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INPUT SOUGHT: Public asked to comment on state highway projects

Two listening sessions slated next week

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Novi and other area residents who want to ask state officials about the possibility of a new interchange at I-96/Wixom Road might want to attend one of two local sessions next Wednesday. Staff from the Michigan Department of Transportation invite members of the public, local officials and agencies to comment on the Michigan Department of Transportation's proposed five-year plan at several

special listening sessions throughout the state this month.

A session will take place from 10 a.m. to noon Jan. 12 at the Oakland Transportation Service Center at 2300 Dixie Highway, Suite 300, and from 4-6 p.m. Jan. 12 at the Detroit Transportation Service Center, 1400 Howard St., in downtown Detroit.

MDOT staff will take comments and questions regarding the proposed 2005-2009 Five Year Transportation Program presented to the State Transportation Commission on Dec. 9, 2004. Copies of the draft plan will be available at the listening sessions.

State highway officials plan to spend \$6.77 billion statewide in the next five years to build and repair state highways and bridges.

The plan includes state spending of about \$1.04 billion from 2005-2009 on road and bridge improvements in the Metro Region of MDOT. This includes Oakland, Macomb, Wayne and St. Clair counties.

The plan includes the new freeway interchange already under construction at I-96 and Beck Road in Novi.

This and other plans have been criticized by some county and local officials who say that not enough funding is being used to relieve traffic congestion in Oakland County and the metropolitan Detroit area.

The five-year plan, however, does not include funding for a new freeway interchange at I-96 and Wixom Road. This project has been supported by not only the

DETAILS

■ An electronic version of the proposed plan is available online at www.michigan.gov/mdot5yearplan.

■ Written comments regarding the five-year plan can be submitted at the sessions or sent via e-mail by Jan. 15, 2005, to MDOT-2005-2009FiveYearProgramComment@michigan.gov.

city of Novi and city of Wixom officials but both State Sen. Nancy Cassis, (R-Novi), and the new Speaker of the House Craig DeRoche, (R-Novi).

State Transportation Director Gloria Jeff has said that until Congress approves a new federal highway bill, which expired in September, not enough funding exists for projects like the I-96/Wixom Road interchange.

Under the proposed five-year plan, Gov. Jennifer Granholm continues her "Preserve First" philosophy of channeling most state construction funds into improving existing roads and bridges.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Mary-Grace, 14, and John Denton, 12, will both be performing with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

If they can make it here...

Siblings impress the Detroit music scene

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

The old saying, "hard work and persistence pay off" has never been so prevalent as in the Denton household. The Novi residents have seen much success in their lives, from top to bottom. But what seems to impress friends and family the most are the two youngest members of the clan, ninth grader Mary-Grace and her brother, seventh grader John.

Using their musical talents, the siblings have accomplished something that many their ages have not — become members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Civic Sinfonia.

Mary-Grace, who attends Notre Dame Preparatory in Pontiac, plays the flute. John does double duty,

playing the trombone and also performing in a jazz band. He attends Marist Academy in Pontiac.

John discovered the craft when he was in fourth grade. He is now beginning his fourth year and is loving it.

"It's real fun," he said. "I practice a lot, but it's worth it."

The kids practice anywhere between 30-45 minutes per day on their instruments. On Saturdays they go to the Max M. Fisher Music Center in Detroit from 8:30-11 a.m. for practice, all while taking care of school work and participating in other extra-curricular activities.

Other commitments

John plays football, and in addition to playing flute, Mary-Grace is heavily involved in swimming and piano. But her ultimate goal in life is to earn her

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Knife wielded at Kohl's employee

Disturbance at West Oaks II

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

A man who was trying to solicit signatures on petition forms in front of Kohl's Department Store at the West Oaks II Shopping Center in Novi allegedly waved a knife at a store employee after he was asked to leave.

According to Sgt. Terry Whitfield, Novi Police Department, it is uncertain what the petition was for, since the man left the scene before police arrived. Whitfield said some store employees from Kohl's stepped outside to ask the man to leave. When he didn't, they called police.

"While we were in route, we were told that the male who had been trying to solicit signatures had pulled out a knife and had

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Get a head start on your 2005 bills, say experts

By Kim Kovellev
STAFF WRITER

Tidying up financial loose ends can help when January's holiday bills and February's tax deadlines arrive.

Holiday spirits tend to overspend. If the Christmas charge card is involved, the bill's sure to follow.

"It happens to a big percent of people," said Lee Holland, Northville CPA. "They never plan for that. They pay very little for it in January or February."

Foremost, he said, pay off bills every month.

"They should only keep one credit card. Since the interest is so high on the credit card debt, that should be paid first," Holland said.

If debt hits, cautiously consider taking out an equity line of credit — typically capped at 80 percent

FINANCE SOURCES

To help you track your finances and plan ahead for next year, tap into some of these sources:

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- Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants, www.michcpa.org
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Instead of borrowing on a tight paycheck deadline, this tax-

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Honeytree celebrates 30 years

New location to open this month in Howell Township

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

The Honeytree Restaurant at the Novi Ten Plaza at Ten Mile and Meadowbrook roads is a Novi landmark.

Opening its doors 14 years ago, it's become a centrally located gathering place where Novi police, city employees and a variety of area residents can be found. Many are regulars who come to the friendly, family-owned business on a certain day each week or even every day.

Owner Tom Goulas, 58, celebrates his 30th anniversary in the restaurant business in the area this year.

Now he and a business partner plan to open a new Honeytree Restaurant later this month in Howell Township at Exit 133 off I-96 next to the Tanger Outlet Mall on Burkhardt Road at M-59. The restaurant, which will have a liquor license, will replace a Texas Taco restaurant that closed several months ago.

"They need something different up there," Goulas said.

Tom and his nephew Pete, Greek immigrants, run the Novi restaurant. The youngest of six children, Tom came to Michigan at age 23 in 1971 because he had Greek friends here. He grew up in a small town in central Greece and learned the restaurant business in Athens. His first Honeytree Restaurant opened in 1975 on Orchard Lake Road at Fourteen Mile Road in Farmington Hills.

Next, he opened the Tally Ho at Thirteen Mile and Orchard Lake roads which was one of about 30 restaurants in a food court.

The Howell Township restaurant will be Goulas' 22nd restaurant. Current local locations are in Novi, Walled Lake, Troy, Sterling Heights, Commerce Township. Tom Goulas is also involved in housing developments in Farmington Hills, Commerce Township and Northville.

Although Greek specialties such as Greek Salad and gyros sandwiches are mainstays at the Honeytree, American dishes also abound, such as short ribs, Swiss steak, beef tips, stuffed cabbage and homemade soups.

"We do old-style cooking," Tom Goulas said.

Chicken marinated in lemon and garlic is another Honeytree specialty.

"We love the people in Novi. We have a lot of beautiful customers, and they love the Honeytree," Tom Goulas said.

"I'd say 80 percent of the people are regulars," Pete Goulas said.

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Photo by PAM FLEMING

Regular customers are the order of the day at the Honeytree Restaurant at Ten Mile and Meadowbrook in Novi. Friday morning regulars (clockwise, left to right), are Jim Civitella of Novi; his daughter, Sandy Zuchlewski, of Novi; her daughter, Jodi Zuchlewski of Farmington Hills; Pete Goulas and his uncle, Honeytree owner Tom Goulas; Tony Valenti of Walled Lake; Dennis Gazley of Novi; and Maria Gazley of Novi, Civitella's daughter.

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Food donations: Kostal can-do

Novi firm donates 2 tons of food

By Kim Kovelle
STAFF WRITER

It started as a company effort to do something for others during the holiday season.

A week later, the staff at Novi's Kostal of America, Inc., had gathered more than two tons of food and over \$2,000 to help feed the hungry during the holidays.

"We split the company into six teams and gave them sports car names," said Donna Kjeldsen, who works in purchasing at the automotive facility. "The idea was the group that collected the most pounds of canned goods was going to receive a free lunch outside of the office."

"It was just a way to ... be involved in the community, get the employees to (do) team building."

Kostal's 65 employees donated

4,133 pounds of goods ranging from vegetables to baby food to Southfield-based Forgiven Harvest, which services Oakland County.

The company also matched \$1 for every two pounds of food and donations, amounting to \$2,156.50 in cash.

The food was collected by Forgiven Harvest from Nov. 10-18 and distributed thereafter. Sue Sherbow, deputy director of the non-profit, hunger relief organization, said the food helps.

"We pick those up from our doors on a daily basis and deliver them to about 90 emergency food providers ... soup kitchens, pantries and shelters," Sherbow said. "You can consider every pound of food a meal. That's a lot of food."

On the winning team, Kostal Sales Account Manager Arlene Peters said the group was more focused on helping those in need than getting awards.

"We're taking a vote to decline the lunch and have expenses also go to a charity," Peters said. "I know for us, every-

DONATE FOOD

Forgiven Harvest distributes food to 90 different soup kitchens, pantries and shelters in Oakland, Wayne and Macomb counties.

For information about how to donate, call (248) 350-3663. Located at 21455 Melrose, Ste. 9 in Southfield, the facility is open for donations during the week from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

one was just really excited at how much food they got."

Like others at Kostal, Peters' group of sales, engineering, accounting and logistics workers tapped carpools, family members and stores.

"When we first went out, our first thought was, 'What can we get most for the money?'"

Vegetables, Peters said. Before long, the group also opted for peanut butter, jelly, syrup, canned beans and other higher-priced products.

Stacked in Kostal's warehouse, about six or seven large auto parts boxes were picked up by Forgiven Harvest last Friday.

"This is a ... great commitment from the amount of employees," Food Program Director Kean Goodell said. "That's probably our biggest donation from Novi."

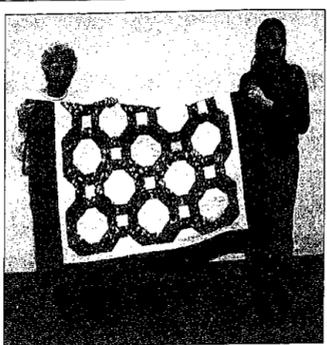
Kostal employees found their reward in giving.

"Knowing how many people are going to be fed with that couple of tons of food back there — it's amazing," Kjeldsen said. "We're planning to do either a clothing drive or teddy bear drive at Christmas."

Sherbow said the need remains strong regardless of the time of year.

"People think about hunger when it's Thanksgiving and Christmas and the holiday season," she said. "Really, hunger is a problem all year long."

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Courtesy photo

Friendly quilt
The Friends of the Novi Public Library held a raffle drawing Dec. 7 for a holiday quilt. Novi resident Helen Winship was the proud winner, presented with her quilt by Friends member Evelyn Young. On April 16, the Friends will raffle an antique mantle clock at an Antique Appraisal Fair, to be held at the Novi Public Library. Tickets are available at the library.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Defibrillators donated

Providence Hospital recently donated three Automated External Defibrillators to the Novi Fire Department at a total cost of \$4,950.

Rob Casalou, president, Providence Hospital, accepted a certificate of appreciation for the institution's contribution at the Dec. 6 city council meeting.

Mayor Lou Cordas noted during the presentation that Providence Hospital was also a Platinum Sponsor for the city's Dec. 2 "Ring in the Holidays" community-wide event.

RE/MAX 100 raises \$12,000

A benefit auction hosted at Novi's Island Lake community helped RE/MAX 100 raise more than \$12,000 for Beaumont Hospital's Hands-On Parent Education Center.

Owned by Pamela Manza, the salon previously hosted some of the girls to have their hair and nails done. Pamela's salon is located at 23965 Novi Rd., Ste. 160.

Those participating in the ceremony will include Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Wendy L. Potts, Oakland County Prosecuting Attorney David Gorysca and Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds Ruth Johnson.

Commissioners to be sworn in this evening

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners' Inaugural Swearing-In Ceremony takes place at 5:30 p.m. today in the Oakland County Board of Commissioners Auditorium, 1201 North Telegraph Rd., Pontiac.

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Pamela's Salon gives to Vista Maria

Pamela's Salon in Novi recently gave 160 robe and slipper sets to girls at Vista Maria in Dearborn Heights.

In an effort that lasted until Dec. 11, the salon had a "Giving Tree" with star-shaped ornaments bearing girls' names, robe size and shoe sizes. Clients took ornaments, brought the clothing, wrapped it and returned it to the salon.

