmington Hills area. The Grand Independent Living with an Assisted Living Program Outings and/or events daily 1-888-CWF-GIVE Spacious studio, one and two hedroom garden apartments witl Full Service dining nplimentary challogy trans-Option 1 Survive of Get the interest 3.50% with our standard 3-year CD 36550 Grand River Avenue Option 2 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 www.brookdalcliving.com Get the interest **Fantasy** upfront in the form referred customer service and of a fantasy item planned service agreements available offering a FIVE YEAR WARRANTY on repair parts and labour. FIVE YEARS!* DAVE LENNOX PREMIER DEALER. eliable, professional service in a imely manner. over 25 years of providing the best in customer service in Livingston County. · For all your heating and air conditioning Open a "FLAGSTAR FANTASY CD" needs... Pyro Heating & Cooling, Inc. 772 McPherson Park Drive and enjoy your earned interest this holiday." Ultimate Golf Makeover Package
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■ City officials take bare bones approach to budget

Jan. 31, 2005, in council chambers, when city council will begin to start setting spending priorites for the city. The session is open to the public and will also be shown on Channel 13.

Rick Helwig, city manager, must prepare and reconmend a budget for the new fiscal year, which begins July 1, 2005, by March 31, 2005. Cathy Smith-Roy, director of finance, says it's too

early to make assumptions on revenue projections.

"I'm going to have to wait at least until the middle of January for our taxable value assessments to be made, which is an unknown at his point," She said.

Taxable value assessments — the amount that homes

and businesses are taxed --- are important, especially in

The city doesn't know yet how much new growth was added to the tax rolls in 2004 and what's coming in the July 2005 tax bill. Assessments are made on a calendar year, not a fiscal year.

The July 2005 tax bill will reflect property tax assessments established at the end of December 2004. Property tax estimates, made by the city assessor, are due in January 2005.

"All we get is preliminary numbers until May 2005, when the county provides us with the final tax role and Headlice computation." Smith-Roy said. The Headlec computation stems from an amendment passed by the state legislature which caps annual property tax increases at 3 percent or the rate of inflation,

"Property tax is the primary revenue source for the city," Smith-Roy said. State shared revenue is the second major source, which has been reduced nearly 15 percent annually since fiscal year 2001-2002, Helwig said.

"We're waiting to see what the state's projections will be and will do our own analysis of the budget in January

City to watch spending

Budget talks will begin in April 2005, but no dates have been set yet. These meetings are also open to the public and will be televised on cable Channel 13. Mayor Lou Csordas said Novi is doing all right finan-

cially because the city keeps a tight rein on spending

"We're kind of protected by these cuts in state revenue only because we don't offer frivolous things such as trash pickup and lots of large, community recreation facilities. We're conservative on items that other established communities have blown their money on,"

The mayor said the city received almost \$400,000 less in state shared revenue over the last two years, ye Novi still maintain a 14-percent-plus rainy day fund in

He knows, however, that this could change.
"We will continue to run the city as business that's looking toward a downturn in the economy. We're looking at things now so that future councils don't have to make even more difficult decisions. We've got to look at hiring practices, reducing capital expenditures and con-trolling rising health care costs," Csordas said. He noted for example, that the city does not levy the

entire millage that's been approved.

"We are still the sixth lowest taxed community in "We are still the sixth lo Oakland County," he noted,

"The highest taxed community is Pontiae, and look at the trouble they're in. They have all these retirees receiving unbelievable benefits, and they can't support it any-

'We will continue to run the city as business that's looking toward a downturn in the economy."

Lou Csordas City of Novi mayor

state shared revenue. "It's not going to be easier in the future," he said. "They've overspent and are losing money on Medicaid and other sources. It's going to be hard to recover from that. Either you've got to raise taxes or cut spending, and the tendency in Michigan is to raise taxes," he said.

Csordas noted that Michigan is one of only two states the country that charge the Single Business Tax,
"Why don't they just cut this tax instead of requiring

local municipalities to give businesses tax abatements

■ Gov. and legislators facing difficult decisions

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ing revenues, you draw a line. After that point, it becomes a question as to whether taxpayers are willing to increase taxes for services outside the resenue limit," said State Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi.) "We can't cominue with Gov. Granholm's budget

patchwork quilt or her deferring the hard decisions to task forces, punels and commissions." She said. It does look like education will be considered as one of the top five priorities, she added.

Cassis said Michigan is still lagging behind the rest of the U.S. economy

"The revenues just aren't coming in." she said. She is not in favor of increasing taxes, however, to balance the

trying to stimulate," she said.

Cassis says the loss of jobs in manufacturing is the main culprit in Michigan's slow economic recovery. When you have people out of work in manufacture ing, there are many spin-off inclustries that supply the Big Three, and they have had to lay people off. This affects our income tax, sales tax and even Single Business Tax revenues," she said.

"The governor is going to have to make some hard decisions for the first time," she said. "This is going to require some hold, decisive leadership. Hope the governor is up for it." she added, "We need to focus not just on what to cut, but what to keep."

Incoming Speaker of the House Craig De-Roche (R-Novi) said lawmakers are already working hard on the next budget. He noted that according to a report from the National Conference of State Legislatures, which can be viewed at www.nesl.org, three states have budget gaps,

and three have revenues below their forecasts Increasing taxes will but the very economy you are Michigan, however, is the only state with both a

budget gap and revenues below forecas

"Forty-time other states took care of their problem.
We have not," he said.
"Michigan has tried to do patches, accounting changes and other one-times lives, but it hasn't been successful. The budget gap remains." DeRoche said. He believes that since Michigan's taxes are already higher than most states that the answer to the budget crisis is to prioritize spending and only spend money the

state has.
"The state will generate over \$40 billion in revenues in 2005. We should be able to find a way to live within our means," DeRoche said.

DeRoche said as incoming leader of the House of Representatives, he will look at all state spending and ask every department to justify not only increases but also what they've received in previous years. "Some call it optcome- or result-based budgetime I

want them to say from dollar one up what results tax-payers are receiving for dollars given," he said. DeRoche believes there will be cuts in several departments next year. "We can't spend more money than we have coming

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in next year. That needs to change, or the economy in Michigan will continue to languish. It's time that this governor and the new legislature work together. We've been putting Band-Aids on the situation for too long," he

DeRoche said state legislators have to set priorities before they can determine where cuts will be made. By state constitution, the House of Representatives does not reconvene until the second Wednesday in January. So, to legislative activity can take place until after then

The state budget must be in place by Sept. 30, 2005. "But realistically, we hope to get it in place by the 4th of July, because the schools start their fiscal year July 1,

He added that education funding will continue to be a priority in Michigan. In fact, \$99.5 million was trans-ferred from the general fund to the school aid fund just last week to prevent cuts to K-12 education.

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Novi district ready for future cuts

ence in January," said Emmett Lippe, superintendent, Novi School District. "We'll see what huppens

Lippe said the state was going to corate funds to schools after the first of the year, but legislators decided to close the shortfall now. "But I'm sure it'll be a year of ups

the boliday receipts are before pan-icking," Koster said. "Hopefully, the November and December receipts and downs in terms of school financing," he said of 2006.

That won't be anything new, Last year the state cut school funding by will be up, but it doesn't look good." \$74 per pupil and chopped another \$82 per pupil in the 2002-2003 school year. Each Michigan school What's the solution? district is supposed to receive tion, and opinions vary as to the \$6,700 per pupil as the state's foun

dation allowance Novi currently receives \$8,310 per student, and there are 6,204 students in the dis-

trict. The district's 2004-2005 budg-

of education will be hottly debated.
"We might have to go back to giving permission to locals to raise t is \$65.2 million Jim Koster, assistant superintendent of business and finance, said taxes," Koster said. "But we'll be Novi is somewhat prepared if the right back to the haves and have-

state decides to cut again.
"We built within our budget a reduction that the state could make of \$30 per student," he said, "We put that in last June. It's still there

■ Schools dodge budget bullet: decade-old proposal also has narrowed the per pupil funding gap between the rich and poor school

Oakland County. Half of them Is anyone brave enough to sugdecided to do that; half of them did-

gest raising taxes?
"We would not describe raising He said Novi is going to amend its budget in January or February. The district could take that cushion Studley, senior vice president of government relations for the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, out at that time, but he's leaning towards leaving it in.

The consensus is to wait until
the January conference and see what but rather as a failed economic

and 1970s, Studley said Michigan has "been there, done that," and that

balance the budget over the last three years where funds have just gone in one door and out the other increasing the eigarette tax twice, casino taxes, income tax delays, property tax shifts, and the promise of the single business tax being canceled.
"These have not improved the

answer. As the state takes a hard look at its revenues and prioritizes its basic services to citizens - health, safety and welfare - the importance state government's cash flow," said Studley. "All these increases have

represents over 6,300 members (including Novi businesses) in sts. One big cycle." While he doesn't feel elimination reciposal A is the answer, tweaking it would help. Prior to Proposal A, young people coulded. that there will be enough revenue i young people couldn't afford mes and senior citizens were a strong and growing economy. He feels a dramatic restructuring of

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state government to bring its size and costs back down to a level Michigan taxpayers can afford is being taxed out of theirs. The

One of the things that leaders are struggling with, according to Studley, is the fact that Michigan is no longer a wealthy industrial state whose per capita income is substan-tially above the national average. "It's wishful thinking to think that

a lot of the manufacturing jobs we've lost are coming back." Studley said. "Some are lost forever. One of the reasons is that the state As a high tax state in the 1960s and country place a heavy burden or manufacturers. We'd like to see that reduced to make us more compet tive with other states."

Although the service sector has

here creating many of the state's new jobs, Studley says it would be a mistake to shift the tax burden to them from manufacturing. Likewise, asking financial institutions to take more of the loud isn't reasonable either.

improving government efficiency, hold the line on spending, get off this tax/spend budget deficit treadmill and come to grips with fundamental economic changes in our gone into current spending, not into a rainy day fund." Studley said the chamber, which state," Studley said.

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> Kevin Rhea Novi Police Department detectiv

Bonnie and Clyde wannabes hit 7 salons

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ulently receive more than \$5,000 in merchandise and

cash during their crime spree. Although they were not married, Bonnie and Clyde were a notorious Depression-era couple who committed a series of Bonnie was 19 and married to crimes in the United States over about a two-year period Clyde was 21 and single. in the 1930s.

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bright at Novi and West Oaks Drive, it also slowed down and almost came to a complete stop at a vellow

After pulling the man over, the officer noticed that he had red/watery eyes and smelled intoxicants coming from the van. The officer asked the man how much he had had to drink that evening. He said that he had two drinks and had stopped drinking over 40 minutes - recent theft from vehicles.

ago. The officer pulled up next to the man, who said he had been dropped alcohol level of .12 percent in the off and was walking home.

Macomb man nabbed A 26-year-old Macomb man was

ated at 1:05 a.m. Dec. 10 at Novi-Road at Twelve Oaks Mall. An officer was watching traffic at the intersection of Grand River Avenue and Novi Road when he saw a 2003 burgundy Chevy Malibu traveling west on Grand River make a prohibited right turn pocket.

at a red light onto nonthound Novi New Hudson man arrested

After initiating a traffic stop for the violation, the officer smelled intoxicants coming from the car. The man said that he had just left 1-96 and Novi roads.

alcohol level in the man of .13 per-Pot and paraphernalia

A breath test showed a blood

A 17-year-old Novi man was arrested for possession of I gram of marijuana and narcotic pamphema-lia at 4.05 a.m. Dec. 11 at Galway

A breath test produced a blood and Novi roads.

An officer saw the man walking percent, north around 4 a.m. on Glenda in an area where there have been several

When the officer asked him why he was dropped off five houses from where he lives, he said because he had to walk home. The man had no identification on litin, and the other filter wanted to pat him down for any weapons.

When he refused and started watking back to his house, he was arrested for operating while intoxi-

placed in the back of the patrol car and later handcuffed. Police tound the gram of marijuana an antijuana and pocket.

with the driver about the speeding with the driver about the speeding violation, he noticed the smell of tound the gram of marijuana and antijuana and antijuana and about it, and he said that a priced may about it, and he said that a friend may have smoked it in the completed by Pan Fleming

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noticed an odor of intoxicants com-ing from the Jeep and that the man's

eyes were bloodshot and glassy. When asked, the man said he had

Large amount of pot found

A 39-year-old Brighton man was

arrested for possession of 223 grans of marijuana at 10:55 p.m.

Dec. 7 at Eleven Mile Road and

Town Center Drive

The officer informed the driver that based on the smell that he had A 31-year-old New Hudson man probable cause to search the vehicle and asked him if he wanted to show was arrested for operating while imoxicated at 2:46 a.m. Dec. 12 at him the marijuana. The man thei produced a small wooden box with a pipe and some marijuana from the center console. He stated that was all he had and that is was for recre

when he saw a silver 2002 feep traveling at a speed greater than the 70 mph posted limit. Radar clocked the driver at 83 mph. After pulling the driver over for the speeding violation, the officer After the vehicle was impound CVS bug with a clear plastic bag inside containing a large amount of

Designated driver?

A 25-year-old Farmington Hills man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 2:15 a.m. Dec. alcohol level in the driver of .12 7 at Crescent Boulevard and Novi

bound Grand River Avenue at Novi Road, an officer saw a tan Mercury Sable turn right onto Novi Road from westbound Grand River while the light was still red. This intersection is posted "No Turn on Red.

While working stationary radar on Eleven Mile Road, an officer After conducting a traffic stop, the officer noticed the smell of intoxicants and that the driver's eyes were very red and glassy. When asked how much he had to drink

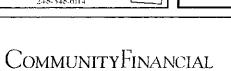


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Improv auditions coming

The Second City Detroit will soon host auditions for a resident ensemble, to perform at its new Novi home at 42705 Grand River Ave. come March.

Asplring improvers must secure an audition time Dec. 20-22, 10 an audition time fact, 20-22, to n.m.-4 p.m., via phone only at (248) 348-4448. Try-outs for the six slots will occur Jan. 4-5 from about 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Improv Inferno, 309 S. Main St.,

Ann Arbor, Call-backs are Jan, 7, In the meantime, visit www.secondcity.com for more

Teen Center open in Wixom

The city of Wixom's new teen welcomes those ages 13-18 to play games, hang out, study and meet new friends.

Officially opened Oct. 21, the center's drop-in hours are Thursday, 2:30-6 p.m.; Friday, 2:30-8 p.m.; and Saturday, 10-2 p.m. Activities include foosball, air

hockey, ping pong, board games, Sony Play Station 2, Dance Dance Revolution, cappuccino and exercise, "hang out" and study areas,

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form. The house is located at 49805 Pontiac Trail. For more information, call (248) 624-2850 or visit www.cityofwixom.com

A million ready to travel This Christmas, 87 percent of

travels will visit their relatives ~ the highest number in three years

and 82 percent will stay at relatives' homes, according to a recent AAA Michigan travel sur-

In all, that's an estimated 1 million Michiganians with vacation plans, surpassing last year's 600,000 prediction.

Based on projected map and air

travel requests, the most popular destinations four of the five top destinations are in Florida. The The survey also found that the

average Christmas vacation will last seven days and cost about \$774. The official 54-hou Friday, Dec. 24 and ends 11:59 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 26.

With only nine days to go until on getting the tree standing upright and decorated. Even so, make an early note

Ookland County Parks and Recreation is accepting old Christmas trees at 10 locations from Dec. 26, 2004-Jan. 9, 2005. During that time, the free, self-

p.m. Nearby locales include Glen

New city engineer joins Civic Center staff one of the largest engineering firms in the country. Hayes and his wife, Vicki, live ■ He says that

managed growth key to Novi's success

By Pam Fleming

neer, effective Nov. 22.

replaces

R. Hayes a degree in civil engineering from the U.S. Military Academy at Westpoint, N.Y. He later earned a master's degree

Christmas trees' future

Christmas, most folks are focused

Hayes serves 11 years as an offi-cer in the Army Corps of Engineers in various assignments in the U.S., including Washington, D.C.; Kansas City, Mo.; Fort Riley, Kan.; and Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri. Missouri.

A native of Leelanau County, near Traverse City, Hayes said he learned about the opening through the Michigan Municipal League, serve tree recycling program is open seven days a week, 9 a.m.-4

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Oaks in Farmington Hills and Lyon Oaks in Lyon Township. For more information, call (888) OC-PARKS or visit www.co.oakwith their three sons and daughter in DeWitt, just north of Lansing. He said engineering was a natural career choice for him.

The city of Novi recently hired Rob Hayes, 45, as the new city engi-Hayes, who was introduced at the city council meeting his first day on

engineering,

in construction engineering from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and an MBA from the

University of Michigan-Flint.

whose members include commu

ties throughout the state.

His most recent position was as a senior civil engineer with URS Corporation in Farmington Hills,

Christmas

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in 2 Locations

construction work being performed with public funds," he said. In his new job, Hayes will promer city engi-neer Nancy McClain, who vide technical support in the design and construction of the city's infra-structure projects, such as sanitary sewer and water main extensions; road improvements; site plan reviews; and stormwater system has more than 23 years of experience in

"I've always been a math and sci-ence geek, and I've always enjoyed solving difficult problems," he said.

