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Waiting in the cold for latest gaming system

By Tracy Mishler STAFF WRITER

David Champine and Justin Ovlak will do anything to get the new Xbox 360 before Christmas. including camping outside Novi's Best Buy in 15-degree weather.

Along with more than 25 peo-ple, Champine, 17, and Ovlak, 17, of Livonia, started lining up out-side Best Buy around midnight Saturday after Best Buy officials caved in to allow customers to start a line for the new gaming system.

system. "We've been here since 3:15 this afternoon." Champine said. "They weren't going to let us line up until 5 a.m., but we weren't going anouthere." going anywhere

Champine said he heard other Best Buy's in the area were allowing customers to bring tents and chairs.

"We were told by both managers and Novi police that were not allowed to stand on their sidewalk because it was private prop-erty," he said. "They were going to make us stand in the parking lot all night."

Once more people began show ing up, Champine said they were allowed to line up along the out-side store wall as long as there wasn't any trouble. Novi Police Chief David

Malloy said police were dis-patched to the Haggerty Road store around 11:30 p.m. from an anonymous source who was concerned about her safety during the

erred about her satety during the camp out. "Best Buy was simply con-cerned about fires being started and vandalism during the night," Malloy said. "Officers met with store management and monitored the situation before they helped the astroneers form a line." the customers form a line

Jim Hackney said Best Buy has nothing to worry about. "We do this kind of stuff all the time," said Hackney, 31, of Superior Township, "I created the official Xbox list. So far there are 24 names, but I'm sure more peo-

ple will show up before the night is over." Hackney said camping out for the latest gaming equipment is

common.

"Camping-out is very common, especially for Black Friday," Hackney said. "I'm not sure why Best Buy would have a problem with it. People do it all the time." Hackney said many people hear

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Need-lers

Novi Needlers' Jean Forhan, left, Marilyn Taylor and others take a look at some of the quilts they've finished over the last fall. They'll donate all of these quilts to charity organizations, some went to hurricane Katrina's victims, others to Plymouth's "First Step" for victims of domestic violence. The group meets twice a month at the Novi Senior Center to patch together the quilts.

Battling energy costs

Call energy firms if paying bill's a problem

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Al Wood knows the score when it comes to saving money on home heating bills. Owner of Dan Wood Plumbing

Heating Cooling, with headquar-ters in Novi, said consumers do ters in Novi, said consumers do have some control over their energy costs this winter. ' "For every degree you lower your thermostat, you can save 3 percent on your gas bill," he said. Wood is part of a family tradition. de

His grandfather, Edwin Wood, established a heating, cooling and plumbing business in 1908. His dad, Dan Wood, started the same type of busi-ness in 1957. "We have financing programs

to assist people who need a new furnace and can't afford it," Wood said

The company also offers the Wood Home Comfort Program in which the firm offers a regular maintenance program for heating

and cooling equipment. Other ways to keep costs down this winter include changing the furnace filter and humidifying

one's home, "You feel warmer at a lower

Who to call for help

Low-income residents having trouble paying their heating bill can contact The Heat and Warmth Fund at (800) 866-THAW or visit www.thawfund.org Or call the Oakland

Livingston Human Service Agency at (800) 482-9250 after Jan. 4.

Those who need assis-tance with energy bills can also call DTE Energy at (800) 477-4747 or Consumers Energy at (800) 477-5050

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Lecutre shocks, enlightens

Sheriff warns about Internet predators at CC

From now on, when David Rabahy's nicces and nephews ask him if they can use his com-puter, he'll think twice about allowing them that access. Rubahy was one of over 250 fathers who attended Catholic Central's Dad's Club meeting David 21 he with researd an hourthere 12. He witnessed an hour-



together to find victims and to discuss techniques," Rabahy discuss techniques," Rabahy said. "That was the scariest thing for me." Rabahy's daughter is in col-

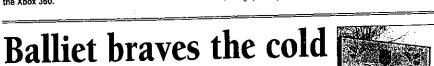
lege and his son is a senior at Catholic Central. He doesn't have to worry about them being manipulated by predators search-ing for children. But he did say he will start to monitor his nicces and nephew's Internet usage

and nephew's Internet usage when they come visiting. "I think we'te doing pretly good right now," he said. "The one thing (Bouchard) talked about was this monitoring soft-ware where you can see what sites your kids visited after the fact. That looked interesting. I don't know if I'm going to do it, but I mich investiguet that at but I might investigate that at least

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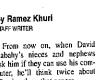
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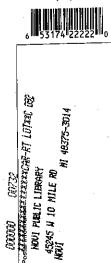
predators and the risk they pose for children.

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ent ways the bad guys **M. Bouchard** can come at you, and how they collaborate







to help his fellow IIIaII

Salvation Army bell ringer credits his faith in God for his endurance

By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

the Xbox 360.

It may be minus-2 degrees outside, but that won't stop Stewari. Balliet from ringing his bell.

Dressed in layer after layer of clothing, Balliet braves the cold air and winter elements. He stands outside establishments such as Sam's Club, Kroger and Lord and Taylor at Twelve Oaks Mall, col-lecting money for the Salvation Army.

Army. And does he mind? Not at all. "This job is a blessing to God himself," Balliet said. "By doing this I'm helping people who realthis I'm helping people

ly can't help themselves." Balliet id 89 said cents of

Novi's Best Buy Saturday night awaiting the arrival of

every dollar he collects goes to people who have no shelters or soup kitchens to go to, and to battered women who have no place to turn.

"It really has a lot of good uses, and it's beneficial to them," he said. "If I weren't out here doing this, they would have no hope from anywhere else."

While taking mini-breaks from bell ringing. Balilet often hears people talk about how cold it is as they scamper across the parking lot and into the stores. But he just keeps smilling, knowing that in the long run, he's there for a

there for a



hours a day," he said. "But If it weren't for the thought of helping people, I probably wouldn't keep

going." There is another thing that keeps him going as well. Balliet

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Photo by Ramez Khuri Salvation Army Bell Ringer Stewart Balliet stands by his post at Lord & Taylor in Novi last Wednesday afternoon.



NOVI PUBLIC LIBRAR NOVI NEWS-Thursday, December 22, 2005

Call energy firms if paying bill's a problem continued from front page setting on your thermostat if your house is properly humidified," Wood explained. "Thave a young employee who said that his parents, keep their thermostat set at 62 degrees," Wood said. He admits, however, that he	still concervative in their buying habits that a more efficient fur- nace will reduce energy bills. A lot of people wait until win- terrime before thinking about their furnace, and then often pay for repairs when they should actu- ally he replacing the equipment. "I had one man who paid for a new blower when his furnace was almost 30 years old," Wood said. "Anyone who has a 15-year-old furnace should consider replacing it without question." "It's a no brainer if you plan to five," Wood said, "hecause you me," Wood said, "hecause you	Human Service Agency, head- quartered in Pontiae. Ierry Sedick, associate director for community and family servic- es. OLHSA, said residents of Oakland and Livingston counties can contact their office to see if they qualify to receive funds to pay for heating bills. Eligibility for assistance is based on income. "For people who have had their heat shut off, we have been work- ing with The Heat and Warnth Fund through an early program scheduled to end on Dec. 15." Sedick said. But the program is	Oakland County, southern Macon Peninsula. Consumer Energy customers s winter, compared to a year ago. The increases are due to rising age to Gulf Coast oil fields cause Debra Dodd, spokesperson, Cr herause electric nower companie	te hike Nov. 30 for the 1.6 million nb County, northwestern Wayne C should see their monthly natural g wholesale natural gas prices caus d by Hurricane Katrina and Hurric onsumers Energy, said that demar is use natural gas to generate elec mers to contact the firm immedial
adjusts his thermostat all the time, but usually in the range of 70 to 72 degrees. "There is a cost to keeping the temperature the same during the night," Wood added, "You do save money by turning down the ther- mostat at beddine." Wood said although people are	could face a major repair, plus you're paying a higher fuel bill." Wood added that a variable speed two-stage gas burner fur- nace that is 90-plus-percent effi- cient costs from \$3,500 to \$4,500. Help is also available for those who can't pay their heating bills through the Oakland Living	scheduled to start again after the first of the year. "We will be taking applications for that program." Sedick said. "We also expect to receive some funds from the Michigan Public Service Commission." Sedick said. "We expect those moties to come in shortly after	the first of the year as well." The annual Walk for Warmth will take place on Saturday. Feb. 25, at the Pontiae Silverdome. People who walk in this event obtain pledges, with contributions going to a fund for heating assis- tance and shutoff prevention.	The public is welcome to atter and can do so by calling the OLHSA public relations office (248) 209-2623 or (248) 209- 2621, for information about pledg forms and learn participation. "It's an opportunity for peop to get out in the middle winter ar

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and is also high year-round now

lectricity. liately if they see that they can't pay a

get some exercise for a good cause," Sedick said. the for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at Pam Fleming is a staff writer offeming@gannett.com.

pretty happy right now, even if

it's really cold outside." This is my gift to myself and Malloy said officers drove by the camp-out around 5 a.m. and reported more than 75 people in line.

with the same interests as you

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for the Novi News. She can be

reached at (248) 349-1700, ext.

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Waiting in the cold for latest gaming system

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about the gaming camp-outs from Internet chatrooms.

Martinez said he stopped by Camping for Santa the store earlier in the day and was told there would be police strolling the parking lot all Phil Martinez said he wasn't losing his spot in line if Best Buy told him to leave. night kicking out campers. "I'm picking this Xbox up for my son as a Christmas present," said the 49-year-old Novi resi-Best Buy officials refused to dent. "My son's away at school, he said, "but that's our choice.

nment on the Xbox camp-

and even though he doesn't believe in Santa Claus, my wife and I still do." We re all crazy." Best Buy offi notice for cust Best Buy officials posted a notice for customers around 12:30 a.m. announcing there the customers around 5 the customers around 5 the customers around 5 the customers around 5 the customers are the customers ar would be 42 premium Xbox systems for sale at \$399 and two core systems at \$299. "They will also start giving

Champine said Xbox is a core systems at 52.99. Champine said Xbox is a "They will also start giving out tickets around 6 or 7 a.n. "In just glad we're allowed puranteeing us a system," In just glad we're allowed to stay." Champine said. "This Champine said. "We're number is definitely a fun experience "I'm sure they just don't want to be held liable for people guaranteeing us a system," freezing to death for an Xbox," Champine said. "We're number one and two on that list, so I'm and a way to meet new people





Dad's Club last week

Online tips Dakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard's tips on keeping your kids safe from online predators: · Never allow your children to put personal information either in a profile or in their screen names online because predators try to act like kids their age to befriend them. Predators can read those year carefully and extract pertinent information to arrange a meet ing with a child, and unfortunately many times they are successful in meeting kids and abusing them. Stress to your children that Internet access is a privilece and the cost of that priviloge is that you know their screen names and their pass words. If they say no, do not allow them to use it. Always keep a computer in a very public place in the home, like the kitchen or fami ly room, so that you can walk on a regular basis and mon itor your child's usage. . Be aware of some of the very real threats that are Never allow Internet access in their bedrooms or on a laptop with wireless access. Don't allow your children to visit www.myplace.com, an online playground for kids. It is the number one she that pred-while bo to to get information • Contact the Sheriff at 112



ther designer elements. Begin by considering the ood and decorating style you want to create. Do you want contemporary or country? Casual or formal? are the colors of furnishings wall and other decorating pro acts bright, rich or subdued?

Sheriff warns about Internet predators at CC continued from front

Why Bouchard came visiting school contacted The Bouchard as a guest speaker for this month's meeting. Dad's Club meetings are held once

every two months. "The tips that Sheriff Bouchard gave are invaluable," said Charlie Nemes, Dad's Club president. "There were a lot of dads who stayed afterwards and

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nate between boys and girls. Bouchard spoke of a recent incident where in Oakland County, four men were arreste by the Oakland County Sheriff's Department for preying on chil-dren online and arranging meet-ings with them. Three of them were travelers from out of state. Travelers are people who will travel from anywhere in the United States or beyond just to meet kids they met online. One of them had arranged a

was a 14-year old girl as a crimes unit, which he started Christmas present for himself. four years ago, busted up one of He had planned a seven-day tada variety of different ques-visit, and came to Michigan with ions for him, which is good." a bag full of presents. He had a Bouchard explained that on average, one in every four chil-going to be with the child. Little

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dren are approached by online did he know that the whole time predators. He said that 50,000 he was interacting with a police predators are online at any given officer. "I think the computer has ime, and they don't discrimi given the predator an endless supply of freedom in their minds to approach kids like this," Bouchard said, "Also, what's seary is, they've also begun to network amongst each other. We've seen communications between predators where they share techniques on how to break down inhibitions of children, how to get children alone,

trend," Bouchard said. "Predators use the Internet to look for kids, and there is also how to molest children, and how to avoid the police." Bouchard shared a story of four years ago, busted up one of the largest child pornography online sites in the world, right in

Parents should stay involved

school. "That's one of the most

the evening was very worth identity theft, Ultimately that has been the case. We've tripled while "Sheriff Bouchard is a very our staff at the computer crimes unit since I started. We can bareaccomplished speaker and everyone paid attention," he said, "I felt it was a very effecly keep up.' tive presentation, and I'm proud that the Dad's Club stopped up

Oakland County, "I started the computer crimes

unit because I sensed that it

would become a growing crime trend," Bouchard said.

fathers who showed up on the cold, weekday night, and was happy to see how involved they were in their children's lives and nett.com.

Bouchard commended all the

to make this happen." Ramez Khuri is a staff write for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at rkhuri@gan-

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some of the different risks out

there," Bouchard said. "I gave the fathers specific tips on how to help protect their children when they're utilizing the

Ultimately, Rabahy thought

help not only your child devel op, but also to be safe from

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BEWARE: The winter season's not fireproof

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Preventing a fire takes family team work

By Tracy Mishler

Novi Fire Chief Art Lenaghar cants residents to have a visit from Santa this year, not the fire department.

Lenaghan said residents should he more cautious and aware of fire hazards during the holidays, but fire prevention is year round. There's an increase in fires during the holidays, and people need to act more responsibly this time of year." Lenaghan said, "We help point things out to residents that might be hazards around this time, including live trees, stock-ings near fireplaces. Christmas ights and candles. "People should always be cau-

tious when they have these things in their homes." According to the National Fire Protection Association, and estimated 18,000 house fires started by candles were reported in 2001. Those fire resulted in an estimated 190 deaths, 1,450 injuries and more than \$265 million in propery damages.

No season is safe

Lenaghan said the winter season can lead to more house fire. "Winter is a good time to make sure everything is working in your home." he said. Although temperatures are frigid and the ground is covered with snow, Northville Township Fire Chief William Zhmendal

said many people believe because it's winter, they are safe from house fires. "You're safer during the winter is simply a myth." Zhmendak said. "Winter is one of the biggest times for house fires because peo-ple are closed up in their homes

and looking for alternative methods to keep warm. "People use space heaters, fireplaces and even kerosene heaters.

all of which can be very danger Zhmendak said fireplaces are the more common causes of fire during the winter season.

"We tell people not to hang their stockings from their fire-place if they are going to us it," he said. "We also highly recommen people put a screen in front of it ause loose ash can jump out catch fire quicker than you

House fire



her family. The 43-year-old Northville Township resident said she made sure early in her children's lives that they knew what to do in case

of a fire "We have a plan to meet in from of the house no matter what." Walters said. "They both know not to go back in the house. "I think between fire safety in school and my own wisdom, my kids know what to do. I think more people should have a plan." Each year, house fires kill more than 6,000 people, injure an addi-tional 100,000 and cause more than \$7 billion worth of property damages, according to the National Fire Protection Association. Lenaghan said fire safety should be practiced year round, but where is good time to ligure out the family exit strategy. "Not only are you celebrating Christmas and all the holidays." Lenaghan said, "but this is a good

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Never smoke in bed. Do not use towels as

 Keep anything that may burn away from space

 Check all appliance cords for fraying and exposed wires · A circuit breaker or fuse that constantly trips may be a sign of a possible electrical problem. Call an electrician to check the wiring. • Sleep with your bedroom door closed. This helps keep any smoke and flames from reaching you. · Keep a whistle, a flashlight and your eventasses near your bed. In the event of a fire, smoke and heat usually rise so bend low and

get out quickly. If your clothes catch on fire, cover your face, drop to the floor and roll until the ames are put out. You can also drape a large blanket or towel around your body to extinguish the flames.

Source: Northville Township Fire Department Township Fire officials, 80 per-cent of all fire related deaths take place in homes not equipped with working smoke detectors.

