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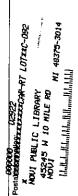
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Season of Snarls

Road work makes for miserable driving

Area motorists commuting morn ing and night might be steering through orange barrels in their sleep as road construction season begins in earnest in the coming weeks.

Simultaneous projects on north-south routes — Sheldon, Beck and Northville roads — will make the summer months particularly interesting. Drivers will need to dream up alternate paths with ongoing and soon-to-sprout orange county detour signs in those locations and

others.
"Road construction will be an issue for drivers this summer," said Northville public services director Jim Gallogly, "With two of the major arteries between the miles of Five and Six torn up, it just is going to impact traffic at rush hour. It's going to impact everyone going to

Conditions are favorable for road construction only six to eight months out of the year, said Oakland County Road Commission public information officer Craig Bryson.

For more a map of area road construction, please turn to page 4A.

"Unfortunately, we have to pack a lot of construction into it," he sYou'll get better, smoother, safer, more efficient roads," he said, "We appreciate their frustration. We just ask for their patience."

Sheldon Road Project

additional drivers demanded increased traffic capacity on Sheldon Road, said Northville Township public services director Don Weaver.

Wayne County and developer Toll Brothers are splitting the \$2.6 million road widening project— with center turn lane—from Five Mile Road north approximately one half mile.

Removal of old utility tunnels neldon Road Project
Many new homes with many

or early July, limited two-way traffic on Sheldon Road will resume, he said.

The county expects completion of the entire road widening project in mid-September, Wayne County Road Commission project engineer Craig Wolbrock said.

On the east and west sides of Sheldon, more than 600 single-famoneann, more than 0x0 single-lamily homes are planned as part of the Northville Hills Golf Club development, according to Northville Township planner Maureen Osiecki.

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Accident claims Novi teen

By Kristin Lukowski

The Memorial Day holiday turned tragic early for an 18-year-old Novi woman who died in a onevehicle crash as the weekend was

venere crass as the weekend was just beginning.

Amanda Gee of Novi was the only passenger in a 1997 teal Jeep Cherokee that was eastbound on 1-96 west of Fowlerville near Nicholson Road when she lost con-rect of the vabilet and it overtured. trol of the vehicle and it overturned in the median shortly before 2 p.m.t. Friday. The vehicle ended up on its side near the westbound lanes of the

highway.

Gee was pronounced dead at the scene from injuries sustained in the crash, according to the Livingston County Sheriff's Department County Sheriff's Department Traffic Safety Bureau. Responders had initially

requested helicopter for a lifeflight trans-port, but they eventually requested the medical examiner instead.

Both east

bound westbound



and Amanda Gee

traffic was closed down to one lane while the rescue, investigation and cleanup took place. Cars were backed up for miles, almost to Burkhart Road in Howell Township: many towing trailers or carrying bikes as the traffic rush for the long holiday weekend was just

getting underway.

For more than an hour after the crash, traffic on both sides of the highway was stopped while officials removed Gee from the vehicle.

Alcohol does not appear to have been a factor in the crash, and seat belt use is still undetermined. The crash remains under investigation.

The Livingston County Sheriff's Department was assisted on the scene by the Fowlerville Fire Department and Fowlerville Police Department, Livingston County Ambulance and the Michigan Department of Transportation.

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In their honor



ceremonies of Monday's Memorial Day parade in Novi. See more photos on page 3.

Two school programs still have many unanswered questions

By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

Picture this: Your son or daughter is a fourth grader enrolled at one of the five elementary schools in the Novi Community School District. He or she gets good grades, is polite and has a great future ahead. Everything is going great until teacher amounces that the MEAP test is copining up and it's really important that all the students do the best they can.

So, your child spends the next couple weeks before the test preparing his or her mind, eating Picture this: Your son or daugh-

all the right foods, getting the right amount of sleep and listening to the right music. All he or she knows is that there is a big test coming up, but you as a parent know better. You know that it's not just another test. You know that the way your child performs in that 45-minute time span, combined with all of his or her classmates, will determin whether the Novi Community School District as a whole is making "adequate yearly progress" as determined by the United States Federa Federal United States Federal Government. Never mind all of those A's that your child brought

Michigan Target Starting Points for Adequate Yearly Progress

47% Elementary Math 38% Elementary Reading 31% Middle School Reading

33% High School Math 42% High School Reading

home all year.



wakes up in the morning with a runny nose. He or she is complain-ing that they have a headache and Now picture this. It's now MEAP test day and your child

their forehead feels really warm. Under normal circumstances, little Pat would stay home from school circumstances. You determine that Pat has done well in his or her classes before, even when she was feeling under the weather, and you have faith that he or she will be just fine for the MEAP, so you send

your child to school.