Hayes believes the city engineer position is an important one in the city of Novi because, "The public needs to know that there's some-

body who's assuring that there i

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"The public needs to know that there's

somebody who's assuring that there is

construction work being performed with

quality and cost-effective design and

questions or concerns about these types of projects.

Hayes is anxious to get started on the business at hand.

public funds."

He's aware that managing a city's

Rob Hayes

City engineer

nances are either weak or are not the business at hand.
"I'm definitely excited about it, it clooks like Novi is a progressive city, and city leaders are very concerned that growth is a managed process. So, it's exciting to be a part of that,"



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She's all ready to Rock the Catwalk

Who will America's next top-model be? Might be Katie Kozlowski, 18-year-old daughter of Gina Kozlowski and a 2004 graduof Livonia Churchill High

School.

She'll be wearing a fantasy winter ice princess piece" designed by Malgosia Wojtkowski when she hits the runway at Rock the Catwalk, a fund-raising event at the Royal Oak Music Theater tomorrow night. Catwalk.

"Much like my designs, Katie represents a very eclectic and mange sense for expressing personal style," said Wojtkowski, who is a you can relate to." visual coordinator for Urban

"Katie has a vivacious personality that exhibits the dramatic statement that I, as a designer, envisionfor my collection. In simpler terms, Wojtkowski

said Katie is "really prefty and has a - WDRQ tomorrow. great little body.

the look required to make it in the - the key introduction that led her to connectitive would of modeling But. the Carvall, arracting career she's chasing.

Greg Young owns the Royal Oak
When I was in high school. I did

Music Theater, and Jus wife, Jen, is a lot of dancing shows, and then I got into acting," Kozlowski said, told len about Kozlowski, "We we're always switching around Acting is so much fun. I just God! She absolutely fo

felt it. You get out of your natural character and become somebody The big play productions in highschool were too time constining, however. With two younger sisters to help take care of Christma, 14,

and Sarah, 16 - and a job, the big play productions in high school too time consuming for hard to get into. Instead, she danced and acted at - be

Creative and Performing Arts in bd's Mong Livonia and at Dance Electric in town Novi. Farmington Hills. Although Kozlowski has done bair and makeup modeling for small



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will be her first 'big' event.
"I'm going to have to keep a straight face," she said. "I always smile, so that will be hard with all my friends there."

among 25 who make up the "street tearn" which hands out fliers and helps promote an up-and-coming local band. Shipwreck Union, that will be featured at Rock the

The street team meets once a Outfitters, clothing retailer with about 70 shops in this country.

week in Grosse Pointe to plan their publicity moves.

street team hands out, and they're in the process of putting together a full CD and then touring in January. The band will be live on 93.1 FM

Sam Tocco, who is a financial At 57° and 148 pounds, the backer of Shipwreck Union and a backer of Shipwreck Union and a friend of Kozlowski's mother, made

> the organizer of the event. Tocco "Afterwards, Sam said, 'Oh my God! She absolutely loved you.

You're hired"," said Kozlowski, She has never had any formal coaching for modeling, and right now she's treating it as an opportu-nity to make side money while pur-

"I definitely want to act more than anything," Kozlowski said, "Modeling is lun, but it's tough, It's For the past four months, she's been working four days a week at bd's Mongolian Barbeene in down-

"I'm very lucky because I'm very

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Those friends include Julianus

Katie Kozlowski

nom non at Churchill, which helped Now, every time I pass a Taco Bell oh, man! The cravings!"

It doesn't hurt to toss in some situps right before bedtime either, Kozlowski said. She sticks to the salad bar at work. When she's not at that job, she's

down at Laird's Upholstery, a shop her morn recently took over in Plymouth. "It's working with my mom, so we do have our moments," she

laughed, "but the people there are really down to earth." Kozlowski appears to be as well. She went to California for a comple

of weeks last April, hanging out with a friend who is into the modeling/acting scene. "I want to head out to L.A. at least once more before moving there next August or September," Kozlowski

Catch her here while you can. Rock the Catwalk is a benefit for the Children's Hospital of Michigan. The event begins at 8:30 p.m., and tickets are \$20. VIP tickets for \$50 metude dinner and special seating at

News, He can be reached at (248) tim? she said, "I used to eat fast (494700, ea. 113 or by e-mail at food three times a day, But I was on cstone to hishomecommuner."

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NO FEE FOR FIRST VISIT

First annual 'Nutcracker' production this Saturday

Thanks to the dedication of 85 local ballet dancers, the show will go on. After only eight rehearsals, the Metropolitan Ballet Academy & Theatre will put on its first annu al production of Tchaikovsky's "The Nuteracker" Dec.18 at Novi

"It's almost a miracle produc-"It's almost a miracle produc-tion," said Victoria Stocki-Kim, executive director. She and her hus-band, Jay, the artistic director, just founded the Metropolitan Ballet Academy & Theatre in August. They put their 33 years of experi-ence to use in helping the dancers perfect the show in such a short time so Novi residents could have story of an evil mouse king and his their own local Nuteracker show."

army of Mice battling a noble nutknow a lot of my own friends and
family feel it's not Christmas until

Clara helps her nutcracker defeat they see a Nuteracker production." the mice.

The story of the Nuteracker originated in Russia in the nineteenth returns to take Clara on a magical century, where it was not very well-received by audiences, said stock-i-Kim. In the last 40 years it has been re-choreographed and adapted in America and Europe. where it is now the most staged ballet. "It has become a classic," It also involves all the dolls from

she said.

The first act of the story begins with the Party Scene, where Clara's mother is hosting a Chrismas party at her house. Clara's uncle, Drosselmeyer, a favorite among both the children and the parents, shows un and gives life-size dolls

Academy & Theatre ends the show here. "It is a bit under the full production. We cut out the last scene shows up and gives life-size dolls sa gifts to everyone. Saving the best for last, he gives Clara a nut-cracker doll, which she adores. The Battle Scene is next, where where Clara wakes up," said production at one hour in length so people of all ages will enjoy it. In honor of the first production, the Metropolitan Ballet Academy

& Theatre has teamed up with Nov Community Education and Novi Community School District to denate a portion of ticket proceeds dream, which a lot of people don't to Novi Youth Assistance, a local branch of a national program that prevents juvenile delinquency, child abuse and child neglect. realize," said Stocki-Kim. The dream begins with Drosselmeyer's "We'd like to make a connection with community," said Stocki-Kin The first act closes with the

Novi programming office at (248) 735-8850 or at the door. Kim have danced ballet profession ally in 14 countries for six different The second act, Kingdom of the Sweets, includes the Waltz of the

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Three's company

Novi store helps out in nursery makeover

A Grand Blanc couple, who will soon be the parents of triplets, has a beautiful new tarts-— thanks, in part, to Baby 'N'

River Ave., was part of the recent "I Need a Nursery" makenver contest on ABC's "Good Morning America" program. The segment, starring Mike and Marcie Sanocki of Grand Blane, aired Nov. 27 and

The Novi store became avolved when ABC staff selected Nava Designs of Van Nuys, Calif., to do the makeover. The store is a customer of the firm's owner, Nava Writz, who designs custom bedding for children and adults. (For more information, visit www.babyandkidsbedrooms.com, (248) 349-2515, or www.navasde-

signs.com.) Wormsbacher of Baby N' Kids Bedrooms helped with the nursery makeover. "It was quite a challenge to

complete the task in 24 hours," Wormsbacher said, store's largest vendor, Ragazzi Furniture in Quebec, Canada, who donated three cribs and an armoire for the nursery, Baby 'N' Kids Bedrooms donated the rest, including the control of the c Marcie, 29, teaches children with learning disabilities or who are emotionally impaired. Mike, 30 is a manufacturing engineer including a hand-painted chang-ing table; a custom curio painted by local artist, Anita Kutey of Novi; three crib mattresses and with General Motors. They love the new nursery. "It's absolutely gorgeous. It's nursery accessories.

Marcie and her mother were watching the show together and decided that the couple would be a good candidate to win the nurs-ery makeover. They made the two-minute video to send to ABC expressing why the couple needed

"I think the network had more than 200 responses," Wormsbacher said. The video explained that the couple had little money left for

became pregnant.
"This pregnancy was our third in vitro try. It's about \$8,000 a try. We spent more than two years saving for the first attempt," Marcie said.
The first attempt failed, and on

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The first attempt failed, and on the second attempt, Marcie had an ectopic programcy and had to have surgery. The third time, everything went well.

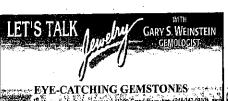
"Three's my higher number" ectopic pregnancy and had to have surgery. The third time, every-thing went well. "Three's my lucky number."

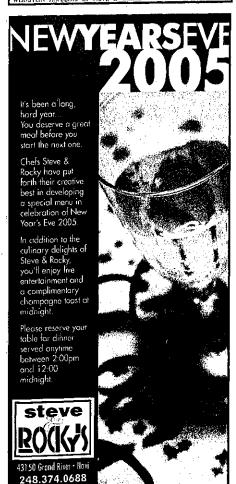
Marcie said. The triplets are due in April, bu go at least 32 weeks, which would be at the end of February," Marcie

selected - Nava, for the girl

"It's absolutely gorgeous. It's nothing that we would have been able to provide for our own children if we'd had to pay for it out of pocket."

Marcie Sanocki







Designs in Van Nuys, Calif., design a new nursery for Marcie and Mike Sanocki. The Grand Blanc couple won the recent "I Need a Nursery" makeover on ABC's "Good Morning America" show. The beautiful new nursery will provide a cozy home for the



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BUSINESS

Automation Alley opens new headquarters in Troy

Technology consortium boasts 500 members

By Pam Fleming

ogy consortium and brainchild of Oakland County Executive 1.

The new office is at 2675 Bellingham in the Automation Alley Technology Park in Troy, on Big Beaver Road between John R and Rochester near the intersection of 1-75 and Big Beaver Road. Those present at the ribbon cutting ceremony included Patterson: Dr. Tom Anderson. director of Automation Alley's Technology Center; and Ken Rogers, CEO of Automation

Alley. The 12,000-square-foot building houses a staff (counting

the front doors. The former heading at 1200 N. Telegraph in Pontiac.

"The uses of our new building are multiple for our more than 500 members, which include several companies from Novi," Rogers said in a telephone interview Monday. He noted that Automation Alley's membership is scattered throughout eight counties and city of Detroit in southeast Michigan.

Why the move? "We needed our own identification, a home of our own, so we could bring all of the business centers of Automation Alley under one roof," Rogers

explained.
Automation Alley is a consortium of technology companies located in southeast Michigan. "It is driven by a three-legged stool — a partnership between husiness, government and education." Rogers said.

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interns) of 21 and features an atri- five years ago by Patterson, who um where companies can intro-duce new products and services, do global video conferencing and can even drive a vehicle through such well-known technology cen-ters in the United States as Silicon Valley and Boston's Route 128.
"Since that time, the consor-

tium has become the fastest grow ing and largest technology con-sortium in the Midwest and has gained global recognition in the process," Rogers said.

"We are excited about the new building. This positions us to achieve the type of recognition that this convortium deserves. Members will be able to use the facility and be able to work more efficiently as a result of every-body being under one roof,"

Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105. or by c-mail at The consortium was formed pfleming@ht.homec

Downtown Novi

its lease on the building. Owner

existing tenants at Main Street

Novi. The landlord is really

striving for the right tenant mix."

Mesquite Creek will change

its name to Steak on Main after

the first of the year. The owner will remain the same, and they

"We don't have an exact date,

changes coming on Main Street

More changes are in store for

ousinesses in the Main Street Novi complex.

Kitchens by Design, formely Jocated at 43155 Main Street,

Local dignitaries, business owners and city officials attended the grand opening gala at the new headquarters Monday evening. of the year.

■ Several more March.
Donna Figi from C.B. Eilis

By Pam Fleming

has moved to downtown Plymouth, and Mesquite Creek restaurant next door plans to change its name. The Bluegreen Vacation Club, located on the second floor in the same area, is also moving to a new location at Eleven Mile and Meadowbrook near Walsh College after the first

staff member from Bluegreen said this week that the but it will probably be in January

real estate brokerage in Southfield confirmed last week that Kitchens by Design gave up name be changing, but the menu will also feature some new

Michael George could not be reached for comment at his new Plymouth location. some new entrees, soups, salads pasta dishes and appetizer selec-'Sometimes things don't work tions," he said. The restaurant, which is pri

out with original tenants for a variety of reasons," Figi said, "However, we have completed several renewals on leases with vately owned, has been located in Novi for about four years. "Things are going well, espe-cially with all of the holiday shoppers and Christmas parties,' Currle said.

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Business Briefs

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funeral service consultants.
Those with the designation are uniquely qualified to help families plan appropriate and sensitive serv-ices. Such consultants must are

Fox Run gets new PR manager

Kathleen Shaffer, APR, recently vas named public relations mana er for Erickson Retirement Communities' Novi Fox Run and Dearborn Henry Ford Village. With 20 years of experience

an eelectic glit shop, Dancing Eye was honored as Walled Lake Downtown Development Authority Shaffer recently worked as regional marketing director for Ramco-Gershenson, Inc. in Southfield, She Urban Design Committee's busi darted her career at Dearborn's ness of the month. Located at 133 E. Walled Lake Dr., Dancing Eye is owned by airlane Town Center in 1982 and marketed Novi shopping centers. With a degree from Madonna Theresa Schlerion and was cited University, she lives in Brighton for its mosaic-framed doorway, ere with her husband and two teenage ative signs and other elements. She also owns a focale in Downtown

Novelly completes course

Raymond Novelly, CSA, whose company is based in Novi, completed a comprehensive course on riority seniors issues Nov. 13. Conducted by the Society of Certified Senior Advisors, the course includes a thorough examination to earn the designation of CSA, or Certified Senior Adviso

Taubman ups its dividend

Taubman Centers, Inc., owner of week announced a 5.6 percent increase in its common stock The company's board of directors Dec. 7 declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.285. Representing Faubman's ninth consecutive ann al increase, it's payable Jan. 20, 2005 to shareholders of record as Series A Cumulative Preferred

Shares were about \$0.519 each, while the cash dividend for Series

Crossroads in Wixom

Crossroads Business Center of Wixom, an AMG Development, announced that it's offering office/warehouse space from 1,500-4,000 square feet at 28525 Beck first phase are 24 warehouse condo goes until next December, and the Alley's also donating \$1,500 to the miss starting under \$150,000 with linancing an option. Crossroads offers an office, high-

ceiling warehouse space, 14-foot Garth Graham, ABN AMRO Mortgage Group senior vice president, Strategic Technology and cCommerce, as its "Fast Track to verbead cloors, ririvate rest rooms delivery truck access, ample park-ing and professional landscaping. The project should be complete Success" keynote speaker. in August 2005. It's designed for business people who do most of their work outside of the office. For

MAEP honors eco-friendly The Michigan Association of

ronmental Professionals las veek kicked off its First Annual invironmental Excellence Awards Held at St. John's Conference Waited Lake gallery honored The Dancing Eye Gallery in Center in Plymouth during the group's Dec. 7 annual meeting, the event honored professionals with Commended for transforming outstanding industry and commun former Charlie's Barber Shop into ty contributions.

more information, call www.cross-

roadsbusinesscenter.com or call

Northville, Joe Demski was the architectural designer.
The gallery is open Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., and

Citizens Bank today celebrates

the grand opening of its Downtown Walled Lake branch at 11:30 a.m. Located at 546 Pontiae Trail, the

bank's dedication will be marked a

ribbon cutting and remarks by bank

Citizens Bank is investing up to \$40 million in Oakland County,

including 10-14 new branches, A

new administrative hub opened in

Alley, southeast Michigan's tech-

nology clusier, has been busy.

On Monday, the group
announced it's teamed with Junior

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nomics and free enterprise.

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Awards for brownfield redevelation went to MACTEC, while NTH Consultants, Ltd. won for nnovative compliance solutions.

Business activity up

The Michigan Business Activity Index gained 5 points in October and closed at 112, compared to 107 in October, according to Comerica

At this time last year, the index was 119, and the overall economy is down 0.9 percent from last Sunday, 12 p.m.-4 p.m. Call (248)

Citizens opens in Walled Lake Recession index increases

Comerica's National Recession Watch Index, which forecasts the likelihood of a national recession six-12 months in the future, regis-tered at 17 percent probability last

A national recession is forecast October was 12 percent.

Rockwell extends warrants

Rockwell Medical Technologies. based in Wixom, announced last Besides grand-opening its \$2.5 million Farmington Hills headquar-ters this Monday, Automation week it's extended the expiration date of its publicly traded warra a full year to Jan. 26, 2006 at 5

The company warrants trade with an exercise price of \$4,50 per common share. Rockwell manufac tures, markets and delivers high-Michigan, an organization that edu-cates youth about business, ecoquality dialysis solutions to nprove kidney function. Learn

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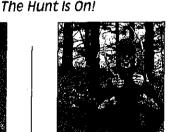
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mation on ticket availability for the

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ing, hunting, construction, rail-roads, lighthouses and more, The DVDs typically are not

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dren's book, "Stranger in the Woods — The Movie" is one example, featuring behind-the-

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available in retail stores.