"People really need to make sure all their fire safety equipment is working," Zhmendak said. "Teaching your kids what to look

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Editor's note: The following also subject to an additional information was provided by the S2,000 assessment included in the driver responsibility pro-

Cracking down on drunk drivers

In Michigan, 37 percent of traffic fatalities involve alcohol and/or drugs. Although alcohol-

related fatalities have been

decreasing annually, there were still 418 traffic deaths in 2004

where alcohol and/or drugs were

Every 30 minutes, nearly 50

times a day, someone in America dies in an alcohol-related crash. Hundreds of thousands more are

injured each year. According to

the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA),

Americans will be involved in an

alcohol-related crash at some

before the party begins is just one

of several, simple steps to

remember to help avoid a tragic crash or an arrest for impaired driving," Molloy said.

holiday season, remind your guests to plan ahead, always offer.

alcohol-free beverages during the

Drunk and Drugged Driving

Prevention Month" to help

underscore the public's commit-ment to preventing impaired

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If you are hosting a party this

"Designating a sober driver

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Holiday driving tips

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friend to come and get you

· Stay where you are and

And remember, friends

don't let friends drive drunk.

Take the keys and never le

a friend leave your sight if

you think they are about to

The month of December and the New Year's Eve holiday are

also often highlighted by signifi-

cant increases in state and local law enforcement efforts to com-

bat impaired driving such as th

use of sobriety checkpoints and

saturation patrols. "Driving impaired or riding with someone who is impaired is

simply not worth the risk,' Molloy said.

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The holiday season between Christmas and New Year's Eve is for is also important." Kelly Walters has a fire plan for one of the busiest on Michigan roadways and potentially one of the most dangerous because of inclement weather, heavier traffic and the increased chances of impaired driving due to holiday gatherings. That's why the Novi Police

Department is joining with more than 550 other law enforcement agencies across the state in a drunk driving crackdown that lasts through Jan. 1, 2006, Law enforcement officers want to remind everyone this holiday season to always designate a sober driver before each holiday party or event involving alcohol. "The holiday season is a time for family, friends, and festive celebrations, but it is unfortunately also a time when we see a tragic jump in the number of alcohol-related highway fatali-ties," said Novi Police Chief David Molloy. "That's why we are reminding everyone early this holiday season to designate a sober driver." soher driver." even, and make sub an 5 your soher driver." guessi kazw with a soher driver. Motorists are reminded that Michigan's threshold for drunk been proclaimed as "National

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driving is .08 blood alcohol con-tent, and the costs associated with a drunk driving arrest are for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107, or at tmishler@gannett.com substantial. in addition to court costs and driving and promoting the use of fines, convicted drunk drivers are designated drivers and sober ride cant,



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Woman arrested in jewel

POLICE REPORT

Border agents nab Novi men Darlene Smith, 60, of St. Louis, Mo., is in an Ohio jail awaiting extradition back to Michigan for stealing a \$22,500 diamond city from Kay toucher Two Novi men are being held on federal drug charges after border agents found 14,000 pills of Ecstacy in diamond ring from Kay Jewelers at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi. their vehicle on the Ambassador Bridge about 1 Novi police were dispatched to Kay Jewelers on a report of retail fraud on Dec. 4. A woman a.m. last Sunday in Detroit. Bledian Baruti and had entered Timour Golovin appeared in the store court on Tuesday asked to lool at a \$22,500 Street value of the Ecstacu was estimated at \$355,000 according to diamond ring After looking Chief Ron Smith, Cust t several and Border Protection is other rings. Detroit. Eestacy is a hallu cinogenic drug that pro-duces a feeling of euphoria One of the men found she left the store with the 3.02 carat D. Smith diamond ring with the drugs was from Responding officers were unable Albania, and the other was from the Ukraine. They to locate he were living in the United States on Green Cards. During the investigation, Novi ectives sent out intelligence bulletins to area police depart-"They were driving int ments. Sterling Jewelers, Inc the country after a trip to (owners of Kay Jewelers, JB Robinson Jewelers and other Canada and were selected for a random inspection Smith said. "The officer junational jewelry stores) sent nformation out to employees : had an instinct and ordered the search." all of their other stores about the woman and her actions. During the course of the Smith was located Dec. 12 at initial inspection, agents another Sterling Jewelers-owned found a bag of pills in the back seat of their car. tore in the Airfield Commons Mall in Beavercreek, Ohio Further inspection attempting a similar crime. The duced 17 bags of Ecstacy employee in Beavercreek refused found in the air filter of the io show any rings to her and immediately notified

The two men were turned Beavercreek police. over to Immigration and Customs Enforcement After Smith left the store. responding officers were able to pull the woman over and identify her as the thief. Information agents, who made the arrest. about her was relayed back to the Novi Police Department, and she was taken into custody in Beavercreek for the Novi crime. She finally admitted to taking six cold pills and a Vicodia, which was not prescribed for her. She went on to say that a friend

The Oakland County Prosecutors Office issued a first degree retail fraud warrant for Smith on Dec. 14. She is curstole the cold pills from CVS at 14 Mile and Haggerty roads. The woman then told police that the two passengers with her rently being held in the Greene County Jail in southern Ohio. had also taken the red Circadian Smith has an extensive criminal history, and records show more cold pills and Vicodin. One woman said she didn't know how many she took, but that she thought she had taken about than 50 aliases. It is anticipated that this arrest will clear up sevral similar incidents throughou cight of the red pills. Michigan and the Midwest

"This case is a great example Paintball attack of interagency partnership," said David Molloy, Novi Police chief. A 38-year-old Novi woman "It is through the efforts of not only the Novi Police Department reported a paintball attack at 9:10 p.m. on Oct. 24 that took place at 8:45 p.m. that day at her and the Beavercreek Police home on Montana Avenue in Department but also the proactive employee communications of Sterling Jewelers that led to a Novi Meadows mobile home

When an officer was dispatched to the scene, the woma told police that their 1989 white **Prescription** for danger and red GMC pickup and their 1997 red Oldsmobile Achieva had been shot with paintballs. An 18-year-old Novi woman

was arrested for operating under the influence at 9:08 p.m. Oct. The officer was further 25 at 13 Mile Road and the M5 advised that they had already washed the paint off because they were afraid it might further damage the vehicles if left to An officer was traveling cast bound on 13 Mile Road from M5 when he saw a vehicle trav-eling westbound on 13 Mile The woman told the officer that a neighbor knocked on her door at about 8:45 p.m. to tell Read with no headlights on. When police pulled the woman over, she said she had her that her vehicle had been registration and proof of insur-ance on the 1989 red Chevrolet shot with paintballs. She also

nector.

friend.

said that she saw an orange or red Suburban drive by and shoo convertible as it belonged to a the paintballs, There are no suspects at this The officer noticed that her speech was slowed and slurred. At this point, he asked her to

step out of the car, at which point he noticed she was unsteady on her feet and had to More than double the limit A 22-year-old Canton man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 1:20 a.m. Oct. 21 use her car to balance herself. When asked if she had been drinking or taking any pills, the woman said no. The officer then at I-96 and Meadowbrook Road While on patrol, an officer noticed a rust-colored Pontiac get onto castbound 1-96 from northbound Novi Road. Once the noticed a pack of red pills in the front pocket of her sweatshirt, which she said were cold pills. vehicle got onto the highway, however, police saw the vehicle cross the line several times. Police found two packets, each with eight pills, then discovered more of the red pills when they

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ver, he smelled of intoxicants and admitted to having a couple of drinks. The officer asked how

many a couple was, to which he

replied four or five drinks. A breath test revealed a blood alcohol level of .23 percent.

A 22-year-old White Lake

man was arrested for having open intoxicants at 12:05 a.m. Oct. 22 in the Fountain Walk

While two officers were on

bike patrol in the shopping con-ter, they saw the man standing near the bench in front of

Tequila Rain bar pull a bottle of

The beer was dumped at the

The 24-ounce bottle of Corona

scene, and the man was arrested

beer was photographed as evi

Stealing from Staples

A general manger reported a retail fraud incident to police

that took place at 11:27 a.m.

Oct. 22 when a group of five people stole about \$1,700 world

of property from the Staples

office supply store at 47610

two desktop computers were stolen that day, and that after

viewing the digital security cam era, she witnessed the theft. The video showed that about

11:26 a.m., four men and one

yoman distracted the sales staff

and the manager and made two trips out of the store with the

computers in shopping carts

The two stolen computers

A 35-year-old Orchard Lake woman reported at 9:30 p.m. Oct. 25 that she had lost her

wedding ring at 11:30 p.m. Oct

8 at Lucky's bar at 44325 12

Mite Road. The woman came into the

police station to file a lost/stole

room to wash her hands at the bar, took her rings off and set

washing her hands, she forgot t

put the rings back on. After real-izing what she had done, she notified staff at the bar, but the

Replacement value on the ring

A 19-year-old Redford woman and a 19-year-old Livonia woman were arrested at 5:47

p.m. Dec. 1 for retail fraud that

occurred at 4 p.m. that day at Marshall Field's department store at Twelve Oaks Mall.

The two women stole almost

\$1,500 worth of clothing. They came into the store with empty shopping bags, with one of the women also carrying an

empty purse. After filling the bags and

store without paying for the

purse with clothing in the fitting rooms, they tried to leave the

Loss prevention agents were

tipped off while watching sur-

women were selecting clothing

without even looking at the price

tags. The women later told police

that they had planned to sell the

stolen merchandise at Plato's Closet, a clothing consignmen

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veillance televisions as the

them next to the sink. After

rings could not be found

was \$15,060.

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property report. The woman told police she went into the bath-

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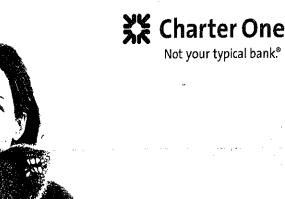


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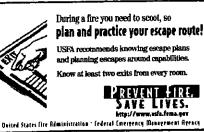


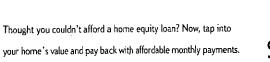
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sion with some important legislative work. State Board of Education

Proposes Mandatory Curriculum The state Board of Education

unanimously approved a new statewide school curriculum standard and referred it to the Legislature for action. It is important for us to emphasize the quality of our

econom goes hand i fond with the quality our education. While Michigan's unemploy ment

remains high Nancy Cassis overall there is a labor shortage in the skilled trades. Retraining existing workers and providing new workers with job skills more appropriate to a modern, diversified economy are top priorities. As vice chair of the Senate

Education Committee and a former educator, I believe that a modern, comprehensive curriculum should include college preparation, vocational and tech-nical job training.

Manufacturing Tax Cut

Goes to Governor State Senator Naticy Cassis, a Novi Republican, represents the 15th Senate District, which The Legislature approved legislation that provides approximately \$600 million in tax relief includes the townships of to major job providers in Michigan and sent it to the gov Commerce, Highland, Holly, Lyon, Milford, Novi, Rose, West Bloomfield and White Lake: as well as the Villages of Holly. ernor for her approval. Senate Bill 634, which I sponsored, changes how the Single Business Tax is applied from 90 percent on sales to 95 percent over four years. The bill gives a Millord and Wolverine Lake: and the cities of Novi, Northville (the portion in Oakland County), Orchard Lake, South Lyon. Walled Lake and Wixom tax advantage to Michigan-based

Scout Pack businesses who export goods as 240 donates opposed to those who are based putside of Michigan but conduct business here. This will provide toiletry kits to tax cuts totaling approximately the needy \$75 million during those four The package also creates property tax credits to reduce business liabilities, offers tax

incentives for basiness to move

jobs into Michigan and pre-serve's Delphi's and Visteon's

current lax status, protecting

them from massive tax hikes at

the end of the year. This is unquestionably round one, a vital first step to promote

tax relief for the struggling manufacturing sector. Early next

year the intention is to focus on small business tax relief and

restructuring to promote Michigan's overall competitive-

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240 broke out the sparkling grape juice and toasted 75 years of Cub Scouting, Pack 240 itself has been Charities continue to report lower than anticipated donations in 2005, and Cub Scout Pack 240 around for 32 years. "We've been celebrating out 75th anniversary all year," McClure said. "We try to let the kids know that it's not only them receiving stuff, but they should wants that to change. To do their part in helping the

needy, the scouts donated their time by assembling toiletry kits for those less fortunate. The kits, donated to the Detroit always try to help others as well. Rame: Khuri is a staff writer Rescue Mission, included itemssuch as tube socks, shampoo, toothpaste, hand cream and candy canes. Due to the overwhelming for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at rkhuri@gan response of area dentist offices. netLcom.

the scouts had enough supplies to put together over 100 kits. "We sem out letters to quite a Banning Alcohol Inhalation few dentists in the area, and they responded by sending every kind of dental hygiene products they could think of," said Theresa McChure, pack 240 coordinator. "We were shooting for 50 kits and now we're able to do over 100 because of their generosity." When it was all said and done the scotts pair together over 125 toiletry kits and were able to give eight boxes of miscellaneous items, along with 12 boxes of videotapes, DVDs, books and CDs, Three boxes of the same

it can be inhaled directly into the lungs and quickly enter the hloodstream. This results in a very tapid and potentially lifereatening rate of intoxication IIB 5067 bans the use, posse sion or sale of these machines in Michigan. The bill is awaiting the governor's approval. As always, your comments are welcome and appreciated. You items were also sent to the Providence Park Emergency may reach me by e-mail at: senneassis@senate.michigan.gov, or toll-free at 1-888-38-NANCY. Room, In addition, 150 laundry kits were packaged for the mis

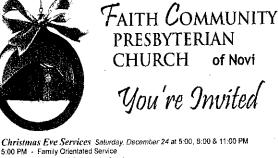
> McClure said the scouts do a community service project every year. In past years they've senkits to soldiers in Iraq and scarves

The biggest threat to depression is your awareness of it. #1 Cause UNTREATED DEPRESSION



The boys of Cub Scout Pack 240 met last Monday to assemble toiletry kits for the needy and to celebrate 75

years of scouting existence.



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Make sure mind, According to www.avma.org, your pet-owning experience will be most enjoyable if you take the you and your family are time to consider which animal pet-prepared best suits your family. John Stottele, owner of Family of Pets in Novi, said that there are

By Ramez Khuri three main things to consider when shopping for a dog: sup-plies; veterinarian care and behav-STAFF WRITER For years, seasoned pet-owners have been raising their furry "One of the biggest problems

families

friends as members of their own that most people have is they buy a dog and they don't buy a ken-nel," Stottele said. "A kennel is used for a multitude of reasons." But for those who are contem-plating bringing a pet into their homes this holiday season, there homes this holiday season, there some important rules and con-kennel training was taboo and not

holds a Yorkie-chon, a Yorkshire terrier/bichon frise

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too many people liked using one. But in the last 15 years its become siderations they must keep in more accepted "It's just the way we believe we can train a dog," he said. "A ken nel is a dog's bed. If you can com fine a dog to a kennel, he won't go to the bathroom there if he's con

Kennel training teaches dogs very quickly not to wet where they lay. It teaches them to hold their bladders until their owners give them time to go out. "It's a scheduling Stottele said, "You feed them and

take them out on a schedule." Stottele said that if used correctly, a kennel is very easy to use. Depending on the size of the dog, they can run in price from \$30-\$150.

Another important aspect is what to feed your new pet. Stottele recommends premium food. food as opposed to the grocery tood as opposed to the grocery store brand. He explained grocery store brands don't have the right nutri-tion for dogs and cats. They tend

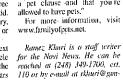
Before getting a pet, you must consider and do the following:

 Do you have room for a pet? What activities do you enjoy How do you spend your day? Do you have a no-pets clause where you live? How much will your pet cost? What if a pet doesn't fit your lifestyle? Consider veterinarians and other community resources. Make check-up plans for your new companion. Prepare your home for your pet's arrival.

to contain a lot of corn and very Vaccinations are usually \$25 It commune a set little meat. "It's not good because dogs are "transate" Stoticle said. "With each, plus office calls. "It will cost about \$50 per visit and when you go every three weeks, it adds up," Stottele said. a quality dog food you'll protect

your dog with better health. We recommend purchasing Propae "But it's absolutely necessary. whether you get a dog for free or pay \$1,000 for one." Behavior training is the next major component, and Stottele Typically, a new puppy or kit-

said it ranks up there as one of the most important. He said for years pet owners were advised to go to







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to train in their homes. "The biggest reason dogs die is

not from viruses, or from getting hit by cars," Stottele said, "It's because we euthanize them because of behavior issues. That's

not the dog's fault, it's the owners.

