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Emergency room technician Sheena Thompson (left) and registered nurse Elizabeth Michalika work together to re-stock Novi Providence Park Hospital's Level I trauma room. The hospital's emergency department has seen a higher number of visitors than expected since it opened.

Providence Park on track for first-year projections

This is the final installment in a scries featuring the St. John Health Providence Park campus in Novi. BY KELLY MURAD STAFF WRITER

As tomorrow marks the threemonth anniversary of Providence Park Hospital's official grand open ing, the Novi facility has reached 60 percent of its targeted bed capacity.
"We opened with just under 100

beds and now we're at 120," said Dr. Michael Wiemann, executive vice president of the Providence (west) region. "Our ultimate target is 200 beds, which we should achieve in the March time frame."

Wiemann is president of Providence Hospital in Southfield and accepted the regional role in July, overseeing the St. John Health west region, which includes the Southfield location, Novi's Providence Park Hospital and Brighton Hospital.

PROVIDENCE PARK CAMPUS

The 500,000-square-foot hospital is just one piece of Novi's Providence Park Campus, which is surrounded by a 1.6-mile serene path for walking or biking through the natural woods and wetlands of the property. The 200-acre campus is composed of six separate buildings, including the existing medical center, the Assarian Cancer Center, Providence Park Hospital, the Novi Orthopaedic Center (including The Bone and Joint Surgery Center of Novi), the Neurosciences institute and Park Medical Office building, and Staybridge Suites hotel. Once complete, total employment on the campus is projected to be about 2,000.

With the departure of former Providence Park Hospital President Rob Casalou in September, Wiemann

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An orderly wheels a cart down the hallway of

Novi loses longtime restaurateur, friend

STAFF WRITER

Karen Hyland, wine buyer of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro in Novi, laughs as she recalls the famous words longtime Novi res-

taurateur Tom Brady spoke to his staff at the end of a shift.

"Go straight home," she said.
Brady, a Milford resident, died last Tuesday, with his family around him after battling lung

Now, at the end of his shift

Brady's battle is over. "Go straight home," he would say. Diamond Jim Brady's was origi-nally located in Detroit at Seven Mile and Greenfield roads where Tom's father, Jim Brady, began the business in 1954. The restaurant moved to Southfield in 1978 before coming to its current location in the Novi Town Center in 1991.

"Tom used to call himself a dinosaur in the restaurant busines said Hyland, who began working at the Southfield location about 30 at the Southfield location about 30 years ago. "We were one hig family. He was a very generous employer, going above and beyond what a normal employer would do."

Brady is survived by Mary, his

soul mate and wife of 23 years.
"They are partners through and through," Hyland said. "They complimented each other and supported each other. They were a well-molded team."

Hyland said Mary, who is a cer-tified executive chef, ran the back of the house operations, while Tom handled the front of the house.

"He was the consummate host. He knew everybody's name as they walked through the door," she said. "He knew everybody's business, but on the other hand, business, but on the other hand, he was a very private person. He wouldn't burden you with his aches and pains. Even after he was getting sick, he would say 'every-thing's fine."

Brady underwent surgery in July to remove cancer found in his lungs and began a series of daily preventative treatments in September. He learned of the disease during a CAT scan last May, just a few months after the restau-

rant became non-smoking. Hyland remembers Tom work-ing as recently as three weeks ago. "Tom only had one rule and that



FILE PHOTO BY JOHN HEIDER

Mary and Tom Brady, owners of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro in Novi, celebrate their restaurant's anniversary.

was when you walk through the door, leave your troubles behind," she said. "If he was questioned, he would share, but he didn't want to dwell on it (the cancer)." A staple in the Novi community for 17 years, Tom will be greatly

"He wasn't just loved by employ-ees, but patrons alike," Hyland

Tom is also survived by his chil-dren Mary Beth (Don Hegarty) Brady, Erin (Kurt) Harlow and Tommy Brady; and his brothers and sisters Lawrence (Joy) Brady, Colleen (Charles) Batcheller, Patrick (Joyce) Brady, Matthew (Elizabeth) Brady, the late Dr. Robert Brady and Dorothy Brady.

Tom was a proud grandfather Samuel, Michaela and Alex, although reluctant to admit to his age. "If you look at his obituary (his

age) was left out," Hyland said.
"But I think it was done on purpose, because if you asked Tom, he was always 39."

Visitations were at the O'Brien/ Sullivan Funeral Home Sunday and Monday, and the funeral service was Tuesday at St. Mary Church in Milford.

In Lieu of flowers, donations were made to The Capuchin Soup Kitchen, www.cskdetroit. org, or Hospice of Southeastern

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Coney Island wait staff donates tips for tots

BY KELLY MURAD STAFF WRITER

Employees of the National Coney Island raised \$750, plus toys, for Toys for Tots Monday, at the Novi location on Beck Road. just south of Pontiac Trail.

From 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., five waitresses dressed in Marine Corps T-shirts, basically worked for free, collecting tips and toys for children in need

"The girls wanted to do this for the kids and were willing to donate all their tips for the day to Toys for Tots," said the restaurant's general manager Frank Fulgenzi.

Toys for Tots is a non-profit organization whose goal is to collect new, unwrapped toys each year, to be distributed as Christmas gifts to needy children

in the community.

Of the about 20 locations in metro Detroit, the Novi National Coney Island was the only store to host a Toys for Tots charity

"The Marine Corps Reserves have been supporting the (Toys for Tots) foundation since 1948, said Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Martin of the 1st Battalion 24th Marine division of Sclfridge. "It's a great thing that this coney island is

willing to raise donations.

The philanthropic idea arose from full-time employee

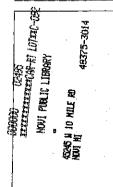
Stephanie Rosa. "There was a time a single mom, that I needed some help from Toys for Tots. It's time to give back," said Rosa, mother of three. "It's hard times. A lot of

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Staff members of Novi's National Coney Island, Conner Kimberly Shiminsky and Carol Hough, drop

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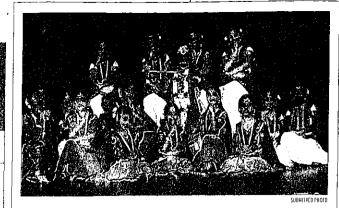
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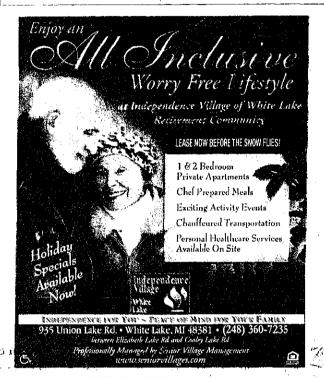
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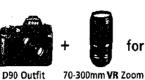
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KENNETH ROY

late Kenneth and June (Sigman) Butterfield on May 28, 1947. He was a building engineer for 13 years for the South Lyon Schools. Ken is survived by his beloved wife of 35 years Joyce (Rice) Butterfield; daughter Heidi Butterfield; sister Barbara Herter; and two nieces: Barbie Tyler) Mieske and Donna Frickson Of Novi. Passed away November 29, 2008 at the age of 88, Beloved hus-



wishes to thank the staff and cominstrumental in making Novi into a city. Mr. Harrawood was a charter Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for heir loving care and support. In lieu of the Novi Rotary Club District Governor for Rotary District Number may be made to South Lyon Gardens, The Capuchin Fathers, or St. Joseph

JOYCE HARE

Age 82, passed away October 15.