On Dec. 12, the salon's eight employees trekked to drop off about 160 sets to Vista Maria, Michigan's largest nonprofit child welfare agency for girls and their families.

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Library Lines

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HEALTH

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YOUR HEALTH — "RESOLUTIONS"

Did you know that the average person makes the same New Year's resolution three years in a row before actually succeeding? How many times have you resolved to lose weight or exercise more, but still have not made it a reality? Making changes is a process, not an event, and, as with any process, it requires a carefully formulated plan. So before you plunge into another unsuccessful round of New Year's resolutions, let's take a look at how you can turn those failures into successes.

Most experts agree that we go through several steps when making successful changes. The first is contemplating change. You know that you need to make some changes, but are not sure what to do. You may be weighing the benefits against the sacrifices you will need to make. Although all of the stages are challenging, this is probably the most difficult. That's why it may be called the procrastination stage. You may feel stalled and unable to commit. Try thinking ahead a few years — still overweight and out of shape, only now you're several years older. Is this where you want to be?

The next step is preparation for change. This is the time to set realistic, obtainable goals. The idea of losing 50 pounds by swimsuit season may be overwhelming, but plugging to cut out junk food, developing healthy eating patterns and beginning an exercise program may be attainable. Think of all the possible roadblocks and develop a game plan. Set a date and go "public." Getting support from friends

and family can give you the strength to take that first step. Plus, it's not so easy to back out once everyone knows your plan.

Step three is action. Decide how you're going to put your plan into effect. Some people need the support of organized programs to keep them on task, while others do better on their own. But be honest with yourself. Sometimes achieving your goal may mean making lifestyle changes that threaten friendships. If your plan is to stop smoking, but all your friends are smokers, you may find yourself having to make difficult choices. Also, don't forget to reward yourself each time you reach a new goal.

The last step is maintenance. This is another tough one. It takes a long time to fully incorporate a new behavior into your daily routine. Accept that lapses happen and keep remembering that tomorrow is a new day. The longer you keep at it the more it will become part of your new self-image.

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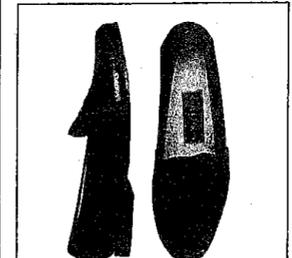
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Cosmetic practice ready to 'nip and tuck' Novi

■ 'Primary' has Botox, collagen, laser hair removal, more

By Kim Kovelie
STAFF WRITER

Faces wrinkle-free and necessary follicles hairless, Dr. Lisa O'Neil and Elise Murray are breathing life into their professional handiwork.

Primary Laser Center & Spa, an offshoot of the women's internal medicine practice, offers Botox injections, collagen fillers, facial peels and laser hair removal.

"It's a cosmetic medical practice," explained O'Neil in the clinic's office, where a poster of a sculpted male torso adorns the wall. "We specialize in laser hair removal. We have the best laser on the market."

"We actually have people from Toledo driving for our laser." Patients are primarily local, and since Nov. 2, they've headed to the northwest corner of Ten Mile and Meadowbrook roads to get smoothed and enhanced.

Clinic face-lift

Trained in osteopathic and cosmetic medicine, Murray and O'Neil have practiced 20 years, making their mark at Westland's Primary Care Specialists, P.C.

"They opened their new branch closer to their Novi homes. We were really motivated to be up and coming," Murray said. "We looked for a year. It wasn't easy to find."

Converting a former jewelry shop, the physicians toiled to create a four-room clinic/spa, from a lobby with plush blue couches to an FDA-approved Lumenis LightSheer diode laser.

Open to men and women, the doctors start clients with a free, individualized consultation.

PRIMARY LASER

• What: Run by two physicians, Primary Laser Center & Spa offers laser hair removal, Botox injections, collagen fillers, microdermabrasion facial peels and more.

• When: Doors opened Nov. 2

• Where: 41714 W. Ten Mile Rd., northwest corner of Ten Mile and Meadowbrook roads (in the Novi-Ten Plaza)

• Hours: 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday

• Contact: (248) 449-5135, www.PrimaryLaserCare.com

Patching wrinkles and plumping up lips is accomplished with collagen.

"It's... injected under the skin to fill in facial lines and for lip enhancement," Murray said. Results are immediate. "You walk out of here knowing what you're going to look like," said O'Neil.

"Microdermabrasion," a.k.a. the "Lunch Time Peel," exfoliates dead skin cells in about 30 minutes, fitting neatly into a lunch break.

Also in stock are MDFormic and AFAs "cosmeceutical" lines, offering cleansers, facial creams and sun blocks.

They will come

So far, O'Neil said, walk-in foot traffic has been high among all ages, thanks in large part to the surrounding Novi-Ten Plaza.

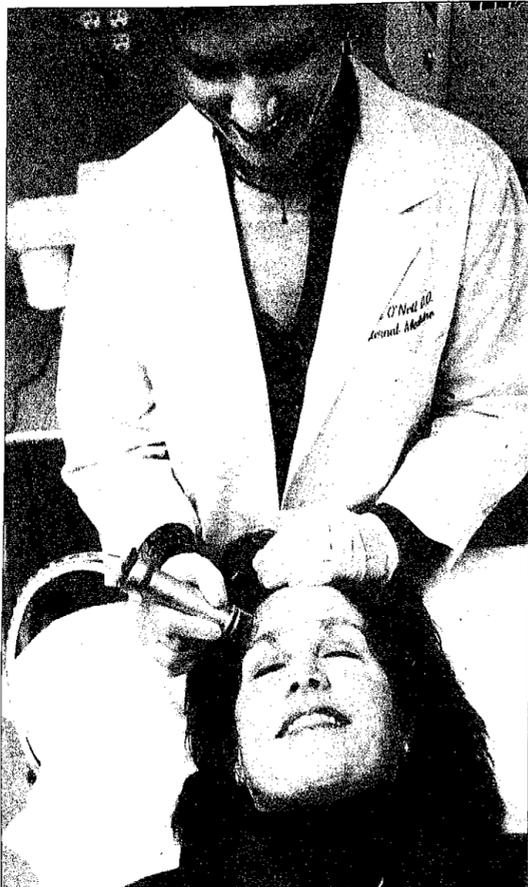
"There's a definite interest in teenagers—especially facial hair removal," Murray said. "There is not a (nearby) full-service laser center like ours. Plus, a lot of times, technicians do the treatments" at other clinics. At Primary Laser, O'Neil said, "The doctors actually do the injections."

Interest-free financing helps with costs, which can be lower for packages. A recent hair removal deal offered five treatments less 10 percent with a free final session.

A typical, five-minute, upper-lip hair removal is \$99 for one treatment. O'Neil and Murray both have had all four methods to help belie their respective ages—47 and 39. And yes, they are each other's clients.

"We both enjoy our treatments," said Murray.

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Dr. Lisa O'Neil of Novi's Primary Laser Center and Spa demonstrates their microdermabrasion process on employee Donna Rice.

"We hand them a mirror. We have them look at themselves, and (we) say, 'What are you interested in having done?'"

Dr. Lisa O'Neil
Primary Laser

BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in January, 2005 offered by the Oakland County Business Center.

• **Legal Issues in Business** covers the five main business entities available in Michigan, contract considerations and other related questions and answers. The class will be held Thursday, Jan. 13 from 9 a.m.-noon at the Oakland County Complex. The fee is \$30 per person.

• **How to Write a Business Plan** is a workshop for small business owners who are developing a plan to serve as their road map to success. The class is held on Thursday, Jan. 20 from 9 a.m.-noon at the Oakland County complex. For location specifics and pre-registration, call (248) 858-0783. The fee is \$40, which includes all materials, which includes all materials.

• **Sales/Marketing Basics** will be held Thursday, Jan. 27 from 9 a.m.-noon at the Oakland County complex. Build sales through smart marketing, learn about product position, sales function and advertising. The fee is \$45 per person.

Take this advice lying down: donate blood

I often note that activities that improve health don't have to be hard work or take very long. Donating blood is something almost every adult can do in less than an hour—and lying down. Whole blood contains red blood cells, plasma and platelets. Each of these components can be transfused to several patients with different needs.

Patient needs are becoming increasingly urgent. According to the American Association of Blood Banks:

- Approximately 8 million Americans donate a total of 14 million units of whole blood during an average year.
- On average, 4 million patients require more than 23 million total units of blood components every year.
- Almost 40,000 units of red blood cells alone are needed every day.

To be a donor, you simply need to:

- Be in good health
- Weigh at least 110 pounds

• Be at least 17 years old (some states accept donors less than 17 years old, with parental consent)

To find out where you can donate, call (800) GIVE-LIFE (448-3543), or visit www.givelife.org.

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a youth and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan's Blue Cross Network, public appearances, writing a column, and the weekly "Ernie's Life" feature on the radio. The "Ernie Show" is available at local bookstores or by calling (800) 243-5082.

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Insider's Golf opens at Main Street

■ New business offers realistic option in winter

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Now local golfers can play famous courses like Pebble Beach and Pinchurst No. 2 right in Novi. Garry Penta, of Northville, and his partner, Glenn Stehr, of Canton, have opened a new golf business inside Motor City Golf Warehouse on Main Street in Novi.

The business is called Insider's Golf, and it offers area golfers a realistic option to the real thing during cold weather.

"We ran this last year out of Canton, and then we had the opportunity to join Motor City Golf. So, we moved the business. We think this is a good working relationship for both parties," Penta said.

Hours at Insider's Golf are 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Saturday; and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday. Golfers can also call for tee times outside of the designated business hours.

In this new business, golfers can play a simulated round of golf at some of the nation's finest golf courses.

"You're in an open area and use your own clubs or demo clubs at Motor City Golf," Penta said.

A 12-foot-by-12-foot sensor features two sets of laser sensors that track movement.

"You look at a screen about six feet away, and it's like you're actually looking down a real fair-



Garry Penta, left, and Glenn Stehr, owners of the new Insider's Golf simulator at Motor City Golf Warehouse, stand in front of a screen featuring a likeness of the No. 1 hole at Banff Golf Course in Alberta, Canada. The new Main Street Novi business opened Dec. 17.

way," Penta said. "We're looking to turn it into franchise as we hope to."

The full-swing simulator is patented, and the game shows real-life hooks or slices. But unlike other golf simulators, the full-swing simulator enables players to hit off heavy rough and simulated sand surfaces.

Eventually, four units will be available; the business currently has three that are operational.

It takes about 45 minutes to an hour for an individual to play 18 holes. There's also a nine-hole

rate, and golfers can hit balls on a simulated driving range, measuring ball speed, clubhead speed, launch angle, carry distance and total distance.

Insider's Golf is starting winter leagues Jan. 10. Leagues range from eight-16 people. If interested, call (734) 578-8420.

"Although eight people can use the simulator at one time, one-four people is preferable, because if you get too many people, your game time is going to be too short per person," Penta said.

The business opened Dec. 17.

"Glenn and I are both golf fanatics and just kind of fell into the business," Penta said. "It provides a lot of entertainment in the winter. Plus, it keeps your golf game intact during the winter months."

Golfers can wear golf shoes or regular shoes at Insider's Golf, and there are no age restrictions.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Cooper-Standard sale complete

It's official: A \$1.165 billion transaction is complete, and Novi-based Cooper-Standard Automotive has been acquired by the Cypress Group and Goldman Sachs Capital Partners. The announcement was made Dec. 24.

Formerly a subsidiary of Cooper Tire & Rubber Co., Cooper-Standard manufactures fluid handling systems, body sealing systems, and active and passive vibration control systems for the automotive original equipment manufacturing markets.

"We are pleased to welcome our partners as we begin this new chapter in Cooper-Standard's growth as an independent company," CEO Jim McElroy said.

Cooper-Standard's income in 2003 was about \$1.6 billion.

New Horizons celebrates 40

New Horizons Rehabilitation Services, based in Auburn Hills, will soon celebrate in Novi 40 years of aiding disabled people in eight counties.

To thank supporters and introduce new friends to services, consumers, staff and community partners are invited to a reception, tour and refreshments from 1-3 p.m., Jan. 20, at its Novi location, 41108 Vincent Court.

New Horizons helps people with disabilities train for and secure employment. It currently serves 1,500. For information on the event, contact (248) 340-0559, ext. 133 or 185.