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Ouestions go unanswered

School board understands

The Novi Community School Board of Education has known about this and the many other differ ent scenarios that may arise under the Federal Government's No Child Left Behind program and the State of Michigan's Education Yes Program for awhite now. In fact, back at the March 13 school board meeting, the bottom line of a lengthy discussion about the two

 Combining the two programs is an attempt to get every child to make annual yearly progress in aca-

· Not only each child, but each school and the four disaggregated groups, economically disadvan-taged students, students from major racial or ethnic groups, students with disabilities and students with limited English proficiency will determine whether or not any school destrict is making annual progress.

At the school board meeting on
May 15, Jane Hesse, K-12 coordi-nator of Curriculum and
Assessment, updated to the board

POLICE REPORT

Farmington resident Ryan J. ugh, 27, reportedly told Novi

Police Officer Karen Jackson, "I'm

in hig trouble," after she stopped his 1994 Ford Thunderbird on Grand

River Avenue near Haggerty Road

at 1:18 a.m. May 21. According to

reports, Pugh cut in front of Officer Jackson's patrol car while trying to

turn right onto Haggerty, nearly

striking the officer's car. Officer

Jackson reported the license plates on Pugh's car had been expired since October, After failing the field

sobriety tests, Pugh was taken police headquarters, where he was charged with OUII, after registering a .14 and .13 on the Breathalyser.

Novi Police Officer Brian

Yes, you are

No kidding

It's important to try to paint a pic-ture of not only what is occurring currently in May and June, but what has just recently happened and what we, as the community of Novi, expect to happen in the next year." Hesse said, "It's hard to do that because nobody seems to know what those things are. While the Michigan Department of Education is putting their plan together, we are kind of getting pieces of it. Sometimes they need to change their plan, not because they have poor planning, but because the federal government is also critiquing that plan as it's developing. That's the hard part because there is a lot of

What parents need to know

According to Hesse, the most important facts that parents need to know right now are the baseline scores for Michigan and to compare them to Novi's current scores. There is a big differential between the state's baseline scores are and Novi's individual school scores. "Our Novi scores are why parents

are here in the first place." Hesse said. "They are familiar with the Novi scores. Nevertheless, parents also need to know that wherever Novi is, Novi still has to improve. So, even though the math score at Novi Words is currently at 88.3 percent, that still needs to go up, hi-effect, these are our baselines for

on Birchwoods Drive turning onto

northbound Wixom Road. The driv-er, Brandon R. Kummer, 18, report-

edly told the officer, "No, I would

rather speak to a lawyer first," when he was asked if he minded the car-being searched. Officer Woloski

held Kummer and his companion

Matthew P. Black, 17, until a K-9 unit could arrive. According to Officer Woloski, a nylon case con-taining a glass bowl marijuana pipe

was discovered in the car's glovebox

after the dog aftered to the presence of maniforms. Kummer was charged with possession of drug paraphran-ha and bond was set at \$100. Black

was cited for minor in posession of alcohol after officers discovered an open 12-ounce can of Coors under

the passenger seat. The car was

MEAP SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED 2000-2002 2000 2001 2002 Total HURON VALLEY 298 321 299 918 NORTHVILLE 190 SOUTH LYON 183 469 WALLED LAKE 293

Novi and we need to go up from there. The state has to go up from

know is that these numbers reflect the students in the fourth grade at a particular time. These students are going to be fifth graders next year, so the improvement might be measured for fourth graders, but the stu dents that are being talked about are

now in fifth grade.

"Parents should know that all of this is generated from one single MEAP experience," Hesse said, "A 45-minute math MEAP experience If you think of taking a test that lasts for 45 minutes and you answer 25, 35, 40 questions, all of their other work is based on that experience

1:35 a.m. after he spotted the Novi

man's 2001 Lincoln cross the center line of Novi Road several times

while driving south toward Nine

Mile Road. Crofoot was charged

with OUIL after reportedly failing the field sobriety test and registering a .13 on the Breathalyser.