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RICHARD NEEDHAM

Age 79. of Rogers City, formerly of Milford, passed away on November 21, 2008. He is survived by list dear children. Diane Needham, Dennis (Mary) Needham, Ellen (Tim) Stanceka, Richard (Lana) Meedham, Lebo Meadham, Capabilidren, Eria Governor for Rotary Olstrick Number 638. A charter member of the Farmington Elks Lodge, a charter member of St John's Lutheran Church Farmington, Past President of the Novi Chamber of Commerce. Leo served as the illustrious Potentale of the Mosler Temple and vas a member of the Walled Lake Masonic Lodge. He was the Online One of the Standard the One of Nichmoor os station John Needham: Grandchildren: Erin the Standard Oil/Amoco gas station on Grand River & Novi Road for 44 years. He was also the owner of the BP station at Novi Road and 12 mile. He was the co-owner of Shirley Cash Realty of Novi, Owner Founder of





EVAN MICHAEL MCCORD

Of Milford, died at home in Milford or long, courageous struggle with depression. He was 18 years old. Beloved son of Parnela and Michael Beloved son of Parmeia and Michael McCord. Dear prandson of Tom (Lillian) Gordon of White Lake, the late Mary Janet and Malcolm Christian McCord. Dear nephew of Joseph T. (Marie) Gordon, Todd (Christine) Gordon, and Malcolm Christian (Jeanne) McCord. Allogane McCord. Allogane Christian (Jeanne) McCord. Allogane McCord. Allogane Christian (Jeanne) McCord. Allogane (Jeanne) McC many cousins and dear friends. A Funeral Service was held November 25 at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home,

WALTER "UNCLE WALLY"

PYLES

Age 73, passed away November 20, 2008. He was born on May 14, 1935, to the late Roy 6, and Thelma (Frey) Pyles. He served in the United States Air Force for over 37 years and was a Chief Master Sergeant. He was very active in a variety of community organizations including the Givil Aratro, Pumpkinflest. Kirwanis, and the Parks and Recreation Oept. Walter is survived by its children Eric Lindal) Age 73 of Millford, passed away at his home on November 15, 2008. He is survived by his children Enc (Linda) Purity et al. (Shawn) McBride: he is survived by his children Enc (Linda) Pyrise, Carolyn (Shawn) McBride:



John Needham: Grandchildren. Etin
(Scott), Milke, Jessica, and Lacie:
great-grandchildren Alexis and
Aulumm and longtime friend Setsuko
(Shorty') Bey. He was preceded in
death by his granddusphiler, the late
Christy (d. 1996). A Funeral Service
was held November 24, 2008
at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Millford
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www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com a pulmonary embolism. She was the owner of the Sportsman Shop in Glen Arbor MI. She was a figure skating instructor in the Detroit area for over 20 years. Internment was in

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NOVI CITY COUNCIL MEETING NOTEBOOK

· Council unanimously approved a contract with Municipal Web Services to ost and maintain the City sites and intranet Web site for three years with two renewal options in one-year increments. Municipal Web Services has been operating the city's Web sites for the past nine years. The annua contract is \$64,239, with \$60,770 approved in the 2008-09 fiscal year bud get, Councilman Bob Gatt questioned the important of video streaming, which accounts for 22 percent of the cost. Community relations manager Sheryl Walsh said live meetings receive 1.800 hits a month, archived council meeting videos receive 1,600 hits a month and archived video programs for Channel The three Web sites cityofnovi.org, investnovi.org and eWeb, are accessed by as

month. The contract begins Dec. 12 and ends Dec. 11, Caren Collins, executive director of the Southwest

month who request more than 200,000 page views per

ing a kid wake up at Christmas with no present isn't very

Fulgenzi said customers who brought an unwrapped toy for donation, received a free coney, and all donations are going to benefit local children. The staff chose to host the

event on a Monday to target a number of their regulars and ousiness professionals "Monday is one of our busi

than normal," Fulgenzi said

"We expect to see the

St. John Health invested

\$229 million into the stateof-the-art hospital, which is located on the southwest cor-

ner of Beck Road and Grand

est hospital I've ever seen."

Wiemann said. "The hospital

is a beautiful place, but it's

really designed for patient safety and the delivery of

oriented with the new computer technology, as well as meeting the hospital's needs in terms of staff and equip-ment are some of the chal-

lenges they have faced at rovidence Park. "It's been challenging but

fun," he said. "There is a

try in health care workers,

tions for all our positions." While St. John Health is

becoming acclimated to its

Novi facility, other health

systems such as Beaumont

but we've been pleased as to how we've readily staffed up. We've had abundant applica-

high quality care."

with the Novi facility. "It's been very gratify-ing to see how the city has embraced the hospital," he said. "The City of Novi and surrounding areas - that population is large enough that it needs a full-service, tertiary care hospital. We see the city is vibrant and growing, and we're going to grov right along with it."

Novi Economic Development Manager Ara l'opouzian said Providence Park is one of the most high quality hospital develop-

ments in the region. "St. John Providence (Park) is a shining star," he said.
"This will pull from a greater region than just Novi."
Wiemann said in its first

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he greatest fear the Chinese government has is social unrest among the masses.

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People's Republic of China, recently

said that labor unrest caused by the

bleak economy is his country's "top

are clearly inextricably linked.

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Oakland Cable Commission presented council with an annual report. Plante & Moran gave a "clean opinion" of the commission's financial report SWOCC Studios provides production for the local government and public access chan of Novi's government access channel, which airs shows such Novi and The Briefing Room,

the city's street system in the Tollgate Ravines subdivisions. near Meadowbrook and 13 City of Novi accept Burroughs Avenue, Clemens Circle, Crane Way, Holmes Road, Wolfe Pass and Steinbeck Glen within Thoreau Ridge, Eastman Trail

Cosmeil meeting notes were taken from the Dec. 1 regular meeting of the Novi City Council, Mayor David Landry was absent, Next meeting: 6 n.m. Dec. 15 at the Novi Civic

Fulgenzi also tried to attract customers through advertising and by offering coupons only valid Dec. I.

ive," Rosa said. "All the girls were gung ho to do it. It was Once customers found out

what the tips were going toward, they would leave \$20, Rosa said. "I praise the ladies here

PROVIDENCE

Section 300 births.

"It is really off to a terrific start. It's about what we pre-dicted in terms of births," he said, noting they projected 1,200 in the first year. "We're seeing a significantly higher volume of ambulatory visits now that the hospital is open, versus the free standing ergency department. We're averaging about 100-110 emergency visits a day." Wiemann said typi-

cal emergency room visits include heart attacks, strokes cases in adults and children.

cases anytime," he said. "We haven't seen that surge yet, but we are anticipating it.' Challenges

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The frustration and anger in

percent in many of our hard-pressed Deng Xiaoping opened China to the world 30 years ago. Given the toxic world economy, China, the "factory to the world," is hitting the brakes. urban and rural areas. People are not only losing their jobs – they are losing Many of its people, like middle class Americans, are getting slammed against the windshield. Close to home, soup kitchens and food pantries are seeing the demand for their services sky rocket. People

will rival the Great Depression of the Michigan and America is at a raging Rest assured, if you are out of work little jiggler on my grandma's pres-

and fear losing your home - it is a

depression.

Many believe the true unem-

ployment number in Michigan is

approaching depression levels of 25

Tom Watkins is an education and busines: consultant in the U.S. and China. He served the state of Michigan as State Superintendent of Schools from 2001-2005. Read his internationally recognized report: The New can be reached at:tdwatkins@aol.

sure cooker, letting off just enough steam to keep the pot from blowing. The holiday season is going to bring

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and University of Michigan hospitals are facing challeng-es with the economy. "We're not immune to (the economic troubles), we just prepared for them and feel we are very well positioned for the future," Wiemann said, explaining St. John Health underwent extensive

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Mile roads, Singh Development Company has requested the and Hemingway Drive in Tollgate Ravines; as public. many as 110,000 visitors each

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"Everyone's been so support

that are giving up their tips," Martin said. "They are giving up their daily wages to help support needy kids this holiday

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The cast of the Novi Theatres' production of "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe" prepares for its upcoming

are battling to try and free

Narnia from always being winter, but never Christmas

third time the Novi Theatre

has done this production in

mpressed with the sets and

costumes. Tickets for "The Lion, The

Witch and The Wardrobe" are \$12 for adults and \$10

for children and seniors. To

purchase tickets, visit www.

Novi Civic Center at 45175 W. 10 Mile Road.