Sproul named St. Mary VP

Julie Sproul of Novi was named vice president of marketing and public relations at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia effective Dec. 1.

She was promoted from director of marketing and public relations.

She'll oversee marketing, media relations, graphics, Web design, internal/external publications and community outreach.

DeMaria gets new hires

Two new employees recently were brought onboard Novi-based DeMaria Building Company's team.

Bill Mellanby joined the company as senior project estimator, from estimator at Walbridge Aldinger. He'll be responsible for bidding and developing budgets for educational, municipal and waste treatment construction projects.

Ryan Byrd was appointed as project superintendent, commercial group, from project engineer at Clark Construction Group. His duties include field operations on educational, municipal and waste treatment construction projects.

Burns & Wilcox promotes Bates

Burns & Wilcox, a Farmington Hills-based national specialty insurance wholesaler, underwriter and managing agent, promoted Wayne Bates, ACII, to director, London Consortium.

In addition to duties as deputy director of the company's international special risk division, Bates is responsible for underwriting and managing key London contracts on which the Kaufman Group assumes risks via affiliates. Bates also will handle current contracts and develop new programs in the London market.

An associate of the Chartered Insurance Institute, Bates joined Burns & Wilcox in 1999. His prior experience includes 11 years in the London market, underwriting with Lloyd's of London and company markets.

Cosworth goes to MAHLE

As of Jan. 1, Cosworth Technology, Inc., which has a Novi development center, became a member of the MAHLE Group, based in Stuttgart, Germany.

The takeover is subject to approval by antitrust authorities. Parent company Cosworth Technology Ltd. is also part of the acquisition.

Cosworth Technology has been owned by AUDI AG since 1998. Both Cosworth companies are geared to the development, production and assembly of engines.

'Machines' makes enhancements

Research and development capacities have been expanded at Novi-based Michigan Custom Machines, Inc., the company announced Dec. 13.

In addition, the company said it recently formed an association with Dr. Murad Ismailov, a research scientist and engineer whose projects are used in the automotive, pharmaceutical, medical and chemical industries.

"This new partnership lets us expand our R&D capabilities as we develop innovative fuel systems testing solutions for our OEM customers," Machines President Michael Schena said.

Michigan Custom Machines designs and builds custom test machinery for automotive and industrial component manufacturers.

Shadow Box moves to Waterford

The Shadow Box relocated Dec. 30 to Pa and Nana's Antiques Mall at 4785 Dixie Highway in Waterford. The gift and antique shop's former location was 123 E. Walled Lake Dr. in Walled Lake. The new phone number is (248) 618-1170.

Borders has 'Potter' pre-orders

Pre-orders on the latest Harry Potter book will be available at Borders and Waldenbooks throughout the area.

J.K. Rowling's sixth Potter book, "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince," goes on sale nationwide for \$29.99 on July 16. Those who pre-order get the savings. In-store events will begin July 15.

Gorman's gets exclusive

Gorman's Home Furnishings and Millor design now is the exclusive carrier of Liz Claiborne's new home line.

A specially designed showroom at Gorman's Novi location has been created to introduce the collection, which offers classic

Walled Lake 'Citizens' opens

Citizens Bank snipped the ribbon to its newest Walled Lake branch at 546 N. Pontiac Trail last month.

The bank also contributed \$500 to the Hospitality House, a local organization that provides food to those in need.

Mayor William Roberts and other city and Oakland County officials were on hand for the event, as was Citizens Bank Southeast Michigan president Thomas Shafer.

Completely renovated, the bank officially opened to the public Dec. 20. It includes a drive-up ATM and two additional drive-up lanes.

The branch is part of an Oakland County expansion, which has thus far increased the number of locales from seven to 13.

Pumphrey hired at Tower

Bill Pumphrey, 45, will join Novi-based Tower Automotive, Inc. as president of North America operations, the company announced Dec. 17.

Effective Jan. 3, Pumphrey brings 20 years of global senior management experience.

With a University of Michigan master's degree, Pumphrey previously worked at General Motors, and, most recently, with the Lear Corporation.

Tower Automotive designs and produces vehicle structural components and assemblies for automotive original equipment manufacturers.

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Cassis disappointed with veto of tax bill

■ Senator: Penalties should not be retroactive

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

State Sen. Nancy Cassis, (R-Nowi), expressed extreme disappointment when Gov. Jennifer Granholm recently vetoed a senate bill that would have provided fair penalties and clarity to the state's personal property tax law.

"The Governor is sending mixed messages," Cassis said. "She claims to want to work toward turning our economy around and support Michigan business, but then vetoes legislation that clearly would improve Michigan's business climate."

"Actions speak louder than words, and the Governor is sending the wrong message to struggling Michigan businesses and a sluggish economy."

In December 2003, the Michigan legislature passed a bill that changed the principal residence exemption filing date to May 1 of each year. At the request of the administration, the law was amended to create a penalty and interest for individuals or businesses, whether intentional or not, that underreport or wrongly file their personal property taxes.

This law created a penalty of 1.25 percent monthly or 15 percent a year, applied retroactively.

Under the legislation Granholm vetoed, the bill would have prevented the retroactively removed vague and confusing language, while still providing a fair penalty structure, encouraging compliance with the personal property tax statute.

"Michigan businesses endure

"This type of penalty would create an undue hardship for an independent business person."

Art Johnson
Owner, Johnson Printing Services, Novi

the strain of high taxes. In addition to the burden of paying personal property taxes, businesses have to pay the Single Business Tax, income tax and sales tax," Cassis said.

Art Johnson, owner of Johnson's Printing Services in Novi and a member of the Novi Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, agreed.

"This type of penalty would create an undue hardship for an independent business person. Half the time, you don't realize that there's a problem or that there's a discrepancy in your property taxes for maybe a couple of years. And, the burden of proof always lies with the filer," said Johnson.

"What purpose could the [the Governor] derive from these tax penalties except to generate extra income for the state through confusing measures?"

Tricia Kinley, director of tax policy and economic development for the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, is disappointed that Granholm continues to support a law that makes businesses pay for the mistakes of others and his them with retroactive penalties.

"The governor vetoed a fair and balanced approach to personal property tax enforcement," Kinley said.

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ARTHRITIS DRUGS

Is there any relief in sight?

Pain-relievers like Celebrex in FDA limbo

By Kim Kovelie
STAFF WRITER

Nancy Brown has adjusted to 28 years of rheumatoid arthritis and eight years of osteoarthritis. "I've had to accommodate the limitations," said the 69-year-old Northville resident. "Mine was severe enough for me to retire. My arthritis goes with me wherever I go. Pain is not separate."

Like many others, Brown, who's had two major foot surgeries and is active in arthritis awareness, takes pain medications for some relief. Although she didn't opt for Vioxx or Celebrex — two drugs under recent fire for links to heart problems — she knows many who have. "They became popular because they worked," Brown said. "That's why people now who are finding those avenues closed are so worried."

On alert

The buzz began in September, when Merck & Co. Inc. voluntarily took Vioxx, its non-steroidal, anti-inflammatory drug, off the market.

Then, the National Cancer Institute announced concern Dec. 17 over a similar drug, Celebrex, in a study related to colon polyp treatment.

In both cases, increased heart attacks and strokes were the problem. "There's definitely some concern about them," said Steven Portney, rheumatologist, with Providence Hospital in Novi. "What we're dealing with is unfortunately some preliminary data. The Celebrex information has been in the dosage range of 400-800 milligrams, which are on the lower doses (of 200)."

Introduced in the late 1990s, Vioxx, Celebrex and Bextra selectively block cyclo-oxygenase 2, an enzyme that triggers inflammation. These were improvements on naproxen, which often caused gastrointestinal ulcers and bleeding.

However, late last month, long-term use of naproxen, often sold as Aleve, also were linked with heart problems. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued an advisory on all the drugs.

Providence Chief of Cardiology Stuart David said naproxen have

MEDICATION INFORMATION

To find out more about your arthritis and treatment medications, contact your physician. For general information, tap these resources:

- U.S. Food and Drug Administration: consumer inquiries: (888) INFO-FDA; MedWatch program: (800) FDA-1088; Web site: www.fda.org
- Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter: call: (800) 968-3030; Web site: www.arthritis.org

FDA Recommendations

The Food and Drug Administration Dec. 23 issued a temporary public health advisory on cyclo-oxygenase 2 prescriptions and over-the-counter cyclo-oxygenase 1 naproxen. Initial studies show a higher risk of cardiovascular problems in some cases.

The FDA issued these interim recommendations until an advisory committee meets in February:

- Physicians prescribing Celebrex or Bextra should consider new information. Candidates include those with a high risk of gastrointestinal bleeding and who don't do well on naproxen anti-inflammatory drugs.
- Take into account cardiovascular risk, such as heart attack or stroke, and other risks commonly associated with non-steroidal, anti-inflammatory drugs.
- All over-the-counter pain medications, including non-steroidal, anti-inflammatory drugs, should be used in strict accordance with the label directions.
- If an over-the-counter medication is needed for longer than ten days, consult your physician.

Source: U.S. Food and Drug Administration

been safely used since 1976, from football bruises to pre-menstrual cramps. "I would venture to say that most Americans use these," David said. "Many physicians are quite frustrated with the FDA. They made this blanket statement."

Finding a way

The first step in wading through confusion is discussing concerns with your doctor. "We're kind of taking best we can with the limited information that we have," Portney said. "If the benefits of the medicine outweighs the risks, I think it's a reasonable consideration."

Medical alternatives include aspirin or Tylenol, which may not be as effective, or even narcotics, to be used cautiously.

"We don't have specific other medicines that would replace them at this point," asked Portney. Until the FDA Advisory Committee meets next month, basic guidelines can help. Dawn Hatcl, vice president of programs for the Arthritis Foundation Michigan Chapter, said

SAVVY SENIOR — "ALZHEIMER'S WARNING SIGNS"

Forgetfulness isn't Alzheimer's any more than a headache is a brain tumor. If it was, we'd all be in trouble. One of the problems with Alzheimer's is that there is no single, surefire test that can make an objective diagnosis when the disease is in its early stages. What doctors look for is a pattern, as well as what a person is forgetting.

Warning Signs

As we grow older, some memory changes are normal, but the symptoms of Alzheimer's disease are more than simple memory lapses. The Alzheimer's Association has developed a checklist of warning signs to help you recognize potential problems. If you recognize any of these signs in yourself or a loved one, see a doctor. Warning signs include:

- Memory loss. One of the most common early signs of dementia is forgetting recently learned information. While it's normal to forget appointments, names, or telephone numbers, people with dementia will forget things more often, and not remember them later.
- Difficulty performing familiar tasks. People with dementia often find it hard to complete basic everyday familiar tasks, like using a household appliance or participating in a lifelong hobby.

- Problems with language. Everyone has trouble finding the right word sometimes, but a person with Alzheimer's often forgets simple words or substitutes unusual words making their speech hard to understand. For example if a person with Alzheimer's is unable to find their toothbrush, they may ask for "that thing for my mouth."
- Disorientation to time and place. It's normal to forget the day of the week or where you're going. But people with Alzheimer's can become lost on their own street, forget how to get back home.
- Poor or decreased judgment. No one has perfect judgment all of the time. Those with Alzheimer's may dress without regard to the weather, wearing several shirts on a warm day or very little clothing in cold weather. They may also often show poor judgment about money, giving away large amounts to telemarketers or paying for products they don't need.
- Problems with abstract thinking. Balancing a checkbook can be challenging for some. But a person with Alzheimer's may forget what the numbers represent and what needs to be done with them.
- Misplacing things. Anyone can temporarily misplace a wallet or key. A person with Alzheimer's

may put things in unusual places: an iron in the freezer or a wrist-watch in the sugar bowl. Changes in mood or behavior. Everyone can become sad or moody from time-to-time. Someone with Alzheimer's disease can show rapid mood swings for no apparent reason. Changes in personality. People's personalities ordinarily change a little with age. But a person with Alzheimer's can change a lot, becoming extremely confused, suspicious, fearful, or dependent on a family member. Loss of initiative. It's normal to be inattentive to chores or social obligations at times. But a person with Alzheimer's may become very passive, sitting in front of the television for hours, sleeping more than usual, or not wanting to do usual activities.