It's how you teach the dog, or any pet that will determine how it

chaves." In order to teach a pet well.

an owner needs to be committed to the time it takes. Dogs will

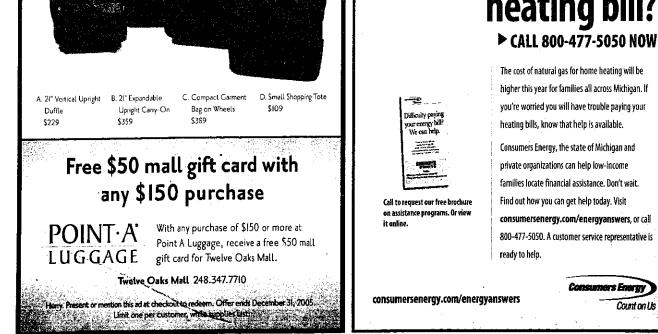
the owner is willing to work a

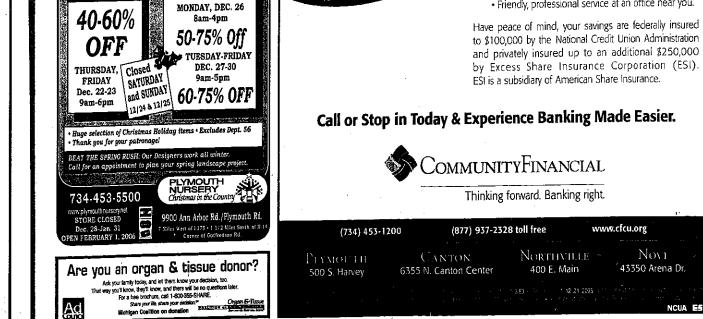
"Don't buy a puppy on a whim," Stottele said. "It you're in

an apartment, make sure you have

a pet clause and that you're

not be great companions unl





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Avoid holiday sugar rush

Kathy Hawraney said maintain

ing your weight during the holidays should be the goal. A lot of times, people think their hungry when they're really

you should be aware of what you're putting in your body."

to make healthy choices.

more.

Both Hawraney and Klebba said

'Think about what you're eat.'

Chervl Mattison said she eats the

According to the American

College of Sports Medicine, min

gling and socializing during the holidays can burn up to 143 calo-

Hawraney said having a little

Movements burn away fat

By Tracy Mishler thirsty," said the fitness director of the Novi Sports Club, "People don't like to hear it, but drinking water really can make you feel Janet Myers tries not to over eat

during the holidays, but her planfull never pans out. The 42-year-old Northville Hawraney said her best advice for avoiding sweet temptations dur-ing the holidays is to eat a snack before beading out for events. fownship resident said she visits several family members at Christmas and her plans are always sabotaged by the sweet "You can tell someone not to stand by the chip dip." she said, "but if they haven't eaten anything prior the event, chances are they "Somehow I always end upgaining five or 10, pounds by the time January rolls around," Myers will overeat. "You don't have to starve, but

This year, Myers said she going to try and keep her mouth moving not by putting more food in, but by talking more with her relatives. "I go to the gym on a regular

Klebba said. "When you put high basis, and the trainers always say. sugar food in your body, it spikes Drink more water and come to your blood sugar. Once the blood the gym nore," but they never say, "Talk more," Myers said, "Maybe if I keep myself busy instead of sugar drops, going below its nor-mal level, you will crave the sweets niling in anotizers, then I won't

healthy foods with low calories and in the weight." Chris Klebba, general managertries to keep moving. "We live in a community of over indulgences," said the Novi resiand fitness director of Northville's Water Wheel Health Club, said there is no way to stop people from overeating during the holidays. "There is a way to eat what you dent. "I know if I overeat, I feel really had after. Why do we do that to ourselves?"

want and not gain weight,

Klebba said. "Keeping busy is key. As long as you eat little amounts and keep moving, you won't gain as much weight?

Get moving

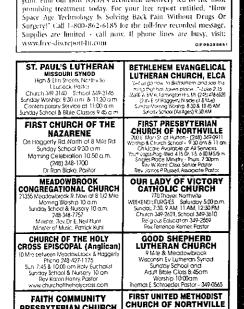
extra is good once in a while. "But, we should remember that one pound of fat is 3,500 calories." Klebba said any movement will increase the metabolism. she said. "If you eat 116 extra calo "You will actually burn calories and keep distracted from the food if ries a day for the 30 days between Thanksgiving and Christmas, then you will gain one pound." you stay active," he said. "The Klebba said there is nothing more you keep your metabolism working, the more those cravings become minimized. wrong with splurging during the holidays. "We should allow ourselves to

ries

Working out is very unrealistic this time of year. An average person splurge, but with a limit." he said. can burn up to 1.500 calories in a typical workday. Imagine what you can burn during the holidays just Tracy Mishler is a staff writer

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New white How you can help puppy was his Since its inception in 1984, the Michigan chapter dream has granted wishes to more

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER For 9-year-old Juan Lopez of Lake Orion, Santa came a little

For further information early this year. On Nov. 10, Lopez, a heart disabout Make-A-Wish call (888) 857-9474 or visit ease patient, received a free puppy from Family of Pets at Fountain Walk in Novi through www.wish.org. For more information about services and hours at the Make-a-Wish Foundation. John Stottele and his staff pre-Family of Pets in Novi, call sented the boy on that day with his own male Havanese puppy. (248) 305-7008 or visit www.familyofpets.net. Accompanied by his sister. Ruby and his mother and father, Maria

and Jose, he welcomed this newest member of the family. Lopez's family may seem fair-Havanese puppy with a big, red "Family of Pets has gone above and beyond in helping to v typical. But they have endured more than their share of worry, hardship and sorrow because of his battle with coronary artery grant Juan's wish," said Susan Lerch, president and CEO of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of

disease. Michigan. "It is a privilege and an honor But, through the generosity of to bring individuals like Juan and his family together with compa-nies like Family of Pets and grow our Make-A-Wish family." Family of Pets, Lopez and his family now have something to smile about as his ultimate wish was granted.

This third-grader's wish for a puppy stems from his love of all Store secures many animals donations While visiting Family of Pets, his eyes would grow big as saucers when he would see the John Stottele, owner of Family of Pets said, "We help match the right puppy to families every day. But, when Make-A-Wish conpuppies. He would turn to his arents and say he wanted one, so

ie could sleep with it and take it tacted us about Juan's dream, we for walks. He especially wanted a puppy that was white and fluffy. The night began with a stretch lino ride for Lopez and his famiknew we wanted to do all we could to make this match a reality. We quickly contacted compay. Upon arriving at the Novi pet tore, he was greeted with cheers and applause. His family participated in a

CREATE-A-PET party, making stuffed animals that were donated to the Make-A-Wish Foundation for other children. Then, his secured the following items: a health protection plan for Teacher (valued at \$275) uppy appeared — a pure white,



Courtesy phot Juan Lopez of Lake Orion was the happy recipient Nov 10 of a male Havanese puppy donated by Family of Pets at Fountain Walk of Novi through the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan. Lopez, who has corornary artery disease, is pictured with his parents, Maria and and his sister, Ruby

the puppy that provides free vet-erinary care for illnesses for 30 a K-9 Hidden Fence containment system and orientation ses-sions from Hidden Fence (valued days and birth defect protection from Family of Pets (valued at about \$2,000) at \$995) The total value of Lopez's vish come true was \$3,637. · a training crate, bed, brush, Celebrating more than 20 years shampoo, stain remover, training pads, toys, collar and leash from Family of Pets (valued at \$150) 12 vouchers 16.5-pound bags of making magic, the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan grants wishes to children with life-threatening medical condinies that we knew would want to of Pro Pac dog food (which tions to enrich the human experi

participate in this joyful endeav-or." should provide enough food for about two years) and training Wanting to make sure that ence with hope, strength and joy Pam Fleming is a staff writer Lopez and his family had every-thing they needed for successful and responsible dog ownership, Family of Pets also donated or sessions, which · private obedience training for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. sessions, which includes four sessions, which includes roat sessions at the training center at Summit Place Mall from The Pet 105, or by e-m pfleming@gannett.com.

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and vulnerable populations across its 44 hospitals in seven states. \$5 discount off any medium eightinch ice cream cake The Call to Care program is Dessert lovers who abandon their fruitcakes at Cold Stone Creamery designed to help community health programs strengthen and expand health services to individuals who will be delighted with an array of holiday-themed ice cream ontion need them most The average retail price of a medi-um 8-inch round cake is \$26.99. Trinity Health has committed funding in two key areas: designa ing \$35 million out of this year's

With more than 1,200 stores budget to bring the total principal amount in the Trinity Community Health Fund to \$50 million, and from coast to coast, Cold Stone Creamery currently operates in 47 states including Alaska, Hawaii, the committing an additional \$15 mil-Caribbean and Guani. Cold Stone Creamery is an independently lion over the next three fiscal years for the purpose of stimulating com-munity benefit initiatives within the oward franchise system, headquar-tered in Scottsdale, Ariz. For more various communities served by its member facilities. information about Cold Stone Creamery, visit www.cold-

Beginning in 2007, the interest camed from the fund will more than double the size and number of stonecreamery.com Happy holidays for Katrina health grants available to provide necessary health services to at-risk All 25 Medical Weight Loss Clinics in Michigan, including the

Novi location, are collecting clothing and food to help Katring fami-

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Project proposes 146 condo units By Pam Fleming

Beek Road and Grand River Avenue, is proposing a trail system as part of their plans for the new Local developer Steve Schafer recently won approval for a rezon-ing that will open the door for 146 new homes east of Wixom Road and south of Grand River Avenue hospital, scheduled to open in 2008. Currently, there are two baseball fields and three soccer fields on the Providence Park campus. Schafer by Target. Schafer, of Schafer Development said he will include some type of received the approval from city council in a 3-2 vote at the Dec. 5 improvement to the fields as part of the project. "The fields receive a lot of use by meeting. The subject property is 37.750 soccer, football and lacrosse teams

and are considered in poor condi-toric Karl Wizinsky home on tion," said Jack Lewis, deputy-Wixom Road, built in the 1800s. director of the Novi Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department, Schafer asked if the land could rezoned from General Industrial. Lewis said any type of improve- also did not support the rezoning

I-1 Light Industrial and R-1 One-family Residential to R-T Two-family Residential. The developer noted that side-walks will be provided on one side of the road to the Providence Park campus further east off of Grand Dire Academ er and of the noised Dire Academ er and the noise of the noised Dire Academ er and the noise of the no

Parcel rezoning approved south of Target

River Avenue as part of the project.

Providence Park Hospital, at

city, Member Lynne Paul, who voted to approve the rezoning, noted that the original project for the property Park campus. Council Member Bob GATT said that he could not support the Shatter project because although it was approved, council questioned a was already approved last summe for 172 home "I think legally it would be good recent proposal by Singh Development because it increased the number of homes originally

t approve this new project as it has fewer homes than what we approved in July? Paul said. The Dec. S vole was to approve a Planned Rezoning Overlay agree-ment submitted by Schafer. The evencing agree with approved of the planned for the project. Member Toni Nagy, however, supported the proposal, "I think you've done an excellent job," rezoning goes with approval of the

you've done an excellent job, Nagy told Schaefer, "I'm really impressed. I think the residents will agreer Pam Fleming is a staff write benetit a lot from the enhancement to the offsite area by the historic for the Novi News. She can be

reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at Wizinsky home." Mayor Pro Tem Kim Capello

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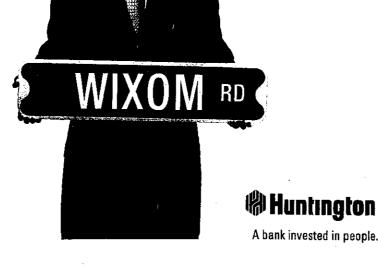
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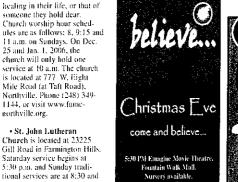
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by Jann Martin, is the first Wednesday and Thursday of service begins at 9:50 a.m. and Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m. Nursery is provided. each month, at 10 a.m. and 7 Call (248) 474-0584 or visi www.stjohn-lutheran.com for more information. 44400 W. 10 Mile Road in Novi. Call (248) 349-2345, or Crosspointe Meadows Church meets Sundays at Meadowbrook Elementary School, Services are at 9 and 10:30 a.m. Fresh brewed hot • The Holy Family Church is located at 24505 coffee is available from 10-10:30 a.m. The church also has children's programs for all ages and a nursery available.

The church is located at · Oak Pointe Church serv-29200 Meadowbrook Road, ice times will be at 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. every Sunday. Visit ust south of 13 Mile Road. For more information, call (248) 427-2700 Monday www.oakpointe.org or call (248) 912-0043. The church through Thursday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. or www.crosspointe-meadows.org. meets at Novi High School. • St. James Catholic Church

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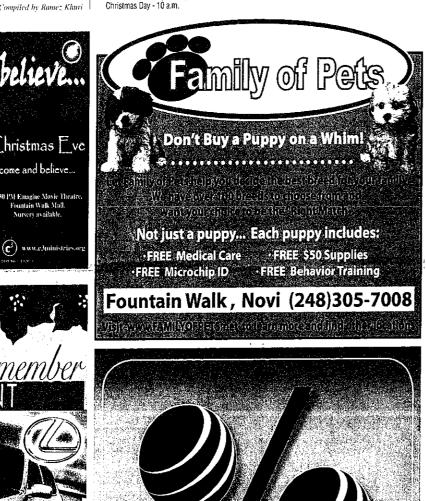
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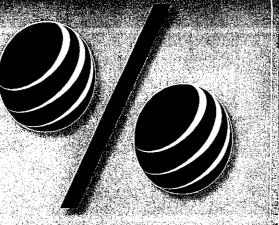
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Novi boy's father to run for son at Walt Disney World

"When we went to the doctor, she had the disease in her family," Rosanna Ouellette recalled, "Her Team Jake set to race Jan. 8 uncle had MD, and she had worked at an MD camp, so she was familiar with the disease." By Pam Fleming Rosanna Ouellette noted that FWRITER since muscular dystrophy is often difficult to diagnose, it was good that they went to this particular Jake Ouellette's mother, Rosanna, noticed that her son did-n't run as fast as other children and that he fell more often, pediatrician. "She phoned us to tell us what Later, the Novi mom learned the problem was," she said. that those are the symptoms of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. Jake Ouellette, 11, a fifth-grad-The Parent Project Conference er at Meadowbrook Elementary School, was diagnosed with the

After their son's diagnosis in February 2001, the Ouellettes attended a Parent Project disease at age 6. In honor of his son, Roger Conference in June to learn more Ouellette will run 26.2 miles in about the disease and what they could do to help their son, They found a doctor in Toronto, the Walt Disney World Marathon Jan. 8 in Orlando, Fla. He'll be running for the They found a doctor in Toronto, Ontario, who is doing a trial study with muscular dystrophy patients on the use of steroids that don't have the side effects of traditional steroids used is that 10.5 Muscular Dystrophy Parent Project, a group of parents of boys affected with Duchenne Muscular affected with Duchenne Museuman Dystrophy, a disease caused by a gene deletion that usually hapsteroids used in the U.S.