White Lake resident Erik K.

Oberle, 22, told Novi Police Officer

Brian Woloski that he was headed home from a Novi nightspot with his 22-year-old female companion when the officer stopped his 2001

Jeep Cherokee on northbound Novi Road at Crescent Drive at 1:25 a.m. May 17. Officer Woloski said he stopped Oberle's velocile after he

Hesse explained that in responsible fashion to the federal govern-ment and to the state, school admin-istrators need to understand what is going on, try to decipher what is necessary and communicate as much as it knows to the parents as long as the information is accurate. "Sometimes the information

shifts and changes," she said. "The higgest thing to understand is we are in a period of flux. We meaning And we have been in that period now for a year and a half," Hesse said. "There are a lot of require-ments for No Child Left Behind, everyone in every state in this coun-try. In a period of uncertainty. We will get to the other side at some

Waiting for MEAP scores

Some Novi students took the Some Novi students took ine MEAP test back in January. Under normal conditions, those results would have been back by now. But with the new design of the MEAP, they were expected back in April. That didn't happen. "When we didn't receive them in April we expected to have them in April we expected to have them in

April, we expected to have them in May, but that also didn't happen," Hesse said. "Now we are hoping that they will be here by the end of June, and that's not likely to happen unless and until the board of education of the state can determine what those formulas for Adequate Yearly Progress should be."

The state of Michigan, along with

every other state in the country, for the first time, is in the middle of the federal government and the school districts. It used to be that the state just made decisions and the districts just responded to those, but now the federal government is involved.

"It's hard for the state to make a decision, so there's a period of flux

One of the big requirements is that the state has to have its own accred-itation for Education Yes. That also is in flux in terms of its definitions We have the federal government and the mandates from the federal govemment to the states. One of them is they have their own accreditation policy, which is Education Yes in Michigan. From the federal govern-ment also comes the notion of Adequate Yearly Progress and that demands that the state has a testing

measurement."

That is where the school districts get involved. Last year's MEAP data was the baseline year and the first AYP reports. So far the federal government is just requiring English, language arts and math in terms of measuring AYP.

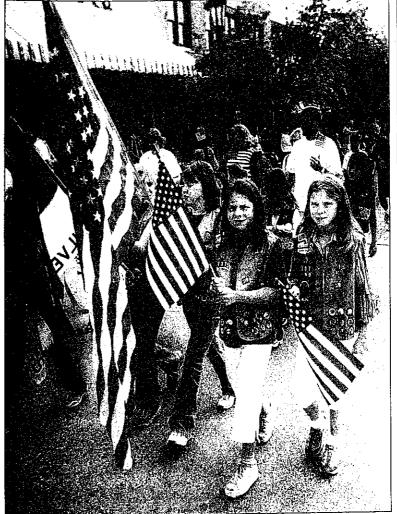
terms of measuring AFF.
"Our state said, for the first year,
we will have baseline scores and our
second year of our report will be this
year's MEAP data," Hesse said,
"These are the scores that have not tests in January and February, bu the scores haven't come back Typically, the scores will just come back in the summer, but now that we have AYP in there, the scores have to be fit into that formula and that formula isn't certain yet, so they







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Girl Scouts carry American flags during Monday's Northville Memorial Day Parade



Members of Northville's Veterans of Foreign Wars p march in Monday's 2003 Memorial Day Parade.

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-President George W. Bush



Emon Winship, left, and Eric Pasturale, Cub Scouts of Novi's Pack



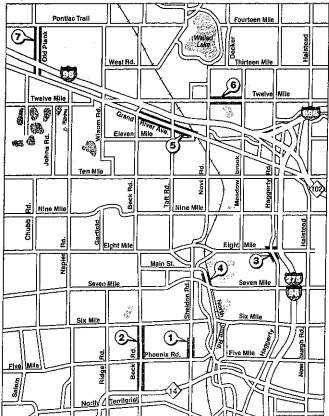
Emon winship, lett, and Elle Pasterale, Cod School of House and Members of the Redford Township Unicycle Club roll through Monday's Memorial Day 375, carry the American Flag during Monday's Memorial Day parade parade in Novi.