Savvy Resource

Alzheimer's Association: Offers a toll-free contact center for information, assistance, care consultation and referrals 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Call (800) 272-3900 or visit www.alz.org.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit www.savvysenior.org. Jim Miller is a regular contributor to the NBC Today Show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

Friday 1/7	8:45 a.m. Panera Bread	12:30 p.m. Bingo
9 a.m. Stretch and Strength	10 a.m. Body recall	12:30 p.m. Focus Hope distribution
11:30 a.m. Lunch	12:30 p.m. Clogging	
Monday 1/10	9 a.m. Stretch & Strength	11 a.m. Blood pressure
10 a.m. Body recall	11 a.m. Take Off Pounds Sensibly Class	
11:30 a.m. Goodie Lady	12:30 p.m. Lunch	
12:30 p.m. Phoniche!	10:30 a.m. Quilting	
1 p.m.-3 p.m. Healing Touch	11 a.m. "A Woman of the Bible" Study	
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6:30 p.m. Clogging*		
Tuesday 1/11	9 a.m. Panera bread	12:30 p.m. Line dance
9:30 a.m. Line dance	10:45 a.m. Learning to preserve your family history	
10 a.m. Asian Pacific		

Activities designated with an "*" will be held at the Novi Civic Center. The Senior Center is at 25075 Meadowbrook Rd. Call (248) 347-0414.

CALENDAR

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EVENTS

Novi Chamber Luncheon

DATE: Tuesday, Jan. 18
TIME: 11:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Hotel Baronette, 27750 Novi Rd., Novi
DETAILS: Novi Mayor Lou Cordas will present the State of the City address, and the 2005 Chamber Board of Directors will be installed. Cost is \$20; RSVP by Friday, Jan. 14.
CONTACT: (248) 349-3743

Democrats Meet

DATE: Tuesday, Jan. 18
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Mamma Mia Restaurant, 1403 S. Commerce Rd., Walled Lake
DETAILS: Democrats of West Oakland County meeting with pizza and social hour at 6 p.m.
CONTACT: (248) 685-1882 or (248) 624-4753

After Hours Mixer

DATE: Thursday, Jan. 27
TIME: 5 p.m.
LOCATION: Sheraton Detroit Novi, 21111 Haggerty Rd., Novi
DETAILS: Join fellow Novi Chamber of Commerce members, partnering with the Livonia Chamber to mix, mingle and make connections. Cost is \$10.
CONTACT: (248) 349-3743

BUSINESS

Business Referrals

DATE: Every Wednesday
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Rd.
TIME: 7-8:30 a.m.
DETAILS: Meeting of local professionals and business looking to increase word-of-mouth referral business. Various classifications open and eager to bring you qualified business leads.
CONTACT: (734) 462-6460

CLASSES

Providence Center for the Healing Arts Tuesdays at Assarian

DATE: Every Tuesday night
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Assarian Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi
DETAILS: Variety of activities for the adult community to come and enjoy a unique mix of classes sponsored by the Providence Center for the Healing Arts. Some activities may include a supplies fee (no more than \$10).
CONTACT: (248) 465-5483

SCHOOL/GOVERNMENT

Novi School Board Meeting
DATE: Thursday, Jan. 6

Novi City Council Meeting

DATE: Monday, Jan. 10
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.
CONTACT: (248) 347-0460

Novi Planning Commission Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, Jan. 12
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.
CONTACT: (248) 347-0460

Novi School Board Meeting

DATE: Thursday, Jan. 20
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Rd., Novi
CONTACT: (248) 449-1200

SUPPORT GROUPS

Kensington Valley Mothers of Multiples (MOMS)

DATE: second Thursday of each month
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Wich's Hat Depot, South Lyon
DETAILS: Kensington Valley Mothers of Multiples provides information, support and social activities for mothers of multiple-birth children and their families.
CONTACT: Emily Sack, president, at (248) 676-2913

Women's Prayer Support

DATE: every Saturday
TIME: 9:10-10:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Harvest Fellowship Church, 49329 Pontiac Trail, Wexom (parking is behind the church)
DETAILS: You are welcome to come for encouragement, help, hope and prayer as you face life's problems, issues and frustrations. Drop in for five minutes or longer.
CONTACT: Nancy and Susan at (248) 926-8832 or by e-mail at harvestfellowship@comcast.net

Breast Cancer Support Group

DATES: second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.
LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, Commerce, Classroom C on the ground floor of the hospital.
TIME: 10-11:30 a.m.
DETAILS: There is no need to register.
CONTACT: (248) 937-5017

Adoption Playgroup

DATE: first and third Fridays of the month
TIME: 10 a.m.
LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church, on Meadowbrook Road between Ten Mile and Grand River Avenue.
DETAILS: A nonprofit, nonde-

nominal group that brings adoptive families together.

Twice-a-month meetings provide families with the opportunity to share play and conversation.
CONTACT: Michelle Pergeau (248) 887-4955 or Sandra Noonan (248) 960-3257

New Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) chapter

DATES: Wednesday mornings
LOCATION: Meadowbrook Commons Activities Room, 25075 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi
TIME: 11 a.m. weigh-in; 11:30 a.m. meeting
DETAILS: \$20 per annual membership includes handbook; \$1 per meeting. New members welcome.

HEALTH

Pilates at the Park

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

LOCATION: Providence Park (southwest corner of Beck Road and Grand River Avenue), Novi
DETAILS: Rehabilitation Services will be offering Pilates mat training classes, an effective form of exercise to strengthen, stretch and streamline one's body with minimum stress on joints. The cost for the program is \$120. Due to limited class size, it's recommended to register early.
CONTACT: (248) 465-4416

Youth Health & Fitness Fair

DATE: Sunday, Jan. 9
TIME: noon-1:30 p.m.
LOCATION: The Sports Club of Novi, 42500 Arden Dr.
DETAILS: Updated list of MSAH drop-off stations throughout the state, call the Hunger Hotline at (313) 278-FOOD or go to www.sportsmenagainsthunger.org.

Boys' Camp Day

DATE: Friday, Jan. 7
TIME: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
LOCATION: Providence Medical Building, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi
DETAILS: A day of enrichment and personal exploration designed to provide valuable tools, information and a new perspective on healthier living through wholeness. Open to the public. The cost is \$50 per person; includes lunch and materials. Registration is required.
CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

Ultimate Fishing Show



Courtesy photo

Try out the latest in tackle at the Ultimate Fishing Show in Novi next week.

Help feed the hungry, get free admission

You can help feed the hungry in metropolitan Detroit by going fishing on Thursday, Jan. 13. The "bait" is free admission to the Ultimate Fishing Show — Detroit, which opens that afternoon at three o'clock at the Novi Expo Center and runs through Sunday, Jan. 16. Anglers who bring a sack of non-perishable food items (four pounds or six cans or boxes) on opening night will get a coupon worth \$8 for free admission to southeast Michigan's newest and biggest fishing show. Volunteers for Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger (MSAH) will collect the food all day and donate it to area food banks in greatest need. Bob Bauer, popular host of "Bob Bauer's Outdoor World" airing Saturday mornings on WKRC-FM 97.1, will spearhead

the campaign with call-ins from the Novi Expo Center on Thursday afternoon. No stranger to food drives, Bauer recently helped collect more than 20 tons of food for the hungry at Bass Pro Shop in Auburn Hills.

"Bob Bauer is a natural to lead our drive," said Neal Easterbrook, who founded MSAH in 1991. "He is a true sportsman with a big heart. Our goal is to get 500 bags or more of food for the hungry at Bass Pro Shop in Auburn Hills. We hope the public will step up and help us because there is a real need this year." Each year MSAH volunteers collect 35,000 to 40,000 pounds of venison and other nutritious meat and hundreds of thousands of pounds of staples for food banks from Wyandotte to Ironwood. "The food donations fill a huge gap because they allow groups to spend their money on shelters, counseling and rehabilitation," Easterbrook said. "Sportsmen in West Michigan have really supported our efforts," Easterbrook said. "Last year in Grand Rapids, MSAH volunteers took in more than 2,000 bags of food."

DETAILS

Joining Novi businesses Gander Mountain and Buggreen Vacation Unlimited as exhibitors at the Ultimate Fishing Show will be Bauer's Fly Shop in Novi. John Bauer, owner, is bringing flyfishing and flycasting experts for one-on-one instruction through public clinics. Besides new equipment and tackle, he may also bring representatives of Fly Girls, an all-women flyfishing organization. Bauer will team with Colton Bay Outfitters, the new Orvis store in Ann Arbor, to provide patrons with the "ultimate" in flyfishing product and expertise.

- When: 2-9:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 13; noon to 9:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 14; 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday, January 15; 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 16
- Admission: \$8 for adults; \$4 for children ages 6 to 14; free for children 5 and under
- Contact: (800) 328-6550 or www.UltimateFishingShow.com

The Ultimate Sport Show Tour moves to Lansing, March 10-13, and to Grand Rapids, March 17-20. Easterbrook said his group will also collect non-perishable foods during opening nights of these shows. "Sportsmen in West Michigan have really supported our efforts," Easterbrook said. "Last year in Grand Rapids, MSAH volunteers took in more than 2,000 bags of food."

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A Michigan couple filing a joint tax return with a taxable income in excess of \$56,800 will be in a 29% marginal tax bracket. If they were fortunate enough to both qualify for deductible contributions to their IRAs, they would save \$1160 a year in taxes on a total contribution of \$4000 a year. However, most retirees will pay back every dollar to Uncle Sam that they saved in taxes in the first 18-24 months of their retirement. In fact, the average retired couple will pay 8 - 12 times the taxes during their retirement years than the taxes they saved during their contribution/accumulation years.

One of the original IRA/401K tenets held that deferring tax until retirement was advantageous because funds would likely be taxed at a lower rate. That is no longer universal truth. You may spend retirement in the same or higher bracket if you accumulate a respectable retirement nest egg. In fact, tax rates will likely rise in the future. So why postpone the inevitable and compound the tax problems?

Is there a way to "Have your cake and eat it too?" Through proper planning, a homeowner may safely utilize an equity retirement plan that may provide tax advantages during the contribution and accumulation phases, but more importantly, you may enjoy tax-free income during the retirement years and transfer any remaining funds to your heirs tax-free. This strategy can increase your net spendable retirement income by as much as 50%!

To understand how to determine if participation in a Roth IRA, traditional IRA or 401K plans is wise in your circumstances, Equity Enhancement Specialist, L.L.C. is conducting an educational seminar entitled, "Common Sense Strategies for Successful Equity Management." It will be held on Wednesday, January 12, 2005 from 7:00-10:00 p.m. at the Sheraton Detroit Novi, located at 2111 Haggerty Rd., Novi, MI 48375. There is easy access from I-275 & 8 Mile exit with plenty of parking. This education seminar is taught nationally at a normal tuition of \$100.00. However, Metropolitan Detroit homeowners are cordially invited to attend this presentation at no charge. For guaranteed seating, please RSVP at 248-357-0848.

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FAITH

Ramez Khuri, staff writer (248) 349-1700, ext. 110

CHURCH CALENDAR

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross offers a worship service every Wednesday from 12:10-2:50 p.m. Come and share your lunch hour with God at a worship service that includes scripture and Holy Communion. The church invites all to worship Sundays at 7:45 and 10 a.m. Nursery care is available at the 10 a.m. service. (The nursery is coordinated by a registered pediatric nurse.)

Adult Bible Study is Sunday at 9 a.m. Worship Center for children ages 3-7, and Sunday School is at 10 a.m.

Worship Service of Compline is held at 8:30 p.m. Rite 13 (ages 11-14) and J2A (ages 14 and up) groups meet at 5 p.m. for their program and dinner.

Youth Worship Service is held at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Sunday of every month. All are welcome.

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross has moved to 40700 W. Ten Mile (between Meadowbrook and Haggerty roads), Novi. Phone (248) 437-1175 or visit www.churchofthe-holycross.com

Crosspointe Meadows Church of Novi presents an Alpha Course, "Exploring the Christian Faith," on Sundays at 6 p.m. Program includes workbook and light supper. There is no fee.

Offices are located at 39830 Grand River Ave., Ste. B1-C (west of Haggerty). Phone (248) 427-2003; Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Faith Community Presbyterian Church invites you to worship at either the 9 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. service. Sunday school is offered at both services for children pre-kindergarten-12th grade.