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EDUCATION

Public discussion begins on redistricting

■ Novi school board ponders district's future as city grows

By Ramez Khuri

As new housing development projects emerge in the north and west regions of the Novi Community School District. administrators are bracing for an influx of new students to their elementary schools within the next

topic of redistricting school boundaries at the last school board. meeting Dec. 2.

Jim Koster, assistant superin-

tendent of business and finance,

Novi High choir

wind that Novi High School's

choir was planning to sing the Israeli National Anthem during a

concert on Tuesday night, she quickly took action to stop it. Her-

mission was accomplished, as the school pulled the song from the

Khoury, a Novi resident, felt

that the song is not appropriate for a school. Had it not been pulled, she and others who feel the same

way were going to do some silent,

neaceful picketing along the side-

walk that leads to the entrance of the high school auditorium. They had signs all ready with phrases

that read, "Don't politicize the

iolidays" and "Politics don't

pulls plug on

By Ramez Khuri

Israeli anthem

Koster said that Liberty Park. which is to the north of the district, is putting in 305 homes and 530 town houses. Island Lakes, to the west, is putting in 249 homes and 45 condominiums. Also, Ashbury Park has 48 homes left to build. All west, is putting in 249 homes and 45 condominiums. Also, Ashbury Park has 48 homes left to build. All of this equals to a large amount of new students, which will put Parkview over the limit.

"At some point we have to address this." Koster said. "From the hoard's standomit, the nuces. School and by greate level." Then I'll.

the board's standpoint, the question is when do we do something about it? Do we do it when we're absolutely forced to do it? I think that's the attitude that they're tak-

ing."

Koster said that with the district still growing in certain geographic areas, at some point the board is going to have to address the effect of those areas on Parkview. But said the current configuration of the district boundaries will have to change. As it is now, the brunt of jected growth because,

The protest that never was

resolved without any problems."

not appropriate

with teachers.

Khoury explained that her chil-dren are half Palestinian and that she was looking out for their

well by discussing the situation

"We decided not to perform this

piece at the concert because we don't want to be insensitive to any

group of people," he said, "This

obviously caused quite a stir with 110

"This is a big deal, and I don't

"We would have not said a go to this school. We have to be word except to reporters if they had shown up." Khoury said. "It decided that at this time that we

was basically a heads up to let people know we thought it was wrong. I'm glad the situation was that the show is a seasonal winter

know why they were going to sing it." Khoury said. "There are a lot of nationalities in this city, and we

After Novi High Principal John - because you have to be so carefu

Lawrence heard of the citizens plans to picket, he took action as rights and feelings. Just because

have no objections to folk songs or even religious songs that are appropriate from different cul-united from the song times. But the national authem is

To start the process, Koster said that he will obtain the makeup and price range of homes all over Novi to make some correlation with the

market, that's affordable to the young married couple. Therefore, is the district going to make the assumption that the young married

concert, he and his teachers decided

that the national anthem didn't nec-

essarily fit with its theme. That was also coupled with the fact that it was

inflammatory and certain folks

"h's not like we're totally pulling that song out to swing to the other direction." Lawrence said. "This is a difficult topic

we perform a certain piece, does-

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n't mean we advocate for that."

would have been offended by it.

new students will go to Parkview
Elementary School because
Deerfield Elementary is a school pens?" Koster said. "They want to panies and ask who they are trying panies and ask who they are trying do it when the need is absolutely to attract," Koster said, "We'll have to figure out, based upon these averages, where the chips fall,"

Koster and the board are asking

themselves two questions:

Is the capacity of the district equal to the potential growth of the

district?
"We went through this when we

built Deerfield and we went through this when we built Parkview." Koster said. "The board

also has to decide it Deerfield

should remain a school of choice

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another one?

Even if a redistricting scheme can be made, does the district have the right number of elementary schools, or does it have to build

school and by grade level. Then I'll gather up all the data, make all the new averages and make projec-tions for the new subdivisions. Where it starts to fall apart,

according to Koster, is the price of homes. He explained that some of the new homes are going to be under \$400,000, and in today's

MEAP may go

language arts, math, reading, sci-ence and social studies. Lippe said it will most likely be a modified ver-sion of the ACT which will align with Michigan standards and benchmarks. benchmarks.

This way every child will take the ACT test," Lippe said.

the ACT test," Lippe said. "Historically, it's been only those kids who were college-bound who Lippe said that if the governor signs the bill and it becomes law, Novi High School will administer

the new test as it's modified by the

state, but right now nobody really knows what form the test will be in. "They adopted the test not knowing what it might be," Lippe said.
"We know what the MEAP test is right now, but with the new test, they have yet to really construct one that aligns with Michigan's

benchmarks and standards, so we

don't know exactly what that test is

That is a concern for Novi High Principal John Lawrence as well. He explained that with the MEAP, schools had a test that measured Michigan's standards and benchmarks and that high schools, includ-

I have not seen the alignment, but am told by my colleagues across the purpose. It's really a test to measure weather students are ready for college or not. The concern there is, what about students who don't go to college? There is another form of the ACT that can be used for that

purpose as well."

Lawrence said that the new exam because most take the ACT anyway. But there are several other details

writing portion, will have to be added to the new test to make it comparable to the MEAP.

"My understanding is that the ACT is working on the writing portion currently, or they may even already have that in place. pal's point of view, I am very inter timely fashion because that's going to help us not only to tell where our students stand, but also ing Novi, were aligned with it. Now, however, he's not sure what kind of un impact the new test will have. to inform instruction where we are weak and in what areas we need to shore up."



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Santa Claus and his reindeer, Comet welcomed students and their families to a holiday open house held at Faith Community Preschool in Novi on Dec. 6. The children shared their Christmas wish lists with Santa himself In addition to making a candy cane reindeer craft and enjoying refreshments, children mixed up some reindee dust to help guide Santa's reindeer to their homes on Christmas Eve. Members of the Preschool Board led a family sing-a-long and prepared a slide show presenta-tion. Pictured is the Jefferson Family of Novi visiting with Santa Claus during the Open House: Julie, Caitlin 4; Carrie, 3; Kevin, and Annie, 6 months.



Gingerbread fun at Novi Woods

Novi Woods first graders took a break from their studies to have some fun making gingerbread houses. Pictured are Brenda Benn's students, Carolyn Watson, David



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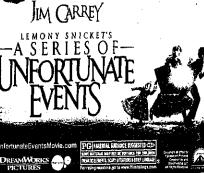
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First graders at Orchard Hills Elementary had an oppor tunity to test their creativity by decorating candy houses. There were many fancy homes being built in the Orchard Hills classrooms that day. There were also many opportunities to taste test the building materials. Pictured are Molly McDonald, Kelly Whittaker and



mary strategies

Center

Meeting produces plan for district's future

■ Board set to hear longrange planners' final results

cuss what recommendations it should make to the board of education. It will now make

tion of over 80 teachers. tors and students packed the Technology Forum that night

to finalize their brainstorming, which began back on Sept.
16. The goal was to come up with a plan to implement in the district for the next five to 10 years that addresses its vision, critical issues, strategic goals and pri-

group had agreed on what to report to the board and Superintendent Emmett Lippe. ... "We reviewed all the critical issues, the goal statements and the strategic plans," Gerard said, who has been facilitating all the meetings. "The group reviewed all of the work and they made modifications to

The Novi Community School District's Long Range Planning Committee met for the final time on Dec. 9 to discuss what recommendations is should make the case what recommendations is should make the case when the case what recommendations is should make the case when the and the meeting was suppose to go till 9 p.m., but it ran till st 9:30 because the group didn't want to have to schedule another meet-

ing. "The writing committee is still working to put on the finishing touches on it and to to make it pre-sentable for the board," Gerard

made public until the board of education gets a chance to see

According to Glen Gerard, of for the New News. He can be the Gerard Consulting Group, by reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. the time the meeting ended, the 110 or by e-mail at reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at rkhuri@ht.homecomm.net.



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www.churchofthebolycross.com. Services are Sundays at 7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist is Sundays at 10 a.m. with music, Sunday school and nursery care

The second and tourth Sundays of each month at 7 p.m. is a con-temporary worship service. The Rev. Karen Henry is pastor and priest in charge.

· Crosspointe Meadows Thursh of Novi presents an Alpha Course, "Exploring the Christian Faith," on Sundays at 6 p.m. There are over 28,690 Alpha courses juming all over the would Check out the Alpha Course Web site at www.alpla.com/Program mefudes workbook and fight supper. There is no fee. CMC offices are located at 598/91 Grand River Ave., Stc. B1-C (west of Haggerty), Phone (248) 427-2700; Monday-

Faith Community
 Henry is paster and priest in
Presbyterian Church myles you
to worship at either the 9 a.m. or
 H is assistant priest.

Faith Community Presbyterian Church houses the Novi Emergency Food Bank, which accepts all canned goods and nonperishable items as donations. The food bank is available to qualified persons in Novi, Walled Lake and New Hudson.

Communion will be served at Sunday's service at both the 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. Faith Community Presbyterian is located at 44400 W. Ten Mile

· Church of the Holy Cross offers a worship service every Wednesday from 12:10-12:50 p.m. Come and share your lunch hour 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 available at 10 a.m. worship service, (The nursery is coordinated by a registered pediatric nurse.) Adult Bible Study is on Sunday at 9 a.m. Worship Center for chil-dren ages 3-7, and Sunday School is at 10 a.m. The Rev. Karen-

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held at 8:30 p.m. Rite 13 (ages 11-14) and J2A (ages 14 and up) groups meet at 5 p.m. for their program and dinner, 7 p.m. Youth Worship Service is held the second and fourth Sunday of every

month; all are welcome Church of the Holy Cross is located at 46200 W. Ten Mile Rd. (between Beck and Taft roads). Novi. Call (248) 349-1175 or visit www.churchoftheholycross.com

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25, 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

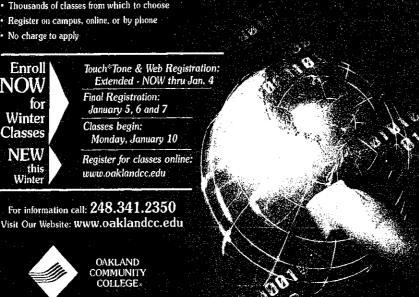
 The Church of the Holy Family offers a Spanish-speaking Mass once a month beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Saturdays. The church is located at 24505 Meadowbrook Rd., between Ten Mile Road and Grand Rive



HAVEN donation

On Sunday, members of Novi's Crosspointe Meadows Church loaded their vans with over 1,200 items to donate to the HAVEN, a non-profit organization which offers assistance to victims and families experiencing domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse in Oakland County. The items were collected at the church's annual Ladies Christmas Tea, held Dec. 1 at the Novi Civic Center, Pictured (I to r) are Don Holder, Jessica Holder, Renee Langley, Sue Pherson, Vada Lipple and Rev. Danny Langley.





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■ Novi senior quilters share talents, laughter

By Kim Kovelle

Snipping and stitching fabric, 3 seniors are united in a quiltmaking quest.

But, just ask any of the "Novi Needlers," and they can pinpoint unique trademarks in each

"I'll make 'em bright, for the kids," Nelda Lietzau said.

From angels and tomato patterns to cottons and fleece, fabrics come together—as do laughter thats working 40-60 hours per and memories—when these women volunteer their time and the control of the c talents to craft quilts.

8:45 a.m.

Monday 12/20

12:30 p.m.

p.m.-3 p.m.

Tuesday 12/21

SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

Founded by Jo Bango about 10 preemie babies.

"I'm a very sloppy quilter," she builts for premate babies, full-sized works for abused women and lap blankers of or wheel-chair bound veterans.

"All you need to know is how to cut — iron and eat." Sharon Lennais said. Even then, with meaning the previous senior center anager Kathy Crawford retired, but I didn't really know what I didn't know until I came there. I really anyone and 1 came here. I really anyone anyone and 1 came here. I really anyone anyone and 1 came here. I really anyone anyone and 1 came he

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scores of years of experience they personalized a quilt with among them. Needlers are happy symbols of her native Novi. mingue trademarks in each woman's handlwork.

"I'll make 'en bright, for the kids," Nelda Letzau said.

Betty Rankin admitted, "I'm using the plaids."

And for Marianne Schmid, quilts with patched fearts are a specialty.

But their mission never stops were cubicide and fleecy coverings for her seven children and four grandchildren. It's a tight-knit, friendly group—— on the scene and off.

"I'll somebody gets sick, they always sond course, and trongen, nats."

"We finish a let of them at woman donated piles of fabric somebody gets sick, they always sond course."

"We finish a lot of them at when her mother passed away.

thents to craft quilts.

Last week, the Needlers met to small patch bearing the phrase, gals make time for plenty of jokes. This quilt so new, our gift to and fun, too,

12:30 p.ni. Lunch

Senior Center Management Office, Lunch Service, Transportation; Closed for Christmas

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Thursday 12/23

share Christmas snacks and display some of the warm, comfy coverings they'll be donating this season.

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The avery sloppy quilter," she show "revening" a quilt, Donna shown the group has made shown the group at Madowbrook Commons.

She also quilts artistic scenes

send cards

Added Senior Center Manager Jan McAlpine, "These are the greatest people in the whole world."

the Novi News, She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. or via e-mail at kkovelle@ht.homecomm.net, Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Donna Kraska works on Betty Brzezniak looks on. Meadowbrook Commons





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CALENDAR

EVENTS

Celestial Search

DATE: Saturday, Dec. 18 TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Lyon Oaks

Nature Center DETAILS: Learn about the season's constellation while viewing through telescopes provided by the Ford Astronomy Club and in the

StarLab, an indoor planetari-um. Cost is \$1 per person CONTACT: (248) 437-7345

A Christmas Walk DATE: Dec. 19

LOCATION: Walled Lake United Methodist Church, 313

comport DETAILS: Join us for a trip ney leading to the birth of Jesus Christ.

Local Artists Exhibit & Open House

DATE: through Jan. 3 TIME: Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. LOCATION Meadowbrook

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

artist exhibit featuring originals and prints by Monte Nagler, Gwen Tomkow, Edge Jonnich, Ken Waller, Marie Benzing, Richard Seaman, Dan Stuart.

Jeri Fellwok and Christopher Golfa Also visit for a Holiday Open House, Dec.11. CONTACT: (248) 477-6620

Parks and Recreation and

and Recreation at (248) 349-

DATE: Saturday, Dec. 18

TIME: 3 and 6 p.m. LOCATION: Novi High School (Ten Mile, east of Taft

DETAILS: The Metropolitan

Ballet Theatre and Academy has

joined with Novi Community

Education to donate ticket pro ceeds to Novi Youth Assistance.

a program dedicated to the pre-

vention of juvenile delinquency

child abuse and child neglect in

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DATE: Dec. 17-19 LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St., Northville DETAILS: Kids ages 7-18 are invited to join Northville's

Heather Sandherg, Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door Seniors ages 55 and up pay \$6. newest performing arts group Northville Youth Theater, for its Group rates are available first production "Babes in Toyland." Rehearsals will vary Donate a new unwrapped toy for the Sarah Fisher Home. Girl Scouts and Boy Scours, wear by assigned part. This produc tion is presented by Northville your uniform and get \$1 back CONTACt: (248) 477-3830 Serendipity Productions.
CONTACT: Northville Parks

14th Annual New Years Eve Party, Dinner and Dance

"Home? For The Holidays"

DATE: Saturday, Dec. 18 TIME: 1, 4 and 7 p.m. LOCATION: Farmington Players Barn DETAILS: See local youth

talent ages 7-18 perform in a production written by Joey come. Hosted by Metropolitan Single Professionals. Top 40 DJ, Albright (Purple Rose Theater) cash bar, many great door prizes. Cost is \$55 in advance and directed by Albright and or \$65 at the door. Attire: holiday dressy-men must wear a coat and tie. CONTACT: NYE information at (248) 851-9919 or (248) 544-6445.

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Boost Camp Day DATE: Friday, Jan. 7 LOCATION: Providence Medical Building, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi

TIME: doors open 8 p.m. LOCATION; Doublefree

Guest Suites Hotel, 27000 Sheraton Dr. (Novi Rd. at I-96,

DETAILS: Everyone wel-

DETAILS: A day of enrichment and personal exploradesigned to provide valuable tion and a new perspective on healthier living through wholeness. Open to the public. The cost is \$50 per person: includes lunch and materials. Registration is required. CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

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bers. Top 40 DJ, eash bar, hors

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BUSINESS

Business Referrals

DATE: every Wednesday LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Rd. TIME: 7-8:30 a.m. DATES: Jan. 21 and Feb. 4 LOCATIONS: Sheraton

DITAILS: Meeting of local professionals and business look-ing to increase word-of-mouth referral business. Various classifications open and eager to bring you qualified business leads. CONTACT: (734) 462-6460 Metropolitan Single Professionals, Admission is \$5 for members, \$9 for non-men

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 04-171.01

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 04-171.01, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2. ARTICLE VII. SECTIONS 2-210 AND 2-211 OF THE NOVI CITY ORDINANCE CODE GOVERNING THE RECURREMENT FOR PRIVATE PAYMENT OF LEGAL REVIEW EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONJUNCTION WITH REQUESTS FOR CITY APPROVALS OR GRANTS.

The provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, December 6, 2004. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing local time.

(12-16-04 NN 183962)

CITY OF NOVI **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** TO SERVE ON CITY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Notice is given that the Novi City Council will be meeting to interview applicants for appointment to the Beautification Commission, Board of Review, Economic Development Corporation, Election Commission, Housing & Community Development Advisory Committee, Historica Commission, Library Board of Trustees, Parks, Recreation & Forestry

Commission, Library Board of Trustees, Parks, Recreation & Forestry: Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals.

If you are a qualified voter in the City of Novi and interested in volunteering to serve on the City board or commission, applications are available in the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile, or by calling (248) 347-0456 to receive an application by mail or fex, or log onto the City Web Site at www.cir.govi.mi.us to print out an application.

The deadfine for filing an application is Friday, January 7, 2005 to allow time for scheduling interview appointments.

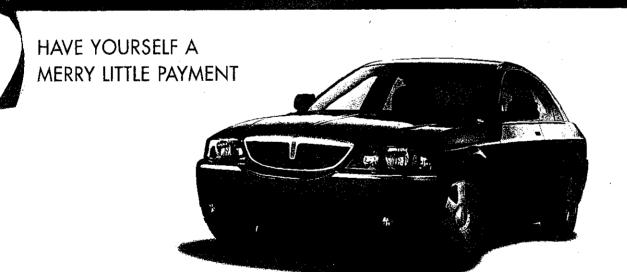
Council will be interviewing applicants on Monday, January, 10, 2005, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers; interviews are scheduled for 10 minutes each and all City Council meetings are televised.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK

DATE: every Saturday TIME: 9-10:30 a.m.

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CALENDAR

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CLASSES

Providence Center for the Healing Arts' "Tuesdays at

DATE: Every Tuesday night

TIME: 5-8 p.m. LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave. DETAILS: Variety of activities for the adult community to come

and enjoy a unique mix of classes spon sored by the Providence Center for the Healing Arts. Some activities may include a supplies fee (no more than \$10). CONTACT: (248) 465-5483.

SUPPORT **GROUPS**

Kensington Valley Mothers of Multiples (MOMS)

DATE: second Thursday of

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

Mothers of Multiples provides information, support and social activities for mothers of multiplebirth children and their families. CONTACT: Emily Sack, presi

Women's Prayer Support

LOCATION: Harvest Fellowship Church 49320 Pontiac Trail, Wixom (parking is

pehind the church).

DETAILS: You are welcome to come for encouragement, help, hope and prayer as you face life's Drop in for five minutes or

CONTACT: Nancy and Susan

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Tuesdays of the month.
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DATE: ongoing.
LOCATION: 33300 Nine Mile HEALTH d., Farmington.
DETAILS: Come in for an upclose-and-personal look at the Southwest Oakland Cable DATE: first and third Tuesdays Commission Studios, your local

community television studio SWOCC offers tours to many organizations, such as Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and service clubs. The groups also have an opportunity to make a short promo for the public access channel, INFO TV-12. CONTACT: Melissa Cohn at (248) 473-2840 to schedule

All Things Tea Display

DATE: thru Dec. 31 TIME: 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. LOCATION: Providence DATES: Wednesdays mornings LOCATION: Meadowbrook Center for the Healing Arts -Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery, Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi. DETAILS: "Third Annual Mad 25075 Meadowhrook Road, Novi Hatter Tea Party," a show of orig-inal artwork by patients, families and associates, as well as juried membership includes handbook \$1 per meeting. New members

Division fly shots

CONTACT: (248) 465-5455.

pieces by Novi High School stu

Pilates at the Park

DATE/TIME: Mondays 7-8 a.m., Jan. 24 - March 14 (Conference Room C); Mondays 4:15-5:15 p.m., Jan. 24 - March 14 (Conference Room B); Wednesdays 4:15-5:15 p.m., Jan. 26 - March 15 (Conference

Room C) LOCATION: Providence Park (southwest corner of Beck Road and Grand River Avenue), Novi DETAILS: Rehabilitation Services will be offering Pilates mat training classes, an effective form of exercise to strengthen, stretch and streamline one's body

with minimum stress on joints.

new concept in Novi

The cost for the program is dents will be in the gallery until \$120. Due to limited class size, it's recommended to register early. CONTACT: (248) 465-4416.

Oakland County Health

DATE: ongoing until supplies LOCATION: Pontiac Office, 1200 N. Telegraph Rd. (north of Elizabeth Lake Rd.) in the Oakland County complex, build-

HOURS: Monday, noon-8 p.m.; Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-

5 p.m. DETAILS: Flu shots are available only to high-risk priority groups. Cost is \$7. Medicare and Medicaid insurance can be billed to cover the cost. Bring photo identification; proof of Oakland residency is required. CONTACT: Flu vaccine hot-

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TIME: 10-11:30 a.m. DETAILS: There is no need to

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Oakland County Health

Classes

Division Expectant Parent

DATE: ongoing series. LOCATION: Oakland County Health Division, 1010 East West Maple Rd., Walled Lake.

TIME: 7-9 p.m.
DETAILS: Classes will be

taught by public health nurses

Topics will include childbirth

preparation, labor and delivery

care of the newborn baby, breast feeding, bottle-feeding, informa-

tion about keeping children safe

and caring for them when they are ill. Cost is \$25.
CONTACT: (248) 858-4003.

or (888) 350-0900, ext. 84003

DATE: first and third Fridays

Meadowbrook Road between Ten

DETAILS: A nonprofit, nonde-nominational group that brings

LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church (on

Mile and Grand River Avenue.

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TIME: 10 a.m.

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Good times and gaining weight

Merry Christmas, Mark Karpenko! You are \$5,000 richer after your ticket was the last drawn in the Novi Chamber of Commerce's annu-

al raffle Tuesday.

The event, held at the Hotel
Baronette, drew about 100 who dined on a fine meal prepared by Lenny Williams' staff

Mayor Lou Csordas gave a brief greeting and invited everyone to his State of the City presentation Jan. 8, when he'll expand on Novi's accomplish ments over the past

year. It is, as he said, a great opportunity for everyone to get together. Keith Wilson, chairman of the chamber board of directors (and easy to

spot in a red blazer). attendance that the raffle is a fund-raiser for the chamber's

relocation effort. The chamber, currently housed in the Novi Expo Center, will be seeking different digs around June next year when the Expo Center opens is new facility under a new

iame. - Blair Bowman, Expo president, is currently utilizing a Cleveland organization that represents facilities for naming rights, and he's considering proposals and alternatives.

To wrap the event up, Wilson presented Nora Champion, chamber president, with a \$1,000 check "for a job well done." Champion helped put together the meetings between Novi businesses, the jefty and Oakland County-road. officials to resolve the Ten-Mite and Novi roads problems this fall. And, at a time when many chambers are losing members, Champion has suc eeded in attracting new mem

City Manager Rick Helwig reminded me that a portion of

Correction

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Twelve Mile Road, between West Parkway and Beck Road, has been reopened. That's great news for folks looking for an alternative to getting on I-96 westbound. That inter change is scheduled to be com-pleted next fall.

Last Friday, the Rotary Club held its annual Christmas gettogether at Waltonwood senior living facility on the east side of Twelve Oaks Shopping Center, Again, excellent food!

the Water Wheel in Northville, has been doing a great job with me on getting back into shape, and he's going to flip if I keep this pace up.)

Dr. May Sanghyi

gave Rotarians this thought before our meal, and Keith Wilson

repeated his words at

Cal Stone

the chamber luncheon Something to think about this Let the singing of the birds

replace the bursting of the bir bombs. Let the fragrance of flowers replace the stench of death.

Let the laughter of children replace the cries of pain. Let the brightness of enlight ened spirit replace the darkness of racism and bigotry. Let the compassion of humanity replace the greed of

Let the gentleness of humili oppression.
Let the sanity prevail over

the madness, and, for God's sake, let people live and give peace a chancet Is it asking too much this holiday season?

Cal Stone is the editor of the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 113 or estane@ht.homecomm.net.

OPINION



Make a bid Angie Larson holds up two of the Larson Jewelry Design-crafted pendants that are being silent auctioned at the Novi Main St. jewelers to benefit Novi Goodfellows. Local students Kristen Kilger designed the pendant at left (high bid so far:S105) and Will Dempsey the pendant at right (high bid:S150). Each are made with 14 carat









A request

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With the severe cold weather there now most would like wool socks, themal under wear and snacks - some things they never

Please check this out, and I pray someone out there will let the public know. It'll tear at your heart big time. These men and woman are over there defending our freedom; it's the least people could do.

I sent out three different packages today, but there are so many more names being added to the list every day. Please give this to somebody who can help get this site

Kathie Caldwell

LANSING CONNECTION

This week I would like to focus on several pieces of legislation that were voted on the last week of the 2002-04 session.

Recent reports show that Michigan is 1 of 3 states that continue to have a budget deficit. Michigan's economy is not rebounding like the remainder of the country; there-



Last May, the Treasury's Estimating Conference may have overestimated expected revenue includn taxes un tobacco and casinos, both of which Lopposed.

The most recent Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference

estimates that for the FY 2004-05 budget year General Fund/Genéral Purpose (GF/GP) to be under funded by \$257 million dollars and School Aid Funding (\$AF) to be under funded by \$113 million. However, with the passage of Senate Bill 1193, I am pleased to nce that General Fund dollars are

that schools will not face pro-ration cuts half way through this school year. These reoccurring structural deficits in Michigan's budget along with an economy that is sputtering along with little optimism for new revenues and a citizen distaste for ncreasing taxes means it is time for serious

udget reforms. As legislators, we need to focus on those government services citizens view as priorities and it is our job to ensure outcomes that hand and hand with reform of Michigan's tax code in order to promote economic and

a former councilwoman, I know this prohibiion has been an obstacle to sound negotiaons and the avoidance of costly lawsuits.

During the last decade, local officials have

sought more flexibility in standards to pronote wiser land use, land re-use and land preservation. One idea that has evolved is conditional" zoning. In this form of a mixed land use, a property owner can enter into a written agreement with the local government to rezone certain parcels of land, on the condition that the limitations or restrictions set by the municipality for those purcels are accepted by the owner. The "conditions" the property owner and government officials agree to are unique to the particular area of land, and are not necessarily applied

o other similarly zoned parcels.

House Bills 6164, 6166 and 6206 are on individuals to enter into agreements with cities, villages, townships or counties to specify certain land uses as conditions to rezon-

Lake Boards

Senate Bill 1266 would amend the laws lake improvement boards and would also establish a mechanism for the dissolution of

McCulloch to address concerns over the administration of lake improvement boards. Oakland County has 43 separate lakcounty drain commissioner and a representative from the Denartment of Environ Quality (DEQ) are required to sit on all lake boards created in the state. However, because of the way the current law is written, it is difficult to get a quorum, especially when the DEO rep

drain commission is not present at meetings Moreover, when the drain commissioner sends a representative, technically this violates current law.

The DEQ supported the measure because resource constraints have made it nearly impossible for the DEQ to participate on was keeping it in a drawer and it lake improvement boards located all over the state and they have been criticized for failure tunneled out," so eventually it was of fulfill our responsibilities.

Senate Bill 1266 changes the make-up of brought, as are thousands of illegal or discarded exotic pets, to the

lake improvement boards to add that if the project affects a single unit of government, the local government may appoint two repr sentatives, allows the county drain commissioner or his or her designee to be a membe of the lake board and removes the require ment of the DEQ representative

This marks the end of the 2003-04 legislative session. We want to take this opportunity to thank outgoing State Representatives, Marc Shulman of West Bloomfield for his plishments as Chair of the Hot ason of Holly for her endeavors as Chair of the House Committee on Land Use and her tireless work on Intermediate School of the 15th Senate District well

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OTHER OPINIONS

universal higher education

"When I graduated from high school, lots of people felt that a (high school) diploma was the The economic future of Michigan's citizens depends -Lt. Gov. John Cherry

Growth, which final report this sal higher education" for all stuents.
The product of

work by a 41-per was one of 'em). the report is a collection of ideas on

Granholm's goal of doubling the number of people with post-sec-ondary degrees within 10 years. This comes at a time when Michigan is losing high-paying manufacturing jobs, average wages are dropping and unem-ployment remains stubbornly

· Require school districts to adopt "rigorous high school stan-dards," whether graduates are headed for college or a vocational career. The Commission also endorsed junking the MEAP test

initiative" by supporting the Technology Tri-Corridor. We also recommended creating a "21st century research fund" that matches dollars invested in any research cations, although the report didn't

fully unequipped to do what needs to be done. Fewer than one-quarter of Michigan adolts have a BA or higher, far lower than highgrowth states like Massachusetts

ranked 20th

1969 to 2001 our

income dropped

The Commission endorsed the

idea that Michigan's economy

and California, where the figure is one-third. Tragically, while 90 per cent of the state's ninth graders say they want to go on to college, only 41 per cent enroll directly after leaving high school, and less than half of those emerge four years later with a bachelor's The underpinnings of the

Commission's report is an emphasis on changing Michigan's culture in by promoting a "new com-pact" that would provide all children access to higher education. How that would be paid for is not clear, although the Commission talked about repackaging existing

expect Gov. Granholm will pro-pose more details in her State of the State and budget messages

investing in venture capital oppor-All told the Commission's • Allow community colleges to report points in exactly the right direction. Michigan must do offer four-year baccalaureate degrees in high-demand areas everything in its power to "trans such as heating and cooling techis the key ingredient to economic

concluded that family incomes are directly linked to post-high school But there are problems, espeeducation. Each year of college brings an annual cially with money and focus. Michigan has cut state support for higher education by more than \$200 million in the past two years ings, on average, ound that

and the budget outlook this year and next is dire. I don't under stand how we can endorse the Cherry Commission's call for Michigan's rela-tive standing in doubling post-secondary degrees in 10 years at the same time we tolerate a state that is dangerous. withdrawing support for our pul fallen sharply. We lic universities. It just doesn't add up.
As to focus, I fear political cor-

rectness required the Commission to say nice things about schools, community colleges and the varito play in helping us to a brainknows anything about economic badly needs to make the transition from "brawn-based" to "brain-based," but it found our state woeand entrepreneurship knows that is the state's research universities the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Way State and Michigan Tech — tha

are going to play by far the most Having the political courage to focus resources where they will do the most good is always tough We've been "eating our seed com for the past few years by cutting appropriations to our best univer sities, and I hope Gov. Granholm

wisdom - and the guts - to do

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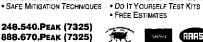
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Instead, the planning commission changed recommendations for future

land uses in the listed areas. This only gives the city direction on how it wants to evolve long-term. Zoning, on the other hand, is the how the land is currently being used and must be approved by the landowner.

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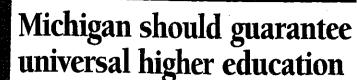
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Some examples of our recom-

in favor of the more college-oriented ACT.

Humane society relies solely

on the support of individuals

Jan Cantle has coped with snakes and swans and your odd peacock, potbellied pigs and small apartment so they wouldn't have to be destroyed. Welcome to Michigan's Ellis legions of iguanas.

But she won't ever forget the armadillo, "Someone in Westland Island for animals. Tragically, their efforts amount to barely a drop in the bucket. Contrary to what most people believe, the Michigan Humane Society, which serves

Michigan Humane Society's wildlife department in this It is safe to say that when she was now manages the Rochester Hill

Jack Lessenberry mammai far away from his native soil. But she was

faced. Armadillos, however, have to fly in a specially made carrier of a precise size. So they found someone to build one. Then all that mattered was

Chuck's ticket - \$200 or so, and

happy ending," she laughed with a

lilting British accent. Too many

ne was off.
"That's one story that has a

"We keep all the ones we have in one recent day. Jennifer Sullivan, a young woman who gave up a real salary and a potential career in TV production to work for the humane society.

perhaps 100,000 animals anni on a shoestring budget of \$10 mil-

Oklahoma that would agree to take the 'dillo, who by that time everyone was calling Chuck, Finding an airline that would take him was a trifle harder, but one finally sur-

too many people regard animals as disposable. If Easter is the season

dime of tax dol-"depends 100 per-cent on the sup-port of individuals as well as businesses," said Cal Morgan, the soci-

tion the humane education pro Nor do they really operate Traverse City or Monroe, So. dogs even came in as a result of the Florida hurricanes. But thei

in Detroit, Rochester Hills and Westland, where they serve per noted Amy Johnson, the society's a volunteer coordinator and community relations specialist. The state is being overun with colonies of feral (wild) cats. "The estimates are that there are

support, we would not be able to contimue our cruelty operations," he said. Not to men-

ety's executive

"Without this

statewide. People can and do bring in animals, particularly injured wild animals, from as far away as are featured regularly on TV's Animal Planet, only venture into Detroit, Highland Park and

as many feral cats as house cats in kittens cannot be domesticated in any real sense. When they come to "No, not all of them are vicious, but they have been bred for fight-ing," said Jennifer Rowell, who manages the Detroit shelter, where animals are crammed into every nook and cranny of a century-old building where the humane society has been sheltering animals since the depths of the Great ing. Nearly all the puppies and kit-tens considered adoptable go home

there seem to be fewer unwa puppies being born, though the lives of many are nasty, brutish and short in the grim streets of Detroit, where large sums are bet in secret, illegal exhibitions when pit bull terriers fight to the death. Society, which is in the process of building a new shelter in Westland, needs all the help it can get. Log and how you can help. Or call

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As for Chuck the armadillo. some time later, Jan Cantle got a picture from Oklahoma. Not of Chuck, but of a hole he had dug for himself. Not a hole in a dre thinks of that, it makes her happy

Wanda and Winky, the elephants

the Detroit Zoo wanted to send to

a sanctuary, a move opposed by the American Zoo and Aquarium

them to Columbus? Detroit won,

and the pachyderms will live out

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SPORTS

Wrestling team starts season off with wins

Novi wrestling coach Brad Huss is sure bubbling over with pride right now — and why shouldn't be

Huss, along with his assistant coaches, have turned their team into some scrappers.