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They seem to be working, because Jake looks just like any other little boy his age. "He's not in a wheelchair," "They're typically diagnosed around age 5 or 6," Rosanna Ouellette said. "It's a progressive Rosanna Quellette said, "He takes muscle weakness. gym class and loves activity. He also loves to be outdoors — he's The Ouellettes, who also have a 17-year-old son, Charlie, and a 15-year-old an outside guy." But, museu-Now to donate online

pens in boys.

daughter, Jacqui, who are not afflicted with the For more information lar dystrophy about the Parent Project and disease, said they didn't dis-cover Jake had the disease until is a progres-sive disease. Duchenne Muscular and knows Dystrophy, visit www.parentprojectmd.org. he was in kindersome day he To donate to Team Jake garten. "We may be in a www.justgiving.com/pfp/tea mjake. were wheelchair shocked because The Ouellettes there's no family are hoping the

history of the disease," less-harmful steroids will Rosanna Ouellette said. "I had no clue as to what was keep him active. "They help immensely and are now considered the gold standard wrong with him," she said. The turning point was when Jake got an ear infection and comof care with boys who have the Duchenne's Muscular Dystrophy,

plained of being tired, so mom took him to the doctor. Rosanna Ouellette said. They also met parents who had Come, Let Us Adore Him

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Photo by PAM FLEMIN Roger Ouellette of Novi, second from left, will compete in the Jan. 8 in the Walt Disney World Marathon in Orlando, Fla., as part of the Muscular Dystrophy Parent Project's Team Jake, in honor of his son, Jake, center, who has Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. Pictured with Roger and Jake are his sister Jacqui, leit, with family pet Buddy; brother, Charlie; and mom, Rosanna. The Ouellettes live in the Toll Gate Woods subdivision.

competed in the Walt Disney World Rosanna Ouellette said Marathon last year to raise money for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy "I just had a cortisone shot in my right knee," he said. He's been doing two short runs research, and Roger Ouellette decided it would be a worthwhile

endeavor. A sales director for Summit Polymers in Dearborn, he will be joined on Team Jake by Tom Crompton, a co-worker of his, and Jerry Wheeler, Jake's 32-year-old

cousin. Notstin. Crompton and Wheeler are syperineed numers, but the Jan. 8 event will be Ouellette's first interes a lot of hope on the horizon," Rosanna Ouellette said. experienced runners, but the Jan. 8 event will be Ouellette's first In fact, muscle-enhancing drugs for marathon. "We haven't seen much of him

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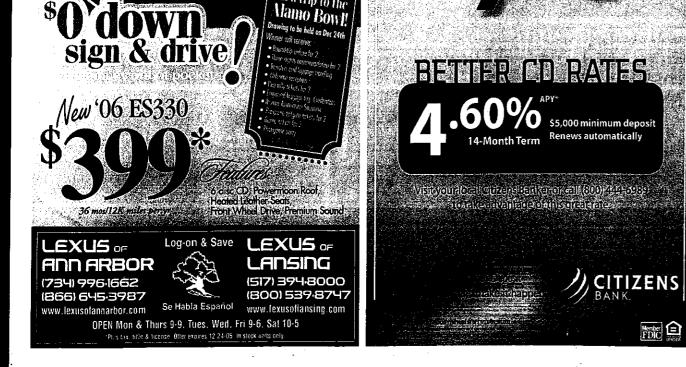
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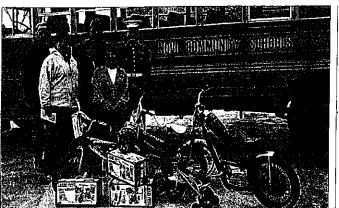
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inity School District bus drivers pose with Corporal Michael Liaicono of the United States Marine Corps and the donations they made to Toys for Tots. Pictured from left to right are: Ray Banaitis, Rebecca Yarbrough, Larry Peltier, Michele Gordy, Mary Kotrych and Liaicono

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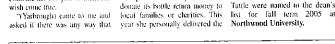
Three kids to get new bikes for the holidays, courtesy of Novi bus drivers

By Ramez Khuri AFF WRITER

When Rebecca Yarbrough received a special request from a young Novi resident, she went right to work In addition to being a substitute hus driver for the Novi Community School District's transportation department, Yarbrough is also a Toys for Tots coordinator. The request was for a special bicycle, and Yarbrough decided to

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bought bieveles for another boy and a girl." Kotrych explained that the transportation always tries to combine her two jobs to make his-



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we could help him out," said bicycles to the Novi Toys for Tots Mary Kotrych, Novi bus driver, warehouse on Dec, 8, where "We talked about it, and we said Corporal Michael Liaicono of the United States Marines, accepted In past years, the transportation department has donated its bottle them. "It just happened that Rebecca who works with us, is a coordina return fund to needy families from St. John Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills. But last year the parishioners already took care tor, and we thought that there was no sense in letting that more via there another year," Kotrych said. "I enjoy doing this, it feels good

of all the needy families that they had, so the bus drivers didn't do to help people. This year, when the church did This year, when the church did of the transportation depart ment again, the bus drivers came up with a new idea, to help out Tos sfor Tots.

"We took the bottle money and some donations from other people and bought the bike that the boy warned." Kotrych said, "We also **ON CAMPUS**

Novi residents Florence Jirasek Jennifer Knockeart and Lance

Students make blankets for needy ■ Novi High pitches in for the holidavs

studies teacher. "I believe the goal

reason for the project is to stress to

the kids that the holidays are all about giving and not receiving gifts. "We want our students to learn the significance of that," he said.

Novi High School freshmen Nathan Haynes and Ben

Fraser are hard at work making a blanket for the needy.

"The students, out of the kindness

hoping to make at least 20 blanke

One of those students was fresh

man Tim Oh, who felt good about

helping those in need. "When I heard about the project,

I said 'Why not?'" said Oh. "I feel

like I'm accomplishing something big because there are so many needy people and doing this project

can make a huge difference in their

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By Ramez Khuri

Freshman Tresa Antony wants yone to be warm this winter. That's why she happily accepted double-duty work last Thursday at Novi High School. Antony was asked by special education teacher Jodie Sikatis to help her students make blankets for the needy as part of a project called

"Tying Together the Community, She also volunteered to make blanket herself. There are many people who are in need. And if we, as kids, can do

something to make a difference in society. I think that's a great thing," Antony said. "We are future citiof any social studies classroom is to develop active productive mem-bers of our society. Learning does this time to make a positive impact. It's an avesome urnout and we're zens and we can make a difference really believe that." not simply take place within the four walls of the classroom." The project was initiated by the social studies department under the leadership of teacher Nicole Carter. Nuckolls was impressed with the number of students who packed Senior Jennifer Phillips, as part of the school's Interact club, explained it was members of the club who donated money and the school's atrium and volunteered their time to make blankets They came in groups and ranged from ninth through 12th grade. All the blankets were then bought the fleece so students could make the blankets. The Interact Club does commu donated to the Open Door Outreach Center in White Lake. Nuckolls explained the a main

nity service projects regularly around Novi and is the high school branch of Novi Rotary. "This is an awesome opportuni-ty for students to be active citizens," said Korey Nuckolls, social

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NAMES IN THE NEWS Novi resident John M. Mione tion, advanced motion effects, composing and DVD authoring. He also consults with major companies to improve the effi-ciency of their digital workflow. was admitted to the State Bar of Michigan Nov. 16. H graduated i 1998 from Rutherford formerly worked as a Novi High School, He

production manager for General Motors Creative Services. He resides in Royal Oak. received hi undergraduate The company also announced the promotion of **Tina** degree from Sulkowski to director of sales and marketing. In her role, the University of Michigan in 2002 and Sulkowski is responsible for strended Wayne State University developing new markets, building national partnership, and manag-ing the sales team at Macprofessionals. She previously Law School. He received his Juris Doctor degree on May 16, John is currently employed as served as an account representaan attorney with Thomas M. Keranen & Associates, P.C., Bloomfield Hills. Prior to joining Macprofessionals, Sulkowski was an account representative for the Novi-based Macprofessionals, Mac Group in Farmington Hills. an IT support company, announced the appointment of Jon Rutherford to director of She resides in Dearborn. Novi resident Tom Campbell, veteran WJR news reporter, has been honored by Lawrence Technological University President Charles Chambers and video and training. In his role, Rutherford oversees and trains staff and clients in digital image manipulation, graphic design,

other University leaders, for his

work in preparing the

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association for collegiate advancement and marketing pro-fessionals. The ad series competed with others from colleges and miversities across the country. Chambers presented Campbell vith a framed CASE award certificate and thanked him for his hard work, creativity, and dedication. To prepare the spots Campbell conducted more than 48 news interviews of Lawrence Tech faculty, students, and staff. He distilled each interview or group interview into at least three and sometimes as many as six different 60-sec. segments. "Tom's keen reporting skills sharp news sense, and passion for excellence have been essential to the success of this unique series, Chambers said, "We're delighted

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with his leadership in creating these lively, informative seg-ments that detail the work and innovations of Lawrence Tech

Navy Scaman Lisa M. Solan, daughter of Joanne and Michael J. Solan of Technology Update series of radio spots which have won the 2005 Silver Award from the Walled Lake recently com-pleted U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). CASE is the premier national Command, Great Lakes, HI During the eight-week program, Solan completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction of naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboar and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness. Soplan is a 2005 graduate f Walled Lake Community High School of Walled Lake.

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Velthoven-Wilson

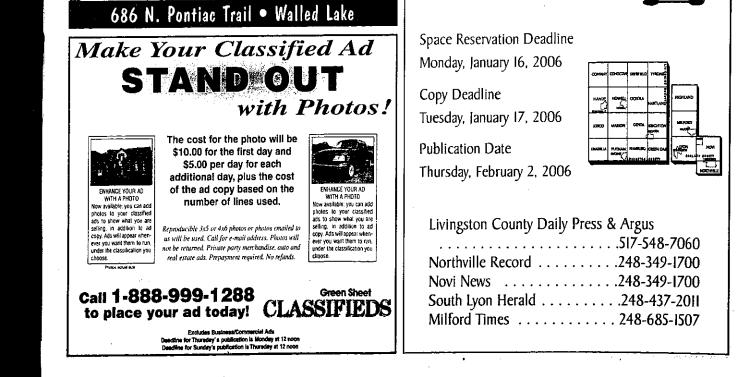
Janice Stevens-Velthoven of

Patrick Wilson, son of Kristin Wilson, Royal Oak and Brian Wilson. The bride-elect is also the daughter of the late Daniel The bride-clect is a 1998 grad-uate of Novi High School and a 2002 graduate of Madonna University with a bachelor of sci-ence degree in nursing. She is currently employed as a Registered Nurse at the University of Michigan Cardiology Department. The groom-clect is a 1998 graduate of Royal Oak Kimball High School and is currently utending Wayne State University, He is employed as a Sales Manager. A September 2006 welding is

Nicole Velthoven to Dennis



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OPINION

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the home towns we serve and contribute to the husiness success of our customers.

WHERE WE STAND

Wishing you a hopeful holiday

The holidays don't always arrive as we hope. Rarely, are they wrapped quite like we imagined, or delivered at just the right time.

 Despite all our planning and best intentions, somehow there always seems to be one or two projects left incomplete.

We crave bountiful holidays, steeped in presents and awash with good cheer. We address best wishes to those we love and send them into the night, hoping the weekend snow storm does not hasten their swift arrival. We plan, coordinate and research. Then shop, and shop some more, hoping our industry will yield happy memories moments to one day cherish

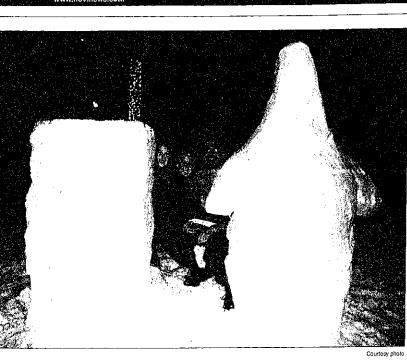
Let's not forget simple gifts: acts of kindness. Let us remember that many this holiday season will 20 without --- without food, shelter, affection, family and hope

Some will make a hospital bed their holiday home. Others are stationed overseas as part of a military assignment.

Some families are grieving the recent loss of a loved one.

A card , letter or phone call is sometimes the only gift the anonymous among us need. Take a moment this holiday season to remember how good most of us have it. Then do something to make someone else's holiday a little brighter. That's a holiday tradition worth preserving.

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Matt Macek with daughter Sarah and son, Joey, and their snow creations: Sponge Bob Squarepants and Parick, The Maceks live on Cody Lane in Novi.

Teens dampen holiday spirit

who came by to check it Cute photo up above, eh? Nice traditional family activity, building a snow-Unfortunately, a couple of teenage boys weren't so enthusiastic about the This particular shot was sent to me by Dana Macek Macek's efforts. That's he On Sunday night, around

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Cal Stone

ter, Rachael,

say, using just a square-shovel and their hands.

So good, in fact, that

Sarah might've been the

envy of some of the other

kids in the neighborhood.

fate November reduced the staff to

husband, Matt. with 0. Dana put the kids to hed and was doing some work in the den when she two o heard what she thought was shoveling outside. Then she realized that it hadn't their children Sarah, 7, and Joey snowed. 5. They also hav a 3-year "I looked out the window and was sick to my stom ach," she said. "I saw to old daugh teenagers punching and kicking Patrick and Last Wednesday night, they spent about an hour and a half building the two nongeBoh." She turned on the light and ran outside, which snow figures of SpongeBob caused the teens to fiee. and his friend, Patrick, from "I yelled at them," Dana the cartoon series. They did a pretty good job too, I'd said, adding that she was careful not to use profanity. "I think I told them they

the cops ever showed up. She went and watched some "He always builds some-thing when there's snow." Matt, who was in bed TV just to take her mind off when the incident occurred. "I told the dispatcher that has vowed to rebuild SpongeBob and Patrick. "His response was, 'It's they could be vandalizing other people's properties." only snow," said Dana, "but you feel so violated." These two teens probably Dana said. Her son and daughter didn't fully understand or couldn't comprehend why anybody would do such an These two teens probably aren't the type of "evildoers" that our president act. I can't either, although refers to, but they might I remember plenty of things like that from when I was a want to thank a higher power that they didn't do that in my pop's front yard. He'd take Sarah sobbed and said, the Merry out of their-"Monmy, why would some-body do that?" "My daughter felt spe-cial," said Dana. "A lot of Christmas quicker than you could say 'ho, ho, ho.' Cal Stone is the editor of were cowardly and rotten." When the teens ran, they kids looked at it, and she the Novi News. He can be abandoned their car in front of the Macek's house. Dana was proud of it." reached at (248) 349-1700, And rightly so. Her dad attended Michigan Tech. ext, 113 or by e-mail at went back in and called the cstone@gannett.com

board meeting last week

police, but knew there was

"Those guys crawled back like little kids and drove

She was so upset that she

didn't even look to see if

little they could do.

away," she said.

which is famous for its ic

festival. Last year, he craft

Mile and Beck. "This is something that's

ences, alternative energy, homeland

in his blood," said Dana.

i at Cody Lane, near 11

ed a sea serpent on their

Gutting MEDC shows our lawmakers' acute neurosis

Acute neurosis, mental health professionals telf us, is relatively easy to diag



would be failing all over itself to neurotic -provide funds to help the MEDC ttract and retain jobs in Michigan. even though he knows perspecially now: Ear from it. Over the past five feetly well how dangerous they are.

People like that may be helped by years, the general fund appropriassions on a shrink's couch tion to the MEDC has been cut by more than 70 per cent; its staffing I suspect there isn't a couch large by around 20 percent enough to hold as many of our legislators as needed, but their pattern

Their total operating budget has er the

been inspected

with their lives.

One of my high school friends

lives less than a half mile from

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ilous state of Michigan's economy:

we're certainly facing the greatest

crisis since the Great Depression

Now reflect on the Michigan

Economic Development Corporation (AIEDC), the quasi-

public outfit that over the years has

earned the reputation as one of the

unter the reparaton drone of a numry's best of its kind. You'd think that the legislature

imes (i.e. under Engler) and in Funding for Travel Michigan, the today's bad times, when some organization within the MEDC that Republicans in the legislature have motes Michigan's tourist indus---- arguably the state's second set out to hobble, if not kill outright, the state's main economic largest - has decreased by onelevelopment organization The main culprit in all this is the quarter since 2000. Annual funding is currently \$4.9 million below average state expens-es on tourist prantotion. At the so-called "caveman caucus" in the state house of representatives, a banch of self-described ultra-consame time, Michigan has the low servatives instrumental in electing est occupancy rate of all 50 states. Rep, Craig De Roche, R-Novi, nearing our tourism business has suffered directly as promotion Speaker and to whom he owes alle giance and loyalty. I've seen how effective the funding has dried up Thick headed? Yep. Neurotic? MEDC can be. And in recent times. Eve seen how the organization, properly, has tightened up as its bodget has been cut. And I've Self-destructive? Without a

security and defense, and advanced automotive manufacturing and There's a new CEO, Jim Epolito, a seasoned business executive. He took the Michigan Accident Fund materials from reanuts to a many-hundred "Things are coming together million dollar operation in just a few years, and isn't afraid to tell it right now," Epolito told me after the meeting, "For the first three like it is. months, we were playing defense Epolito recognizes that part of Now we can go on the offense in the problem with the legislature is simple communications. Most law attracting and retaining jobs. 'Our plan is simple. First, we must do everything we can to makers are new to their jobs and haven't the foggiest idea of what secure our manufacturing base. economic development is all about Second, we need to plant the seeds The newly adopted 21st Century Jobs Fund could be a big help. The of jobs for the future," Sounds sensible and insightful to me. Epolito may not he a psychialegislation puts a lot of the authority for the program into the trist, but he is just the kind of guy Michigan Strategic Fund, but it's likely the MEDC will wind up with to inject a bunch of co into a neurotic political environmuch of the administrative responment in Lansia

What's cookin' with kids

Try their versions of holiday recipes

Scott G. - Chocolate Chip Cookies Put chocolate chips in a big bowl. Put dough and eggs in the bowl. Mix it with a beater. Put it

on a gray pan. Cook it in the oven for 20 min-utes. Let it cool down. Us a spatula to get it off

Marcus L.- Turkey Get some big turkey. Put it in a white bag. Put it in the oven when it's really hot. Keep it in the

oven for 40 minutes and we wait for it. Cut all

the pan and cat it.

Then we cat it.

the bones out of it and eat it.

Tatsuya F. - Pumpkin Cake Make this with my chocolate and my eggs. Put a sandwich in the bowl. Mix it all up. Cook

it in the oven for 2 minutes. Then I cat it,

Aliyah C. - Chicken Noodle Soup

Fenton L. - Macaroni and Cheese

Matthew R. - Chicken Nuggets

when you eat them.

Matt S. - Scrambler

Kerry D. - Mac-n-Cheese

Koki K, - Fried Chicken

Rina Y. - Apple Cake

Parkview Elementary

utes 2 degrees.

then we put icing on.

utes to roast the chocolate

Rithika V. - Pies

oven 1 hour, 60 degrees.

hour. 8 degrees.

degrees.