For more information call

cityofnovi.org or the Novi

Parks office located in the

Sorrentino said this is the

Novi theater transforms into magical land of Narnia

Adults and children alike are invited to join the Novi Theatres as it steps into the vardrobe and visits the magical land of Narnia Dec. 12-14. With the success of "The Chronieles of Narnia" movies. community members should

expect a large turnout for the four productions of "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe" at the Novi Civic The popularity for the story has definitely increased with the incredible mov-

ies," said director, Lauren Sorrentino, Novi Theatres Eastpointe.
It's a big, wonderful, creative arts and education coordinator. "The interest in this show was huge, we had 80 children audition. because it does have some Sorrentino said the film and the play follow the same

children who find their way to the fantastical land of 'THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE' Narnia through a wardrobe. There is conflict with an evil White Witch who the children 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12

2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Dec. 13 All netformances inside the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road

The single cast is made up of 49 children, ages 7-18, from Novi. Northville, Farmington, South Lyon, West Bloomfield and one actor Sorrentino said comes all the way from

extravagant production," she said. "It's a good seasonal story. We chose this play holiday overtones, but it's not only about Christmas." Set in World War II, "The

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Novi residents touched by son's spirit of giving

Gene and Mary Drafta recession, thought it best to

wait until next year. "We were waiting until 2009. to see how the economy would e," said Gene Drafta. But thanks to Tom Holzer Ford, the Novi Parks Foundation and the Drafta's son, Ron, 2009 came

After purchasing three raffle tickets at the Michigan 50's Festival in July, Novi resident Ron Drafta's name Foundation's annual gala Nov. 8 in the grand-prize drawing for a pre-paid lease on a vehicl from Tom Holzer Ford. And since the 52-year-old

resident recently purchased a 2009 Mercury Mariner, he chose to give the vehicle to his parents. "Our son actually won the

Gene said. "We were planning on buying a Fusion anyway."

The couple has been driving a 1998 and a 2002 Ford Taurus and were looking to replace one of the vehicles with a Ford Fusion, which they selected for

its size and gas mileage. "It's black, with charcoal interior and leather heated seats," Mary said. "That really impressed me." As a former employee of Ford

18 years, and she is especially for 38 years, Gene couldn't be happier with the vehicle selec-"I think it's great, we really appreciate it," Mary said. "I think it's so nice that the

Holzers donated the lease In memory of the late Ton Holzer, the Farmington Hills dealership donates a vehicle exchange for naming rights to one of the baseball diamonds at Fischer said about 400 raffle



Buzzy Holzer, of Tom Holzer Ford in Farmington Hills hands Novi residents Gene and Mary Drafta the keys to a 2009 Ford Fusion, which was won



Gene and Mary Drafta, of Novi, are congratulated by Novi Parks Foundation year, pre-paid lease on a Ford Fusion from Tom Holzer Ford.

Ella Mae Power Park. Parks Foundation treasurer Justin Fischer said this was year naming rights agreement between Tom Holzer Ford and During a six-month span

board members. (248) 349-1700, Ext. 263

tickets were sold at a vari-

ety of venues including Fall

for Novi, the Michigan 50's

and through Parks Foundation

Ringing in the Holidays

The City of Novi is hosting its

annual Ringing in the Holidays event from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5 on Main Street, south of

Grand River Avenue and cast of Novi Road. The free commu

nity event includes the Electric

Light Parade, Jingle Bell Jog, food sampling, live music, Santa

photos, marshmallow roast-

ng, arts and crafts and more

Derek Smith at (248) 347-0474

NOVI BRIEFLY

The Novi Concert Band will celebrate the holiday season with two free performances. The first performance will take Road in Farmington; and the second at 6 p.m. Dec. 14 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10

Novi Concert Band

Holiday ornaments for

special holiday keepsake ornaments Saturday, Dec. 13 at the

The nurnose of the one true God.

Novi Civic Center, Register at www.cityofnovi.org; \$10 for Novi residents and \$15 for non-residents. For more Sorrentino at (248) 735-5615 or lsorrentino@cityofnovi.org.

Skate with Santa The Novi Ice Arena, located ing its annual Skate with Santa event from 3-4:50 p.m. Sunday Dec. 21. The price is \$4 for Novi residents and \$5 for nonresidents. Skate rental is an additional \$3. For more infor mation, contact the Novi Ice

Arena at (248) 347-1010.

THINKING ABOUT...

or dsmith@cityofnovi.org. Child's first library card Give children a special holiday

gift this season, their first library card. Parents who apply for their child's first library card, with the child present, during the month of December, will receive a gift bag for the child to carry the card home in Parents who would like the gift to be a surprise, stop by the library's check out desk anytime in December to request a gift bag with a special certificate inside. The certificate can be redeemed by the child, with a





aker Keith Famie, right, works with Nick Hrycyk on a film called, "Our India Story," which included

'Our India Story'

Keith Famie's next film features local stories, places

'I'm looking for really good

storytellers. I take these

processes very personally.

I feel that I am the voice

community."

and the ambassador for the

Novi resident Keith Famie is in the final editing stages of a film, Our India Story.

A premier celebration

evening will be held Dec. 14. during The Flavors of India Showplace on Grand River is Novi. About 700 people are expected. We have been working on

this for the last 14 months and filmed almost 70 hours," Famie said. The work will be condensed

to under an hour. "All of the editing is done at Digital Image in Farmington Hills — graphics, music, everything," Famic said.
The film airs at 7 p.m. Dec.
20 on WXYZ-TV (Channel 7.)

Siriesha Mandaya, who wns Priya Restaurant on Grand River Avenue in Farmington Hills, and the Jain Temple on 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills are featured in the film, along with

the Jain congregation.
"One of the temple members is a woman who is 104," Famie said, "She worked with The story is told by the people through their interviews. Metro-Detroit Asian Indians

tell their stories of arriving in America, among other topics. Part of Famie's work was filmed in India. "We spent 40 hours on airplanes and traveled 47,000 miles," Famie said, of the 13-

day trip.
The film is similar to four previous movies Famie has created. The seven-time,

restaurants in metro-Detroit to find the interviewees. "I'm looking for really good storytellers," he said. "I take these processes very person-ally. I feel that I am the voice

Emmy-award-winning films highlighted the Polish, Italian, Greek and Arab com-

"Our goal is to do every

ethnicity of Detroit if we can raise the money," Famic said.

Funds are raised by con-

ited a number of temples and

tacting various community leaders, Famie said. He vis-

Famie is the director and producer of the film. He is also a chef and was a contestant on the 2001 reality hit TV show, Survivor: Australian Outback, where

he took third place. for event tickets priced at \$75 each, call Famie at (248) 869

sbuck@hometownlife.com i (734) 953-2014

TWELVE OAKS MALL HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS



Anticipation

Visit with Santa Santa and his clyes arrived

month and will depart Dec. 24. Santa will see visitors Mondays through Saturdays, from 10 a.m.- 8 p.m. with breaks from 1-2 p.m. and 5-6 p.m.; and on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. with a break from 2-3 p.m. New this year is a partnership with Shutterfly, the online photo publishing service that allows consu to share, print and preserve photos. The Santa photo oper-

ations are sponsored locally by Bright House Networks. For more information about photo packages and prices, visit www.shoptwelveoaks.

Free greeting cards Beginning Nov. 7 and while

Making a list

Julia St. Aubin, 6, shows her Christmas wish list to Santa during a visit to his Twelve Oaks Mall chair. Dozens of children were waiting for Santa on a recent Pet photo day

receive a free holiday greeting card with each mall gift card purchased. There are four festive designs to choose from.