Last year, this was a team that

was taking plenty of bumps along get through the rest of the day, the road in search of success. This Nick Lichorobice, Baret St season, it looks like the Wildcats are going to be the ones doling out some of those bumps.

of those bumps.
"So far, so good," Huss said, "I'm really happy with how these guys tare wrestling right now."
And he should be. The Wildcats

second-place showing at the Adrian Team Douls tournament, they also crushed Northville and competed well in the Salem Invitational weit in the Satem Invitational.

Listin Cameron, a senior, had the best showing at the Satem Invite.

Wrestling at 171-pounds, the scrappy grappler camed three victories to Adrian Team Busis

unfortunately, he felt the wrath of Brad Bartram of Catholic Central and fell via pin. Not that Cameron should hang his head. Already this season he's earned a mark of 9-1 against his

earn a trip to the final match. There,

Senior Alex Baum and junior John Favorite took third in the tour-nament. Baum is a 140-pound wrestler and Favorite is 160.

In addition to the top three, Matt they can win. Crawford (145) lost his consolation finals match and finished in fourth-place. He ended the day with a 2-2 record. Also picking up victories throughout the day were Al throughout the day were Al Vellethottam, Dan Matheney, Baret Saran, Adam Ballantyne, Riley Lokar, Mike Cash, Jeremy Young, Matt Perelli, Jamie Espinoza, Dan Sprys and Justin Towne.

Novi 60. Northville 13

The Baseline rivalry is alive and

The wrestling team kicked things off with a shelling of their cross-

"We had a pretty nice meet that day," said Huss, "The guys always get fired up for Northville." After the first two matches, which tound Al Vellethottarn winning and Dan Matheney losing, the score was 6-3 — that was the closest it would Ulices Sanchez and Cameron.

Nick Lichorobiec, Baret Saran, Riley Lokar, and Jason Sierra all collected pins in the following matches and pushed the lead to 30-

7-0 win over his foe from Northville before Crawford and Perelli regisnot only started their season with a tered pius to continue the domina-

Also earning wins on the day were Cameron, Sprys and Alex Calvert, who recorded his first varsi-

The first wrestling moments of a season can be tense. Will a team perform or will it find itself with a lot of

The Wildcats put on quite a show in their first action of the season as they plowed through their oppo-nents to take second in the Adrian Team Duals tournament.

"It was a good way to start the season," Huss said. "It gave our guys a lot of confidence. They know The day got started for the 'Cats with a victory over Jackson Northwest, 51-22. Picking up wins for Novi were Dan Matheney, Al

tor Novi were Dan Madneney, Ai Vellethottam, Nick Lichorobiec, Baret Saran, Riley Lokar, Alex Baum, Matt Perelli, Justin Cameron, Dan Sprys and freshman Justin Towne, Towne's victory was

his first match of his varsity career.
The Wildcats then moved on to wrestle Wayne Memorial. Novi came out on top, 54-19, with some convincing victories. Picking up wins were Saran, Lokar, Jason Sierra, Baum, Matt Crawford,

Perelli, John Favorite, Cameron,

round that victory isn't always everything. Though he didn't earn a victory, the points he gathered were what sealed a 37-36 victory over Monroe Jefferson, Wildcats who did

Ulices Sanchez and Cameron.

The only loss the Wildcats tool was against the Adrian Maples, 42-20. Notching wins were Vellethottam, Sierra, Baum, Perelli, Pavorite and Cameron. The final match of the day found

Next up was Baum, who earned a "Dwin over his foe from Northville against an understaffed Flat Rock sefore Crawford and Perelli registered pius to continue the domination of their way to a 69-12 shelling of their foes. Wins came off the wrestling of Vellethottam, Brad Frey, Lichorobiec, Adam Ballantyne, Lokar, Cash, Jeremy Young, Jamie Espinoza, Sanchez. Cameron and Derek McClelland.

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Northville's Justin Swanson, right, lifts Novi's shoulders during last Novi beat the Mustangs in a



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Legace staying home

t looks like Detroit Red Wing goalie Manny Legace will be stick-ing around Novi for a while longer. The professional hockey player,

to play in Russia before recent contract negotiations took a turn for the better between the National Hockey League and it's players' union, which has been on strike so far this season.

"We're going to be making a counter-offer Tuesday," Legace said, repeating himself to nearly every fan who came through the door at an autograph-signing ses-sion. The event held to help announce the store's grand opening at the corner of Ten Mile Road and Novi Road, "They'd be crazy to turn it down. Right now, we expect we'll be playing hockey by mid-

Legace said he's looking for-ward to it. Until now, he said he's been basically sitting on the couch and watching television. "There are only so many errands

you can run," he said. "And there is only so much television one person can watch. I've been hored out of So a break in the mendane was a

welcome relief for the goalie, who signed numerous autographs throughout the evening. Most fans asked about the NHL lockout, which Legace said was a daily occurrence, and others just asked him to sign a couple of items, Most were kids, which Legace was more

than happy to see.
"The kids are the best," he said. "I love seeing their faces. It's funny because most of them are so shy they won't say anything, but then they get three feet away and they won't quit talking to their parents." His autograph was inked on everything from photos of himself to pucks to jerseys to hockey sticks. after him.

"You get that a lot," he said.
"People name their dogs after you and things like that. I can only imagine it's a small dog."

If Legace's hopes come through and the season resumes, he said he feels the Red Wings are ready.
Most of them have skated three.

Legace met fans of all ages and

of them he had been to in the past

"I guess it would have to be underwear," he said when asked

Most of them have skated three days a week in Troy. Plus he said the shortened season would work to their advantage. "It would help us out a lot

because of all of our old bones," he son and one other left on his con

tract, Legace said he hopes to get a four-year extension with the Wings. If he does, he said he plans on remaining in the Novi area. "I love it here," he said, "It's close to everything. The highways are right there and I don't have to leave town to do anything."

Except, of course, to play hockey. Legace said there are no better fans across the nation than in the Detroit area, and he's thankful they know the meaning of privacy.
"No one hothers me around here," he said. "They know who I am and they say hi, I like that."

GET

With the number of fans that showed up at the signing, it looked as though everyone was getting antsy for some hockey to be played.

"They want hockey," Legace said, "So do I. The sooner the bet-

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Red Wing goalie and Novi resident Manny Legace poses with a signed goalie stick that was given away

Opening event a success By Sam Egglestor isfied with how well their grand opening event went.

The company, which buys and sells new and used sports equipment, held a grand opening event last Saturday that included autograph signing by Red Wing goalie Manny Legace.

"I'm pretty happy with how it's going," said Somerville. "The fans love Manny and we're getting a pretty good turnout."

same strip mall as Play It Again Sports, on the corner of Ten Mile Road and Novi Road. Legace is known to frequent the Chinese

Manny was friends with the owner

for us today." And sign he did, Legace inked When the smoke cleared and the dust settled, Ian Somerville and Play It Again Sports were pretty sat-isfied with how well their grand autographs for numerous fans at \$5 for two signatures. The normal cost is \$10 for the professional bockey

player, but Play It Again Sports covered half the costs. The store also held a giveaway which features a prototype goalic stick signed by Legace. The winner was 8-year-old Christopher Kennedy of Novi.

"He was really excited,"
Somerville said.
Joe Leahy, also of Novi, won

signed Marcel Pronovost jersey while Stenhanie Shively of Novi won an old-time hockey sweater Sam Eggleston of Northville was drawn for a Red Wings hat while Robert Heiligenthal of Commerce won an Easton Parka, Austin Harris of Livonia won an Easton wind-breaker and Paul Meloche of

"We're like a big family right here," Somerville said of the plaza.
"After I talked to the owner of the Chinese restaurant and found out Somerville."

"It's a lot of fun," said Somerville.

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pretty good turnout."

Somerville said he fell into the signing after meeting the owner of the China Cafe, which is in the





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Jenna Kuhn steps into leadership role for Novi

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

Early in the season the question always hangs in the air as to which player is going to step up and take a leadership role.

and take a leadership role.

In just a single game at the South Lyon Invitational Volleyball Tournament last Saturday that player became Newly parior Language. obvious — Novi junior Jenna

"Jenna has done an outstanding job for us today," said Novi coach Julie Fisette. "Even though we've only played one team, she's real-

ly starting to stand out."

Kuhn continued to excel as the games continued. Murmurs in the tand included comments such as themselves. "Nice hit" or "Great save" in

do just as good, if not better."

Kuhn said the key will be Novi
that if one person is doing bad

"Coach told us she wants us to her, It's all mental."

come together a little more," she said. "And then there is the fresh-man (Stephanie Cripps) that she wants us to get to know. She's

As the team continues to get to know one another and their play becomes smoother, the Wildeas will continue to depend on individual to step up. Kuhn said it's all about reaction. "You don't have time to think

things through," she said, "It's kind of like reaction times. You just go with the flow of the

game."

Kuhn said she's happy to play a role in leading the Wildcats, but noted captains Sarah Schmitt and Nicole Barndt do a wonderful job

"There's a lot of team spirit, stand, with her.

Kuhn reedits her play to her team and not just individual talents. She said Novi is much better than people give them credit for. "Everyone always underestimates us," she said. "Last year they did the same thing and we won our district and made it to the regional. This year we want to

we're going to surprise a lot of coming together as a team. So far they aren't as close as they were last year, she said, but they're getson you find on the other team.

One of the biggest factors in the game is support. It can come from teammates, or the coaches or even from the stands. Kuhn said her support system is amaz-

> other," she said, "We really care about each other and helping each other. We need that. It helps us become closer and better as a And the cheers from the stands

help too. Kuhn's mother, Cindy, and father, Keith, were at the South Lyon Invite cheering her on despite her younger brother Brett, playing in a soccer tourna-

Nicole Barndi do a wonderful job hemselves.

"There's a lot of team spirit,"
the said. "The captains are keepng us all up for our games and are
oringing us close together. They
That's something Kuhn proba-

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Wildcats split week

The whole purpose of the opening weeks of a sports season is to see what works for a team and what needs to be worked on.

The Novi Wildcats buys basket-ball team found out both.

The team found it had the right chemistry to play well and win wid a great season opener against Walled Lake Western 60-50 before falling against Canton, 40-24.

"Canton is a very good team," said Novi coach Pat Schluter. "But I definitely wasn't happy with how we played, They had way too many

sy points. The Wildcats were in the game early, but Canton continued to make runs until they were well out of

"Everything was working in their favor," Schluter said, "They were the better team that night. They were bigger, faster and stronger." Novi was led by senior Anthony

Novi was led by sentor Anthony Harbin, who scored 10 points in the losing effort.

Against Walled Lake, Novi had much more success. Harbin once again led the way for his squad, this time putting in 21 points while Sean White added 16 and Mark Moore corched L1 points and 10 relyamids. notched 11 points and 10 rebounds n the winning effort,
"We just played a totally different

game," Schluter said, "Western had a different style of defense than ble on Friday night."

The Wildcats (1-1) are back in

action when they play host to the undefeated Walled Lake Central be off until January 4 when they visit Northville.

Sometimes a tie is as good as a win, but after leading by two goals and tying the Brighton Bulldogs in The team is Kensington Valley Conference action the Novi Wildcats bockey KVC action.

team may disagree.
When the dust settled Novi found hemselves all knotted up, 3-3, with The Wildcats started the game off

assists being credited to Ryan Fox and Greg Morisette. Following a scoreless second period of play, the Wildcats added their second goal on a shot from Brett Jaussi for the 2-0 lead in the opening minutes of the third. Farning assists were Brighton came back with a fast

jane ciredale

Cheerful beginning

The Novi varsity cheerleading team, coached by Emily Parker, participated in the Competitive Cheer Coaches Association compe-tition last Saturday to kick off their Novi did well, scoring fourth out of the eight teams in participation. Taking first was Airport.

Votleyball starts strong

The Novi Wildcats volleyball thing." GINA AGOSTA



and furious pace, scoring two goals just a half minute apart before adding a third tally to take the lead at the South Lyon Invitational

with time expiring in the third stan-za. Eberline tied the game up with a shot that found the back of the net for the 3-3 finat. For earned the assist.

"We lost to Harrison," said

ussist.

Haming the tie was Novi goalie

Brad Clos.

Novi (2-2-2) will play host to the
Northville Mustangs in a classic
battle of the Baseline. The game is

The squard, unfortunately, was

battle of the Baseline, The game is shaed for formorrow at 6;25 p.m. also suffering from some injunes the team is then off until Jan, 4 when they play host to Hanland in 1000 players that weren't able to play. Novi persevered, however, and also suffering from some injunes to a handful of very promising players that weren't able to play.

earned themselves a quick name among the top teams present at the tourney — including rivals Milford, Howell and South

The squad lost only one game during its regular pool and power pool play during the tournament Though they didn't win it, Fisette said it gave them something to be happy about as a team.

said. "We really came together nicely. Having the mix of kids we



Novi's Nicole Barndt (5), a senior, goes up for a spike in the South Lyon Invitational Tournament last Saturday. Junior Jenna Kuhn (2) watches.

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If you couldn't spend any money, what would you give your parents for Christmas?

How do you prepare the perfect holiday dinner? --- Page 8B Recipes from local professionals

Roberto Caceres (left) and Ramzi Naber offered up Italian Epicure's recipe for Pumpkin Mousse. See what other restaurants suggest for holiday meals.

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HOLIDAY SPECIAL

Christmas Shopping 101

Get timing right; handle the pandemonium

By Kim Kovelle

Sally Chestnut was perhaps the envy of some Christmas shoppers as she strolled in Downtown Northville last weke: she was just

browsing.
"I like to do it before December," Chestnut said. "I try to pick things that would suit anyone. Maybe I have a gift on hand for the unexpected." With only two weeks left, last-

minute shoppers plunged into the fray may not have the same luxury. However, getting organized and being aware of options can help - especially at the area's big shopping magnets

Right place, right time

Half the buying battle is,

arguably, beating the crowds.
Early hours are best at Twelve
Oaks Mall, Marketing Director

Peggy Hayes said.

Typically if people can get in early in the morning, particularly early in the week, you tend to find it's a little less crowded." Haves

At Northville Township's Meijer at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads, Sharon Kidd, store director, said nighttime traffic can pile up at the 24-hour locale.

locale.
"During dinner hours, generally between the hours of 6 and 8, we have a little bit of a slow down," Kidd said. "A lot of the mome specially like to come in...after they've put the kids to bed for the night." The post-lunch bill also affects some downtime. full also affords some downtime

Hayes also suggested allotting time to drop off purchases in a

"Don't try to carry everything at once," Hayes said. "It's much better to make a couple trips to your car and lock everything in your trunk. Re-park."



All Santa photos by JOHN HEIDER

Santa Claus gets a jump on his shopping, starting off in downtown Novi.

Mind the minutia

Once you're in, the challenge is remembering the details. Having a list can jog the memory when it comes to stocking stuffers or

wrapping paper.

"We have a cafeteria aren,"

Kidd said. "We find a lot of pea-

Kidd said, "We find a lot of people will come in and they have our ad papers. They'll go over there (and) get their list out.
"They'll ask team members for ideas, suggestions,"

As part of the plan, be sure to take note of return policies — particularly in a mall, where retailers often differ — and take advantage. often differ - and take advantage

of gift receipts.
"Most stores now will also issue a gift receipt which is a real handy thing," Hayes said. "The price isn't on there. You can give it without being embarrassed." Oift certificates are available, too. Meijer and Twelve Oaks offer

them in any amount; at the latter, they're mall-wide for more

At Meijer, a jeweler is available 24 hours to provide pointers. "We find a lot of male customers take

ivantage of that," Kidd said. Also, don't discount the value of practical extras like scarves or

hats (which are less size-dependent), a bottle of wine or a calen-

dar.

"A lot of times too you can find interesting items at the klosks in the malls," Hayes said. Magic trick sets are popular this year.

Shop safely

No matter how intense your quest for the Holy Grail of gifts, keep eyes peeled.