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Road Work Under Way

SOURCES: Wayne and Oakland County of Michigan Department of Transportation



 Sheldon Road Project
Location: From Five Mile Road north approximately one half mile, to the entrance of Northville Hills
Golf Club development
Scope: Road widening to five lanes, including center turn lane
Estimated timeline: Project completion target mid September. Two lanes of two-way traffic expected o open early July roject cost: \$2,656,200

2. Beck Road Project
Location: Five Mile to Six Mile
Scope: Construction of four-lane concrete boulevard
Concurrent project: Asphalt cap and road widening to five lanes, including center turn lane from Five
Mile Road south to M-14 interchange
Estimated timeline: Early June through mid-November
Project cost: \$3,722,187

Project Cost: 33,722,187

Concurrent project: Construction of bike path in front of Community Park, Our Lady of Providence and township DPS building.

3. Eight Mile/Haggerty Project Location: in the intersection, east on Eight Mile to I-96 interchange, south on Haggerty to Target shopping center
Scope: Asphalt overlay resurfacing, concrete repair, minor wildening
Estimated timeline: Early June through September
Project cost: \$1.4 million

4. Northville Road Project Location: Seven Mile Road north to Beal Street Scope: Resurfacing, including milling and adding new asphalt Estimated timeline: Early June through late September Project cost: \$148,800

5. Grand River Avenue Project
Location: Beck Road east to the CSX railroad bridge
Scope: Road widening to five lanes, including a center left-turn tane. The road is open to local traffic
during construction, but closed at the railroad bridge.
Estimated timeline: Target completion date is November

Project cost: \$6.1 million
Grand River Avenue Bridge Project
Location: Over the CSX railroad tracks, just west of Novi Road.
Scope: Demolition of old bridge, construction of new bridge over the railroad tracks.
Estimated timeline: Target completion date is November
Project cost: \$7.7 million

6. Twelve Mile Road Project Location: Meadowbrook Road to Novi Road

Location: Meadoworook Hoad to Novi hoad Scope: Road widening from two to four-lane boulevard. Estimated timeline: Target completion date is end of September

7. Old Plank Road Bridge Project Location: Pontiac Trail to Grand River Avenue Scope: Reconstruction of Old Plank Road bridge over I-96. Estimated timeline: Target completion date is Nov. 1 Project cost: \$2.1 million During the closure, the detour route is South Hill and Wixom roads.

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Season of snarls

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The 24 detected condominium called Northville Hollow can enter only off of Sheldon Road. **Bridge Projects**

In the same area, the Northville Hills Golf Club Villas attached con-dos represent another 184 families entering and exiting at Five Mile

Northville Township officials agreed to allow the contractors performing the road improvements to locate their concrete manufacturing

Northville Road Project

Wayne County road crews in the next couple of weeks are expected to commence the \$148,800 project of resurfacing Northville Road from

"They indicated to us they would start early in June," Gallogly said. A preliminary timeline showed proiccted completion, including resurfacing, milling and adding new asphalt, in late September.

The county performed a similar project from Beal north to Griswold three years ago, Gollogly reminded.
"It will be a nice, new smooth surface," he said. The DPS director said he expects Northville Road will remain open to traffic during the resurfacing. "I don't think they'll close the

road except for the day of paving," he said. "It's not that big of a proj-

Reck Road Project

There is not yet a firm date to start work on widening Beck Road between M-14 and Six Mile Road, Wolbrock said. Timeline estimates for the \$3.7 million project range from a start as soon as two weeks and as late as two months.

The project is expected to take 100 work days, he said, so it could last six months. As soon as the contract is awarded, the county will share the information, he said.

That's the biggest key, getting the word out so people can plan, Wolbrock said.
.. Weaver said, "There are definite-

ly peak hours we need additional lanes." A Wayne County engineer also is looking into the timing of the traffic signal at the Six Mile/Beck Road intersection to try to alleviate congestion, he said.
In Northville Township, a fourlane concrete boulevard is planned from Five Mile to Six Mile. The

board trustees entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the county and Plymouth Township in order to secure the specifications they sought. In Plymouth Township, the coun-

ty contract specifies a simultaneous project for an asphalt cap and road widening to five lanes, including center turn lane from Five Mile Road south to M-14 interchange.

"We wanted to make a little bit of a softer outsing in the learnest in the learnest." a softer entrance to the township, Weaver explained, "We don't have that many opportunities and needs to make left-hand turns, and we

know where they are." Thus, the township anted approximately \$80,000 for the mile stretch of grassy median, rather than addi-tional center-turn lane. Concurrent completion of a bike path between cost the township \$28,000, Weaver said. Five Mile and Six Mile roads will

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ter left-turn lane. The road is open to Road from Pontiac Trail to Grand 96 travelers, he said. During the Beck Road construc-tion, preliminary plans detail a small wedge of asphalt shifting traffic to local traffic during construction, but closed at the railroad bridge.