Faith Community Presbyterian Church houses the Novi Emergency Food Bank.

which accepts all canned goods and non-perishable items as donations. The food bank is available to qualified persons in Novi, Walled Lake and New Hudson.

Communion will be served at Sunday services at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Faith Community Presbyterian is located at 44400 W. Ten Mile Rd. in Novi.

First United Methodist Church of Northville presents a community-wide healing service with prayers for healing of body, mind, relationship and spirit on the first Monday of each month at 4 p.m. The service is open to the Northville/Novi community and persons of all faiths.

The church is located at 777 W. Eight Mile Rd. (at Taft Road), Northville. Phone (248) 349-1144.

The Church of the Holy Family offers a Spanish-speaking Mass once a month beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Saturdays. The church is located at 24505 Meadowbrook Rd., between Ten Mile Road and Grand River Avenue. Call (248) 349-8847.

St. James Catholic Church is located at 46325 Ten Mile Rd., Novi. Call (248) 347-7778.

The Novi United Methodist Church is located at 41671 W. Ten Mile Rd. Call (248) 349-2652 for more information.

Hope Lutheran Church is located at 39200 W. Twelve Mile Rd., just east of Haggerty Road. Call (248) 553-7170.

Meadowbrook Church is located at 21355 Meadowbrook Rd., between Eight and Nine Mile roads.

LIFESTYLES

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NAMES IN THE NEWS

Representative **Thaddeus McCotter** (R-Livonia) is one of 30 national leaders selected to receive the Homeland Defender Award from the U.S. Freedom Foundation.

"Protecting America is a team effort, one led by the courageous first responders and, of course, our valiant troops," McCotter said. "Congress must continue to do everything in its power to support their efforts."

The foundation, which announced the award recipients Dec. 7, is a non-profit, nonpartisan Washington advocacy group for middle-class interest on homeland security, health care and education. The award is given to national leaders who have exhibited outstanding support for increased local efforts to improve homeland defense capabilities within strict constitutional guidelines.

Vicki Grulke, of Novi, orchestrated a fund-raiser at Sachse Construction, a Farmington Hills commercial construction and design/build service, that raised more than \$750 in one day to support the fight against breast cancer. Grulke is a senior executive assistant to Todd Sachse, the firm's president.

The fund-raiser was part of Lee National Dentin Day, a nationwide event involving 27,300 companies and millions of Americans on Oct. 8 - the

largest single-day fund-raiser for breast cancer ever. All donations went directly to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation for breast cancer research, education, screening and treatment programs.

Every employee of Sachse and its sister company, Broker & Sachse Real Estate Services, paid \$5 each to wear denim, or \$10 each to not wear it. The group's other fund-raising activities that day included serving a hot breakfast, a company-wide denim contest with prizes for the most denim worn, most creative use of denim and most unusual piece of denim; a bake sale with homemade baked goods and selling breast cancer awareness pins.

Sachse's and Broker & Sachse's owners, employees and subcontractors all donated, helping the firm exceed its \$500 goal. Grulke said.

Circuit Court Chief Judge Wendy Potts announces the appointment of Honorable James M. Alexander to succeed retiring Judge Richard Kuhn as chief judge pro tempore of the Circuit Court. She has also appointed Honorable Steven N. Andrews as presiding judge of the General Jurisdiction of the Circuit Court.

Again serving as chief judge of the Probate Court will be Honorable Eugene Arthur Moore. Chief judge pro tempore will be Honorable Elizabeth Pezzetti, and Honorable Barry Grant will serve as presiding judge of the Estates Division.

The appointments became effective Jan. 1.

OBITUARIES

Maxine G. (nee Haskin) Murphy, 85

Maxine Murphy died Dec. 27, 2004. She was 85. Survivors include two children, Father John Murphy CSB and Mary Therese Rohr; four grandchildren, Vanessa (Mike) Griggs, Melissa (Ken) Loveday, Jessica (Will) Schneider and Jane (Roger) Killen; 13 great-grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Julia, Kayleigh, Kenna, Kerington, Michael Jay, Baby Loveday, Sarah, Michael, Michelle, Corey, Ryan and Kelly; two brothers, Richard and Douglas; and several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Special gratitude to Ging and Dan Barker.

Preceding her in death was her husband, John; and three siblings, Helen, Bill and Jean.

Funeral services were Dec. 31 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Novi. Arrangements were handled by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Interment was at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Emmet, Mich.

Memorials may be made to Catholic Central High School, 14200 Breakfast Drive, Redford. MI 48239 or to a charity of your choice.

Online sympathy messages: www.obrien-sullivanfuneral-home.com.

Barbara Ann Peck, 75

Barbara Peck died Dec. 27, 2004. She was 75. Survivors include her husband, Gerald; three children, Thomas (Lorraine), Timothy (Cathleen) and Lawrence (Judith); and eight grandchildren, Chris, Colleen, Kelly, Jill, Stephanie, Alex, Ben

Grady and Drew. A funeral liturgy was held Dec. 31, at St. Fabian Church, 32200 W. Twelve Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. Interment will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48154-5010.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Online sympathy messages: www.obrien-sullivanfuneral-home.com.

Kenneth Jay Rosselot, 38

Kenneth Rosselot died Dec. 21, 2004, in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. He was 38. Mr. Rosselot was a 1985 graduate of Northville High School and was a chef with O'Callahan's in Plymouth, Bacco's in Southfield and the Atlas Global Bistro in Detroit.

Survivors include his parents, Kenneth and Nancy Rosselot of Farmington; two siblings, John (Gina) Rosselot of Redford and Susan (Patrick) Pucher of South Lyon; and two grandmothers, Frances Simpson and Gerry Landmesser of Novi.

Visitation will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 14, at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Rd., Northville, until time of memorial service at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Lisa Cook officiating. Interment will be in Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

Memorials may be made to the Gift of Life Donations, 2203 Platt Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48104. Arrangements were made by Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home, Northville.

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by Donald M. Wayne, D.D.S., M.S.
Orthodontic Specialist

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Buddy-buddy

Every Friday teachers at Novi Woods Elementary School get together to do a variety of activities with their first grade buddies. Recently, the kids had hot chocolate and wrote letters to either Santa Claus or their parents with holiday wishes, mindful of not saying "I want..." but instead saying "I would like you to consider..." Pictured are Kelly Cauchi, Lauren Miller, Marcel Soleimani and Pierre Hage.

ON CAMPUS

David George, Brandon Henkel, and Ann Nelson, all of Novi, and Rachel Lilly of Wixom, have been named to the Dean's List for fall 2004 term at Northwood University.

Novi resident Maria Schimizzi was among the recent graduates at Adrian College during Dec. 2004 commencement exercises.

Alison Dunleavy, Elizabeth Kurii and Marcy Bross, all of Novi, were among the summer 2004 graduates at Western Michigan University.

Several local students are new members of Albion College's Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service. The Ford Institute is designed to give exceptional students a chance to broaden their education through concentrated study in areas of government and public service.

Emily Healy is a first-year student at Albion College. She is the daughter of Terry Healy and Wendy Weimhard of Novi and a graduate of Novi High School.

Lindsay Zeigler-Neter is a first-year student at Albion College. She is the daughter of Thomas Neter and Julie Neter of Novi and a graduate of Novi High School.

Melody Bryan of Novi was among the 280 graduating seniors who received diplomas in commencement exercises at Harding University, Dec. 18, 2004. She received a bachelor of science in nursing degree from Harding, the largest private university in Arkansas.



Merry Leggett Christmas

Novi Woods students and their parents joined together to help make the holidays a little merrier for students at Leggett Elementary School in Waterford. The Novi Woods students collected over 500 gifts - toys, books, hats and gloves - for children in need at Leggett. Novi Woods fourth graders eagerly helped with the enormous job of wrapping the gifts. In the spirit of the season, the gift wrap was donated by the Wixom Meijer. Pictured are fourth graders Michael Beaton, Gadea Ortiz, Craig Latham, Alyssa Ninkovich, Jenna Giragosian and Ben Jenkins.



Seniors treated to music

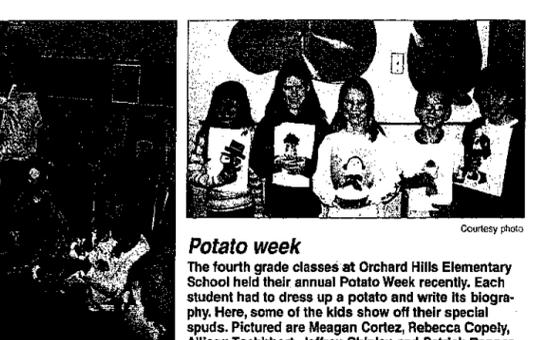
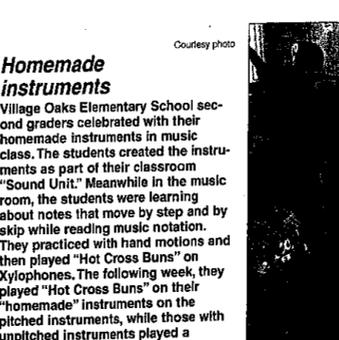
As part of a year-long partnership between Orchard Hills Elementary first graders and the Manor of Novi Convalescent Home, the whole class went caroling to entertain the senior citizens who live there on Friday, Dec. 17.

Holiday shopping

Cameron Czapski, a kindergarten student at Deerfield Elementary, completes his holiday gift shopping at the school's annual Holiday Shop.

Kindergarten holiday concert

Novi Woods kindergartners performed a holiday concert for their families on Thursday, Dec. 16. Afterwards, they celebrated with parties in their classrooms.



Potato week

The fourth grade classes at Orchard Hills Elementary School held their annual Potato Week recently. Each student had to dress up a potato and write its biography. Here, some of the kids show off their special spuds. Pictured are Meagan Cortez, Rebecca Copeley, Allison Tschirhart, Jeffrey Shipley and Patrick Renner.

EDUCATION

Ramez Khuri, school reporter (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 rkhuri@bt.homecomm.net

Foreign Exchange program looking for hosts in Novi

Deadline to place kids is Friday, Jan. 14

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

The Educational Foundation for Foreign Study in Boston is looking for residents in Novi who are interested in participating in a foreign exchange program.

Since Northville is full of foreign exchange students already, the foundation has turned its attention to Novi. All interested families need to do to, once approved, is provide room, food and care. But they must hurry, because the deadline to place the six available students is Friday, Jan. 14.

"My job is to find placement and a family for the kids for one semester," said Linda Leedy, who is a Northville resident and retired high school English teacher. "We have one girl from Australia, one

from South America, and the rest are from Europe. The Australian girl is the only one who wants to go a whole year, from January to January.

Leedy's job is to meet with people who are interested in hosting a foreign exchange student at their home to determine if the family is a right fit for any of the students. She also makes sure it would be a safe environment for the students.

Leedy explained that many high school students from America go to Europe during the summers. In fact, she has been on three trips with students herself.

"Once placed," Leedy said, "a student can share a bedroom, but not a bath; there has to be enough room in the house, but it doesn't have to be a mansion; and the people's own family children don't have to be the same age as the younger and older children to create a family mix."

Those interested can contact Leedy if they want to bring a foreign exchange student into their home. Once a family agrees to do it

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Linda Leedy
Northville resident

Spain for her and some students. "That's how I got involved," Leedy said. "When I retired it was really nice to focus on myself and concentrate on me all the time, but after a while a kind of nagging little thing. After working my whole life, I needed something substantial to work on. This seemed like a good thing to volunteer for."

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and is accepted, she said the process goes by very quickly and easily. There's a form to fill out, and Leedy will check with Novi High School to make sure there are no problems with enrollment.

"Then we meet the kids at the airport and bring them home," Leedy said. "They're not allowed to drive, even though they might have licenses. They can do household chores, but if they do extra work, they should be paid, just like any kid in a house. They all come to America with their own

spending money."

From what Leedy has heard, people usually contact her because they learn about it and it sounds like a good idea to them.

"Families like it so much that I've heard of people going to Europe and visiting their foster children's families," Leedy said. "Foster families sometimes also come here to visit, so people do become very close."

Leedy said that some people hear about others who have done it and they want to try.

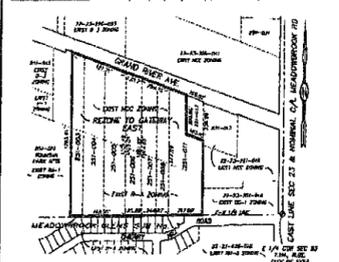
"There are very few bad matches," she said. "Anybody who feels they would like to experience a culture without leaving home, this is an excellent way to volunteer in your community."