Drew W. - Chocolate Cake

Mackenzie K. - Turkey

Eat it with ketchup.

First you put the macaroni in a bowl. You put in the cheese and then the milk. Cook it on the stove for 10 minutes.

Take them out of the bag. Put them on a pan and put it in the oven to heat it up for 10 min-

You need noodles, juice and cheese. It's juicy,

Cut the chicken. Put salt and pepper on it.

Cut up the apples. Put it in the oven. I eat it.

Mrs. Ferguson's Kindergarten Class

Aya O. - Shortcake First, you put milk. Second, you put egg.

Then, you mix up. Take to oven. Bake 40 min-

Janice K, - Snow Cake First, put it in the oven. Second, we wait for

30 minutes. Then, we take it out of the oven,

First, 3 strawberries, Second, dough, Then,

First, cake mix. Second, milk. Then, egg, 1

First, you cook it. Put in oven. Bake it for 20 vinutes. Second, Serve it.

Joey M. - Christmus Cookies First, milk-3/4 of milk. Second, chocolate

chips. Then, dough, food coloring. 30 minutes. 3

Cook the chicken on the stove for 20 minutes

utes. Put it on a plate and dip them in ranch

Put chicken and noodles in one of those

Lexy P. - Macaroni Make real cheese. Put it in the heater for

about 5 minutes. Pour the cheese over the pasta.

Parkview Elementary Mrs. Starr's Kindergarten Class

Elizabeth P.- Holly Cookie First, I stir the batter in a bowl. Second, you make a circle on a cookie sheet and bake it. Then, Take it out of the oven and eat it. Joseph A.- Cookie

First, you have to get the stuff out-bowl, dough, the chocolate chips, the beater, eggs, Second, put the eggs in the bowl, then you pat the floor in the cookies. Then you beat it, Then, put it in the oven. Set the timer-wait till it beeps. Go get it when it beeps.

Paige B., Cookies First, get the dough, the chocolate, the scooper. Second, put them on a plate. Then put the chocolate in. Put it in the oven for 1 second Oven is 1 degree hot. Then, I eat it.

Brendan R.- Pancakes First, I flip the toast. Second, I put it in the things you pour with tea. Cook it on the stove for a couple hours. Pour it in a bowl and eat it en for 15 minutes. And then when the time is up. I get it out. Then, I spread the butter and put on the syrup. I cut it in half in little squares and I eat it.

Cooper W. - Cookie First, stir the milk and dough in a bowl. Second, I use a spoon to put it on a cookie sheet. Then, I bake them in the oven.

Halle P. - Chocolate Chip Cookie First, put the dough on a cookie sheet Second, put the dough in the oven. Then, Take them out and eat them.

Mitchell G. - Eggs First, you grab an egg from a chicken. Second, you cock it in a pot. Then, you put it in a plate

Selinah L. - Pizza First, you get a pizza out of the refrigerator. Second, you put cheese on it. Then, put it in the oven for 9 minutes. Then you take it out and eat

Danielle F. - Pumpkin Pie First, you get a pumpkin, take it home, take it to the kikhen. Second, you ask your Mom to come downstairs and help you make it. Then, you put it in the oven for 10 minutes. I1 degrees

Skyler P. - Waffles First. Put it in the toaster. Second, take the waffle out of the toaster. Then, cut it up and pour syrup then eat it up.

Brooke B. - Cookies First, stir the batter. Second. put batter on cookie sheets. Then, put it in the oven to bake.

Lauren S. - Cookies First, dough-you flip it. Second, cook it hot. Then, it's done. I sprinkle the chocolate chips on and eat it Alex W. - Brownies

First, Eggs, sugar-cook them 1 minute. Second, Pudding-put in a plate. Then I mix it. Then, I cook it. Eric M. - Chicken Noodle Soup

First, I open the can. Second, I put it in the pan. Then, when it's finished, I'm going to eat it. Jillian P. - Chocolate Chip Cookies First, we put the chocolate in it. Second, we cook it, then, we eat it.

Sean P. - Party Punch First, put some ice cream in the bowl. Second put Sprite in it. Then, we drink it. Rachel L. - Party Punch First, put the ice cream in the bowl. Second.

make it. Then, stir it. **Parkview Elementary**

Village Oaks Flementary

Tobi O. - Hot Dog

Shaily F. - Cookies

out of wood to flip it. Then put it back in the

pan. Then you can eat it. You can put chocolat

Put cheese. Put water in with the cheese. Put

Lauren M. - Macaroni and Cheese

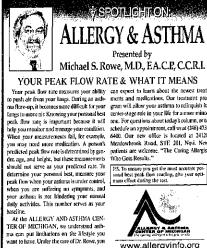
it in the oven. Put it on for one minute. It is

ing again.

syrup or sugar on it.

Mrs. Nanasi's Kindergarten Class





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Village Oaks Elementary Mrs. Smith's Kindergarten Class

Hannah H. - Rice Pudding Buy some rice. I don't know what you put on top of it. That's all I know about how to make it. Celeste C. - Macaroni and Cheese

Destiny B. - Chocolate Cookies Make a circle. Put chocolate in them. Put them in the stove for 3 days. Take them out. You

Nicole D. - Pancakes Take 1 cup of water, Time it. Then you put in on a pan, Time it for one hour. That's all

Take chicken nuggets out of the bag. Put them in a bowl. Cook them in the microwave. They're

done when the thing dings. Put ketchup on the

Ryan K. - Spaghetti Get some "parmon" cheese to warm it up. Then you get some more "parmon" cheese.

Put eggs and 2 cups of water. Put in the over

for 25 minutes. When it rings they're done. Put

Carson N. - Snowman Cookies

Actually you flip it. When it's done you put

Juliet K. - Chicken Nuggets

eat them.

syrup or

side.

Then you eat it.

My favorite holiday dinner is macaroni and eese. My Mom knows how to make it and I Take it out of the fridge and take the bag out of the box. Get a Scrambler out and put it in the don't. Just call my Mom coaster. When it makes a ding, it's done. You put it on a plate and cut it up in squares. Katherine T. - Turkey Sandwiches Turkey sandwiches are my favorite. First you get some turkey and then you get some cheese,

sonare cheese. Then you roll it up. That's all. Allison P. - Turkey Dinner I cook it..turkey dinner f put a little water and salt on it. I cut it up and eat it.

Tyler C. Poiatoe Potatoes are my favorite. I forgot how to make them.

Nathan J. - Tacos Tacos are init gavarite dinner. Get a little cup thingy and then you get some salad and then you put in some cheese and I think you put it in the microwave. Then you cat it all up.

Sonhia G. - Chicken with stuffin' I like chicken with stuffin' on it and butter. My Dad takes off the skin and then he puts but ter on it. He puts in those things that make you cry. What are they? Onions, I don't remember the other things.

Abby O. - Green bean casserole, hot dogs, hamburgers Sometimes I like green bean casserole, hot dogs and hamburgers for the holidays. First you take some buns and cook them. Then we put beaus Kate D. - Chocolate Dipped Strawberries First, bake. Second, Put the chocolate in oven. Then, take the strawberries. You bake for 5 minsome stuff on them. Then we get some beam and cheese and lettuce. I like my cheese to melt

and be sticky. Solie T. - Apple Pie You take dough and you must roll it flat and put it in a dish. Then you take cianamon and apples and put sugar with it. Roll another top flat, Put it on top and poke a knife into it and put it in the oven for like 40 seconds or an hour. Eat

Audrey W. - Mashed Potatoes Mashed potatoes are my favorite. Well, my Mon buys it from the store and then she puts it in the microwave and then she takes it out. She puts it in a pot and wraps the pot up. I think

Matthew P. - Cookies Get chocolate chips and cookie dough. Put it in a hot oven...34 degrees and cook for 1 minute.

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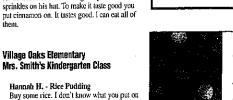
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t few years certainly qualifies them for long-term therapy And the fallout is there for all to see. Consider, for example, the per- minute \$3 million legislative cut in

cal 2000 to \$31 million six years later. Its authorized workforce had fallen to 190 in 2006. But a lastbias. I've been a member of the MEDC board of directors since the late 1980's, when I was appointed by former Gow. John Engler.

At this point. I hasten to confess

seen just how hobbled the MEDC has become in trying to help our state out of its economic jam. So I was interested to see what would happen when I attended the

destruction of a few areas, it made me think back to when I was a girl

into the furnace room down a flight

paredness.

emergency.

and my morn used to make us go

of steps in our garage when then

My older sister, Sally, and I

would get bored after about 10

ing if we could please go back up and watch TV. I remember not

really taking the tornado watches

One of the reasons there were

deaths in Evansville, Ind., due to

the tornado was the timing of the storm. It struck in the wee hours

and warnings that seriously, because, after all, nothing had

ever happened, right

tes down there and start ask-

was a tornado warning of TV.

I've seen the MEDC in good

sibility for something like \$250 Phil Power would be pleased to million in job-creating program Those are focused on four ke hear from reade rs by e-mail at sectors of our economy: life scippower@hcnuet.com.

Glimpse of tornado damage shows importance of preparedness

I don't know if it's the reporter in me or just idle curiosity, but I wiped out. just had to see the destruction. After all, my hometown of Evansville, hd., had made nation



Pam Fleming father over the

Thanksgiving weekend, I was drawn to go see the damage first-

I didn't see the mobile home park where the deaths took place, but I witnessed an entire neighborhood in Newburgh, Ind., jus east of Evansville, that had been

this neighborhood off of Lincola A few people were in their Avenue "I cried when I drove down front yards on the outskirts of the subdivision, but the center of the

Prohably

doubt

Lincoln," she said, recalling that someone had phoned her the next property was like a ghost town You could look right in some of morning asking about her oldest the homes and see the drywall and son, who lives in an apartment 2 by 4's. A white utility van sat at about a mile from her. the end of one street with its windshield curled outward, "He was fine," she said. "Slept through the whole thing. He did-n't even know about it until he Some houses had the brick ripped from their exteriors, and numbers had been spray painted on roofs as a way of identifying read an e-mail from a friend asking him if he was OK." A local racetrack, Ellis Park, in

them - probably for Federal Henderson, Ky., suffered major Emergency Management Agency purposes or to show that they had damage, according to another friend, whose husband had driven rom their home on the north side It looked like the neighborhood a couple of times to see the damhad been bornbed, and I wondered age. The tornado struck the southwhere all of these people were staying and what they were doing

of the morning, around 1 a.m., when most people were asleep. Seeing the destruction made me realize tornado warnings are seri-ous business and not to be taken east side of the community, so my father's retirement home wasn't affected. After witnessing the total lightly or ignored.

The city of Novi is on the move a branch of the Department of when it comes to disaster pre-Homeland Security, to discuss the Recently, city staff from the

possibility of forming such a vol-unteer group in Novi. Although the group is just in police and fire departments well as Neighborhood Services, have begun a feasibility study on the study phase at this point, a few residents have already expressed interest in enrolling in a a volunteer citizens response team in which local residents would be Community Emergency Response called upon to help fellow Team training class. The class munity members after a local teaches such life-saving measures as cardiopulmonary resuscitat basic first aid and emergency "We look at it as an opportunity to train the volunteers in the Neighborhood Service groups, management training. Look for more information Homeowners Association groups about the upcoming training class after the first of the year after the results of the feasibility study and and those who work in our corr fort stations during blackouts and other emergencies that the city city council approval on funding. may be required to mitigate," said Police Chief David Molloy.

Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. Mollov said this week that city staff met recently with leadership from the Michigan Citizens Corps 105, or by e-mail at that manages the CERT program. pfleming@gannett.com

Mrs. Grisa's Kindergarten Class

Danielle K. - Christmas Cookies We need butter and flour and sugar and eggs. Put them all in a bowl and stir it. Cook it in the oven for 20 minutes. Then you take it out of the oven and put frosting on them. Then you put sprinkles on it

Joshua C. - Christmas Cookies Put sugar in a bowl. Sometimes we put in peanut butter. We add some chocolate chips. We Get dough. Put 3 cups of water. Mix it. Put them in the oven. Get them out. Put them in the have that a big mixer that mixes it all up. Then you put it in the oven for an hour. I don't know how hot the oven is. When they come out we can decorate them with cookie decorations. We jar of cookies, do the same thing and the same use green and red and candy cane decorations. Aditya R. - Crepes First you put flour in a bowl. Then put milk inside. Mix. Then the egg. Crush the egg. Stir. Put the liquid in the pan. Use something made

Nicole D. - Macaroni and Cheese First put the macaroni in a big blue bowl Then put the yellow cheese in the macaroni and t all melts. Cook it on the stove for 30 minutes. hen the whole family eats it

Kevin B. - Spaghetti Cook the spaghetti noodles for an hour on the ove in a pot. When it's done, put a kind of heese on it. Put in on a plate and eat it with a

Max W. - Chocolate Chip Cookie Take chocolate chip cookie dough and put it in the oven for 50 degrees. Take it out. Get milk Joey M. - Mac-n-Cheese First dump the box in with noodles in a big wil. Put cheese inside it. Cook it in the oven to put the cookies in. for 10 minutes. Put it in a little bowl and eat it with a spoor

Maria H. - Broccoli My favorite holiday recipe is broccoli. I think Sara B. - Sugar Cookies Put little stuff in it. I know you put sugar. Use dough too. Stir it. Put it in the oven for maybe 10 minutes. When they're done you can eat 'en

you cook it in the microwave and put salt on it. Cook it for 20 minutes. Erin O. - Turkey I like turkey. You cook it. My grandma and

Go around the hot dog. Put ketchup on it. Then, you put mustard on. That's how you make grandpa cook it on, I think, a heater. Cook it for 12 minutes maybe at 10 degrees maybe. My grandma and grandpa go to the woods to find the turkey.

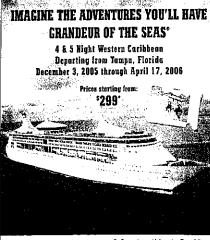
> Norihisa H. - Turkey Turkey is my favorite. Put it in the oven for 10 hours on 1000 degrees.

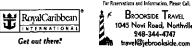
Hannah W. - Cookies Cookies are my favorite. I don't know how to make them. I just know how to eat ther

Ben F. - Jello My favorite holiday recipe is jello. I only know how to cut it. Mama puts it in the frigerator until it beez standing.

Sarah P. - Mashed Potatoes I like mashed potatoes. You just step on pota-toes to squish them. You have to have clean feet when you squish them. Don't put anything on them. Eat 'am up.

Abby M. - Chocolate Chip Cookles You might know how to make my favorite holiday cookles...chocolate chip. You put some chocolate chips in. You'll have to call my Mon for the other stuff. I don't remember.





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Northville Night

DATE: New Year's Eve

TIME: 5-9 p.m. LOCATION: Hillside Recreation

Center, 700 W. Baseline Road

Novi. Tickets are \$5 for under 2

Recreation, (248) 349-0203

DATE: Tuesday, Jan. 3

son, including bus, admission, raffle

CONTACT: Wixom Parks and

Recreation. (248) 624-2850 or

American Association of

Novi Youth Assistance General

TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civie Center,

CONTACT: (248) 347-0410

GOVERNMENT

LOCATION: Wixom City Hall,

49045 Pontiac Trail CONTACT: (248) 624-4557

Novi City Council Meeting

Citizens Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, Jan. 3

45175 W. 10 Mile Road

SCHOOL

Wixom City Council

DATE: Tuesday TIME: 7:30 p.m.

www.cityofwixom.com

University Women

Red Wings Game

TIME: 5:30 p.i DETAILS: The fee is \$65 per pe

and snack.