"This is the time of year you have to be alert," Hayes said.
"Some will sit down for a coffee and then walk off, leave a bag."

The mall's lockers help to that end, Leaving coats in the car is another option: "It's just one less

thing to remember," said Hayes.
"Obviously if "it's freezing...you might not want to."
To keep "labs on purses, Kidd suggested using shopping carts' child sofety street."

child safety straps. "Just strap your purse right to it, weave right through the strap," Kidd said. "We also offer a new service which is called curbside

service. For free, Meijer personnel will help transport larger items to your

AVOID LONG LINES

Try these tips to avoid hollday pow-wows in mile-long

1. Use catalogs and/or the Internet whenever possible

2. Get to stores at opening or near closing; avoid midday "shopping rush hours"

3. In general, park in the section of the lot that's as far as possible from most popular entrances

4. Make each trip multi-purpose, with several purchases planned

5. Reduce/eliminate purchases from stores that require standing in two or more lines for a single purchase

6. Favor stores that merge lines rather than those with parallel lines (this results in stressful "queue calculus". guessing which line will move fastest)

In a department store. assemble as many purchases as possible for one point of sale transaction

8. In a gift-wrap line; arrange to wrap all purchases at one time

9. Leave plenty of time to mail presents; avoid post office on Saturday mornings and lunch hours

Buy supplies early, including stamps, wrapping paper, tape, etc.

SOURCE: Researcher Dr. Richard C. Larson/Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences

Ultimately, although time's running thin, now's better than

"The last week of Christmas will be absolutely tremendous," Kidd said. "They day before Christmas Eve we will go right around the clock."

Both centers are closed Christmas Day.

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Plucking the perfect tree

If real's vour deal. follow these handy tips

By Kim Kovelle

Cone-shaped, brilliant green trees are the envy of living rooms far and wide in

Compared to plucking a tree off a store shelf, hunting down the perfect tree can demand a bit

3,000 Scotch, Austrian and White Pines on 21 acres, nearby Northville Tree Farm offers plenty of options — and advice, on behalf of owner Gary

First, make sure the needles

are green and trunk straight.
"Tug on the needles and see if they readily fall out, you know the tree's already dried out."

At the tree farm, 24-30-inch bows are provided to slice through soft pine.

When transporting the tree,

Lisowski recommends a threetwine to secure the tree to

"We put the (tree) trunk to the front for wind resistance," Lisowski said. "Most trees are difficult to get into the trunk. Easiest way is to bring a pick-up truck. A lot of places do netting to try to rescue the size of it." Doug Polidori, nurseryman with Terra Bella Landscape

Contractors in Novi, said unless temperatures exceed 60 degrees, trees on the lot are in a dormant

the tree's safe at home should be cut again before being placed in a heavy-duty, cast-iron

"When you cut it, you just put a 30-degree angle on it, about two, three inches up," Polidori said, "When you set it into your pan full of water, it doesn't set flat on the bottom of the pan

"You cut it just before you put it up in your house. (Sap) plugs up all the new pores. They start to heal over."

Both agree: never let the tree run out of water. It's usually a daily task. Even so, most trees will last 30-45 days after they're

When the needles start falling, it's time to move it out-side," Lisowski said, "Set it to

The Northville Tree Farm is located at 9236 Hickory Ridge, off Seven Mile Road. Call (313) 909-7808 for more information

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Hot toys come in all shapes, sizes

Local shops weigh in on Christmas picks

By Kim Kovelle RECORD STAFF WRITER

By now you know: the red-furred, high-pitched Sesame Street monster is back, and he's

But the rush for the latest Elmo toy — this time dubbed "E-L-M-O," which he sings to the tune of the Village People's "YMCA" — may not be as frantic as in years

past.
"We've had the Elmo for, gosh,
"Veli Lynch. several months," Vicki Lynch, store director of Novi's Toys "R" Us, said. "For the people that shop here, most of them have already

In the 16 days before Christmas, that could Christmas, that could change. However, this season, toyshops around town listed many popular options for all ages, with no brand or gimmick leading the pack.

Getting technical

Electronic gizmos are making a

strong showing.

Thus far, this year's sell-out at
Toys "R" Us has been Viech's "V-Smile," an electronic learning sys-

and operated by joystick, the device, which retails \$50-60, uses \$20 "Smartridges" to give reschoolers lessons from music math.
"It looks like a video game sys-

tem...but it's actually education-al," Lynch said. "It helps the devel-op high-end coordination skills."



Cooper Mills, 2, checks out a Brio toy train set up at Novi's Your Toy Box at Novi Town Center.

Mirroring a miniature laptop computer, the dual-screened, \$170 Nintendo DS game system is also hot, Lynch said, as is the orange, radio-controlled Terrain Twister by Tyco.

that is a hard to find," Lynch said of the \$80, sleek-shaped toy. "It's one of those things that's taken off."

Old-fashioned fare

Some toys making a comeback ave been around for years. Thanks to televised celebrity

poker, gambling games are one.

resident Lou Northville LaChance, owner of online "Ultimate Toys and Gifts," said poker and craps sets, playing felts and even monogrammed chips are

snapped up.
'The casino items are very pop-

ular," he said, "That now is not only at the upper end in terms of the age bracket."

the age bracket."

Prices range from \$15 for a roulette wheel. Craft kits, fetching \$13-20, top

the list, he said; metal erector sets, such as working merry-go-rounds and oil barracks, also are in At Novi's Your Toy Box, owner Bruce Weiner said educational

toys "with a twist" are en vogue, like board games "Labyrinth" and "(Rumis) is a strategy game," Weiner said. "The object is to take

over the board. Both the games and Madame Alexander dolls to

the line-up.
"It seems that more and more

LOCAL TOY CONNECTIONS

• Toys "R" Us: 43460 West Oaks Dr., Novi; (248) 344-1300. Christmas hours are Monday-Sunday, 8 a.m.-midnight; Closes at 6 p.m.

Christmas Eve.
• Ultimate Toys and Gifts: (248) 348-9077; www.uitimate-

 Your Toy Box: 43283
Crescent Blvd., Novi Town
Center; (248) 449-6000. Open Monday-Saturday, 1-8 p.m., and Sunday, noon-5 p.m.

eople are saying, 'You know hat, I don't want to buy the same thing anybody else is buying,

The back-up plan

What to do if the toy of your

child's dreams is sold out?
"Our staff can make great rec ommendations that the child would enjoy," Lynch said. "We don't want any child to be unhap-py during Christmas."
There's a Means Poodle to

There's a Magna Doodle to replace the popular Aqua Doodle, for instance, or Bratz for Dora the xplorer. Making a Toys for Tots dona

tion at the store instead might put a different slant on the frenzy

Or try Weiner's suggestion:
"Perhaps buy a board game. Make
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time as a family. We don't really

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Brendan - I would give my par ents a free paint ball gun. Gabi - I would give my parents

Maddy - I would give my Mom and Dad a cup with sparkles.

Noah - I would make my Mom

Deanna - A real live turkey. All ny money. A blond hair wig Youna - A scrap book that I made. A Christmas magnet that I

Takuma - I would give Dad and Matthew - I would give my par ents a picture of me and them that

Madison - I would give my parents one of my toys that was mine Neff - I would give my Mom a

picture that I drew Joshua - I would give Mom a lig hug.
Connor - I would give my Mom

Natalia - I would give my par-

Rodney - I would give my Mom a hug. Martin - I would give Mom a

Emily - I would give my Mom a Gautham - I would give my

parents a picture and a card that . iade. Kristen - I would give a hug to

Brent - I would give my parents a kiss and hug.

Katie - I would give a picture of

Shelby - I would give my parits name tags.

Kevin - I would give Mom and

Tyler - I would give my parents a picture of a rose.

Madeline - I would give my parents a book that I wrote and illustrated, Then I would read it to

Calvin - I would give a picture that I made.

Dominic - T - shirts, cds, piggy tales, a carved animal, Happy 10th

nniversary sign.
Emily - I would wrap myself like a present and give myself to Kevin - I would give my parents

A batteries.

Gloria - I would give my parents a book because they can read me doing my work. Christina - I would give them Vivian - I would give my par ents a box of ornaments because my tree needs more of them.

ores without being asked. Ivy - I would give my parents a flower out of my garden

myself.

Daud - I would give my parents fan - I would give my parents a paper roll. vacation.

Juliette - I would give my par-

Gordy - I would give them a

hug and a kiss.
Lily - I would give them a big

Nick - I would give my parents a book to read because I like to. hug and kiss.
Sally - I would look after Ben Jesse - A ring because my Mom would like it.

Lauren - I would clean for Tommy - I would give my par-Nikki - I would make them a

Ryoya - I would give my parents

Benjamin - I would give my parents what I made because they like that it is a secret. Michael - I would give my par-Sarah - I would make them a

ORCHARD HILLS

First Grade

Thomas - I would make my Mom a picture of her brother who died in the war. I would make my Dad a picture of the family. Ryan - I would make a cake for em and I would write "You're the Danielle - I would make them a

Meghana - I would make them

Lydia - I would give my Mom a

book that I made. I would give my

Dad a harmonica that I have at

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ents a teddy bear.

Nicole - I would give my parents

Mari - I would give my parent a free shirt because for my Dad.

ents a truck because I like it.

John - I would give my parents

Kyle - I would give my parents a

Miranda - I would give my par-

Second Grade Ms. Pasquerelli Mrs. Siarto

Shae - I would give them each a book that tells them how much I love them and my family. It would Anthony - I would give them a include all the fun things we do

Eric - I would help my Dad do Ming - I would give them a picwork at his shop. I would help my Mom do chores at home withou

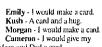
- I would give them something that I can make.

Victoria - I would give them one John - I would give them my most favorite book (non-violence) Ryan - A big piece of my ketching of a flower.

a heart, bugs and kisses, and I would tell them "I love you so so much Mornmy and Daddy." Shannon - Hugs and kisses. Edward - I would make them a

Joey - Make a card.

Alison - I would give my parents Nicholas - I would tell them "I



Mom and Dad a card. Ryan - I would make a card. Steven - A big hug and kiss. Alexa - Something you did at school you could bring it home and

give it to them.

Matt - I'll give my Mom and Dad a card, I'll give my Mom and Dad a hug. I'll give my Mom and Dad a happy birthday. Megan - I will make a card for

my Morn and Dad. I will put on sparkles. Hove my Mom and Dad. Patrick - A bunny, I would find a bunny outside and I would catch

Kellen - I would get my parents

some hugs and kisses. I would get my parents also a card, Michele - A flower or rose. A card. No ty for 8 weeks. Shunya - I would give a coffee maybe because my Dad likes cof-

Jacob - I would make a decora-

Hope - A hug! Elise - A paper made Rudolph the red nose reindeer Nicholas - Mont would have more charms for her bracelet. Dad

would have a big hug. Emma - I would make my parents Christmas cards and orna-ments for the tree. I would give them hugs and kisses, and some

Sophie - I would give them huge and kisses. Also I would make them breakfast. Brandon - I would give my

Mom and Dad a helpful son and a great big hug. Sara - I would draw them pictures of their favorite things - my

family, frogs and horses (for Mom), and Red Wings (for Dad). I would give them kisses and hugs. Sandra - I would give them something that was too big for me Like I would give my Morn some hair clips that were too big for me

Megan - My cat to take care of David - I would give my parent an SUV with a big red giant bow. I'de give my Mommy a beautiful ring. I'de give my Mom a bouquet

Kyle - I would make them a poster that show Rudolph. Anna - I would make them a

Laura - I would use some paper id make a craft for them.

Alex - I would draw a picture of

Jonathun - I would do all of my Bridger - I would give them a Sophia - I would make them a

picture or a book.

Samantha - A colored wrapping Evona - I would give my Mom

my Dad a watch. Eddy -1 would make them a

card. Maya - I would make them

Kaleh - I would clean up the LaMonn - I would give my

good Christmas by making break-Korey - I would give my Mon

my snowsuit because she gets cold Stefano - I would give them a

dishes for my family because I love Cade - I would draw my Mom d Travis a picture of a heart. nd Travis a picture of a heart.

Kylie - I would give Morn a big

hug and kiss.

Mikala - I would make them a

house for them. That would help my Morn and Dad. Jack - I would give them a ower from outside. Ryne - I would give them love.

Tarin - I would give them a nest Bregnan - One of my old toys. John - I would give them their



Santa swung by the Novi News offices recently to offer up his ideas for holiday coverage.

If you couldn't spend any money,

Erica - I would give them a card and one of my favorite things - like maybe my stuffed dog.
Peter - A kiss.
Bilal - I would give my Mom a ring that I already have. I would

Molly - I would make my More and Dad a dream catcher to catch all their had dreams. Joey - I would make my Mom

make my Dad a card

and Dad a paper Christmas tree and a dream catcher.

Madison - I would make them a picture of my family. Tomoka - I would make my

Mom and Dad a wreath. Nevin - I would give them a Alexander - I would make a

Mom a ring because I love her. Allison - I would make my Mom a matching ring and necklace

out of beads.

Aaron - I would make my Mom and Dad a paper Christmas tree.

Andrew - I would make my

Mom and Dad a dream catcher, to eatch all of their bad dreams. Amanda - I would draw my

Mom and Dad a picture with all of us together.

Cecilia - I would make my Mom and Dad a card that says I love you and draw them a picture of all of us together. Harika - I would make my

Morn and Dad snowflake. Ashley - I would do lots of chores around the house for my Mom and Dad.

Matt - I would make my Mom

Tyler - I would make my Mom a pink flower and my Dad cowboy

Christmas tree for my Mom and

ents a Christmas tree. Because it is Christmas, also I can go in the

and Dad a dream catcher.

Pranav - I would draw my Mom and Dad a picture of the family that they love me very, very, very,

Honoka - I would pick them Sarah - I would make breakfast for the family on Christmas morn

our front yard. I would get it

lle - I would give my parents hugs and a kiss. I would give my

can give.

Stefan - I would give them the greatest Christmas present of all!

nice to my sister and listen to them and something I made and a fami-

very, very, very good card with a

MaryBeth - I would give my I will give her a big kiss. I will give

Rvan - If I could not buy som ents a sticker book that they could look at und a book about spiders

and a card. Helena - If I couldn't spend any money I would give my parents one of my things they gave me or I would give them something else that I already have. Jessica - If I had no money for a

kisses because most Moms and Dads like love, hugs, and kisses.

> ornaments so we can have funtogether with colors. Kyle - I would make my Dad a ing pole and I would make my

boy scout popcom

Nick - I would give my parents

Lauren - If I couldn't spend any money I would give my parents

Maxwell - If I could get my parents anything I would get my Mom and Dad an American flag to go in

know that everyone can give a kiss. parents hugs and a kiss because love is free and it's the best gift you

Kirsten - I would give them a smile and a hug and love and be

Paul - I would give my parents a resent when it's Christmas. Why?

They do what they need to do bu

Suta - I would give a hug

Miles - I would give my parents a grandfather clock because I have

Arva - I would give a big screen t.v. because my Dad watches foot-ball and my Morn watches Dr. Phil and that's why I want to give a big

Michelle - I'll give them a card

that is made by myself because

they will be happy.

Mitchell - I would give my par-

Because then they won't get left

Ylanna - If my parents did not

have money I'll give them my toys and my jewelry. Ashley - I would give them kiss-

es so they know that I love them.

First and Second Grades

Jaret - If I couldn't spend any

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present for my Moni and Dad I would give them love, hugs, and Emily 1 would give my parents

show them that I love them. Tyler - I will give Mom and Dad some love and kisses and put up

Mom a t - shirt.
Danny - I would sell my parents

ents love and kisses because I love

a new dial-up.

Joshua - I would give my par-

ause it would be the best gift of

Because it is for free! Right? You

Because my parents always help me at my Chinese homework. Luke - I would give my Mom a kiss because I love my Mom and parents a bug and a kiss becau

Christmas gifts for my parents would give them a lot of love, laughter, and fun. Lindsay - I would make my par

hugs and kisses because I want to

ents hugs. I would give it to them because it makes them happy.

Matthew - I give my parents comething special - it is me. Claudia - I would give my par-

something I got for Christmas. David - I would give my parents

breakfast. I would give them a hug. Mary - I'd give them my fove

money I would give my parents a favorite key chain of mine. Atamas - One of my stuffed animals, one of my science books, one of my picture farms, one of my pic

money I would knit a scarf. 1 would ask my mother for help for her for Christmas.

Jake - I will make an angel out of paper. I will make a tree out o paper. I will make a heart out of Leah - I would give them hug

and kisses. I would make lots of picture frames and put a photo graph of me in them and make Christmas cards, Merry Christmas Nihau - If I couldn't spend any money then I would ask my Mon and Dad what they wanted for

purse and my Dad would like a

if I can't do that I would clean the Jenny - I would give them a project that I made and the project ould be a Santa Claus. Shaven - I could give my to them because they say I'm a

Natal - I would give my Mom my Dad my harnsters because they Adam - If I had no money I ould let my parents pick a job

Hope - I would give them lots of

love and pictures of Christmas

Then stuff that I made. I would go Tim - You can look around your house for tools and something that our parents really like. You can look for things like markers, paint and glitter. Think of your parents favorite color. You can use that color to decorate it with. And when from you parents and then you can

Kathryn - I would make a craft for them. I would make them a buy a present for them. Ethane - If I couldn't spend Michael - I would give them a money for a present I would make them Christmas cards or help them Christmas fountain that goes from a maze and sucks the water up even put ornaments on the tree where it starts it.