For more information, visit www.affoundation.org, or call Leedy at (248) 349-5599.

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To rezone a part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 23, T.1N., R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being parcels 22-23-151-003, 004, 005, 006, 007, 008 and 011 more particularly described as follows:

Parcel 22-23-151-003, 004 & 005

Beginning at a point on the East-West 1/4 line of Section 23 and the North line of Meadowbrook Glens Sub. No. 3 as recorded in Liber 145 of Plats, Page 1, Oakland County Records, said point being N89°58'34"W, 1329.29 feet from the East 1/4 corner of Section 23; thence continuing N89°58'34"W, 452.50 feet; thence N00°16'54"E, 1255.91 feet to a point on the South line of Grand River Ave. (100 FT. wide); thence S70°38'16"E, along said South line, 407.71 feet; thence S00°12'03"W, 1104.43 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 12.63 acres.

Parcel 22-23-151-006

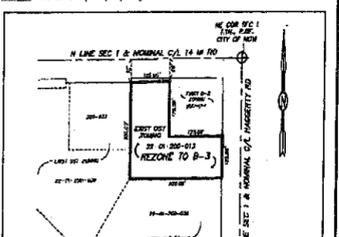
Beginning at a point on the East-West 1/4 line of Section 23 and the North line of Meadowbrook Glens Sub. No. 3 as recorded in Liber 145 of Plats, Page 1, Oakland County Records, said point being N89°58'04"W, 1203.43 feet from the East 1/4 corner of Section 23; thence continuing N89°58'4"W, 123.88 feet; thence N02°02'E, 1105.04 feet to a point on the South line of Grand River Ave. (100 FT. wide); thence S70°41'57"E, along said South line, 130.70 feet; thence, S00°12'03"W, 1104.43 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 3.10 acres.

ORDINANCE NO. 18.648
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 18.648
CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN
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To rezone a part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 1, T.1N., R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being parcel 22-01-200-013 more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point distant West, 225.00 feet and S00°03'30"E, 60.00 feet from the Northeast corner of Section 1; thence S00°03'30"E, 175.00 feet; thence East, 175.00 feet to the Western right-of-way line of Haggerty Road; thence S00°03'30"E, 125.00 feet along said Western right-of-way line; thence West, 300.00 feet, thence N00°03'30"W, 300.00 feet; thence East, 125.00 feet to the point of beginning. Excepting that part lying Northerly of a line described as beginning at a point distant N87°24'30", 2.225 feet along the North line of Section 1 (nominal C/L of Fourteen Mile Road) and S02°55'07", 70.00 feet from the North 1/4 corner; thence N87°24'30"E, 550.00 feet to the point of ending. Containing 1.33 acres.

FROM: OST OFFICE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY TO: B-3 GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

ORDINANCE NO. 16.646
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 646
CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN
ADDED BY THE CITY COUNCIL
LOU CSORDAS, MAYOR
MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CLERK

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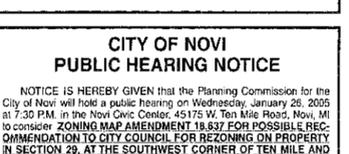
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To rezone a part of the NE 1/4 of Section 29, T.1N., R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being parcel 22-29-226-030 more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of Section 29; thence S02°27'19"E, 378.89 feet along the East line of Section 29, nominal C/L of Beck Road, (said point being N02°27'19"W, 2282.14 feet from the East 1/4 corner of said Section 29); thence S87°22'25"W, 459.17 feet; thence N02°27'19"E, 378.89 feet to a point on the North line of Section 29, nominal C/L at Ten Mile Road; (said point being N87°22'25"E, 2220.18 feet from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 29); thence N87°22'25"E, 459.87 feet along said North line to the point of beginning. Containing 4.00 acres.

FROM: R-1 ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO: OS-1 OFFICE SERVICE DISTRICT

ORDINANCE NO. 18.637
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SCHOOL BRIEFS

Super interviews

The Novi Community School District Board of Education will be conducting public superintendent interviews at Novi's Educational Services Building, located at 25345 Taft Rd. All interviews will be televised live locally on cable Channel 10 in Novi. The schedule is:

- Tuesday, Jan. 11 - Tom Hofer, superintendent of the Huron School District, at 6 p.m. and John Strock, superintendent of the Charlevoix Public School District, at 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 12 - Milli Haug, superintendent of the Crawford AuSable School District, at 6 p.m. and Peter Dinn, superintendent of the Grosse Ile Township School District at 8 p.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 13 - Daniel Danosky, superintendent of the Harper Woods School District, at 6 p.m. and Virginia Kyoto, superintendent of the Oxford Area Community School District at 8 p.m.
- Friday, Jan. 14 - Sandra Standel, assistant superintendent for Royal Oak Public Schools, at 6 p.m.

Call (248) 449-1700 for more information.



Making gingerbread houses

With parents help, first graders at Orchard Hills Elementary made gingerbread houses out of milk cartons, graham crackers and goodies. First graders from Becky Hurst's class, Koji Furuse and Andrea Edwards, work diligently on their candy house creations.

Haas in leadership conference

David Haas of Novi participated in the National Young Leaders Conference (NYLC) in Washington, D.C. in October. NYLC is a leadership development program for high school students who have demonstrated leadership potential and scholastic merit. Haas, a senior at



Brother Rice High School, was one of approximately 400 outstanding scholars from around the country at the conference.

The theme of NYLC was the Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today. Throughout ten days, Haas interacted with a variety of persons who operate within the three branches of government, the news media, and the international community.

Robotics competition kicking off

The 2005 Novi FIRST Robotics Kickoff, sponsored by Inter Automotive, will be held Saturday at Northville High School.

A series of speakers will feature Scott Paradise, executive vice president of sales and marketing at Inter Automotive, from 8:15-10 a.m. A national telecast from NASA in Manchester, New Hampshire, from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., will announce the robotics challenge the teams will need to solve by the six-week deadline.

The goal of this non-profit, multi-national robotics competition is for teams to design, assemble and test a robot capable of performing a specified task - the result of focused brainstorming, real-world teamwork, dedicated mentoring, project timelines and deadlines. Inter Automotive annually sponsors both the local kickoff of this high-tech event that draws 1,400 students and 78 teams throughout southeast Michigan as well as the Novi High School team to promote technology and science among high school students.



Holiday shopping at Orchard Hills

Every year the Orchard Hills Parent Teacher Organization sponsors the "Happy Holiday Shoppe," which allows students and their siblings to purchase all their holiday gifts from a wide assortment of items. Here, first grader Amanda Liddicoat, her second grade sister, Sarah and their mother, Laura check out some potential gifts for dad.

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Japanese traditions taught at Orchard Hills

Orchard Hills Elementary School third grade teachers all dressed in traditional Japanese attire recently in an attempt to teach children the wonders of the culture. Wearing traditional kimonos is customary for the Japanese after the New Year. Several Japanese moms, coordinated by Yuki Shigeoka, brought in several of these traditional kimonos and yukatas for the teachers to try on. They wore them in their classrooms and explained some of the Japanese traditions to their students with the input of their Japanese students. Pictured here from left to right are Tricia Styles, Cathy Brandau, Karen Tomito and Melissa Israel.



Kindergarten holiday concert

Novi Woods kindergarten performers performed a holiday concert for their families on Thursday, Dec. 16. Afterwards, they celebrated with parties in their classrooms.

HomeTown Central Newspapers

PRESS ARGUS

On Feb. 3, 2005, the Livingston County Daily Press & Argus will be launching a new special section entitled, "Oh Baby!" and your baby could be the main attraction.

This new section will feature photos of all babies born in 2004, along with editorial and advertising for new parents.

Each participant will receive a space similar to this:

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Relief aid coming from all walks of life

As the death toll tops 140,000 from the tsunami that hit Asia the day after Christmas, the rest of the world is dipping into its pockets for aid.



Cal Stone

Our government is pitching in \$350 million (and that's not even the highest — Japan is contributing \$300 million) and corporations are donating small fortunes, but it's the citizens here who are really stepping up to the plate.

Students are collecting cans and bottles, kids are emptying their piggybanks, seniors on fixed incomes are writing checks, and on and on.

It's bogging one's mind, though, to contrast this outpouring of compassion with the senseless murder that terrorists have committed.

Locally, Gjo's Salon and Day Spa is doing its part in the relief effort by donating proceeds from services provided from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

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

OPINION

LETTERS

Strive for equality

Novi school administrators are touting the need for "equitable" facilities that will result in equal instructional opportunities for all. "Equality" is a very noble goal that should serve as the foundation for other policy decisions in 2005. For example:

1) Shouldn't we have an "equitable" kindergarten curriculum for all elementary school students? Currently, all the students at one elementary school receive full-day kindergarten, while only a selected few get it from the other four elementary schools.

2) Shouldn't we have "equitable" scheduling philosophies for all teachers? Currently, elementary school teachers are allocated 14 percent of their day for class preparation.

3) Shouldn't we have an "equitable" curriculum for all elementary school students? Currently, one elementary school operates under a "Magnet" philosophy with special curriculum, while the other four elementary schools are traditional, neighborhood schools.

As the Novi Board of Education tackles these and other important policies in 2005, I hope decisions are made based on two things:

• Fiscal responsibility — Novi residents passed a tax increase last year, based on the "trust" that the board would properly manage its finances.

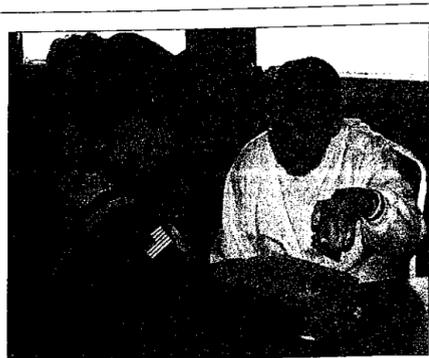
• Equality — It's time for the board to eliminate the stigma of the haves and have-nots in our great community, especially as it pertains to full-day kindergarten, teachers' schedules and elementary school curriculum.

Dennis O'Connor
Novi

Challenge the winner

To Doreen (Lansing) and all others with similar hopes for the new year and beyond. It is good to have hope, but for some things hope will not be enough. Those that social security is not preannounced or dismantled. As concerned citizens we must do more. We must take action when and where possible and not just wait to react to change we don't want. We need to make our wishes known and encourage others to do so.

Chuck Tindall
Novi



Courtesy photos

Share holiday spirit
Novi Cub Scouts from Pack 375 visited the Novi Senior Center on Dec. 21 to help celebrate the holidays. The boys led the seniors in singing Christmas carols, then passed out cookies and punch. The Scouts also gave the seniors holiday bookmarks they had made and some candy to sweeten the holidays.

Serving seniors
Cub Scouts from Troop 249 took part in a community service project, heading to the Halstead Place Senior Center Dec. 11 to visit the residents and sing Christmas carols. The boys also brought home baked cookies to share and earn credit toward their cooking badges.

Novi Cub Scouts from Pack 375 visited the Novi Senior Center on Dec. 21 to help celebrate the holidays. The boys led the seniors in singing Christmas carols, then passed out cookies and punch. The Scouts also gave the seniors holiday bookmarks they had made and some candy to sweeten the holidays. Additional bookmarks, treats, small gifts and toiletries were donated to the senior center for distribution to homebound seniors. Cub Scout Pack 375 is comprised of Parkview Elementary first-fourth graders and some fifth graders from Novi Meadows. Pack 375 is sponsored by Providence Hospital.

LANSING CONNECTION

As a second part of our series, I would like to continue the update of accomplishments as we concluded the 92nd Session of the State Legislature. This week includes issues of families, consumer protection, land use and environment.

Land Use
• **CORE Package** — Creating Opportunities for Renewed Economies
This legislation amended Michigan Election Law to bring Michigan into compliance with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002.

Families and Community
• **Grandparent Visitation**
Legislation was passed that allows for the petition of grandparent visitation under certain circumstances when there is a dispute. This proposal received unanimous support in the Michigan Senate.

Conserving Our Environment
• **Recycling Improvements**
Legislation passed establishing a Recycling Advisory Council and Statewide Recycling Coordinator.