DETAILS: This annual event

Novi Theaters Productions LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, DETAILS: Held annually in 45175 W. 10 Mile Road metropolitan Detroit betweer CONTACT: (248) 347-0400 or Christmas and New Year's Day, the ww.novitheatres.com ball is a formal dinner-dance to Open House DATE: Tuesday, Jan. 10 honor and entertain cadets and midshipmen from Michigan who TIME: 7-8:30 p.m. attend the five U.S. Service DETAILS: This is for anyone Academies, Ticket prices are \$40 for cadets and midslipmen in uni-form, \$50 for others. To purchase tickets, contact Col. John C. Diller interested in the dramatic arts and will include refreshments, music, games, face painting and backstage tours. There is no cost. (USAF-Ret.), at (586) 739-4244 of e-mail at idiller107176MI@com cast.net. CONTACT: The hotel is offering Borders Bookstore and Music

LOCATION: 43075 Crescent special room rates for guests ttending the ball, Call (248) 348-Boulevard CONTACT: (248) 347-0780 5000 for reservation

Second City Detroit, Novi Happenings

LOCATION: 42705 Grand River Avenue, Novi, located across from the Novi Town Center CONEACT: (248) 348-4448 o includes giant toys, carnival games, coffee house, crafts, swimming, and dinner by Max & Erna's of www.secondcity.com "In iPod We Trust" TIMES/DATES: Various times ednesday-Sunday DETAILS: Tickets are \$15 and \$10 for ages 2 to 12, and \$15 for ages 13 and up. CONTACT: Parks and \$20 and may be purchased at the Second City Box Office, on-line at www.tickelmaster.com or (248) 645-Training Center Classes

Conservatory Program: Advanced training in the art of creating and performing a Second City revue. Beginning Program: The fundamentals of Second City improvisation for adults with little or no experience Writing Program: The basics of comedy writing with advanced levels in stage, TV and film writing. Youth Program: Improvisation and performing ensembles for ages 4-18. Acting Program: Traditional scene study and text analysis training. Music Program: Musical improvi ation and the fundamentals of

Northville/Novi DATE: Saturday, Jan. 7 Second City song writing. Private Workshops: Special classes TIME: 11:30 a.m. LOCATION: Schoolcraft College, VisTh/Tech Center, 18600 in improvisation, corredy writing, and musical improvisation that can Haggerty Road, Livonia DETAILS: The cost is \$22 and includes luncheon. The program' will be True Colors by Barbara travel to your school or group. DETAILS: Students (ages 18 and older) can register for classes through Dec. 23. Training center classes mee DeGrazia CONTACT: Mary Ann Stewart. ice a week for eight weeks. (248) 449-7603

Maybury Park Programs LOCATION: Maybury State Park

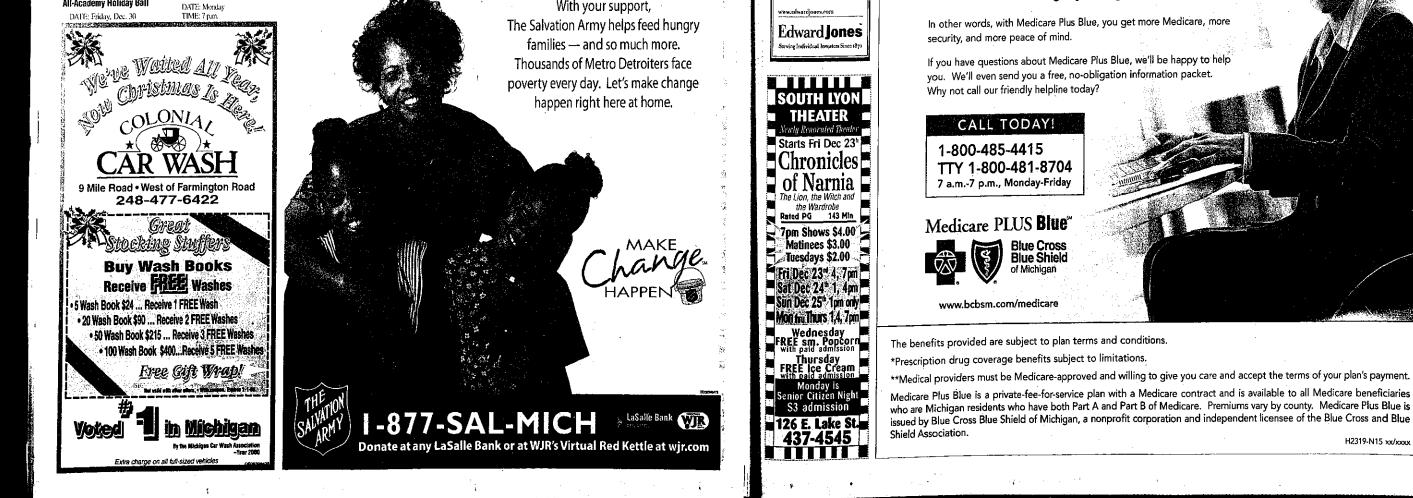
Eight Mile Road between Beck and Vapier roads. CONTACT: (248) 349-8390

Providence Center for the Healing Arts Exhibit

DATE: Through Jan. 31 LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave.,

DETAILS: This is the fourth annual "Mad Hater Tea Party," a free show of original artwork by patients, families and associates, as well as juried pieces by Novi High School students. A reception will be beld, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6. Costumes are encouraged. CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

All-Academy Holiday Ball DATE: Friday, Dec. 30



Toy & Hobby Expo

A fantastic display of model railroading will be coming Dec. 30-Jan. 1to the Rock Financial Showplace for the Toy & Hobby Expo 2005/06 featuring three offector shows in one location. Young and old alike will have the opportunity to experience scale model trainsin action and the excitement that builds as they

race along hundreds of feet of 'O' gauge rail on a 100' long modular model railroad display. Mom and Dad. Grandma and Grandna will recall wonderful childhood memories of classic toy trains that many of us had in our youth as they, watch the trains travel in and out of tunnels. and cross over bridges as they pass through the countryside.

Watch the children : excitement as the passenger train arrives on time at the city's train sta 12tion and freight trains deliver their goods to industrial sites throughout the

miniature empire. For those wishing to 1 build their own railroad empire, the display owners will be on hand to explain building techniques used in the construction of the modular train dis-

The Expo also features toy and hobby items from the 50's to today's hottest collectibles. Vendors and collectors will be selling new, used, antique and collectible model railroad and toy trains, collectible toys, die-cast and model kits, sports and racing collectibles, dolls including Barbie, bears and Beanies. Hours for the show are Friday Dec 30, 5-9 o m : Saturday Dec. 31, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sunday, Jan. 1, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission for \$7 for adults: \$3 for children 6-12 years of age with an adult; and parking is \$5. For Rock Financial Show Place, call (248) 348-5600.

LOCATION: Civic Center, 45175

W. 10 Mile Road

CONTACE (248) 344-0470

Novi School Board Meeting

DATE: Thursday, Jan. 12

building, 25345 Taft Road CONTACT: (248) 449-1200.

LOCATION: Educational Services

TIME: 7:30 p.m

CLASSES

Workshops

TIME: 9 a.m.-noon LOCATION: Oakland County omplex, 1200 N. Telegraph Road. ONTACT: For registration, call (248) 858-0783 How to Start a Business DATE: Jan. 5, Feb. 2, March 2 DETAILS: This is for anyone thinking about going into business. Participants examine their entrepre neurial skills, learn how to imple-ment their ideas and receive a list

of pitfalls to avoid when starting a Legal Issues in Business DATE: Thursday, Jan. 12 and third Thursday of every mont LOCATION: Assarian Cancer DETAILS: This covers the five

Gakland County Business main business entities available in

experiment with drawing, pastels, watercolor, Chinese brush painting watercolor, Chinese brush painting, mixed media and collage. Beginner DATE: Jan. 19. March 9 DETAILS: This is a workshop for small business owners who are developing a plan to serve as their road map to success. The fee is \$40 are welcome, there is a \$5 materials CONTACT: (248) 465-5455 and includes materials Sulos/Marketing Busics Line Dancing DATE: Thursday, Jan. 26 DETAILS: This workshop is for DATE: every Monday and Friday TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m., beginners: building sales through smart marketing, including learning about product position, sales function and 7:30-9:30 p.m., intermediate LOCATION: Novi lee Arena, dvertising. The fee is \$45 per per 42400 Arena Drive DETAILS: No partner needed for lessons in this pay-as-you-go pro-gram. Cost is \$5 for Novi residents mentia Awareness nd for those ages 55 and up; S6 for non-residents. CONTACT: (248) 348-9116 Seminar: 'Legal and Financia ISSUES' DATE: Wednesday, Jan. 18 TIME: 7-8:30 p.m. LOCATION: Waltonwood LIBRARY LINES Assisted Living at Twelve Oaks. 27495 Huron Circle DETAILS: This seminar, for adults, seniors and families, is Novi Public Library Hours onsored by Waltonwood Assisted Living and Alzheimer's Association. There is no fee, how LOCATION: 45245 W. 10 Mile HOURS: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. ever, registration is advised CONTACT: (248) 735-1030 DETAILS: Unless noted below, all Providence Center for the programs take place at the library, CONTACT; (248) 349-0720 Healing Arts' "Tuesdays at Assarian" DATE: Every Tuesday night Holiday Hours TIME: 5-8 p.m. LOCATION: Assarian Cancer DETAILS: The library will be closed Dec. 24 through Dec. 26 Center, 47601 Grand River Avenue, and Dec. 31 through Jan 2. DETAILS: Variety of activities for the adult community to come and Help Match the Walker eniov a unique mix of classes spon-Million-Online d by the Providence Center for the Healing Arts. Some activities may DETAILS: You now can make a donation online to help the library match the \$1 million Walker chalinclude a supplies fee (no more than CONTACT: (248) 465-5483 lenge grant. Just go to our Web site (http://novi.lib.mi.us), and select the "Make a Donation" button on the Colored Pencil Workshop TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m., second uesday of every month homepage LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Art Studio Novi DETAILS: This is a free class

Michigan, contract considerations

and other related questions and answers. The fee is \$30 per person How to Write a Business Plan

Movie Day CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

DATE: Wednesday, Dec. 28 TIME: 1-2:30 p.m. continued on next page

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DETAILS: Join Anist-in

Residence May Oura Teevens and



Artist in Residence

TIME/DATE: 1-2:30 n.m., first

With your support, The Salvation Army helps feed hungry

continued from page 16 SUPPORT <u>GROUPS</u> DETAILS: Bring your own piltow or blanket, includes popear PC-rated movie for elementary school ages: no registration Neighborhood Baby-sitting Co-Give the Gift of Reading DETAILS: Using the co-op, you and your children can make friends DETAILS: Novi Public Library is a collection point for The Gift of and get what you need accomplished without the little ones in tow. Also Reading program sponsored by the Denois Free Press. New books suitajoy a mom's night out and other able for reading to children up to age ocial events. CONTACT: Sue Tracz, (248) 380-6 can be dropped off at the library through today Battle of the Books Friendship Circle Registration DATE: Second Thursday of each OFTAILS: The Battle of the TIME: 1 p.m. Books is a program designed to encourage reading and to recogn LOCATION: St. James Catholic young people who like to read. All Church, 46325 10 Mile Road fifth and sixth grade students who live tween Taft and Beck mads or attend school in Novi are eligible DETAILS: Social group for all to participate by organizing teams vidows and widowers 3-6 students, plus an adult coach. (It i CONTACT: Norbert Monson. (248) 851-6730, Florence Voight, (248) 477-3032 or Joy Iovaldi, (248) 348-9138, joyiovaldi @earthlink.net tot necessary for teams to be from the same school or grade.) Students read from a list of five books and the participate in a contest where each cam answers questions about those MOMS Club of How ooks. The first 12 teams to retur their registration forms will be eligible DATE: First Thursday of each to participate in the Battle, which will month e held in Murch 2006. For more TIME: 10 am information, please contact the library's Youth and Teen Services LOCATION: Novi Civic Center DETAILS: The Mons Offering Moms Support (MOMS) is a non department. profit support group, for mothers who choose to stay at home with their chil Library Board Meeting dren, work out of their homes, or DATE: Wednesday work part-time. CONTACT: dinatallman@sbc-TIME 7 p.m. LOCATION: City Council Chambers at the Novi Civic Center DETAILS: Community members elobal.ne Kensington Valley Mothers of are welcome to attend. Meetings are Multiples also broadcast live on cable chan-nel 13. DATES: Second Thursday of each Walled Lake Library Events LOCATION: 1499 E. West Maple

Road, Walled Lake CONTACT: (248) 624-3772 Weekly Story Hours TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m., Monday-Wednesday; 2 p.m. and

7:30 p.m., Thursday DETAILS: Includes stories, crafts, finger plays and games. Designed for ages 1-5. No registration required.

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TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Witch's Hat Depot, DECRIPTION THAT'S THAT DECRIPTION 300 Dorothy St., South Lyon. DETAILS: This group provides information, support and social activi-ties for mothers of multiple bitth chil-dren and their families. Mothers of multiple this is in an advanted that multiples living in and around the sington Valley school conference Ke are all welcome CONTACT: For more information (248) 437-5496,

New Take Off Pounds Sensibl (TOPS) chapter Healing Prayer Service DATES: Wednesday TIME: 11 a.m. weigh-in; 11:30 DATE; First Monday of each a.m. meeting LOCATION: Meadowbrook TIME: 4 p.m

LOCATION First United Commons, 25075 Meadowbrook oad Nov hodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile DETAILS: \$20 per annual mem DETAILS: This service is open to bership includes handbook; \$1 per all faiths and is a service of hope. meeting. New members welcome CONTACT: (248) 347-1414

Women's Prayer Support DATE: Saturday TIME: 9-10:30 a.m LOCATION: Harvest Fellowship Inurch, 49329 Pontiac Trail, Wixom DETAILS: Come for encouragenon, belp, hope and prayer. Drop in for five minutes or longer. CONTACT: Nancy or Susan, (248) 926-8332 or harvestfellow shin@comcast.net

Breast Cancer Support Group DATES: Second and fourth ucsday of the month LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sina Hospital, Commerce, Classroom C TIME: 10-11:30 a.m. Classes DETAILS: No registration needed. CONTACT: (248) 937-5017

Novi Tractmacters DATE: First and third Tuesday of

HEALTH Yoga Classes DATE: Beginning Monday, Jun. 9 TIME: 12:30-1:15 p.m. Monday; 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, 12:30-1:30

the month

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LOCATION: Novi Civic Center

DETAILS: Toastmasters will help

bu improve your communication ills, voice your opinion, polish you

ations and practice lea CONTACT: Collecn, (248) 685-

TIME: 7-8:45 p.m.

ies Room, 45175 W. Ten Mile

enrichment and personal explo-ration designed to provide valuable p.m., Friday LOCATION: Assarian Cancer tools, information and a new per-Center, 47601 Grand River, Novi spective on healthier living through DETAILS: The cost is \$10/walkwholeness. The cost is \$50 per per in; \$80/10-class card; \$70/7-week son, including lunch and mate evening sessions. Registration is required. CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

Providence Medical Center

LOCATION: Providence Park Novi, 47601 Grand River Avent CONTACT: (888) 440-7325, SWOCC Studio Tours Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

LOCATION: 33300 Nine Mile Road, Farmington.

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DETAILS: Come in for an up DETAILS: Evening or weekend close look at the Southwest Oaklar Cable Commission Studios, local series helping you and your partner get ready for the birth of your baby. Childbirth Refresher community television studio DETAILS: A one time class CONTACT: Melissa Cohn. (248) review important information for birt of your baby. Breastfeeding Preparation

DETAILS: A one time class for

mom and her partner helping to pro

Baby Care Basics

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Yoga Classes

Boost Camp Day

March 3

vide tips for successful breastfeeding

DETAILS: A one time class with

Infant Massage DETAILS: This two session class

practical information about how to

teaches parents how to offer their infant the conflort of massage.

TIME/DATE: 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Monday; noon-1:30 p.m. Friday DETAILS: The cost is \$10/walk

ins or 10 class card for \$80.

DATE: Friday, Feb. 3 and

TIME: 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

River Avenue DETAILS: This is a day of

for the Healing Arts, 47601 Grand

dence Center

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Nevi Concert Band Rehearsals

TIME/DATE: 7:30-9:30 p.m. luesday LOCATION: Novi High School, Taft Road DETAILS: Open to all wind and percussion players. CONTACT: Diran Kochyan, (248) 348-5135

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SHOWPLACE The Rock Financial Shownlace i

(southwest corner of 1-96 and Navi Road), Call (248) 348-5600 or visit http://nockfinancialshowplace.com/lo Toy and Hobby Expo

TIME/DATE: 5-9 p.m. Friday Dec. 30; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec 31 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 1

DETAILS: This expo features ven dors and collectors selling vintage toys, trains, dolls and hobby items rom the 50's to today's hottest col lectibles, Admission is \$7 for adults,

Send your calendar items to Cal Stone, editor, Novi News, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167: fax to (248) 349-9832; or e-mail to estone@gaunett.com.

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Novi resident Mary Miller smiles as she recounts her life growing up in Michigan. Miller will turn 100 later this month.

Celebrating a century of life

■ Novi resident turns 100 Maryann and Robert. "There are so many differences in the world today than when I was a kid." Miller said, "The kids

By Tracy Mishler STAFF WRITER

Mary Miller will need a team to help blow out her birthday can-dles this year. Born in 1905, Miller, of Novi,

will celebrate her 100th birthday tomorrow and more than 50 fami-ly members will be with her to

celebrate. "I don't feel like I'm 100," Miller said. "I act like it, but I don't feel like it."

don't feel like it." As the oldest of nine siblings, Miller moved to Detroit in 1926 from Baraga in the Upper Peninsula to look for work.

After spending several years working in a variety of fields, Miller worked as a clerk for the U.S. Army in Detroit for 16 years. She married her husband, Leo,

in 1934 and had two children.

today wouldn't know what to do if they lived back when I was growing up." Miller said life in the early

1900s was very different. "We didn't have a refrigerator or an electric stove," she said. "I didn't even have my first drink of Coke until I lived here in Detroit. "Those were horse and buggy days. I hated having to drive a car

when I got to Detroit. It was so much easier to just jump onto a horse.