Tiffany - I would give them a robot to help them do the dishes. Robith - If I had no money I

and Dad lots of love, hugs, and kisses. I will make a card out of paper and a heart that I make. Christina - I would give kisses maybe my Mom likes doing that,

> not all about getting. It is about giving, Happy Christmas all. Lindsay - I would make a paper cat face, a paper ring with crayons. pretty card, and a big kiss.

ents a ring with a rock and some

Anna - If I couldn't spend any AUTO CARE LLC

Ronmy - I would give my par-ent's my favorite two lucky charms

a drawing, because even if you are not Picasso, they'll still love it. You Steven - If I couldn't spend any

cost any money!

Mallory -1 would give my parents a hug for happiness. Because Christmas isn't just about getting presents. It's about spending tin with your family and having fun!

Celine - I couldn't spend any
money, so I would go find my left-

into the basement and find a fancy bag and get it ready. Isabela - I would give my Mom 24520 Meadowbroo her doll back because it is her (248)478-8260

we give them. They will like it

J.T. - I would give my parents a card that said good things about

Mukilan - I would give my par-ents a picture and a very good card. love my parents.

Ryan - A bird feeder. Because

Logan - I would give them a nook that I made.

Bailey - If I couldn't spend any money on my parents I would give them a book that I made. It would henever they want to. Michael - I would give them a Christmas card that I made.

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and a hug and draw a picture for my Mom and Dad. Christmas is

Paul - I can give my parents for Christmas stuff that you can make

polish and glue it on a plain ring. First and Second Grades Mrs. Grieinger

money, I would give my parents for Christmas is a special book that I published myself

because my parents were really hurried and they don't have time G & G MECHANICAL HEATING & COOLING Olivia - I would give my parent

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can take a flower from somewher

else. A card, because I would have

a drawn picture of a horse for my Mom and a drawn picture of a car for my Dad. I would also cut out a

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First and Second Grades

Ben - I would give them a

Emily - I would give my par-

money. I would give them a Christmas card because I think that they would like something I

Alyssa - I would do anything they told me to do because the are always doing all of the hard work. They could have a day off Kaartik - I would give my Mom and Dad dinner because

and Dad my room clean for the next 4 weeks. Because my fed is

Madeline - I'd give them the gift of a picture frame with me in it because if something happens to me they'll remember in Scott - A washed car because Spencer - I would give my

Mom a fish shaped eard because ny Mom would say WOW! Ava - I would help them make breakfast because I like to be rrice

Mitch: I would give my Moni Alex - I would give my Mom a

picture that I drew for me Christmas present if I couldn't use any money. She always likes it and hangs it on the wall Ashi - I would help my Mom and Dad clean the house. ould help them without them

Garima - II I couldn't spend ny money I would help them nake lunch. Reanna - II I dul not hav

money to give my Mom and Dad a present I would give my Morn nd Dad a clean room Roshni - I would give them bagels for breakfast because that

First and Second Grades

Alexandra - I would wake or

for them. I would do whatever

they say for one whole day. I

would run up to them and give them lots of lings and kisses a

tell them that they were the bes-

parents in the world and that I

Caitlyn - I would make my

Mon slippers. I would make in Dad a pillow, I would be nice to

Rachel - I will make my Mom

mIDad 's bed. I will make my

Emily - I will make my Mom

my Dad. I will surprise my Mom and Dad with cleaning the house.

paper airplane for my Dad.I

baby clothes. I would clean the

a wash. It will look shiny. They

will be happy.

Max - I would make my Mom

would make my Dad breakfast. I

play a really hard piano song. Then they would be very prou-

hey would buy me a present

Alex - I will practice the piane

every day, Morn. I will be really

good for you Dad. I would do thores for Mom and Dad.

Christopher - I would organ

would try to make Dad a basebal

I would make some food for my

Mom. I would make a picture of

of me and start a party.

and Dad's hed. I will be nice to

Mom a Christmas tree. I will make my Dad a paper airplane

a beaded necklade.

Mrs. Armstrong

s their favorite breakfast. Summy - Clean the car because is really dirty. I could make them popeom because they like it and it is a good treat.

Marin - I would give my Mon-for Christmas a ribbon because she likes things in her hair. Evan - Hugs and kisses, and a homemade card for my Mom, because she like those and home-Connor - I would make them made cookies too. breakfast because they always

parents an ornament beganse it would be a really nice gift and because she really, really wants me to. It would be fun to make Arthur - Draw pictures and

Authory - I would give them a Mrs. Karbousky picture because they like my pic-

Allison - For my Mom I would would buy a golf course.

ints love by giving kisses and airplanes, one for Dad and one

Logan - I would make break Joost - Make a bead necklace. Make a heart. Frank - I would give my Mon fast for them... I would clean the whole house, 4 would make them and Dad love. Bryanna - I would make my bed. I would pick my my room.

the gifts I received. I would also do extra chores for them and Reveena - I would play a sone give them an extra big hug. on the piano. I would write a let ter to my parents saying how they love me! I will make breakfast.

of hugs and kisses too. Lacob - Clean for my Mom.

a picture for me and my parents. I would tell them what I would

a huge kiss. I would do some handeraft. I would play some

Jared - I would give them a

would shovel the snow. lonathan - If I could not buy as a Christmas present, I woul-

any money, I would give them my songbob collection. Half of it s my songbob which is my song-Collection which is Patrick...crabypatty car and stick-

Julia - I would make them a card and give them a big hug. I would also decorate the house for

Noah - Help clean up after the dog in the yeard for my Dad. I could make a present, like paper airplanes. We could all fly them

Jessica - If I had no money, vould clean the house and from yard and backyard for my Mom. For my Dad,I would get every-

thing. Sai - I would clean the driveway for my Dad. I would clean the house for my Mom. I will make breakfast for my Mom and

Jacob - I would clean my Dad's car. I would make my bed Aubrey - I would say that I love then Alexa - I would draw my Mon

and Dad a picture.
Emma - I would give my par ents ME! And I would give them one of my favorite stuffed ani-

morniny and daddy a snowman. Willow - Peace! Adhay - Clean up and give

what I like about Mom and Dad like how much I love them.

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Mrs. Bickner

Keri - 1. Give them breakfast Make dinner, 4. Clean the whole house, 5. Do the laun-

therrea book, 3. Breaklast in bed. 4. Make a cake, 5. Make a pic-

Emily - 1. A card. 2. A hug. 3. A kiss. 4. A book. 5. 1 would make waffles. Matthew - I, make a card, 2, Do a chore for them, 3. Make a book, 4. Sing them a special song, 5. Give them breakfast in bed.

Paula - 1. Sing Christmas car ols 2. Give them a present, 3. Make a book, 4. Tell jokes, 5. make them a picture Paul - 1. Make their bed. 2. Do-the dishes. 3. Vacuum the stairs. 4. Clear the table. 5. Make a card.

Nikesh - I. Make a couple ancakes, 2. Get them orange uce, 3. Make breakfast in bed 4. Give them a couple apples, 5. Give them some orange

> Devon - I would make my Mom and Dad a pretty picti could make a very, very cool fun

Misty - I would give them lots

nd lots of love, hugs and kisses. Madeline - A pictite of me. Kevin - I would give my pahugs. I would help the parents to set up the table for Christmas dinner. I would make two Lego

Scott - I would give them one

Pooja - My parents always tell me to be well mannered and respectful. I will try to be like that always. I will give them lots

Katie - I would make for my Kaei - I will give them a hug

Arshpreet - I would give a big

Christmas songs with my

Wratt - Draw my Mom a pic-Zachary - If I couldn't spend



Santa grooms himself in preparation for the big night. From the gift ideas on these

Mrs. Long

Jack - I would give them a nice card that says how much

Rehecta - I would give my dressed and go outside and get

his newspaper.

Kaitlyn - A picture 1 draw.

Michael - I could give
myMom and Dad a card or I could help them do chores. I ould make them some crafts. I could have used and helpful.

Tommy -I would massage my
Dad's feet and I would give my

Mom a gigantic hug.

Michael - I would give them Sangita - 1. I will give then 20 hugs and 20 kiddes. 2, 1 will ask Santa to write them a letter lating Dear Mom, Dad you have been good parents all year long.

3. I will sing Xmas songs for Michelle - A picture and a

Audrey - Hugs and kisses and all my love and do the laundry Dana - A book that I made all by myself. A scarf that I sewed.

A pretty poster with butterflies on it that I made. A picutre that I

Sam - I would give my Mama a big hug.

Quintin - I would give all my

Daniel - I will do anything. I sill ask my Mom can she teach me how to cook or I will give my mom a bath.

Andy -1 could give Mom and Dad all my love. Narayan - I would give allof

Rachel - A massage Caotum - I would do the laun-

Alicia - I am going to make something. A book that I made. A scarf that I made. A poster with cats all over it. A picture

Jamie - I would do the laundry Mark - I would clean my

David - I would give her a Ayako - I am going to make Spencer - I would do laundo

Brian - I would make them a card. Mom likes my cards better

my friendship.

Kelly - I would make a cham bracelet for my Mommy, I would of horses running. And I would volunteer to do some chores. Akash - Lots of love, keep

my room clean and finish my

food quickly. Maya - I would give them me! Ashley - I would give them a Bible, I would give them a big hug. I won't light with my sis

Bradley - I would give my parents love. I would also give them a nice big hug. Austin - I would go to work for my Dad.

Mauricio - I will cook for my
Mother. A little drawing for my
Father at work. I will love them

Lauren - I would make a hear on a piece of paper, I would write I love my family. I think they

would love it. Rachel - I would give them a Stephanie - I would make a ture and a card for my parents Luke - I would get them a bal-

PARKVIEW

Deven - Fruit, milk. Make a card. Make a book. Make a pic-Amita - I'd make a Christmas

from me and my baby brother Draw a picture of me and my baby brother. A flower from o

de our house. Kylie - My Mom and Dad. Brady - I would make hamtay. Bobby - If I had no money to uy a present to my Mom and

Jeffrey - If I couldn't spend money I will give my Mom a

my love. thing the Emily - I would give my Mom to them. thing that they like and give that

hest craft ever! A statue made ou of paper. Sarah - If I did not have any

Roy - I would make a picture Galen - Love for my Mom and

Chase - Love. No fish pet

Megan - Love and a card. Brendan - Make an ornament Kendrik - I would give my Rvan - I would buy my Dad a golf course and for my Mom a

id cousins.

Michael - To be a good kid. Give Mom a good work. Jivaul - I would draw a picture f a heart for Mom and Dad.

Marissa - I would give my parents good behavior. I wouldn fight with my brother Ryan and I

toy of his to his Dad and an old

Eric - I can work for my Dad.

I can make a hat for my Mom. I can make a card. Peter - I could make a smirre feeder for my Mont out of a milk jug. I could make a fire pit for ny Dad out of rocks from my backvard. I can make my parent

PARKVIEW

cond Grade Mrs. Galopin Mrs. Chancy Mrs. Ketelhut

Eric - For Christmas I will give my parents a picture of my family that I drew. Also I would them out, such as cooking. Alexander - I would give my

Mom a cut out picture of her and a thank you card for being my Mom. I would give my Dad my football and a thank you card for ocing a very good Dad.

Michael - I would give them a

card and I would give them some candles too and I would give them art work and food, Ryan - I will give them my uffed bear that says I love you I would give them my favorite

hing and a kiss. Yui - I would give my Mom a note and purse. And I would give my Dad a note and suitease. And

I would give my Mom and Dad hig hug and kisses. Adhitya - I would give my parents a color paper and make paper boats. My Mom's favorite olor is red so I would give my

Mora a red hoat. Also my Dad's favorite color is blue so I will make a blue boat. Dylan - Make something who

special to them. I could do something what they like the most. That is what I would give Rvan - I would give my par-

Alec - If I had money I would Mikayla - I would make my parent a gift. I would draw a pic

ire. Or I would give the love rom my heart.

Sarah - I will give my parents a fun Christmas party. I will give my parents a clean house. I will we my parents my dictionary.

Alex - I would give them best Christmas eve and a picture.

Gabby - If I couldn't spend any money for Christmas, this i ey for Christmas, this is Lots and lots of special loveness like hugs and kisses. Because I of my money to them. I would

give them one of my stuffed ani-

mals. I would give them me.

Lauren - I would give them a
picture of me. And a craft that I nade and a picture that I colored Liem - Flowers and pictures a chick and a pig and a deer and

an - I would give them a big hug. I would give them a spe cial picture from me. I would ive them a big kiss.

biggest t-shirts and a hug too. Lennart - I would make a picove you and say you make my

kiss.

Addison - I would make some thing. I would make a tool for my Dud, I would make a flower for

ents something special. I make sure they love it. And I would not have to spend any oney to do that. Morgan - Make a card. Make

Nabeel - I would give them ots of hugs and kisses. Kristine - Hugs and kisses. Maggie - I would make a gold-

fish and put it in a pretend gold-Lauren - A hug and a kiss. Kamber - I would make them Crystal - ! would give them nice carrings that I used to have.
They were from my Mom.
Madison - If I couldn't spend

any money I would get up early and make a special breakfast for Joey - If I didn't have any

and a ball and last a note book or their work. Lindy - If I could do some thing special for my Mom and Dad I would...clean up our base-

Hannah - I would give them a not about presents. I would clear

ling me.
Danny - I would make a rig
and for my Dad a wok.
Matthew - I would make my

Elaine - I would do my room very good. I would do the living

clean up the house and thank them my report card when I get

room without being asked. I would make a good picture for a gift card because then they could spend time to get something from a store. I would clear

Lauren - I would give them lots of love. Christmas is not about presents. It is about Jesus'

Jaclyn - A drawing. A dragon drawing, I am very good at draw

Sam - I would make my par ents two stockings. I would knit them myself with yarn. I would use my stickes and yarn.

Stenhanie - I would make Joev - If I didn't have any

because I love it so much and I

I would draw a good portrait. I

Owen - If I couldn't spend any money, I would give my parents interesting rocks for Christmas because they might be interesting

John - I'll give my Mom some imals and a kiss of my stuffed animais and a kiss. I would give my Dad some of my

Christmas special and give then

Erin - I would make my par-

Ivan - Dinner

money I would give them a sweet

ment. I would do that because a lot of people come in our base-

my room with out my Mom tel

parents a paper airplane that akes four pieces of paper.

Erik - I would help my parents feed my pets. My pets names are Dixie, Scrape, Helco. Connor - I would do some

room and dust it and I would make food for them. Jacob - I would help them

Angela - I would clean my

easy to find stuff.

Madison - I would clean up

my dog. I would feed my dog Cassie - Something I didn't

Lucas - I would give my Dad

Bradley - I would make my

Liam - I would give my Mom

always make them proud of me. Efe - A happy one, And we would do activities.

hink she would love it too.

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Broc - We have fun playing with our toys and then me and Cole, my brother, set the table nicely while Mom and Dad cook the yumniy dinner, then we eat.

Emmy - Well, first my Dad-lakes a really good smell (on the stove with oranges and cinnamon). For dinner, I would like paghetties and hot chocolate lots of other stuff, After dinner, we bake cookies and get milk for

anta Claus. Luke - Chicken legs make the perfect Christmas dinner. All you have to do is put the turkey inside the boiling pot of oil, Then you take it out, pull th legs off and voital you have

chicken legs.

Mattea - Catch the turkey and fry it. Get brown potatoes with the dots on them and mash them. Cut in sweet potatoes into pieces, and put them on the stove. Put peanut butter in bowl, hershy kisses in another bowl.

Emily - I set the table. I help put up the decorations. I help dust the furniture. The end. Jacquelynn - Add cake and milk. Cake is for dessert and milk it to drink. I would eat a

Shraeya - You need to make an apple pie with Santa sprinkles and a Santa birthday cake. Make sure to put the Santa candles on

Shunki - Turkey, Christmas

cranberry sauce, ham, green beans, combread, yams, potato and frosting and put it on a plate Put bread on top of it and the

bottom. Buy some cookies and get some water from the sink. Makayla - First we invite Santa Claus and Mrs. Smith (my teacher) to dinner. Then we cook angel hair pasta and mashed potatoes, put in red food coloring o make them red for Christmas

For dessert, we serve red sugar cookies that Nana and I made, Rachel - Hersheys and marshmallows with a campfire. Having hot chocolate, popcorn fish and pizza rolls under a mistletoe. Having candles in the middle of the dinner table.

Carson - I would make a cake, and invite all my friends and family. I would have decorations...and the best partalots and lots of Christmas presents. Ryoya - I want to have Christmas cake. I want to have

cookies for Santa. I want to have Scott - You cook turkey on the stove. You cook green beans and green jeffo. Now you cat every-

Tony - Tony and his sister will help their father in the kitchen on Christmas day with getting the food ready. We will have paghetti and meathalls, artichoke casserole, braciole (stuffed beef rolls) and special salad. For dessert we will have spumoni ice cream and cannolies.