Consumer Protection
• **Creating Tough Identity-theft Protection Measures**
I was the sponsor of the primary bill in a package that provides a comprehensive overhaul of Michigan's ID theft laws.

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OTHER OPINIONS

Time running out on fix for state's financial woes

Happy New Year, everybody. Just in case you thought disheartening in life was something new, consider that more than 2,000 years ago, the ancient Greek philosopher Diogenes was said to have spent much time wandering around Athens in broad daylight, carrying a lantern and searching in vain for an honest man.

Yet if Diogenes were alive and in Lansing today, he would need lots of extra batteries. There don't seem to be many honest folks these days in our state capital.

The politicians are not being honest about our finances or maybe they're all just scared of blurring out the truth, which is that the emperor is getting more naked by the day.

Consider Michigan has experienced \$1 billion or more in budget shortfalls in each of the past three fiscal years. This year's budget already looks out of whack by something like \$400 million, and best estimates are that next year's spending plan (which begins Oct. 1) will be another \$1 billion-plus in the red.

How come? What to do? Diogenes, shine that lantern! Most legislators proclaim in public that we have to cut state spending — without ever saying what exactly they would cut, since that would inevitably get someone mad.

Various special interest groups — teachers, prison guards, city managers, you name 'em — say we've got to cut spending, sure, but certainly not by slashing their own little patch of happiness.

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce says we've got to cut taxes even more than we have to improve the business climate.

Naturally, business leaders never address the problem of how to make up for the lost revenue, or what will happen when the money that buys essential state services disappears.

On and on it goes. Fingers are being pointed left, right and center, in an endless circle. Diogenes would have despair — unless he was fortunate enough to come across Tom Clay, director of state affairs for the Citizens Research Council (CRC) of Michigan.

CRC is a non-profit research outfit that is widely recognized as both non-partisan and enormously expert. Clay is a quiet, unassuming type who worked on state budgets under both Republican and Democratic governors for decades and probably knows as much as one-on-one financial gymnastics to save off ArrangedK — using up rainy day funds, increasing fees, changing dates of tax collections and other accounting trickery.

What Clay is saying in plain English is that the state for five years has resorted to a bunch of one-time financial gymnastics to stave off ArrangedK — using up rainy day funds, increasing fees, changing dates of tax collections and other accounting trickery.

The \$6.5 billion stash that was in the piggy bank has now all been used up.

And folks — whether Lansing types or ordinary citizens — are going to have to confront an emerging budget crisis. We have no choice; we are facing billions in real time. The only way to accomplish this is to get serious about cutting spending, by increasing taxes or by both.

That's what the light of Diogenes' lamp reveals, and the hope is that a few bright shining hard facts will help bring even less than honest men to the realization that things have to change big-time.

In one positive development, Clay presented this material to newly elected state representatives at a meeting in Lansing last month. "Frankly, I was encouraged at the reaction of the new legislators. They're understanding the facts and they're concerned — much more now than they were two years ago at a similar meeting," he told me.

Finally, I, too, have found that some people in Lansing are discussing this situation — in private, of course — with the seriousness it deserves. But we don't have much time to get our houses in order. We're already behind the eight-ball with respect to other information, Clay said, "and if we don't fix this problem pretty soon the future is going to be pretty gloomy."

As we ought to know by now, there is a terrible price to be paid for ignoring a coming tidal wave.

Phil Power is the Chairman of the Board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953-2047 or at ppower@homecomm.net.

Jack Lessenberry

small black-and-white photos of men in suits, and was written in a suitably dry fashion by a history professor.

"The Spirit of Michigan State" is anything but that. Similarly illustrated books of its size tend to sell for about \$75; this one retails for \$49.95, but they'll reduce that by \$10 if you order it from the Web site, www.spiritofmichiganstate.com.

When I first saw it, I assumed it had been heavily subsidized by MSU and published by the campus press. It was neither. The MSU Press had other projects in motion, "so I learned how to become a publisher," McCrystal laughed. So he paid to have the book typeset in Arizona and printed in, of all places, China, and then started selling them.

He doesn't want to talk about what this set him back, but there isn't the slightest chance he will recoup his investment; he is donating the proceeds to MSU. Though he has a fairly nudgy complexion, he clearly breeds green and white. The U-M may have Arthur

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On and on it goes. Fingers are being pointed left, right and center, in an endless circle. Diogenes would have despair — unless he was fortunate enough to come across Tom Clay, director of state affairs for the Citizens Research Council (CRC) of Michigan.

CRC is a non-profit research outfit that is widely recognized as both non-partisan and enormously expert. Clay is a quiet, unassuming type who worked on state budgets under both Republican and Democratic governors for decades and probably knows as much as one-on-one financial gymnastics to save off ArrangedK — using up rainy day funds, increasing fees, changing dates of tax collections and other accounting trickery.

What Clay is saying in plain English is that the state for five years has resorted to a bunch of one-time financial gymnastics to stave off ArrangedK — using up rainy day funds, increasing fees, changing dates of tax collections and other accounting trickery.

The \$6.5 billion stash that was in the piggy bank has now all been used up.

And folks — whether Lansing types or ordinary citizens — are going to have to confront an emerging budget crisis. We have no choice; we are facing billions in real time.

In one positive development, Clay presented this material to newly elected state representatives at a meeting in Lansing last month. "Frankly, I was encouraged at the reaction of the new legislators. They're understanding the facts and they're concerned — much more now than they were two years ago at a similar meeting," he told me.

Finally, I, too, have found that some people in Lansing are discussing this situation — in private, of course — with the seriousness it deserves. But we don't have much time to get our houses in order. We're already behind the eight-ball with respect to other information, Clay said, "and if we don't fix this problem pretty soon the future is going to be pretty gloomy."

As we ought to know by now, there is a terrible price to be paid for ignoring a coming tidal wave.

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"The Spirit of Michigan State" is anything but that. Similarly illustrated books of its size tend to sell for about \$75; this one retails for \$49.95, but they'll reduce that by \$10 if you order it from the Web site, www.spiritofmichiganstate.com.

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He doesn't want to talk about what this set him back, but there isn't the slightest chance he will recoup his investment; he is donating the proceeds to MSU. Though he has a fairly nudgy complexion, he clearly breeds green and white. The U-M may have Arthur

Miller among its alumni, but when it comes to wifery devotion, it's hard to imagine that they can top MSU's Homer. What was his favorite Spartan anecdote? "Hard to say," but one great one is a little secret story of how the school got to be a football powerhouse.

During World War II, John Hannah badly wanted to get into the Big Ten, but knew he'd have to prove States could play with the big boys. So he enlisted then-Michigan Gov. Harry Kelly in an effort to persuade Notre Dame's president to agree to play a regular series with them. "This was at the height of World War II, during rationing, and Mrs. Kelly pulled three priceless sticks out of the freezer."

Meat matters. Notre Dame started coming to East Lansing, and State got into the Big Ten. McCrystal has several other books he plans to write about the school. If the U-M had any way of cloning him, they'd be crazy not to do it.

Blanchard for Democratic Party Chairman? Some people scoffed at the news that former Gov. Jim Blanchard was interested in being the next Democratic National Chairman. But the idea may not be so far-fetched. Blanchard, now a well-connected Washington lawyer, is broadly acceptable to all factions. He is energetic, in a good position to be a honest broker, and perhaps most important, he is a candidate for president. Howard Dean, perhaps the front-runner for the chairmanship, clearly wants to run again.

Insiders say Blanchard would love the job, which will be filled in February, but won't formally run unless he thinks he has a good chance of winning, and has solid support from the nation's Democratic governors.

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Pawlak right at home at MSU

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

When it comes to female athletes, few names top the list from 2004 as quickly as Mo Pawlak. Though she graduated in 2004, Pawlak is still one of the first people thought of when sports are discussed in Novi. Not only was she one of the top soccer scorers of all time in the state of Michigan, she was also one of the few players to earn a Division I college scholarship for her athletic endeavors.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Mo Pawlak, a Novi High School graduate and current Michigan State University soccer player, was named as Novi's Female Athlete of the Year for 2004.

College, Pawlak found, was a bit different than even the high level of play from her national championship club squad, the Michigan Hawks. "It's a little faster than club," Pawlak said. "In the beginning I was freaked out because the girls would just fly by you and nail you. But once you play a couple of games you're fine." This whole year found the Spartan earning plenty of success. Not only did she become one of the highest goal scorers of all time for Michigan girls at the high school level, she also won a national title in club and won 12-1 at the collegiate level. Pawlak earned All-State honors and was the HomeTown Newspapers All-Area Player of the Year.

Not even better grades. Pawlak is the first to admit she didn't do the highest grade-point average in high school. In college, things seem to line up a little better — especially with a little help from her soccer team. "You have to study," she said. "I can tell you that I'd much rather be an athlete, though. I'm devoted to soccer, but I know I have to get my school work done now. I just can't afford to let anything slip." Which is why Pawlak will continue being one of the top athletes Novi High has ever offered.

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Moore's a true athlete

What isn't there to be impressed with about Mark Moore? The Novi senior pulls in good grades, plays three sports and is just a pretty nice guy all around. "Mark is an amazing athlete," said Novi cross country and track coach Bob Smith. "He's been a leader on our team and the kind of athlete everyone can look up to."



Sam Eggleston

Moore has had an impact on every sport he has participated in as well. In cross country this year he was a top-10 finisher in the state of Michigan's Division I state finals and finished first in his Regional. Moore was also the top Kensington Valley Conference finisher in the finals.

In basketball last season he helped lead his team to yet another District title as the Wildcats defeated the Northville Mustangs in double overtime. In track and field he helped lead Novi to a surprising Kensington Valley Conference title.

"He's had a lot of success," remarked Smith, who has coached the senior in two sports over the past few years. "I'm really proud of him."

No, the Novi senior knows the true meaning of being an athlete. With that comes natural leadership and the ability to inspire others. He doesn't talk himself up because he knows the only way to truly make a statement is with his play on the court, track or cross country course. Actions, they say, speak louder than words.

Novi has never been in the position where leaders were in short supply. The school is full of them both academically and athletically. Few schools are so blessed. Yet, when the question of which athletes rise above the rest comes out, Moore ranks as high as any of them. Don't expect him to tell you that though. He's much rather just nod when asked if he plays sports. Want to know how good he is? Don't ask him, just show up to a contest he's participating in. Moore isn't going to tell you just how skilled he is. He'd much rather show you. That's what a true athlete would do.

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Smith doesn't coach for money

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

There's little doubt that Novi boys' cross country and track coach Bob Smith loves his job. He's always smiling, even managing to do so after a loss on most occasions. He is the first to commend his runners and he's the first to give them credit for any victory.

to tell Smith that he's lucky to have so many great athletes at Novi. Luck, quite often, seems like something that has required a lot of work to achieve. "A lot of people don't remember the kid that ran a 25-minute five (kilometer)," said Smith. "All they see is the end result of when they graduate that they're stars. It's kind of humorous at times."

"It's real gratifying for myself and for the students," said Smith of coaching. "It's less both of us see hard work does pay off." Indeed it does. The Novi boys' track and field team qualified two sprint relays and a discus thrower to the state finals last year after winning the Kensington Valley Conference title. In cross country, Novi took fourth in the state with two runners finishing in the top-10.

"We've been on a bit of a roll," said Smith. "We've had a lot of success at Novi. I'm very proud of these kids and how well they've done." Many coaches would be quick

monetary and we're not trying to relieve the past. It's just the true teacher in us coaches coming out."

Smith pointed out that many coaches, including himself, once loved participating in the sports they now coach. He said when everything — an no, it's not the only thing either. "The kids sometimes don't have the benefit of that kind of point of view," said Smith. "They want to win it all, sometimes they're looking for an opportunity in that regard. For a long time, there's no doubt Smith tries to teach such a viewpoint to those he coaches. "It's hard for teenagers to keep things like that in perspective," he said. "But I enjoy trying to help them get a good handle on it."