Decades pass

Today, Miller is the only one in Today. Miller is the only one in her family from Baraga still alive. "I outlived all my brothers and sisters," Miller said. "I am happy though spending my days with my daughter and her family." As the first of four generations of women in her family all living in

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Novi. Miller lives with her daughter, Maryann Mitchell, 69, and said it's nice to have family nearby. "It's nice to know they are all so close," she said. "I don't know

what I would do without them." Mitchell said her mother's goal was to outlive her father, Robert,

who lived to be 89 years old. "I love having my mother around," Mitchell said. "It's really exciting having her turn 100.

"I don't believe I know anyone who has lived that long and I am thankful and lucky that my own girls were able to know their

grandmother. Miller said her greatest accom-plishment in life was raising a

family. "I had other dreams that didn't come true," she said, "But I defi-nitely lived a long life and am very thankful."

Tracy Mishler is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107, or at unishler@gannett.com



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TOWN PUBLIC LIBRANDER Statistical to action from the North

Tom Civerilla isn't just some little kid anymore. He's the top scorer on his team from last year and so far one of the top players around again this year. — Page 4B



There's just way too much action from the Northvälle and Novi hockey game to not put more of it in this section! Check out the photopage this week. — Page 48



CHECK

Wildcats slap Northville with rivalry loss

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

Novi's special teams were pretty special Saturday. The Wildcats boys hockey team squared off against Northville at Compuware Arena and came away with a 6-3 victory.

ry. "They were a lot faster than us out there tonight," said Northville coach Brad O'Neill. "They got to the puck faster that we did and they responded faster than we did. "I was also very disappointed

"I was also very disappointed in our physical presence out there. They just outplayed us." Novi, which lost the first game between the two teams, 4-3, in overtime, capitalized on

game between the two teams, 4-3, in overline, capitalized on almost every chance they were given. They scored three times while short-handed and added a powerplay goal to their performance.

The Wildcats tallied a shorthanded goal at 12:03 in the third period to take a 4-2 lead when Northville

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puck. He bobbled it, lost it and watched as it was recovered by Novi's Tom Ciaverilla, who skated around the net and scored despite a quick Mustang defenseman who took position between the posts. Just 25 seconds later, the

Wildcats put the game away for good when sophomore Ryan Timar notched a short-handed goal by skating between two defenders and fired home an off-balance wrist shot.

off-balance wrist shot. "I'm really proud of the way we played tonight," said Dan Phelps. "We sat down and watched some tape (of the 9-0 loss to South Lyon) and we talked about what kind of team we are going to be. This is the team we selected in November. They didn't surprise me tonight, because I knew this is what they could do."

Northville scored a final goal in the third period with a powerplay of their own. Senior Pat Uetz wound up and slapped home a shot from just inside the blue line with 8:39 left on the clock for the final score of the



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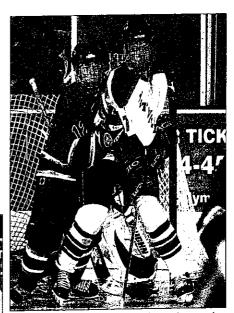
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Novi goalle Brad Clos goes airborn after a collsion with a Northville skater.

Bad Boys
 There were a few tense moments for both teams when it came to powerplays. Novi and Northville
 combined for a total of 26 penalty minutes in their game Saturday.
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rthville	Kyle Storey	3:39/First	Unsportsman
vi	Scott Eberline	3:39/First	Unsportsman
	Scott Eberline	15:55/Second	Hooking .
	Scott Eberline	11:07/Second	Hooking
hville	Brandon Wales	5:50/Second	High Stick
	Ryan Fox	3:43/Second	Unsportsman
	Rvan Fox	3:43/Second	2nd Unsportsman
	Greg Morisette	13:58/Third	High Stick
h, illa	Matt Logg	10.30/Third	Slashing



Photos by MARK HICKS/WESTSIDE PHOTO

game. Brandon Wales earned the assist.

Northville tallied the first goal of the night at 13:16 in the first period on a shot by Wales, unassisted, before Novi's Shamus Finnerty tied it up four minutes later with an assist from Andrew Haggerty. Northville added another from Derek Mohacsi at 2:20 with an assist from Tim Fick before Novi answered a minute later on a goal by captain Steve Rousseau with an assist from Ciaverilla to end the first period, 2-2. Novi notched the lone goal of

Novi notched the lone goal of the second period on a shorthanded play with 1:33 left. Timar skated in alone off a pass from Matt Ericson and fired it

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Northville Matt Long 10.30/11/11 Novi Brett Walczak 9:51/Third Northville Anthony Deneau 3:59/Third * Indicates off-setting penatties

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"We couldn't have asked for a better performance from our team," said Phelps. "We made the best out of every situation and had some great plays."

and had some great plays." Ozog took the loss. for Northville, which is now 6-3, while Novi's Brad Clos earned the win with some impressive play to help Novi to a 3-6 mark.

Sam Eggleston can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@gannett.com. 9:51/Third Holding 3:59/Third Holding



ABOVE: Northville's Corey Campbell tries to take up position in front of Novi goalie Brad Clos. Defender Greg Mortsette is preparing to clear him. LEFT: Novi's Ryan Timar tries to get a shot in for a goal while Scott Ozog defends.



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SPORTS SHORTS

Free skating event On Jan, 2 from noon-1:50 p.m., Novi lee Arena will host he "It's Great to Skate Celebration" in conjunction with the United States Figure Skating Association's Nationa Skating Month, Free skating with Learn to Skate instructors ivailable for semi-private les-ons, skate rental, games. music, skating exhibitions from members of the Skating Clubof Novi, raffles for great prizes and more will be available to all skaters during the event. National Skating Month allows for USESA member clubs and basic skills programs to reach out to new members in the community. The Skating Club of Novi and Learn to Skate Program are both housed by the Novi lee Arena, and fea-ture opportunities for skaters of

all ages and ability levels. Call the Novi Ice Arena at 248-347-1010 of visit www.noviicearena.com formore

information. Novi Arena to hold Learn

to Skate Camp over Break Novi Ice Arena will run a-Holiday Learn to Skate Camp Dec. 27-29. Classes will be held from 11-11:45 a.m. The camp is open to skaters ages 6 and up, with each group limited to just six skaters. The cost of enrollment is \$65, and skate rental is available for \$2 per day. As an added bonus, Learn to Skate camp participants are welcome to attend open skating immediately fo lowing class from noon-1:50 p.m. free of charge. Don't forget about the other skating events taking place in December at Novi Ice Arena:

the Skating Club of Novi will hold its Holiday Skating Exhibition on Saturday, Dec. 10 from noon-2 p.m., and the Skate with Santa will take place Dec. 18 from 3-4:50 pm Registration for the winter ses-sion of Learn to Skate (Jan. 4-Feb. 18) gets underway Dec 12. Bring in three canned food tems during the month of December and receive 50 per-cent off admission to public skating. All food collected will be donated to the Oakland County Food Banks! There will also be a free skating event that is open to the public Jan. 2 from ucon-1:50 p.m. in honor of United States Figure Skating's National Skating Month. Registration for the Holiday Learn to Skate Camp is under-way. For more information, call Novi lee Arena at (248) 347-

1010 or www.noviicearena.com. **Enrollment underway for**

Christmas Clinics Suburban Hockey Schools will hold various two-day Christmas Clinics for ages 6-14

at Novi Ice Arena (Dec. 22-23) and 29-30), the Onyx-Rochester Ice Arena (Dec. 22-23 and 27-30). Suburban fee facilities in East Lansing (Dec 27-30), Farmington Hills (Dec. 22-23 and 27-30) and Macomb (Dec.22-23 and 27-28). Mite Power Skating tages 6-8) will focus on balance and agility, edge control and stopping, crossovers and accelera on, as well as forward and hackward stride. Mite Puck Skills (ages 6-8) will empha

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Wednesday, Dec. 21-Friday, Dec. 23 and Monday, Dec. 26. locations, with emphasis on body checking technique, how to receive and avoid a check, angling and positioning, as Saturday, Dec. 31 and Monday, Jan. 2. There will also be two sessions, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 1 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24. well as strength on skates. The Scoring Clinic will run at the Onyx and Suburban lee-Players of all ages and ability Farmington Hills and will teach shooting, deflections, screenlevels are encouraged to come out and work on their skating and puck handling skills. No ing, rebounding and positionpick-up games will be allowed and full equipment is required. ast added to the schedule is Players will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. a Goaltending Clinic featuring former Team Canada and professional goaltender Manor Call (248) 888-1400 or visit Rheaume! Goalies ages 8-14 are welcome to sign-up for this clinic that will run at Suburban suburbanice.com.

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vill be separate. Players divid don't delay. Players who sign up for more than one clinic will ed into appropriate age groups. Total Baseball's receive a discount. For more information on classes and schedules, call Suburban Hockey Schools at Baseball/Softball Camp will feature professional instruction from Barbero Garbey, Detroit (248) 478-1600 or www.subur-Tigers former Hitting Coach, Lee Bjerke- Michigan High

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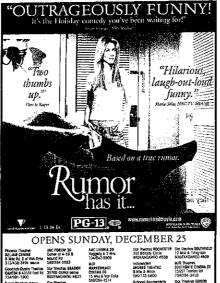
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New pre-game music, olease

Did anyone hear some of the pre-game music being played No, not the varsity team while Northville and Novi's hockey teams warmed up Saturday? To say it was dated is being kind. "The Macarena" was just a sampling He doesn't of the tunes, though it came as bit of a surprise when two Northville fans stood up and

either. Instead, he just wants to sit back and relax as the powder blue and white jerseys of the started to do the once-pop But, really, go out and buy a

next year. "We did it in conjunction Big race fan? Well, make sure you go and hit the Motor Sports Hall of Fame before they move. The Hall of Fame, scheduled to leave the old Expo Center site. isn't quite out the door just yet. Apparently the Hall of Fame great cause."

won't have a decision as to where they're going for about a month. Hopefully they stay in Novi, but who knows.

Here's to you, Rachele Geez, Niagara University is a little behind, aren't they? They

new CD, please!

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just announced the signing of Rachele Folino to the Pumle Dan Hiller leaned onto the front fender of Eagles basketball squad. The dozen - who sat in front of #25 the Christmas tree, "Do you know why you did this?" he asked. There were a few murhave a senior photo of her (something we haven't received yet!) but ours murs before one voice was heard above the rest. was packed gills with informa

"We did it for the troops," one kid said. Hiller, the general manag-Foling comed a lot of respect through the years as one of the best basketball players in the er at Suburban Chrysler Jeep, They did it for the troops. entire metro Detroit area. To cel-

ebrate her career, the basketball A group of eight-year-old hockey players. Some looked goofy in their backey instance. Some looked like they need team gave her the No. 25 jersey hockey jerseys. Some looked like they need ed a hairbrush. But all of them were there she has scored so many points and crushed so many teams while for the great cause of the holid "It means a lot to get something and to

aring. The school, however, isn't retiring the number, despite the fact she's the first-ever Division basketball player out of Novi. In our opinion, that's the last step they need to take to honor the tra-

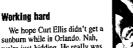
has built as Novi's top player. Low turnout

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aturday with a 6-3 win. Unfortunately, they're not going to be able to talk about it at school very much since the fan turnout for Novi vas relatively low. A few gree letter jackets and shirts could be seen here and there, but for such a big venue and such a promisin e, the Wildcats fan base was

game, the wildcars fan base was sadly smaller than it should have The hockey team gets a thu up for the way they played, but the fans get a thumbs down for their small numbers and lack of luster even with three short-han ed goals scored by the 'Cats.



Thursday, December 22, 2005-NOVI NEWS 31 The house that Stanfords built Varsity Ford in Ann Arbor) di

Shamrocks football team plays their games in the house Varsity

> the car dealership. Mike Stanford doesn't want to talk dollar amounts when it comes to how much he and his brother, Lou, paid to build the football field at Catholic Central High School in Novi. He doesn't want any extra phone calls asking him to pitch in for someone else's project

Shamrocks work their way toward another playoff berth

with Ford Motor Company," Stanford said of the undertak ing. "They're local, right next to the dealership, and it's a Stanford, who owns and

Avenue, wouldn't know what it's like to be a Shamrock. He

Sam Eggleston

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Catholic Central's field is one of the premier locations in the area to play. Michael and Maxwell, have had Maxwell is a freshman who went to school at Dearborn

get the letters," said their coach, Rick Shepard, He served in the U.S. Navy and was in the first Gulf War. "It's

lonely this time of year and it

helps to know people are think-ing about you." The kids and their families

went out and bought gifts off

Gratitude, a web site dedicated

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At Suburban Chrysler Jeep, localed on

Haggerty Road and Grand River Avenue, the kids piled presents and brought money

ing World War II.

operates Varsity Lincoln-Mercury on the corner of Wixom Road and Grand River Fordson. His two brothers, the pleasure. Michael, who now Hank and Lou, went to Sacred Heart before it closed its doors. But Stanford's two children,

donned football pads this year. But his sons weren't the rea-son Stanford did what he did. attends Northwood University, was a golfer the year the Shamrocks won the state title. "Lou and Hank (who own

Ice Cats supporting America's soldiers, Christmas 'You've all done such a wonderful job," what color they wanted. The Jeep trademark is one of the most recognizable on the road even today. It has said Hiller. "Because you did such a great hing, we re going to give \$1,000 to the USO (United Service Organizations). That's going to help the troops and we're going to been associated with soldiers at home and abroad for over six decades. Now, it's asso

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ciated with the kids who cheer for those give it to them in your name." And it's quite the name: The '97 Novi Ice troops. "These kids did a wonderful thing," said Cats. Red and black and white jerscys with a snarling bobcat on the front. The kids, unde-Hiller. "We're happy to have been able to help them do it." And the kids did more than make somefeated as a team on the ice, were hardly as

one smile with an unexpected gift --- they learned the importance of giving over the holidays, too

the same thing for Ann Arbor Pioneer High School," Stanford said. "They put in the field over

there in conjunction with Ford

It's a great outreach project and

it's worthwhile. Not to mention

it's a great community gesture." Though Stanford said it can

put in a turf field, he said the

come is definitely worth it

He watched his son at the reshman level this fall and

made it to a few home games

after work when the varsity

squad played. Stanford said he would have

loved to have been a Shamrock

"I've always liked what CC stood for," he said. "There are

so many good schools in Michigan, including some of

CC's biggest rivals, but there is

such a great cross-section of kids here from varied back-

"Sure, there are students who

come from families with a few

bucks, but at the same token

there are some who come from

a family that forgoes something

on a daily basis to pay tuition

It's America in a lin can, from

top to bottom, middle to side."

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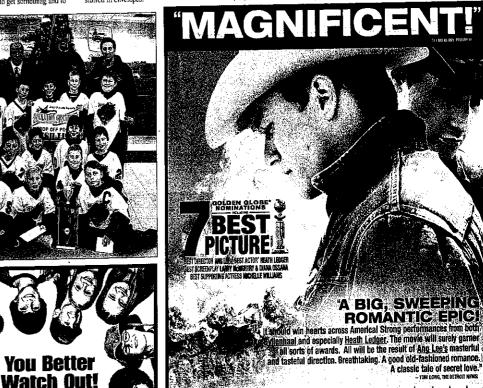
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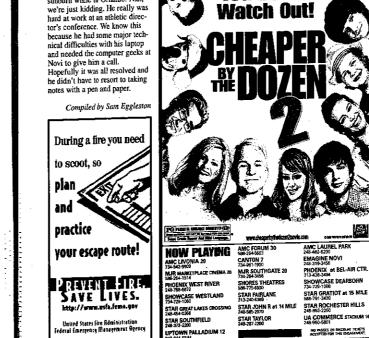
menacing. They were all smiles. "It's such a great thing," said Shepard, "It'n very excited with the response we go from the kids and their families, It's impo From the Ice Cats to the troops serving tant that they appreciate the military and I wanted to help them learn that." Hiller played the role of gift-giver him-self, handing out hats with pink, black or this country overseas, Merry Christmas to all and the most pleasant New Year from all of us at the Novi News green brims with the Jeep logo splashed Sam Eggleston can be reached at (248) 349-

across the front. They were popular presents and Hiller was just short of letting out a full 1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@gan "ho, ho, ho" as the kids excitedly c









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Novi's Tom Claverilla brings the puck up the ice against Northville Saturday.