Sounds of the season Enjoy the sounds of the season weekends from noon to 8 p.m. during the holidays. Most performances will be at the Holiday Stage in the Lifestyle Café Food Court beginning Nov. 28. Performances includ Beebo, the Rick Lieder Trio,

Guests are invited to bring their dog or cat to Twelve Oaks Mall Sunday, Dec. 7 from 9-Santa. A portion of the proceeds will go to a local animal rescue a must; call (248) 348-9438 to

Twelve Oaks Mall is located at Interstate 96 and Novi Road. Extended holiday shopping hours may be viewed by visit-

KNOW THE SCORE: Check out the numbers in today's sports section

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& Jose and Kevin Devine





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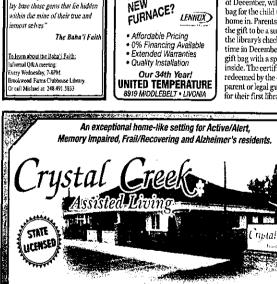
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Novi High School hosts debate finals

On Saturday, Dec. 6, Novi High School will host the Michigan Interscholastic Legislative Debate Finals. More than 170 debaters Michigan will participate. Mirroring the legislative process, students will elect a presiding officer to oversee the ssion and debate bills that they have written. They will be judged on their speaking ability, logic and research. All ntestants will debate in two preliminary rounds adjudieated by debate coaches from participating schools. After results are tabulated, the top 40 students will advance to a emi-final round and, finally, the top 20 students will debate in the final round at 3:15 p.m. in the Novi High School Black Box Theatre, Awards will take place in the Novi High School Auditorium beginning at 5:30 p.m., For further information, contact Novi High School Debate Director Hattie

Holiday greenery sale

Oakland Schools Technical Campus Southwest is host-ing its 37th Annual 2008 Winter Season Sale, offering oinsettias, wreaths, grave blankets and cedar roping. Orders must be received by Dec. 8. Sale hours are 8-9:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, Prices range from \$5-75. The school is located at 1000 Beck Road, Wixom. For more information, call (248) 668-5635.

Ski equipment wanted

The Novi Mendows Outdoor Education program needs your help. If you have new or gently used cross-country ski equipment, consider donating it to Novi Meadows Outdoor better able to deal with them in the future. This is resil-Education. The program is ience - the ability to draw looking to supply enough equipment so it is able to strength when bad things happen. Participation in this take groups of 14-18 students cross-country skiing. Boots, workshop will provide strategies to help children become skis and poles of all sizes will more resilient.

CLASS NOTES

be accepted. All donations may be dropped off at Novi Meadows Fifth Grade office. Questions should be directed to principals David Ascher or Liea Fouchel or Gary Hurst coordinator of Novi Meadow Outdoor Education program at (248) 449-1250. A receipt for tax purposes will be given for all donated equipment. Senior All Night Party

Putting on a Senior All Night Party requires many volunteers and many funds for this memorable evening, the Novi High School Class of 2009 Senior All Night Party Parent Committee will be hosting a fund-raiser at the California Pizza Kitchen at

Twelve Oaks Mall. The event will be held from 5-9 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 9. Enjoy din-ner and in return, California Pizza Kitchen will donate 20 percent of each dinner bill to the SANP. Participants will need to present a flyer that can be found on the Web site, www.novi.k12.mi.us, by visiting the high school home page and clicking on the "Senior All Night Party" link, A flyer may also be picked up at the High School office, 24062 Taf

Raising Resilient Kids

Novi School District is pleased to present: Raising Resilient Kids. The free workshop with parent coach Nancy Prisby will take place 7-8:30 p.m. Tucsday, Jan. 27 inside the Community Education (ITC) - Forum, Has your child ever felt left out? Had challenges getting along with other kids? Been faced with other difficult situations? Conflict and emotional pain are a part of life and kids can actually become stronger from these experiences and

CARE program open house

The Novi Community Education Infant and Toddler CARE Program is hosting an open house 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9 at Novi High School, 24062 Taft Road. The program is open to all Novi residents, employees of The City of Novi, employees of the Novi Community School District, as well as Providence Park Hospital employees.

Construction completion open house

The Novi Community School District will host multiple open houses 5-8 p.m. Dec. 4 and 9 at Orchard Hills, Parkview and Village renovations and construction projects. The schools now have designated music and art rooms and gymnasiums. Renovations in other areas of the buildings are also com-plete. Tours will be provided. Novi High School

Athletics Web site

The Novi Athletic Boosters' new Web site is www.noviathletichonsters.com. The site is Athletic Boosters events, fund raising events and Wildeat game schedules. The Novi Athletic Boosters raise money to support Novi Wildeat stu-dent athletes at Novi high and middle schools. Proceeds are used to purchase uniforms, more students can participate at a higher level.

Novi High School Athletic Booster meeting

The next Novi Athletic Booster meeting will be 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10 in room 160 at Novi High School 24062 Taft Road, Meetings over the various efforts of the Boosters along with updates on athletics at the high and

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Central Michigan University Wixom resident Chelsea Melvin was named to the Central Michigan University summer honors list. Honor students carned a 3.5 grade point average or higher. The summer session ended in

NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL VACANCY

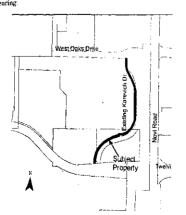
CITY OF NOVI Notice is hereby given of an anticipated vacancy on the Novi City Council. If you are interested in applying for appointment for the term ending November, 2009, please obtain and complete an application by visiting the City of Novi's website at www.cityofnevi.org or centact the City Clerk's office, 45175 W. 10 Mile Noad, Novi, M1 48375 or by email to: mccrachis@cityofnevi.org or by phone: 248-347-0436 or fax to 248-347-057. The deadline for submission of applications is December 15, 2008. The City Council will hold interviews at 6:00 p.m. on Mooday, December 15, 2008 in the Council Chambers.

Paliksh: November 20 & December 4, 2008

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED VACATION OF KAREVICH DRIVE RIGHT OF WAY, A FRONTAGE ROAD IN THE WEST OAKS II SHOPPING CENTER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Novi Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 15, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the same may be reached, on the proposed vacating of Karevich Drive Right of Way, a frontage road in the

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this hearing will be held in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan. All interested persons will be heard at this



Questions regarding this matter may be directed to the City Clerk at 248-347-0456.

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which he turned down. Why? He

wanted to recruit others to experience the benefits of Marine Mile

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bad route for young kids, espe-

King is married to Erin and

the couple has two children: April and Anna. The family lives in

believe in "he said, "And it's not

Sgt. Shawn King is the new U.S. Marine Corps recruiter for Detroit Catholic Central in Novi.

Marines appoint King as local recruiter

Detroit Catholic Central campus.

Marine Corps all day," King said.
"It can change your life, like it did

because I get to talk about the

"I volunteered to be a recruiter

When asked if he was interest ed in finding recents this the test Marine Corps, Sgt. Shawii King jumped at the chance. It makes King's way of life. And he wants others to experience the same benefits he did. Now, King will bring his

Benefits of joining the Corps, King said, is that it can help individuals learn self-discipline and direction in life. It instills self confidence, as well, he said.

King based out of Howell, cov-Lakeland high schools locally, is well as Oakland Communit College's Highland Lakes cam-

He started his life in the service at Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville.

U.S. Marine Corps, visit www. Marines, he can be reached at (517) 546-6542 or at shawn king@marines.usme.mil

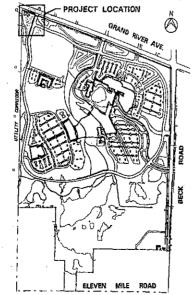
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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the Gity of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 10, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider PROVIDENCE PARK VILLAGE CENTRE, SITE PLAN NUMBER 08-41, FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, WOODLAND PERMIT, AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 17, SOUTH OF GRAND RIVER AVENUE, WEST OF BECK ROAD, IN THE OSC, OPFICE SERVICE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT. The subject property is approximately 1.31 acres and the applicant is proposing to build a one story 7,015 square foot speculative general/medical office building and associated parking facilities on the northwest corner of the Providence Park Hospital planned office complex site.



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48376 by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, December 10, 2008. Novi Planning Commission Andrew Gutman, Secretary

Publish: December 4, 2009

LOCAL EVENTS

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Rori Coscert Baud TIME/DATE/LOCATION: 4 p.m. Sunday, at SI. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, Farmington TIME/BATE/LOCATION: 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14 at Novi Civic Center DETAILS: Celebrate the holiday season.

Border's Express OCATION: Twelve Oaks Mall Book Sigoings FINE/DATE: 2-4 p.m., Salurday Michigan". TIME/DATE: 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13 DETAILS: T. C. Cameron, author of "Met Detroit High School Football Rivairy".