Juseph - First you set the table up. Then, when the food is cooking, you wait. And then when the food is done, you say "Grace". Then, you cat ham, mashed pota-toes and cake or pic for dessert.

ORCHARD HILLS

Eva - Family and friends. good food. Christmus gifts. Raj - Cooking chicken with Mom. Getting pizza with Dad.

Baking chocolate cake with lots

of frosting.
Alex - I would make whipped cream, ice cream and turkey. I

would get frosting on cake, Relana - We invite all our family to share a holiday dinner of turkey, ham, potatoes, veg. and lots of desserts

Michael - Make turkey, corn cheesy potatoes, chicken, sweet potatoes, stuffing and corn bread Quinn - Thelp my Mommy cook the pie.

Grace - You add the ingredients and you try to bake it. If it

comes out perfectly you made it

all by yourself.
Marie - I make Christmas cake, cook a chicken. Nao - We just prepare

"Christmas Cake" Mai - I will make a special cake with my sister.

Benjamin - We make chocolate M&M cookies. We find a

turkey and kill it. Then we stuff

Mia - I would choose juice with a bowl and eggs and a spat-ula and I would use a paper towel so I don't split. For apple pie I would get a how] and you get a big spoon to stir and add sugar and milk and then it goes in the oven for 25 minutes and then you eat it.

Michael - First I put on my special cooing apron and then I get my step stool so I can reach the counter to help my Monuny cook. I would cook buttered pasta for dinner and have ice cream for dessert. I would invite all my cousins from Cleveland, Washington D.C. and Connecticut to my Christmas

Lindsey - Put cookies and hot chocolate, in a pan. Cook it for 12 minutes. Take it out and wait for it to cool and eat it. Matthew - Cook turkey for a very long time in the oven at 606 degrees. Also make some orange jello and com. Emily - If I could make

Christmas dinner, I would have frosted sugar cookies shaped like stars, Christmas trees, and Santa

> my friends to my perfect Christmas dinner. Shawn - We prepare Christmas music. We prepare some flowers and candles. We

Zachary - I think you cat tuna fish. You put the tuna on the sandwich and put it in the oven. You put some bacon in it and bake it for fifteen minutes. You take it out and see if it's hot and you share it with your family.

Jonathan - Make our house ook good. Make something to eat. Set up Christmas lights and

andles in the house. Nathan - I would bake Chicken in the oven and invite Santa over to eat it with me. Ariana - My Grandma makes

hats, I would make a birthday cake for Iesus and serve it with cherry 7 - up and regular 7 - up (red and green). I would invite

Claire - With sugar and chocolate cookies with vanilla in it. Then add some flour and water and some cinnamon. Finally add some watermelon candy canes and milk and some

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berries. Milk is in a jug, berries

Kindergarten Mrs. Starr

Darin - Pour the milk in the mashed potatoes and mix it up

Zachary - Buy a chicken at Meijers. Cook the chicken in the cookies that look like Christmas oven, Put Christmas decorations Mitchell - I'de jovite all of my

on the table. Set four cups on the table, four plates, four knives, four spoons, and four forks. We friends ove to eat chicken and french fries with candy cane need milk and straws. Say grace. Then cat Christmas dinner. Have ce cream cones for dessert.

Brenden - Make a wonderful meal. Have over lots of friends

> and family. Share all the wonder ful favorites for dinner. Natalie - I would bake a

and family. Share lots of love

turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, cranberry sauce, grapes and eggs the night before Christmas.

Kaito - Meat loaf, fried chick en, salad, chocolate cake, baked cheese potato. Laura - We cook a goose in

cabbage, dumplings and gravy. For dessert we eat vanilla ice

eandles.
Elizabeth - My Mom and I start

Evan - with lots of soul. Noah - We prepare a turkey, com, rice and cake. We need some

Karen - f make a fruit salad

with grapes and apples for Santa.

Juliana - I would cook spaghett

and gnocchi because those are my

favorite Italian foods,

by choosing recipes that are family favorites. Next, we spend hours cooking and baking the dinner. Then we enjoy the delicious feasi with family and friends.

Christopher - Thaw out the turkey, then put it in the oven, put it on the table. Everybody will come so they can eat. If anybody vants more, there's more left Then everybody will go home.

Jack - You set the table with

flowers and little Christmas trees on each side. Then you get the drinks, milk and water for the kids and wine and water for the grown ups. The last thing is the yummy food like a cake shaped like a log. Kenta - All family and other

William - You prepare the perfect Chrisumas dinner with lots of love, joy and happiness. Just being with my family makes it a perfect

Ryan - Bake comish hens in oven, cook green beans and yams with marshmallows and cook pumpkin cheese cake. Jonathan - You buy the turkey

and cook it in a pan in the oven at 50 degrees for 50 seconds. You cat the turkey with rolls, broccoli, cranberry sauce and drink chocolate milk. You cat pumpkin pie and chocolate frosting cake for dessert. Kakeru - Sushi and Christmas

Paul - First, we must have a Christmas tree and invite everyon to the Christmas dinner. Second, we will have Christ's birthday party and then we will have a birthday cake after dinner. Maitlyn - Put the turkey in the

sink and you'll see it's floating in water. Cut bread up into four eces. Let it dry all up.

Darius - We prepare for our

Christmas dinner by cooking a juicy turkey and sharing it with our family while we celebrate being

Jacob - I would have cookie nd cake for dessert, and sandwiches for dinner.

Danielle - I would set the table with napkins, candy canes and cups. We would have chicken strips and fries. Vanilla ice cream

Nick - You get ham on the Grea Ham Adventure. Then you cook it on the day you want to cat it. You can eat turkey too. Elizabeth - Shaghetti is the per-

feet dinner. You put it in the ov until it is done, then you put in on top of the stove.

NOVI WOODS

Anna - The redect Christma family together.

Drew - Green beans, rice and spaghetti, Mom, Dad and Sam all would be there. We would sing Christmas carols.

Maggie - Take the crust off of

the bread and break it into small pieces and cook it in the oven with the turkey. Go to the store and buy green jello to eat with the turkey. Thomas - Cook a really, really good turkey. Have fots of ice cream. Don't forget the Christma

Emily - Helping to set the table and putting a pretty decoration on

Christmas dinner is prepared with good food, good family and friends and good holiday stories.

Katie - Decorate the house nice

and clean our rooms, then you wait

till the guests come. Set the table

and put the salt and peppermint out. Put the turkey in the oven for an hour and then put the food on Claire - You have to stay at home because McDonald's is closed. Besides they don't have

blueberry pie and potatoes. Nadia - You have people over and you cat good healthy food.

Alexis - We will have pudding.

cookies, coffee and turkey. First we cook it, then we eat it Alexa - Family, chicken, prayer



to wear. Eat breakfast, Put noodles and soup in a big bowl to cat for

NOVI WOODS

Shirley - Everybody stays home. Big fish, fresh oranges and rice cakes are my favorites. Finally, waiting for Santa to come Jason - You will need 8 spoons

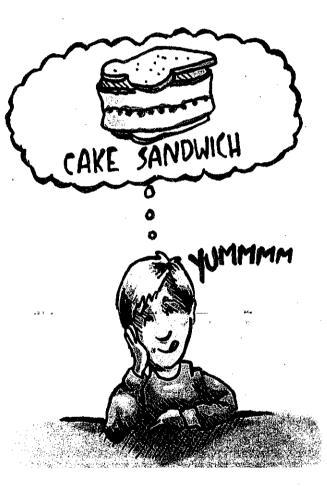
of sugar then, stir it up for about 7 minutes. You need to cook it for 20 hours and then you have a Santa Cookie Cutter Dinner. Cindy - We make dumplings,
Sara - You decorate the house.
Make a turkey, fruit, veggies, and
don't forget the salad. Then you go

sledding down hills screaming gravy, broccoli, soup, ice cream. Kyle - Invite everyone in the could make everyting because sho

alway cooks. Ryan - The perfect Christmas dinner would be just pumpkin pie! First, smush the pumpkins and add 2,000 scoops of sugar. Then, put it in a pan and put it in the oven for 2 hours. Eat it...vum!

Anthony - We go to Grandma's for dinner so Mom does not burn

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nions are carmalized; add black pepper. 2. Add wine, leaving 1/2 cup of wine to thick-

3. Reduce wine down to 1/3 then add cream, hicken and beef base. unicken and beef base.

4. Let come to a stimmer then make a slurry with the corn starch and leftover wine; add to 5. Strain onions and enjoy

Chicken: 1. Cook chicken breasts in saufe pan; brown one side and turn over. 2. Add sliced red onions and mustirooms 3. Cook until chicken is cooked. 4. Add sauce and heat until warm.



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I. Pour the water into a small bowl and mix with gelstin unit soft.

2. Separate the eggs, placing the whites in an electric
mixing bowl and the yolks in a hear-pool bowl that holds
at lead 2 cups.

3. Combine she milk, noney and spices in a heavy bottomed saucepan and hear unit the honey dissolves, and
the malurie is seaming hold. Add the ordinered gelatia
which is liquid, and sir unit it is completely dissolved.

4. Pour most of the hortis mix miture into the egg
yolks, whisking constantly, then pour this mixture back
find the pot and continuing healing unit it inhickens and
almost bolds. Stir in the pumplin and keep strining unit
here are no big bubbles when you stop strining for a few
seconds. Remove from the heat and whick in the vanific
5. Best the egg whets sull frottly, then start adding
the suspar gradually heating unit is diff peals have formed.
5th at big souther of the whites into the pumplin custant,
than fold in the remaining egg whites. Tien the mouse
tind a 6 sug metal model that has been rineed with cold
water. Chill mousse overnight. To unanoid, due the model in
hot, water for about 30 seconds their invert onto a serving
politic.

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DIRECTIONS:

a.m.; closed New Year's Day

Italian Epicure

Address: 42050 Grand River, Novi Hours: Monday-Thursday 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Friday 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; Saturday 4-11 p.m.; Closed Sunday for private functions Web: www.italian-epicure.com

Liquor: Full bar, extensive wine list

Don't be a Scrooge, but tip wisely

While you're shopping for your loved ones this holiday season, don't forget to say thanks to the people that provide you and your family exceptional service throughout the year. I know one person to



Mary Davis

whom I'll be expressing my appreciation my dog sit-ter, She's ter, and s trustworthy, knowledgeable and generous with her time. What's more, my per-

snickety pups adore her. In general, determining whether and how much to tip depends on the quality and frequency of the service, according to the Emily Post Institute. Other things to consider are your rela-tionship with the service provider, where you live and your budget.

Whom should you tip?

Start with the people to whom you entrust your most valuable things — namely, your namy or baby sitter, day care provider and housekeeper. And don't forget the people who regularly provide service to you like your hair-dresser, personal trainer and yard or gurden worker. Though, if you've regularly tipped these folks at the time of service, you may cut back on the amount, or forgo the holiday tip entirely. You may also opt to give a small gift.

Deciding how much to tip is a personal decision and should reflect the benefits you derive from that professional relationship. In other words, you'll want to give the most to the people whose services you value the most. In some instances a cash tip is not appropriate. For example, you don't want to give your child's teacher cash. Also, some companies prohibit their employ ees from receiving cash gifts. If you're unsure, check the compa ny's policies, or provide a small gift as a gesture. If you're considering giving

your boss a gift, you may wish to rethink this gesture. A recent arti-cle in Parenting Magazine sug-gests that gifts should only be given down the corporate structure, rather than up the ladder. In other words, no gift for the buss, only employees. Gifts for employees should be in the range of \$10 to \$25.

The Emily Post Institute has placed some tipping guidelines on their Web site at www.emilypost.com. Here's a sampling:

Baby sitter: one evening's pay plus a small gift from your child. Barber: the cost of one haircut

plus possibly a small gift.

Beauty salon staff: \$10-\$60, giving most to those who give you the most, plus possibly a

Day care providers: \$25-\$75 each plus a small gift from your child. If there are only one or two providers, you may wish to consider a larger amount

Letter carriers: The U.S. Government permits carriers to accept gifts worth up to \$20 each.

Nanny: One week's to one

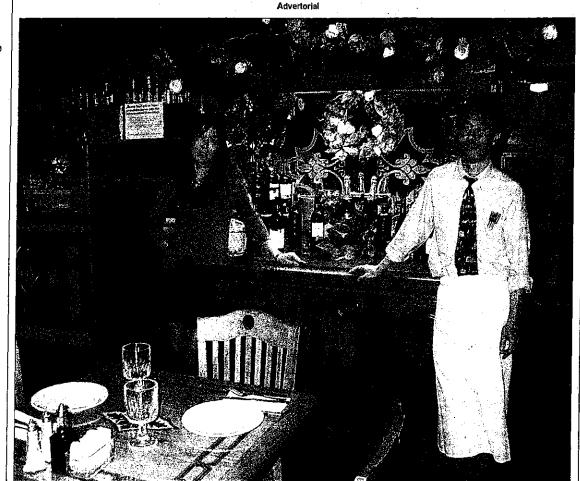
month's salary depending on their tenure and customs in ve area, plus a small gift from your

Trash collector: \$10-\$20, [f you're unable to meet the truck, place the money in an envelope with a bow and tape it to the

garbage can. Yard worker: \$20-\$50.

If for financial reasons you can't be as generous as you would like this holiday season, even a small gesture — a person-al, handwritten note, movie tick-ets or a bottle of wine — will go a long way in expressing your thanks to the people who make your life easier and more enjoy-able.

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The wife-and-husband team of Fang Tan and Dave Chou are pictured in front of the wine bar at Jasmine's in downtown Northville.

Jasmine's offers fine Chinese dining

Traditional dishes served with flair by Chef Chou

By Duane Ramsey

Jasmine's, a fine Chinese dining establishment in Northville, offers customers a unique dining experience with an upscale atmosphere. It may be off the beaten path of Main Street on Mary Alexander court down-town, but worth the effort to find it and sample the oriental cui-

The husband and wife team of Dave Chou and Fang Tan have owned and operated Jasmine's restaurant for the past three years at the Northville location. The couple works hard to provide a fine dining experience for all their customers.

"We serve unique regional Chinese food with a high-end menu and an ambiance for intimate dining," said Fang Tan, who helps her husband manage

Dave Chou is a professionally trained chef who apprenticed with a well-known chef in New York City. After coming to the United States from Taiwan in 1987, he worked in the Szechuan West restaurant in Ann Arbor, owned and operated by his par-ents, before Chou and Tan decided to open their own place.

Using many unique recipes equired from his experience and family, Dave prepares all of the delicious food served at Jasmine's, He describes his culi-nary offerings as "common Chinese fare prepared with unique sauces."

Specializing in Hunan and Szechuan regional cuisine, Jasmine's offers a large selection of dinners featuring beef, pork, poultry, seafood, and vegetarian dishes for an average price of \$10. The house specialties cost about \$13 and include Dave's Basil Chicken, Honey Walnut

Basil Chicken, Honey Walnut Shrimp, Salt & Pepper Soft-Shell Crab, and Red Snapper. "My specialty is my creative presentation of the final prod-tur," and Days, who can modify ict," said Dave, who can m dishes to individual tastes

upon request. The color contrast of how every dish appears on the plate is considered. The quality of the ingredients and fresh presenta-tion makes their dishes not only pleasing to the eyes but also sat-isfying to the most sophisticated

Besides serving many of the usual items found in most Chinese restaurants, they also offer an extensive list of appetiz-ers. Lettuce Chicken is the alltime favorite appetizer at Jasmine's, while its Red Sauced Wonton and Seafood Roll Sticks

are also popular.

Jasmine's also features a distinctive wine bar that serves as the centerpiece of the intimate dining room. With about 30 different varieties sold by the bottle or glass, the wine list includes champagne and oriental wines such as sake and plum wine.

They also serve alcoholic drinks, soft drinks and a variety of fresh juices, Fang said.
"We emphasize the quality of

our food and restaurant so people want to come back," she said.

Jasmine's 146 Mary Alexander Court in downtown Northville (248) 465-9393

HOURS: Monday: Closed Tuesday-Thursday, 11 .m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Sunday: noon to 8 p.m.

"Our retention rate is very high. About 80 to 90 percent of our customers are regulars."

Jasmine's features an upscale atmosphere and contemporary décor with an oriental touch, according to Fang. The restaurant seats from 60 to 70 people for dinner and they take reservations throughout the week.

Jasmine's is open for lanch and dinner Tuesday through Saturday and closed on Monday. On Sunday, they serve dinner all day with no lunch menu.

They also accept carry-out Jasmine's features an upscale

day with no lunch menu.

They also accept carry-out orders for both lunch or dinner and offer catering of their Chinese cuisine.

With their location on Mary Alexander Court behind Main Street, parking is nront is limited but free parking is available in back, off of Cady Street, with a rear entrance to Jasmine's for their customers' convenience.

their customers' convenience.
In addition to running a successful restaurant, the couple is raising three children who attend school during the day. Fang said she stays home with the children in the evening while Dave cooks and runs the restaurant.



The interior décor at Jasmine's features a contemporary design with an oriental