Oh captain, my captain

Novi's Tom Ciaverilla more than just team leader

By Courtney Ratkowiak PORTS INTER

Thomas Ciaverilla isn't "midget" anymore. As a 5-fuot-4-inch, 115pound sophomore center, Ciaverilla earned his nickname pound

by being the smallest athlete on the Novi varsity hockey team. Two years later, the 5-11 senior co-captain has grown into his leadership role while teammates

look up to him as an example of intensity and dedication. Ciaverilla's hockey career began at the age of seven. Before playing for the Wildcats Before playing for the WildCats varsity team, he won three state and two national championships in three years as a member of the Farmington Hills Fire travel team. After joining the Novi team in the tenth grade, he led the team in points during his junior year. This season junior year. This season, hopes to eventually finish through cipht games, he has strong in the KVC, win region-cipht goals and six assists. Is, and advance to the state In his first year as a co-cap-tournament – a goal that he has

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als, and advance to the state tournament – a goal that he has never achieved as a member of tain. Ciaverilla feels that the precedents and traditions of past the varsity team. most influenced with the said, "Our (3-5) record the captains doesn't reflect how our team is captains have most influenced his leadership abilities. "Usually,

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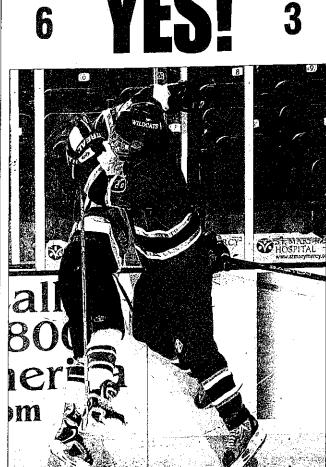
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(Ciaverilla, Ryan Fox, and doing. We've been playing good Steve Rousseaut) will get togeth-er and talk about what we're capitalizing on our opportuni-going to do, a team speech, ites. We're inconsistent, and before the game," he said. "We we're trying to work that out, trying to come to the rink with up and ready. During practice, the same serve other revery day we iner trying the come to the rink with the same them instead of ervery other reame." just try to get the team pumped up and ready. During practice, we just try and keep them focused. instead of every other game." To have a satisfying senior season, Ciaverilla knows that his team will have to achieve a "I just try to set a good example, a prime example, coming to the rink and working hard every day and trying to lead the team." Although he considers hock-ey his main sport, Ciaverilla is a consistent, maximum team

effort. "It was a heartbreaker, seeing "It was a heartbreaker, seeing the seniors all upset after losing [last season] in the regional member of the Novi varsity golf and baseball teams and enjoys playing roller hockey in the offgame, seeing how they wouldn't be able to play Novi hockey anymore and how much it meant season. He hopes to study business at Central Michigan or Oakland University but is unsure if he will pursue a colleto them," he said. "it reflects on me and shows how much this year's going to mean to me, how much it has to As the team begins the second half of the season, Ciaverilla hopes to eventually finish mean to me. I just have to work as hard as I can so that I have no

Blue regrets at the end of the season. Courtney Ratkowiak is a sports intern for the Novi News. Comments can be directed to the sports depart-ment at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.



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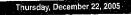
Novi senior Kyle Mouch slams a Northville player into the glass. Novi, the underdog in the contest, won, 6-3.

> LEFT: Novi Wildcat defenseman Mike Arnold fires a hard slapshot during the game against Northville. RIGHT: Dan Phelps talks with one of his assistant coaches during the third period against ્રંત્ર Northville last Saturday

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FOOD



Filet Mignon With Cabernet Potato Butter Sauce 6 (7-ounce) Omaha Steaks Filet Mignons, grilled

auce: 2 teaspoons plus 1 pound unsatted butter, divided 1/4 cup finely minced shallots 3 cups Cabernet Sanvignon (about one 750ml bottie)

1/2 cup dry Idahoan Buttery Homestyle Mashed Pota style Mashed Potatoe 1 teaspoon kosher solt

I. In small stainless steel saucepan, place 2 teaspoons butter aud shallots. Sauté briefly, until shallots are transparent.

 Add wine.
 Over high heat, reduce liquid by half (cooking about 10 minutes).4. Reduce heat to low and stir in dry mashed potatoes. Cook and stir 1 minute

5. Cut 1 pound butter into 1/2-ounce

cubes.
6. Over low heat, add butter cubes to sauce 1 at a time while continually whisking. If sauce gets too hot and starts to get thin or separate, add more butter cubes to cool it down. If sauce

butter cubes to cool if down. It sauce starts to cool down and get thick, let it heat up before adding another cube. Keep between 100°-120°F. 7. Season with salt. 8. Serve immediately over grilled steaks or hold at 100°-120°F in double boiler. Complete the meal with Green Beans With Butter and Lemon (recipe below) olwo recorrect lablocn medical patiences plus prepared Idahoan mashed potatoes using remainder of the pouch for the sauce, with one additional pouch. Yield: 6 servings

Green Beans With Butter and Lemon

Pinch of baking soda 1 1/2 pounds fresh green beans,

I/2 poinds from grein brans, ends snipped I/4 pound butter I/2 cup dleed (3/8 inch) red pepper Julce and zest of 2 lemons 1 teaspoon sea salt

 In boiling water with pinch of baking soda, cook green beans to desired domeness. 2. Drain beans, then toss with butter, rec pepper, lemon juice, lemon zest and sea salt. Serve jumediately.

Yield: 6 servings

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These delicious recipes look and taste like you've been in the kitchen for hours, but don't worry, we won't tell your secret. They're created by using versatile patty staples — including potches of 100% Idaho mashed potatoes (so you don't have to spend time peeling), and a forzen asset you'll always want keep on hand — grain-fed, well-marbled, tender Midwestern beef. With these items, you can make almost any night "secredity sime".

"secretly simple." y simple." Everyone loves appetizers that feel like party food — these savory mushroom caps are perfect to pass around as the meal is cooking. Or, for those really chilly nights, serve creamy roasted garlie potato soup. Your family will surely ohh and ath as you present them with the

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hot filet mignons, drizzled

with wine sauce and served with festive green beans and the classic

margarine or olive oll 3 tablespoons chopped chives, divided 3/4 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 450°F.
 Prepare mashed potatoes as package directs.
 Remove stems from mushrooms; then them and att aride.

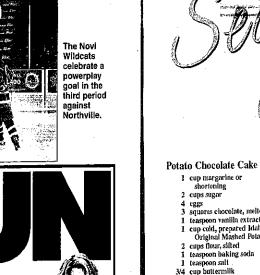
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Potato-Stuffed Mushrooms

1 (4-ounce) pouch Idahoan Four Cheese Mushed Potatoes 12 large or 18 medium mushrooms

3 tablespoons butter.

chop stems and set aside. 4. Carefully scoop out center of each mushroom cap with spoon, leaving 1/2-inch shell. 5. Melt butter in 10-inch skillet over medium heat. Add chopped mush-room stems and cook 3 minutes or



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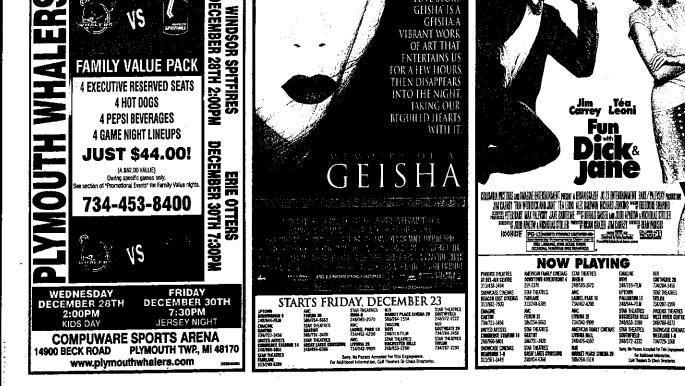
2 cups flour, sifted 1 teaspoon baking soda 1 teaspoon salt 3/4 cup buttermilk 1 tub chocolate frosting Preheat oven to 375°F. 2. Cream together margarine (shortening and sugar. Beat it eggs one at a time 3. Stir in melted chocolate and

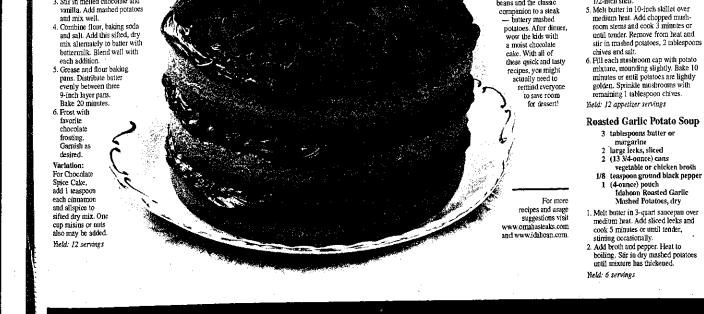
FAMELY FEATURES EDITORIAL SYNDICATE Tith the hustle and bustle of the holidays, it can feel It the days, even weeks, go by without sitting down to dimer with your family. Endec them back to the table this holiday season, with a meal that is elegant enough to serve to company, but simple enough to prepare for the family on a busy weeknight



Wrestling Varsity Dearborn/Wayne Memorial 5 p.m. Home Away St. Johns Tournament Junior Varsity Home Dearborn/Wayne Memorial Away Milan JV Tournament Brother Rice Away







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ADVERTISEMENT **Allstate Offers** Christmas Tree Safety Tips For A **Brighter Holiday**

Wixom, Mich., December 22, 2005 For many people, decorating the Christmas tree is a favorite part of the holiday and adds to the spirit of Christmas. However, with the addi tion of a Christmas tree to your home, the risk of fire and other household accidents increases. Each year, home fires and other accidents during the holiday season injure 2,000 individuals and cause over \$500 million in damage

"There are simple life-saving step you can take to ensure a safe and happy holiday," says Allstate Agent Louis Kirby. "By following these Louis Kirby. "By following these steps, individuals can greatly reduce their chances of becoming a holiday

Allstate Insurance Co. and the National Safety Council offer the following safety rips to ensure a fire or other accident doesn't spoil your holiday season:

Christmas trees

EA real tree can fill your home with beauty and the scent of pine. But a real tree can also pose a fire hazard. Select a fresh tree by looking for one that is green. The needles of pines and spruces should bend and not break nd should be hard to pull off the branches. With fir trees, a needle pulled from a fresh tree will snap when bent, much like a fresh carrot Also, look for a trunk sticky with sap.

2 Cut off about two inches of the trunk and put the tree in a sturdy, water-holding stand, Keep the stand filled with water so the tree does not dry out quickly.

3 Stand your tree away from fire places, radiators and other heat sources. Make sure the tree does not block foot traffic or doorways.

4 If you use an artificial tree, choose one that is tested and labeled as fire resistant. Artificial trees with built-in electrical systems should have the Underwriters Laboratory (UL) label.

Tree lights Turn off all lights on trees and decorations when you go to hud or leave the house

Tree ornaments

I Always use the proper step stool or ladder to reach high places.

2 Read labels before you use materials that come in jars, cans and spray cans.

3 Never place lighted candles on a tree or near any flammable materials.

4 Avoid placing breakable tree ornaments or ones with small, detachable parts on lower branches where small children or pets can reach them.

5 Do not hang popcorn chains and candy canes on the tree when small children are present. They may think that other tree ornaments are also edi-

For more information on this and other safery topics, contact Allstate Agent Louis Kirby, located at 49357 Pontiac Trail, Suite 103 in Wixom. Louis can be reached at 248-669-0755



Restaurant offers authentic Mexican food

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Drop by for a chimichanga and a fun night out

By Kate Phillips CIAL WRITER

After one bite of the food at La Casa del Rio Grande customers aever go back to chain restaurants. The authentic Mexican flavor at La Casa is nothing like other restau-rants, which often serve spicy Tex-Mex. The food recipes were actu-ally imported directly from Central and Southern Mexico.

"There's nowhere else in the area to get this type of food," said owner Dawn Salvati, "It's real Mexican food, not Americanized Tex-Mev

Try a bite

La Casa del Rio Grande offers something for every member of the family. It serves lunch and dinner seven days a week. There are a variety of Mexican appetizers, lunch and dinner specials, unique desserts and a full-service bar.

Lunch specials offered Monday through Friday include favorites like Mexican Pizza, It's made with two fried flour tortillas with a choice of meats inside and topped with cheese and vegetables. "The food is not overly spicy or hot but we'll make it hot upon

request," said Salvati. The restaurant is home to sever-

al groups of regulars who like the tast lunch-time service. For those tooking for a quick lunch, Salvati suggests calling in orders ahead of time. Those who place phone orders can pick up, carry-out or

dine in the restaurant. "Your meals will be on the table waiting for you when you arrive," said Salvati, Of all the appetizers, a customer favorite is the Mexican flaming

cheese — without the fire. The restaurant has also brought back a winter time favorite, the chicken tortilla soup. The hearty chicken soup includes black beans and

Party down

whole family."

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casual," said Salvati. "You can dress up if you want, but you can come as you are and bring the

With free chips and salsa, the

The dining room keeps the

fun starts as soon as the family

atmosphere moving with festive Mexican music, while the bar plays classic rock. It was the cus-

tomers who came up with the

The community is invited to come home from the holidays, to the home on Grand River, which in

Spanish is called La Casa del Rio

Grande. The restaurant is open on Christmas Eve and New Year's

But no one needs a refresher

course in Spanish, because the menu explains everything in English. The staff is glad to help

folks find their way around the menu and make a dinner choice.

Affordable pricing makes La asa del Rio Grande a great place

Casa del Rio Grande a great place to bring the entire family. Adult dinners average about \$7.50 and

kids meals are \$3.50, including

musical preferences.

vegetables. The selection of entrees features robuters, fajitas, ables chimichanga platters, fajitas, enchiladas and buritos.

"We have the best fajitas around," said Salvati.

Pedro's stacked sandwich is another recommended dish. It starts with three flour tortillas lay-ered with rice, refried beans and your choice of tender diced pork, shredded beef or chicken. It's topped with melted muenster

cheese and jalepenos by request. Another favorite is the seafood salad, a fresh garden salad topped with shrimp, crab meat, avocados, tomatoes, onions, olives and tomatoes, onions, olives and muenster cheese. On Monday there is dine-in all-

you-can-cat taco special for \$7.25 Hungry guests can order up as many tacos as they like, filled with ground beef, shredded beef, chicken or traditional bean and potato. Some try one of each. For only Stante uy one of each for only \$8.25 chefs will fry up soft flour tortillas into erispy taco shells for the all-you-can-eat-special. "The flour tacos are absolutely

amazing," said Salvati. Since plenty of people can't choose just one item, sampler platters provide a taste of several. A Don Pedro sampler comes with a ground beef taco, enchilada, ground beef, shredded beef flauta, ground beef tostada, beans and rice. Or the Rio Grande sampler includes a chicken taco, ground beef enchilada, small pork



The bar at La Casa Del Rio Grande

dessert The restaurant is happy to accommodate special requests and allergy concerns. No lard or chick-en stock is used in the beans and rice to provide a vegetarian friend experience.

Most items are easily adaptable to a low carbohydrate diet. "Mexican food is great for low carb diets," said Salvati. "You just

ve to cut down the beans, rice and tortillas. The restaurant also offers smoke free nights in the dining room on Friday and Saturday. On those nights patrons are allowed to smoke in the bar or on the patio when weather permits,

Special nights

Families pack the place on clown night. A side-splitting clown known as Jannie Annie entertains the kids and the adults, too. Jannie Annie is coming Dec. 17, Jan. 14, Feb. 18 and March 18, from 6 to 8 p.m. Children enjoy the \$2.99 kids

days meals. For adults looking for a night out, La Casa del Rio Grande stocks a full-service bar with a large selection of both American and Mexican beer. Happy hour prices run on beer and alcoholic drinks from 3 to 7 p.m. daily. There are always running beer specials. In December Labatt and

also ongoing mixed drink specials. Wednesday and Sunday are "margarita days" with all house margarita at happy hour prices. The Spyder margarita is Salvati's own secret recipe, made with eitrus tequila.

There's even Spyder parties to celebrate every month. The next spyder party is coming up Dec. 21 from 6 to 9 p.m. The Spyder mar-garita is specially priced at \$4.50, plus bar items, like T-shirts, arc

iven away as prizes. Check out the Web site at riogrande-restaurant.com for more information on special 'promo-tions. Diners can also sign up for an e-mail club to receive a free din-ner on their birthday and wedding anniversary plus buy one, get one half off coupons. To join go to theemailelub.com/riogrande.

A family effort

Owner Dawn Salvati actually operates the restaurant in the home where she lived as a child. Her father bought it more than 35 years ago. New Hudson is Salvati's beloved hometown, through and through.

After operating Don Pedro's Restaurant in Detroit with ex-hus-band Tom Salvati, she saw how much folks loved the food, and decided that New Hudson would be the perfect place to open anoth-



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decided to transform the building into a homestyle restaurant, hence the Spanish name for "the house on Grand River.

The food at Don Pedro's and La Casa del Rio Grande is the same, so many loyal customers drive out to La Casa now that Don Pedro's has closed.

Most of the staff are family members of some sort, including Salvati's mother and two daughters, Samantha and Carmen. "It's a small-town family atmos-

AT A GLANCE

Photos by HAL GOULD

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