Senior All Hight Party Fund-raiser TINE/DATE: 5-9 p.m. Tuesday LOCATION: California Pizza Kitchen, Twelve Oaks OFIANAS Enjoy dinner and in return. percent of your total bill to the Class of 2009 Senior All Night Party. A flyer must be presented to the restaurant.

Party web page or pick up one at the high school office. Toys for Tots DATE: Through Dec. 13.

DETAILS: Donate a new unwrapped toy (no toy guns) for area children in need. Santa Yisiis with Children TINE/DATE: 3·5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13 DETAILS: Children visit with Santa and receive a treat. Bring your camera.

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DETAILS: Four children visit Namia and join forces with the Ilon Aslan to fight the White Witch. Tickets are \$12 for dults and \$12 for children/seniors and

may be purchased al cityofnovi.org. Democrals of West Cabland County STRUCTURE OF RESIDENCE COMPANY OF THE CONTROL OF TH

events for more information. Club Meeting DATE: Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009 guest speaker Brian Dickerson, Free Press writer. Details on web site.

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TINE/DATE: 3-4:50 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21 LOCATION: Novi Ice Arena, 42400 Arena OETAILS: Unique photo opportunity. Cost

dents. Skate rental is additional \$3. CONTACT: Novi Ice Arena at (248) 347-1010 Sala fel ties
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DETAILS: For ages 3 to 8. Fill out, a form
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TIME/DATE: 8-11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13 DETAILS: Visit the fire department of Wixom Road or call (248) 624-1055 to register. Bring a can of food.

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W. 10 Mile Road
DETAILS: Lunch is 510 at meeting. Visitors
welcome. Check Web site for speaker
information; novirolary.org.

American Business Homen's Association

IINE/DATE: 6:15 p.m. second Wednesday LOCATION: Crowne Plaza Hotel, 27000 Sheraton Dr. (west olf Novi Road, north DETAILS: Get into the spirit of the

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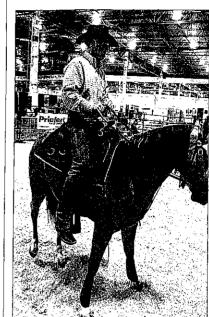
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DETAILS: General meeting of the entire

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channel 13. Fall Story Times: See our brochure or the

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DETAILS: Make friends and practice your English pronunciation and conversation skills. Group guided by a volunteer from Daxland County Literacy Council. No

TIME/DATE: 7 TO 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16

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Battle of the Books Coaches only meeting

DETAILS: Coaches of the Battle of the

will be given out at the meeting.

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Events page on our Web site at www.

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Novi Youth Assistance General Citizens Keeting IME/DATE: 6 p.m. first Tuesday of each month . LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 347-0410

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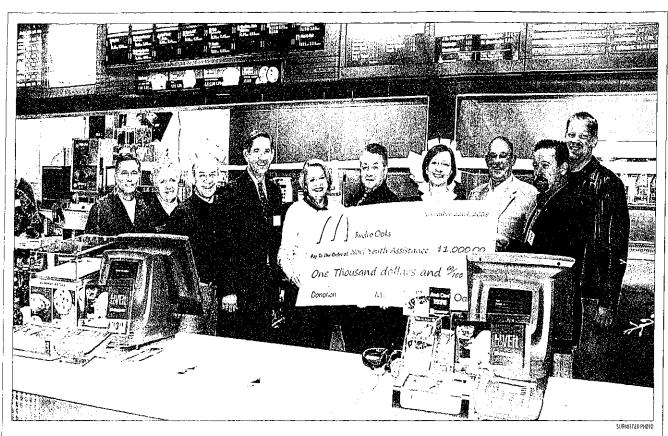
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During the 12 Mile Road Novi McDonald's grand reopening, a check presentation to Novi Youth Assistance was part of the festivities

OUR VIEWS

Embrace the holiday spirit with family fun

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.

The often depressing economic news cannot diminish the holiday spirit. A rich combination of good times, generous giving and long-followed tradi-

tions make this an extra special time of year.

Tomorrow, Novi is hosting its Ringing in the Holidays annual event from 6-9 p.m. on Main Street. The free, community happening includes the Electric Light Parade, Jingle Bell Jog, food sampling, live music, Santa photos, marshmallow roasting, arts and crafts and more. It is a fun time every year, despite the cold temps, to welcome Santa into the city for Christmas.

Other holiday mainstays this month include the Novi Concert Band holiday concert, keepsake ornament decoration activities at the Civic Center, the Ice Arcna's annual Skate with Santa event and the Novi Choralaires annual Christmas concert titled, "Christmas Ornaments." The concerts, which are Dec. 5-7, will feature Christmas favorites, along with special guests, the TALACODA Handbell

And if mixing shopping with Santa is more your of Twelve Oaks Mall daily.

Another retail event includes Saturdays with Santa at Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk, From taken with Santa Claus inside the Emagine Theatre, enjoy carriage rides, visit with Santa's reindeer, and

partake in a petting farm outside Bar Louie. And don't forget the Novi Goodfellows as they hit the streets this Saturday, collecting for a great

Yes, times are hard. And maybe the tree won't be as full as years past, but holiday spirit and family

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NOVILLETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Youth Assistance offers thanks

On behalf of Novi Youth Assistance. vould like to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Murphy of Golden Fry Management on a successful grand reopening event for the new McDonald's in Novi. The McDonald's restaurant, located by Twelve Oaks Mall, reopened for business on Nov. 22 after completing the con-

I would also like to thank them for their generous donation to Novi Youth vention services and strength-focused opportunities to local families. Novi Youth Assistance is a tri-sponsorwords or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit via Web; www.hometownlife.com

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John P. O'Brien, chairman

Novi Youth Assistance

HOSPITALITY HOUSE FOOD PARTRY HAS GROWING NEEDS

but the escalating number of families in need

this year is posing a significant challenge. Anyone interested in donating age-appro-priate gifts should contact Pam Janson at

Food donations are also needed at the pantr

Hospitality House has a walk-in freezer and cooler so perishable as well as staples are wel-

Hospitality House food pantry needs your ap this pointay season. As of last week, 222 families with 473 children were registered to receive free gifts at the

Santa Stoppe on Dec. 13.

Hospitality House provides distribution services for Wixom Goodfellows and coordinates with Commerce/Walled Lake Goodfellows to ensure as many famílies as possible are helped,

To help at the paritry call Kristy Hutson at (248) 960-9975 or e-mail Lorene movey@hos

at www.hospitalityhousefoodpantry.org.

Donations may be sent to "Hospitality House" at P.O. Box 284, Walled Lake, MI

Beating the Holiday Blues

Dear Savvy Senior, Over the past few years in mother, who is 75, has gotten where she dreads the holiday season and becomes very nelancholy. What can I do to

Hating the Holidays

Dear Hating, Millions of people experi-ence the holiday blues this time of year, but seniors tend to be especially vulnerable. Here are some suggestions

HOLIDAY BLUES

There are lots of factors that can contribute to an older perthe holiday season such as the loss of a spouse, sibling or a close friend. Some seniors feel alone and isolated because their grown children and grandchildren live far away. While others may feel blue because of financial concerns poor health or because they're mable to perform routine holiday activities like shop ping, baking or even attending religious services.

HOW TO HELP

Depending on what's maknr vou mother blue during his holiday season, here are some tips that may help:

· Be a good listener: Talk o your mom about how she's feeling and why. Very often just being able to share feel ings with someone can help.

Prevent isolation: Encourage family members much as possible during the holidays. If you can't be there physically, be sure to call more

Find community help: Contact her church or other community resource where one may be able to stor by for a visit, or pick her up for a religious service or commuity activity.

- Ease her financial guilt: If

your mom is on a tight budget be sure she doesn't feel guilty if she can't afford to buy the grandchildren fancy gifts. It's ot what the holidays should

· Lend a helping hand: If poor health or physical limitations are causing her blues lend her a hand with shopping, decorating and other holiday preparations.