"It's definitely a case of short—

MDOT communication specialist. The transfer equipleting data is Nov. the east, allowing cars to travel northbound only from Five Mile to Six Mile. During the second half of the project — in late August if the

term pain for long-term gain," Bryson said. When completed, Grand River Avenue will handle more motorists, more smoothly and will return to two directions, one more safely. Meanwhile, workers are creating

the largest bridge on an Oakland County road, the spokesman said, over the CSX railroad tracks, just west of Novi Road. Demolition of old bridge dating back to the 1920s, and construction of new bridge will The \$6.1 million construction on Grand River Avenue from Beck Road east to the CSX railroad cost approximately \$7.7 million "It was a major, major undertaking," Bryson said. Completion of the bridge as well is targeted for November.

bridge is scheduled through November, Bryson said. The Beck Road/Grand River intersection is part of the project. "You can get up to the bridge on either side to access the residences and businesses," he said.

contract is soon awarded --- traffic

Grand River Avenue and

Old Plank Road Project The county is widening Grand

MDOT communication specialist.
The target completion date is Nov. 1, he said, including fixing any final punch-list items. "With a scheduled completion

date of Nov. 1, we're confident we can open the bridge to traffic the middle of October," Morosi said During the \$2.1 million project, suggested detour routes are South Hill and Wixom roads. The new bridge will last 30-40

years, the spokesman said. While the old bridge was of legal height at 13-foot, 10 inches, the new span will be 16-feet tall. "For a summer of detours, we're

not going to encounter those bridge hits of before," Morosi said. Removing the possibility of trucks swiping the overpass will eliminate

"It's not like they're adding

"Bobby the Barrel" radio ads sponsored by one MDOT project ask drivers to be careful during the construction season. The top three reasons for accidents, the ad says, are lack of patience, speeding and

Eight Mile/Haggerty Project

Asphalt overlay resurfacing, concrete repair and minor widening is planned at the Eight Mile/Haggerty Road intersection, as well as east on Eight Mile to 1-96 interchange and south on Haggerty to Target shop-

driver inattention.

ping center.

"We're anticipating any time now," Wayne County Road Commission project engineer Eddie Bizek said Tuesday. It is a 90-day Bizek said Tuesday, at its a constitution project that likely will last through September, for the Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700 or

mother lane of traffic," Weaver said. "But people will notice it's more nient there Because of the volume of traffic in that area, the contractor might work at night, Weaver said. "They're really constrained out

Twelve Mile Project

Work started last year continue on the widening of Twelve Mile Road from Meadowbrook to Novi, Drivers will travel the two temporary rary lanes until the four lanes and grassy median are complete.

Oakland County targeted the end of September for completion of the

\$5.2 million boulevard project.



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Winter snows bring summer woes

County (RCOC) looking for ways to cut expenses and could propardize two local road pro-

RCOC officials were planning to resurface Pontiac Trail from Beck to Walled Lake Namer Road north of 11 Mile and clean-up costs for the April to 12 Mile Road. They're just part of a large road maintenance lion and chumbing.

Stretched p
budget that's in jeopardy
because of this winter's massive

Oakkand County didn't see a

Bair said.

Hierwo projects cover a fotal of nearly two infles and are expected to cost roughly \$150,000. However, RCOC spokesman Craig Bryson stressed no final decision has been made on budget cuts yet.

According to Bryson, the property flower than 1000 ymo, they have the winter of 2002/2003 was the ares, and there were several

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nower lines in their wake. "We on salt and overtime over the typically spend between \$6 mil-lion and \$9 million for winter winter, that leaves less to spend on summer maintenance, said maintenance. noted sion for Oakland RCOC Managing Director

> how deep they'll go, but RCOC employees logged a staggering \$1 million worth of overtime ice storm are at nearly \$3 mil-

record amount of snow, it The two projects cover a total moved more frequently, cause repair projects to be cut due to the country two miles and are appected to cost roughly 85,000 tons of solt during the cover been determined. What is

tanously monitored generators
powering traffic signals at key intersections during power fail the agency, costing approxi-mately \$12 million to combat. the snow, ice and freezing rain - drove up overtime costs, that left downed frees and - With RCOC spendin With RCOC spending more

Brent Bair. ing for road maintenance –
This said Bryson, means this summer there will be cuts. He said the agency doesn't know

summer - is the state gas tax. Unfortunately, in recent years, the gas tax revenue has not been keeping pace with inflation. That means our maintenance budget has already been stretched pretty thin. This only makes that situation worse,"

Bryson.