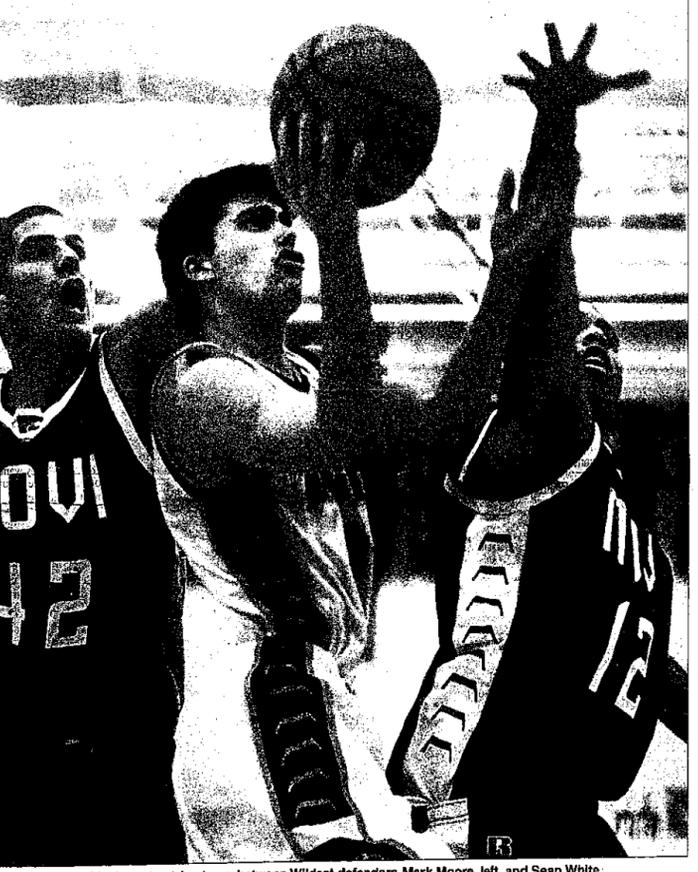


ABOVE: Northville's Oussama El-Saadi wrestles the ball away from a Novi player. LEFT: Northville's JD Gerblick has his shot bolstered by Novi's Mark Moore.



Senior Wildcat Anthony Harbin goes for a layup against the Mustangs.

Corraled!



Mustang Ryan Hillock, center, tries to go between Wildcat defenders Mark Moore, left, and Sean White.

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Novi's A.W. Stanek attempts to get a shot off against Northville's Alan Shanoski.

Crosstown contest will fuel fires come district

It was a game that was even on paper and proved to be even on the court despite Novi earning the six-point victory. The Wildcats crossed Eight Mile Road and paid a visit to their cross-town rivals in the Northville Mustangs. When the dust settled on the hardwood, Novi stood victorious in a boys' basketball showdown, 49-43. "You've got to give Novi credit," said Northville coach Darrell Schumacher, who had to watch the game from the stands due to his recovery from recent surgery. "I think they really dominated on the boards and got plenty of offensive rebounds, which is not a good sign. Plus, they're always good on defense." Couple that Wildcat defense with bad Northville shooting and the night started to slide downhill for the Mustangs. After jumping to a 15-13 lead after the first quarter, the Mustangs lost their lead and could only watch as Novi ran away with it. By the end of the first half, the Cats slid into a 24-21 lead before jumping ahead 37-30 after three. "We played well," said Novi coach Pat Schluter. "This was a good way to start the season up again."



Novi Wildcat head coach Pat Schluter exhorts his team to defend the hoop against Northville.

Mike Jameson, a senior guard for Northville, got the fire started again with about three minutes left in the game with two quick three pointers. He had three on the night to add up his total of nine points. Leading the way for Northville was J.D. Gerblick, who netted 11 points and six rebounds. Gerblick missed a key shot in the fourth quarter that rolled around the bucket before popping out and into a Novi defender's hands. Novi was, once again, led by Anthony Harbin, who led all scorers with an impressive 16-point game. No other scorers went into double digits. "The game didn't mean much for either squad at this point in the season — both teams are gearing up for their conference schedules. Northville will play John Glenn tomorrow and Novi will play Pinkney in game that will test the skill of both teams. "The final outcome, however, can be used as fuel for a fire to be lit in March. "We play down this game," said Schumacher. "The one that matters against Novi is in the district. That's the one that counts. We'll use this to fire the kids up and to show them that even though they didn't shoot well they still hung with them. Next time, we hope to make it a little better game with Novi if we get the chance."

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49-43 16
Final score of the Novi game over Northville Tuesday night. Points scored by leading Wildcat, senior Anthony Harbin, to top all scorers.

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Novi Wildcat head coach Pat Schluter exhorts his team to defend the hoop against Northville.

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Financial resolutions for new year

While you're drafting your New Year's resolutions to improve health and harmony, don't forget to include some financial resolutions in your mix.

Resolve to get organized. Before you do anything else, organize your crucial financial documents. Should your home be struck with a natural or manmade disaster, you'll want the peace of mind knowing these documents are safe. Begin by making a list of your bank and credit card accounts.



Mary Davis

Include account numbers, expiration dates, credit limits and phone numbers. Also list the contact information for your phone, gas and electric companies. Then, for insurance purposes, make a list of all your possessions. (Some insurance experts recommend making a videotape of your possessions.) Place this information, along with your will, insurance policies, proof of residence (deed or lease), mortgage information, Social Security cards, birth and marriage certificates, family records and other documents you deem appropriate, in a fireproof box in your house or a safe deposit box. Inform a family member or trusted friend where these documents are housed.

Next, set up a filing system for other financial related information. Create one folder for financial institution receipts — statements, cancelled checks and deposit receipts; another folder for investment account information; and a third folder for tax related items including W-2 forms and 1099 forms from brokerage and mutual fund companies. Place receipts for deductible expenses like paid medical bills, property tax bills and charitable contributions in this folder. Housing tax information in one place will help preserve your sanity at tax time.

Resolve to economize. If you're committed to paying down debt in 2005 or saving more money for retirement, you've got to spend less than you make. You probably have a good idea of how much you spend each year on mortgage and car payments because these expenses remain the same from month to month. But do you know how much you fritter away on frivolities? If you haven't already, consider purchasing software like Quicken or Microsoft Money to track what you spend every month. As long as you're in the dark about how much you actually spend on things you don't need, you likely won't commit to reforming your spending habits.

After you've developed a realistic picture of your spending, think about how to cut costs. For example, do you feel you're spending too much on groceries? Is it because you visit the grocery store several times a week without a grocery list? Are you finding that you buy the ingredients for a meal and then eat out instead? Consider going beyond just tracking your expenses, and look at habits and tendencies.

Resolve to build your emergency fund. If you don't have at least three months of living expenses (preferably six months) stashed away in a savings account for an emergency, think about moving this resolution to the top of your list. If you don't trust yourself to make a deposit every month in this account, consider having a certain amount deducted from your paycheck. Once you've built your fund, tap it only for emergencies.

Resolve to get help if you're in over your head. If you're neck deep in credit card debt and barely making ends meet each month consider seeking help from a legitimate non-profit credit counseling service such as GreenPath Debt Solutions.

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Advertorial



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The Little Italy Village in Northville includes the Bacchus Bar (left), Little Italy Ristorante (center), and new Hutton Street Market (right) for a taste of Italy.

A taste of Italy close to home

Little Italy Village finds success in Northville

By Duane Ramsey
SPECIAL WRITER

More and more people are enjoying a taste of Italy, the authentic Italian cuisine served at the Little Italy Ristorante, Bacchus Bar and Hutton Street Market, all located in what is known as the Little Italy Village in downtown Northville.

"We had our single best holiday season this year," said Jeff Jepko, co-owner of the Little Italy Village.

"We want to thank all our customers who made it possible," Jeff's partner and brother-in-law John Gallagher added.

The Little Italy Village includes the Little Italy Ristorante for fine Italian dining, the Bacchus Bar for bar service and casual dining, the Hutton Street Market for carryout and

prepared foods, and Little Italy Catering for banquets, parties and weddings.

The catering business was incredibly successful this year, according to the partners. With a separate new catering kitchen in operation, Little Italy hosted private parties at lunch and dinner time every day in December.

They opened Hutton Street Market last spring to offer prepared foods at inexpensive prices for walk-in traffic and carryout orders of menu items that cost less than in the restaurant. Carry-out orders of menu items start at \$6 for sandwiches and \$9 for entrees.

The prepared foods available in the market include a large selection of deli cheeses, meats, imported Italian specialties, fresh bread, homemade desserts, pasta, sauces and salad dressings with the Little Italy private label. It also offers a variety of fine wines and specialty beverages.

"The market business has been much better than we anticipated. It's unbelievable," said John. "We get a lot of lunch traffic from local businesses, residents and shoppers."

The Hutton Street Market also has become a popular pizzeria in

the area. "People are coming from all over for real Italian pizza," Jeff said. "You can even buy a bottle of wine to go with your pizza."

Jepko explained that Italian pizza is made with a thinner crust, baked in a hotter oven, and each specialty pizza has its own name. They make the dough and sauce fresh, grate cheese, roast peppers, as well as make, cook and grind their own Italian sausage.

However, the Little Italy Ristorante remains the heart and soul of the village, offering regional Italian cuisine in the fine dining atmosphere of the historic Victorian home. The Bacchus Bar provides casual or late night dining with great wines and specialty drinks. The new market was built on the site of the former carriage house on the property.

The partners introduced new menus for the Ristorante that features grilled Tuscan-style meat and seafood selections for dinner and lunch. A new bar menu was developed to go with the new food items.

Little Italy offers a wine list with more than 500 selections of domestic and imported vintages.

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Jeff Jepko

Co-owner of Little Italy Village

The Detroit Free Press selected it as the "wine list of the year" in 2004.

"John and I are hands-on owners. One of us is always here," Jeff said. Both Jeff and John are professional chefs who are involved in the daily food preparation. "That's what sets us apart and makes us truly Italian."

Most of the food used and sold in the market, bar or restaurant is imported from Italy. All of the pasta served is made fresh daily on pasta machines they bought in Italy.

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Both he and John make regular trips to Italy to keep up with the latest trends in food. They also meet with many of their suppliers and get to know them on a personal basis.

Jeff grew up in Detroit with his family in the restaurant business. His grandparents, who were immigrants from Italy, operated a pizza business. His father, Al Valente, continued the family tradition in the restaurant business in the Detroit area.

After operating restaurants in Birmingham and West Bloomfield, the partners found the current location in Northville and opened Little Italy Ristorante in 1988. They built additions to the historic house for the Bacchus Bar and Hutton

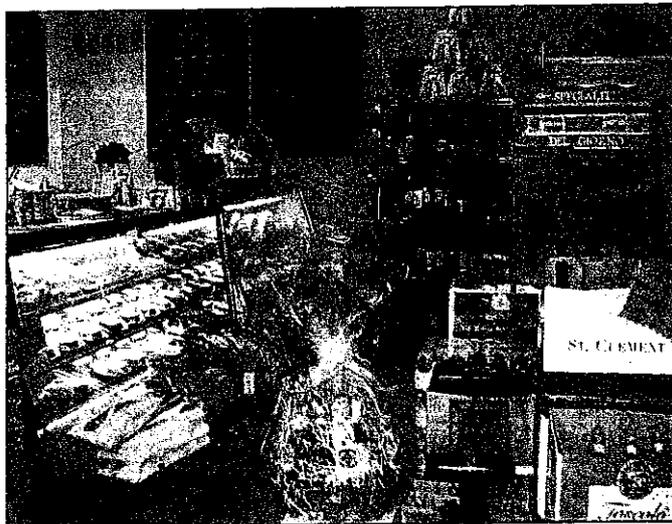
Street Market.

They like to keep it in the family, according to Jeff who is married to John's sister Mary. Her brother Robert is also a chef at Little Italy.

"We want people to feel like guests of our family who are eating in our home like families in Italy do," Jeff said. "We try to instill the passion we have for food, wine and the business in our entire staff so they can share it with our customers."

He and John are pleased with the support their food service businesses have received in the Northville community. The local clientele have responded enthusiastically to the fine food and friendly service found in the Little Italy Village.

For anyone who hasn't tried their authentic Italian cuisine, Jeff and John personally invite them to sample "a taste of Italy" for lunch or dinner in the restaurant and bar or sample the prepared foods or carry-out items in the market.



The Hutton Street Market offers a wide selection of fresh prepared foods, deli cheeses and meats, pizza, wine, beverages and carry-out orders from the restaurant menu.

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Sunday: 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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Sunday: Noon to 9 p.m.
(Bar service open later)

Hutton Street Market

Carry-out and market hours:
Monday - Thursday: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Sunday: Noon to 8 p.m.

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