Suggest volunteering Many churches or civic groups would love her help (also see Web sites like www.volunteer match.org and www.getin-volved.gov http://www.getin- volved.gov/> to find volunteer opportunities). Helping other s a great way to forget your

· Watch the holiday spirits: Alcohol consumption for many people goes up during the holiday season, and alcoho and alcohol is a depressant that can intensify

· Go for a walk: Exercise is

a natural antidepressant so take one with her. WATCH FOR DEPRESSION There's a big difference blue and being chronically

depressed. If your mom's blues linger beyond the holidays into the New Year, she may have more serious problem. Here are the signs to watch for:
• A persistent feeling of sad-

· Lost interest in hobbies or activities that she formerly enjoyed. · Feeling worthless or hope-

Inability to sleep or sleeping too much. · Loss of energy or motivation.

Not eating or eating too

Trouble thinking, concentrating, and making decisions. · Feeling anxious, restless, or Thinking about dying or

killing herself.
Another good way you can check your mom's mood is by giving her a depression screening test at www.depres sionscreening.org < http:// org/> . If you find that she's depressed, encourage her to get help beginning with her own doctor. There are a vari ety of treatment options that

can help such as medications

professional counseling or a

combination of both. SAVVY TIPS

The American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry provides a variety of helpfu publications on senior depression including "Coping with Depression and the Holidays." To order your free copies, visit www.aagponline.org/> or call 301-654-7850 ext. 100. Also http://www.positiveaging.

Blogging: A great pastime for Web savvv seniors

Dear Savvy Senior I recently read an article about seniors who share their talents, experiences and thoughts with others through

their own personal Interne blog. I have always been prett od in the kitchen and think good in the kitchen and think it would be fun to start a cook ing and recipe blog but don't know where to start. What car Granny Blogger

Dear Granny, Starting a blog is a fun and stimulating pastime for seniors, not to mention a grea way to share wisdoms and make new friends. Here's wha

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Blogging has never been so popular among boomers and seniors! Today there are liter-ally thousands of bloggers over age 55. In fact, according to the Pew Internet & American Life Project, 5 percent of online U.S. seniors have created a blog, and 20 percent have read someone clse's blog.

But before I go any further, a blog (short for Web log) is a personal online journal where you can write about anything or everything that interests you, and you can post pictures too. (The newest blog entry is always at the top of the page. Readers can comment on each post, often creating a rich and enlightening conversation

HOW TO START

Fortunately, you don't need to know much about technology to get started. If you have iccess you can start your own blog in a matter of minutes and in many cases it's free Here are some tips to help you get started.

Pick a theme: If you already know you want to blog about cooking you're ahead of the game. Topic driven blogs (writing on something specific) attracts more readers than a personal blogs - which are online diaries for people who want to write about what ever interest them at the time Personal blogs are fun outlets for seniors who want to keep family and friends informed

what's going on in their lives. · Choose a name: Pick a short name for your blog that encompasses your theme or identifies with you

Select a blog hosting service While there are lots of options to choose from, two good ones re Blogger.com (which is free) and Typepad.com (which charges a minimal fee). Both of these sites are incredibly easy to use, and offer a variety of pre-made templates, color schemes and more that allow you to personalize your blog. If you want more hosting options check out Livejournal.com JournalHome.com, 360.y com, WordPress.com, TheDiary

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SAVVY TIPS When you blog, avoid giv

ing out too much personal information such as your last name, address, phone number etc. While the Internet can be a wonderful window to the world it can also be a dauger-ous place. Also, don't feel bad or rejected if no one visits you: blog for the first few month As with anything new on the Internet, it will take some time for your blog to get noticed. But keep in mind that frequent blogging (several times a week) helps attract visitors. And to find other blogs you may be interested in, go to blog search sites like www.blogscarch google.com or www technorati.com http://www.technorati.com/ and click on

Affordable Health Care for Those in Need

Where can a person turn to for low-cost medical, dental and eye care? I'm 62 years old, recently uninsured and living on a tight budget. Can't Wait for Medicare

Dear Can't There are actually a wide range of programs and services that provide free or low-cost medical care to help those that are uninsured, underinsured or low income. Here's where MEDICAL CARE

Health centers: Federallyfunded by the Health Resources and Services ministration (HRSA) there are thousands of health centers around the U.S. that to people based on financial ed. You pay what you can

· Hill-Burton facilities There are around 200 Hill-Burton health care facilitie around the country that offer free or reduced-cost health to pay. To locate a facility or to see if you qualify, visit www hrsa.gov/hillburton <http:// www.hrsa.gov/hillburton> or

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<a href="http://www.freemedical-· Indian Health Service (IHS): An agency within the Department of Health and Human Service, IHS provides free medical care to America: Indians and Alaska Natives in 35 states. See www.ihs.gov

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Vision USA (www.aoa.org

services to uninsu services to uninsured and low-income workers and their families hrsa.gov or call 888-275-4772.

· Mission Cataract USA ; 800-343-7265) provides free cataract surgery to people who don't have Medicare, Medicaid, private

New Eyes for the Needy (www.newevesfortheneedy.org http://www.neweyesforth-enecdy.org/; 973-376-4903), an eveglass program that accepts donations of used prescription eyeglasses and d tributes them to people with limited incomes.

DENTAL CARE

If dental care is taking a big bite out of your budget there are options here too, depending on where you live. To start, call your state dental association, or local dental society (see www.ada.org/ada/orga nizations http://www.ada. org/ada/organizations> for ntact information) to find out if there are any state or local programs, or clinics, that offer discounted dental care

Other places to check include Health centers: In addition HRSA health centers also offer dental care too, www. indahealtheenter.hrsa.gov <a href="http://www.findahealthcen-

ter.hrsa.gov/> , 888-275-4772. Dental schools: If you don't mind letting a dental student work on your teeth, dental schools are another source that may offer discounted dental care. See www.ada.org http:// www.ada.org/> - click on "Dental Schools" for a U.S. directory and contact information.

National Foundation of Dentistry for the Handicapped: A service that provides free dental care for elderly and disabled people who can't afford to pay. To learn more or to apply for care in your state, visit www.ufdh. org <http://www.nfdh.org/> or call 303-534-5360.

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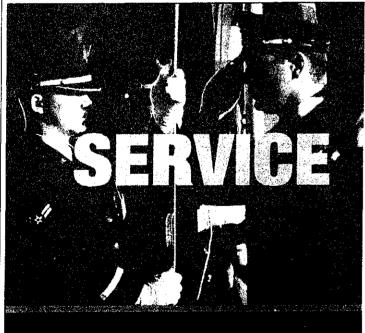
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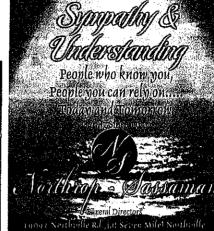
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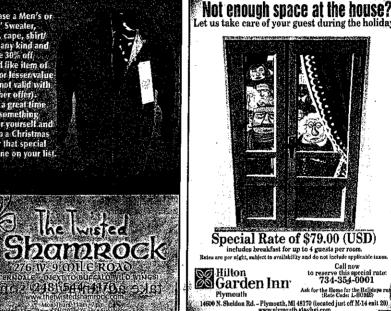
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Then we talk about where people stand on the political spectrum, our long-standing practice has been to describe them in term:

of being "left" and "right." But do those terms even make sense any more? Since New Deal days, our habit in America has been to say that Republicans are generally on the right, while Democrats are

said to occupy the left. Extreme conservatives are characterized as "right wingers," while ultra-liberals are called "lefties."

So where do these terms come from, anyway? Well, the roots of the practice go back to the French Revolution, when, in the parliament of 1791, politicians who supported the monarchy ("Feuillants") sat on the right hand side of the chamber, while those favoring radical change ("Montagnards") clustered on

That may have made some

200 years old. thought has sloppy — and

beginning to think a far better way of looking at today's politi-cal and policy differences is along past-oriented vs. futureoriented lines.

For example, take the labor movement — or some parts of it, anyway. Traditionally, organized labor has been clumped on the left, along with liberals, Democrats and other such. Management has been placed on the right, along with conservatives. But then take a careful look at the way unions and management often

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ndustry's problems on this type of thinking, it is true that abor and management have been historically reluctant to change the way the industry has been organized and run since the 1940s.