The exact resurfacing or road certain, said Bryson, is "there The added RCOC staffers con- will be less resurfacing projects.

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NOVI CITY BRIEFS

The city invites all area residents "Our largest source of fundto participate in River Day on Saturday, June 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Novi's Lakeshore Park. The day's activities will include habitat enhancement, construction of nesting boxes, cleanup of natural areas, a nature tour, storm water pollution education and walking trail improve ments, A complimentary pienie will follow for all volunteers at 1 p.nt. Registration begins on the day of the event at 8:30 a.m. Lakeshore Park is located west of the intersection of Old Novi and 13 Mile roads. Call (248) 347-0499.

Sleeping Beauty

Tickets for the Novi Theatres' production of "Sleeping Beauty" will be on sale beginning Tuesday, June 24. Tickets for reserved seats are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Tickets may be purchased during regular business hours at the Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry inside the Novi Civic Center located at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road.

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tale will take place 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 11 and Saturday, July 12 and 3 p.m. Sunday, July 13. The play will take place on the Novi Civic Center

Strawberry Fest

Stage, Call (248) 347-0400.

All area seniors are invited to attend Strawberry Fest on Friday, June 20 inside the Novi Senior Activities Center, Activities include the Strawberry Shortcake Dancers, recipes, samples, strawberry short-cake and door prizes. The fun will begin at noon. Tickets are available now for \$5 at the Novi Senior Center inside Meadowbrook Commons located at 25075 Meadowbrook Road, between 10 Mile and Grand River Avenue, Call (248) 347-0414.

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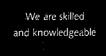
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Road crew cuts Consumer's line on Grand River

No one was apparently in any danger, but a gas main break along Grand River between Taft and Beck roads made travel, already difficult, nearly impossible late last Thursday

According to Consumer's Energy spokesman Debra Dodd, truction crew for the city's Grand River widening project snapped off a retired service tee on the company's six-inch high-pressure transmission line about 2 p.m. May 22,

Although no one was evacuat-ed, Grand River between Beck and Taft and Taft between Grand River and 11 Mile Road were virtually closed until 6:22 p.n businesses in the area allowed to remain open.

For Mary Catherine Johnson, owner of Gatsby's, one of two restaurants in the construction zone, it was just the latest in a long list of headaches. "They practically closed me down here," she sighed. "I've been having a terrible time."

Novi Assistant Fire Chief Jeffery R. Johnson said that while the high-pressure gas line, while the high-pressure gas line, while the high-pressure gas line.

Johnson said this is the second time since February that contruction crews broke a gas line near her business. She said a contruc-tion crew working in front of her restaurant Feb. 12 severed a gas line costing her her lunch trade for the day. This time her business dried up after police set up barricades and radio announcenents were issued warning peo-

severed electric service to her retaurant April 5-6 and again April 8. Then on April 14, the crews blocked her driveway with contruction equippment for four hours in the afternoon.

"I'm really in trouble," she said, adding that unlike many of said, adding that unlike many of the businesses on Grand River between Boek Road and, the now demolished CSX railroad bridge, "We have to generate 108" or at histories event day." Marilyn Darkangelo, a recep-

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tionist at Johnson Printing Service at Grand River and Taft, said the first her company knew of the mishap was when one of the owners was stopped by police at 11 Mile. "It's been more of an inconvenience to our

customers than us," she said. She said the company's work-force kept printing and deliver-ing projects throughout the afternoon, but some customers trying to drive to the shop had a hard

said May 22 was one of the few days since the road project start-ed that she was glad her shop is where it is. Gibson has been very vocal in her complaints about virtually closed until 6:22 p.m., said Novi Police Deputy Chief Al Rasmussen, He added no one was injured in the mishap and

be the one always complaining, but they've got to keep the road Gibson said the police were "really nice" about letting her people and customers come up Taft to get to the shop. Novi Assistant Fire Chief

crews were able to maintain gar service to all of the utility's cus

tomers in the area throughout the

really great," she said.