That attitude was on sad display last month, when the nation was treated to the sad

embalmed in a written con-tract. This has direct relevance

to the ongoing problems of the domestic auto makers.

While it would be too sim-

plistic to blame all the auto

Detroit Three and the United Auto Workers union being pilout of touch and unwilling to But big auto is far from the only example. Others include:

Beer and Wine: They fight to protect an old monopoly. For many, many years, the Michigan Beer and Wine Wholesalers Association has been among the most powerful

> out-of-state retailers - but not wineries — from shipping The Michigan Liquor fearful of losing its profitable monopoly on selling booze - a monopoly that has resulted in our prices being far higher than those in, for example, Chicago. According to a report from the Michigan Bureau of Elections, the Michigan er & Wine Wholesalers

tributors a monopoly on the

distribution and sale of beer

and wine — a monopoly they have fiercely defended over the

Yet they began to run into trouble in 2005 and there-after, when federal courts

repeatedly slapped down as unconstitutional the Michigan

law protecting this monopoly

retailers began shipping wine into the state and to individual

consumers, though shipments were few and far between and

almost entirely of high-end

wines to connoisseurs.

Last month, however, the

beer and wine lobby reacted,

slipping through a House co mittee a bill that would bar

Out-of-state wineries and

Powered by the 70 or so Michigan families that own committee has received conbeer and wine distribution tributions of at least \$345,951 companies, the association has this year. That's a lot of dough worked to preserve the "three to spread around, especially to tier" system governing the way beer and wine is sold. That is a formula that was protect the past in the form of a long-standing monopoly that reduces consumer choice and introduced in the 1930s. drives up prices. Basically, it gave the dis-

Great Lakes Shipping: They fight new ways to prevent Great Lakes pollution. Ever since the St. Lawrence Seaway opened the Great Lakes to trans-Atlantic shipping in 1959, there have been repeated instances of seagoing ships dumping their ballast into our lakes as they take on cargo. In the ballast water were various

critters that originate elsewhere — Zebra Mussels, Spiny Water Fleas, and Round-headed Gobies, among others. Here, they have rushed into what must be paradise for them; a new Great Lakes envi-

ronment with no predators.
For us, not so much. They're called exotic invasives, and best estimate is that a new one gets established in our lakes every six months. The damage has been enormous, and the probem threatens the ecology of the entire Great Lakes system

Nevertheless, spearheaded by the United States Great Lakes Shipping Association the industry has fought for years against any attempt to force ships either to dump their ballast at sea or to trea that had hitched a ride into

shippers have fought for years to preserve their profits while polluting a lake system that represents some 20 percent of all the earth's surface drinkable fresh water.

Earlier this fall, the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld Michigan's ballast water statute that obliges ships to obtain state permits and, if the ships discharge water, to treat the water to prevent introduction of invasives. The explicit purpose of the Michigan stat-

These two brief examples neither corresponding to the standard right-left characterization of politics and policy, offer insight into how we might get a better understanding of policy disputes by changing our habits in describing them.

Once we do that, maybe we something about our prob-

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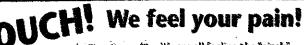
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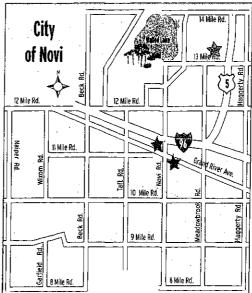
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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



Fox Run resident Chet Tarczynski puts some candy decorations on a full-sized gingerbread home. The gingerbread home was built around the frame of a storage shed.

Fox Run residents live together, laugh together

Q. Who represents Fox Run to the community? A. Kathie Shaffer, public and community relations manager

Q. Where did you grow up?

A. My husband and I are both originally from Redford. We lived and raised our children in Redford until we moved to Brighton almost 11 years ago. Q. When did Fox Run open?

A. June 2003

Q. How many employees does Fox Run have?

Q. What is your business specialty?

A. Retirement Living
Q. What are Fox Run's hours of operation? A. 24/7

O. Tell us about your business?

A. Fox Run offers campus style living for men and women at least 62 years of age. The worry-free environment affords people who live at Fox Run the chance to truly enjoy their retirement. Our residents especially appreciate the sense of community at our campus.

Q. What makes your business unique?

A. The people are what makes Fox Run
unique, residents and staff alike.
Q. How did you first decide to open the business?
A. John C. Erickson of Baltimore opened his

first retirement community in Catonsville, Md. 25 years ago. Erickson had been involved in the management of retirement communities and decided that none were a place where he would want his parents to retire . Since the original community opened, Erickson Retirement Communities has grown to 20 campuses similar to Fox Run across the United States. Erickson developed and manages Fox Run. Q. How did you decide to locate in the Hovi

A. The decision to build Fox Run in Novi was made in response to metro Detroit residents looking for our type of lifestyle in the western soburbs. Novi is a growing community with so nutch to offer, and after significant research, it was determined to be the perfect place for Fox Run. By the end of this year almost 1,000 men and women will live in one of our seven

apartment home buildings.

Q. Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with

our readers about your experience so far?

A. Nothing in particular that I recall, but having a sense of humor in our business is critical and makes a big difference in our day. The people who live here have some very funny stories to share and such a wealth of experience. We often laugh together.

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS



Brian W. MacKenzie Chief Judge Pro Tem Brian W. MacKenzie, of the 52-1 District Court, was named a Judicial Fellow by the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration and the American Bar Association After receiving his Juris Doctorate from Wayne State University Law School, MacKenzie served as a law clerk at the Michigan Attorney General's Office, Organized Crime Division. Upon graduation and admittance to the practice of law in 1974, he ioined the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office as an assistant Prosecuting attorney. In 1979, he returned to the Michigan Attorney General's Office as an assistant attorney general where he remained until he was appointed to the 52-1 District Court in March 1988. Judge MacKenzie has lectured nationally about such topics as domestic violence, community collaborations, drunk driving prevention and trial court performance standards. He is also the author of several articles about these same subjects.



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for one large party.
It's a giant banquet and networking event for all offices, businesses, organizations and clubs. Live entertainment, a lavish holiday buffet by Epoch Catering, door prizes and spe-cial gift bags are all included in one low price. Reservations are available for dinner 5-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18 featuring sultry jazz by the Sheila Landis Trio or lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19 with acoustic holiday classics from singer-songwriter Jill Jack.

Parties over 10 guests: Lunch \$20/Dinner \$28

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For party reservations, call (248) 662-0104.

Area businesses also have the opportunity to participate in sponsoring the Diamond Center Holiday Party. A \$50 donation to the Novi Chamber of Commerce will allow your company to insert post holiday discounts or special offers into 1,000 gift bags, which will be distributed at the party and other early 2009 events at the

Rock Financial Showplace. This unique and inexpensive marketing opportun aimed at supporting business traffic during the slow mid winter months and offering special savings to party guests as well.

■ The Novi Chamber of Commerce Business to Business Breakfast is 8-9 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10 at The Art Institute of Michigan, 28175 Cabot Dr. Networking refreshments will be pro vided. Register online at novichamber.com or call (248)

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Wildcat girls hoops squad enters tough **KLAA Central**

BY JEFF THEISEN SPORTS WRITER

The Novi girls basketball team gets to face a new chal-lenge after winning the final KVC title and posting a 17-4

record.
The Wildcats are now part of the KLAA and in the Central Division with WLAA champ Salem and rival Northville.

"The competition is going to be just as tough as the KVC was," Novi head coach Bill Kelp said. "I think if you look at the four divisions, we're in

the toughest division."
But Novi enters the new league with plenty of fire-

Caroline Johnson, now a junior, returns after earning KVC Player of the Year hon-

ors.
"It was an honor for her to It was an nonor for ner to have that and achieve that,"
Kelp said, "Now for her to take
the next step ... is to be able to
adjust to being the go-to girl
and leader of the team."
Despite being one of the top
players back, Kelp knows she

has room to improve as she becomes an upperclassman.

"We're trying to get her to shoot off the dribble more and penetrate more to develop her game," he said. "Defensively,

she can improve." Also back is starting guard Chantel Hill. She battled through some injuries last year, but when at full speed, she is one of the fastest players in the league and likes to push

"We'll still try to push the bull," Kelp said. "That's the name of her game." Others returning from last

vear's team include Jessica Cingel, Emily Hall, Kelsey Masserant, Katie Barry and Heather and Alyssa Armiak.

Graduation did take some serious talent off last year's team, but mostly it took play ers that dealt with leading the

(All games 7 p.m.)		
12/9	Home	WL Western
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1/9	Home	Plymouth
1/13	Away	Franklin
1/16	Away	Canton
1/20	Home	South Lyon East
1/23	Away	Northville
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2/6	Away	South Lyon East
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team. Kelp knows his eight players returning from last year's team will have to some

how fill the void. "We talked about girls stepping up and becoming leaders to replace the leadership we lost," he said. "That's what

roles to fill the shoes of the girls we lost."

"Girls have to develop larger roles to fill the shoes of the girls we lost." Kelp knows his team has

talent, but it's how they come together that will determine how the team finishes.

"We'll just to try to continue what was built the last five what was built the last tive years," he said. "Try to come together and build leadership as a group and learn how to play together with the loss of four talented seniors."

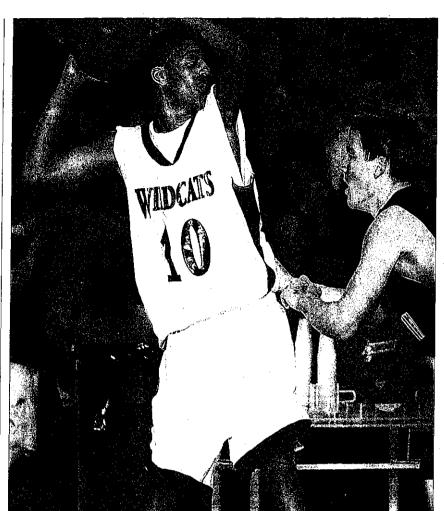
The Wildcats get the season started at home Dec. 9 against Walled Lake Western.

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Members of Novi High's Lady Wildcats basketball practice as they prep for



Novi's Chris Bellamy tries to inbound a ball as he's being pressured by a South Lyon defender last season.

'Cats look to claim first KLAA title

BY JEFF THEISEN . Sports writer

Novi's boys basketball head coach Cory Heitsch is more

relaxed entering his second year. He knows more of what to expect both on and off the court now after winning the final KLAA title while sporting a 17-6

"I'm not as overwhelmed," he said. "Things aren't coming at me as fast. It feels like I'm focusing more on basketball than a year

ago."
Paperwork aside, Heitsch is quite excited about what will be on the court.

Chris Bellamy (captain) returns

as one of the top guards in the area.
"He's a third-year starting lead guard," Heitsch said, "He took his growth from last year into spring and summer. He's a tremendous

"He's in complete control of

everything." Also returning ate Brandon Bryant and Nick Brockman (cap-tain) after getting playing time

up from JV last year as a backup, and should see more playing time

this season. Heitsch's offense is geared for the guards to dominate. He sees them getting much more familia them getting much more familiar with the offense this year.

They wanted to push the ball Please see 'CATS, B2



PHOTO BY JOHN HEIDER/NOVI NEW

Novi's Nick Brockman is hounded by Northville's Martins Trautmanis during a game last sesaon.

Wildcats capture a pair of blowouts

Novi hockey improved to 3-0-1 with a pair of blowout wins.

The Wildcats mercied Livonia Franklin 9-0 before thumping Walled Lake 6-2.

Against Franklin, the offense raced out a 5-0 lead by the end of the first Evan Dixon tallied the first two goals and capped off the hat trick with the

Tyler Perpich and Sean Murphy also scored first period goals. Nolan Valleau knocked home a pair

of goals in the second to go with goals from Taylor Howell and Brandon Juodikis. Valleau led the assist brigade with

three, followed by Tyler Manning and Zach Mohr with two each. The game ended by mercy rule after

the second period. In the 6-2 win against Western, Mohr scored the lone goal in the first period. Howell put the Wildcats up 2-0 before Western rallied to tie.

Manning put the Wildcats back up with a goal in the final minute of the second, and Novi would never trail again.

Nick Hansen, Dixon and Manning each scored in the third period to put the game out of reach. Michael Pesendorfer earned both wins in net for the Wildcats.

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last year, but they didn't know how to do it consistently," he said. "It's being done without reminders. It's what they're

omfortable with now.
"The difference will be, they inderstand when that's not working, they have the ability to get by people. We've seen that in practice. Hopefully we ate what we do offensively.

The post play will be sig-nificantly different with the graduation of 6-9 Caleb Dean. "We'll be making a full

transition to a guard and wing dominated team," Heitsch said. "It changes us defensively nore than offensively. It does out more pressure on us to stay ocused on a whole defensive

'We'll be making a full transition to a quard and wing dominated team. It changes us defensively more than offensively. It does put more pressure on us to stay focused on a whole defensive possession. I think we'll be able to overcome it."

But the defense in general

than just pride.
"The rivalry is that much better with Northville," won't change. The Wildcats will play in-your-face man Heitsch said. We are still a straight manin the Central Division with

to-man pressure team," Heitsch said. "We have a lot of guys that we can roll off the bench that are solid detensively.

One of the positive changes

is having something on the line with Northville, more

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The Wildeats move along with the rest of the KVC into the new KLAA. The schedule It would be nice to win the first KLAA Central Division, he said. "Another strong goal won't change much for Novi as it still has a lot of the old is to perform well in districts and, if we have the ability, fin ish the job.

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Lyon, South Lyon East and

Wildcats can make history in

their first season in the new

Salem. Heitsch hopes the

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Gazley (Novi), Kurt Kivisto (Milford),

Jeff Lerg (Livonia), Steve Mnich (Northville), Trevor Nill (Novi), Jeff Petry (Farmington Hills), Corey Tropp (Northville), Ryan Turek (Northville) and Ben Warda (Lake Orion).

Comcast will feature the matchup between Michigan and Michigan State on Saturday, with the opening

face-off at 7 p.m.

ESPN U will feature the matchup between Miami and Western Michigan on Sunday, beginning at 4 p.m. A total of 11 players from two teams rosters hail from the state of Michigan, including local Western Michigan skaters Jordan Collins (Novi). Patrick Nagorsen (Novi) and

Need to Know Items

■ Michigan freshman forward David Wohlberg (South Lyon) scored two goals against Minnesota in Friday's 6-3 win over the top-ranked

■ Ferris State sonhomore gnalie first-star honors with 23 saves in Saturday's 2-1 road win at Northern

Michigan.

■ Michigan State senior netminder Jeff Lerg (Livonia) made 50 saves in Friday's 3-1 loss at Wisconsin Lerg's 50 saves this past weekend hrings him closer to 10th place on the CCHA's all-time saves list. Lerg

currently has 3,313 career saves, just 15 shy of Mike Betz (3,328), a former Ohio State netminder.

Ohio State senior forward Corey Elkins (West Bloomfield) and the Buckeyes play Robert Morris at Cleveland this weekend. Elkins had two assists in the previous meeting between the two clubs a few weeks

ago at Mellon Arena in Pittsburgh ■ Western Michigan junior defe-seman Jordan Collins (Novi) and the Broncos host Miami this coming weekend. Collins scored his only career goal against the RedHawks

last season.

Bowling Green junior defense man Kyle Page (Wixom) scored his first collegiate goal in Saturday's 5-2 loss to Minnesota State. The Falcon captain had not scored a goal in the

first 89 games of his career. ling Green sophomore goali Nick Eno (Howell) is expected to start practicing this week and the coaching staff hopes to have him available to play, after the team's bye this week, against Notre Dame on Dec. 12-13.

 Lake Superior junior forward Zac MacVoy (Livonia) has recorded point in 11 of 14 games this season.

■ Miami sophomore forward Andy Miele (Grosse Pointe Woods) has racked up six points, while recording at least a one point in each of the las four road games for the RedHawks.

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