incident, "Our employees are

while the high-pressure gas line, which feeds among other places the Wixom Ford Assembly Plant, pushed out a fair amount of gas, "we had a pretty good wind helping us out."
"Any time you're working

with natural gas it can be dan-gerous situation," said Dodd. She said although Grand River was reopened to traffic by 6:30 p.m., repair crews remained on the site until 11 p.m. and then the not be do down that section in the sine with it is an extrement the next morning to burge any air left in the lines from the repairs. She said Consumer Energy

began offering the first of its real estate information products the name

County vital records now available on line

Personal records a mouse-click away

By Phil Foley STAFF WRITER

On a good day, it will take 36 minutes to travel the nearly 20 miles from the heart of Novi to the Oakland County Government Campus at the edge of Pontiac along North Telegraph - and that doesn't take into account bad weather, road work and a host of other

things that can make an annoy-

of course, once you get there there are the lines for everything from marriage licenses and birth certificates to death certificates and concealed weapons permits.
County officials recently took

steps to trim at least some of the lines and take a little of the aggravation out of getting per-sonal records.

Novi residents can now order copies of their vital records

including copies of marriage licenses and birth and death certificates, anywhere on the planet with just a computer and a cred By mid-summer the county

scarches for assumed names, which means aspiring business people won't have to drive all the way to Pontiac just to find out the great name they've picked for their business is already taken.

According to Phil Bertolini,

the county's director of informa-tion technology, Oakland County has been on the leading edge of offering what Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson likes to call "eGovernment" since the county switched on its first Web site in the early 1990s.

Bertolini said the county

online in 1998 and two years later began marketing a wide range of tax and land products

son, "Adding new items

will be routine, but right now

this is all new to us."
"G. William "Doe" Caddell,
Oakland County's
Clast Decide pared Oakland County's Clerk/Register of Deeds, noted that in a recent study, 80 percent of county residents said they'd rather go on-line than stand-in-line to get county records. Bertolini noted that last month record 690,000 page views and more than 20,000 forms and PDFs were downloaded. "That's enough to fill the University of

the county seat from the farthest corners of the county, Oakland County has a large retiree popu-taken several steps to safeguard

Michigan stadium, twice," he said.

Caddell noted not only does it take as much as an hour to reach that's to help offset the \$89,000

the world in places as far flung as Caifornia. Florida and Europe.

According to Bertolini, the according to Berto

county's new online method of getting vital records cuts the amount of time it takes to get a copy of a birth certificate from online services on the county's Web site, including among othe Bertolin noted that last month alone, the county's Web site record 690,000 page views and more than 20,000 forms and convenience.

However, there is a cost to park permits, court and legal services information and forms convenience.

On top of the regular \$15 fee for a vital record, the county is vendor or establising a business vendor or establising a business name.

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On top of the regular \$15 fee for a vital record, the county is charging a \$5 enhanced access fee in order to get the records online. Bertolini explained that's to help offset the \$89,000 cost of setting up the system.

copy of a birth certificate from one to two hours to just 10 min-



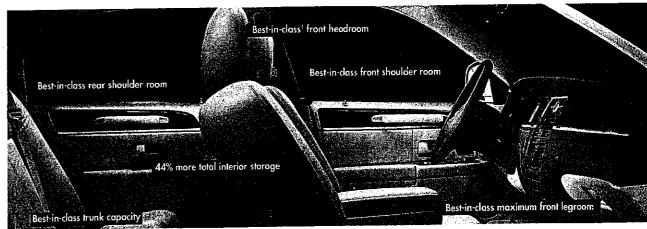
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Omni body shop expansion bumps into ordinance

A Novi body shops plans to expand collided with the city's storm water management ordinance May 14.
The Novi

Planning commission members Larry Papp and David Ruyle dissenting, to table the project until the owners come up with an acceptible storm water management

The J.D. Dinan Co. is seeking a 6,000 square foot addition to the Omni Auto Service Center at 24400 Novi Road, just north of 10 Mile Road. The building is being leased by Collex Collision, and Lee Mamola, an architect for The J.D. Dinan Co, said the expansion is needed to allow the hriving business to continue to grow and comply with city ordi-

"My big concern with the site," said commission member Lynne Paul, "is that your storm water management plan is not here. You're not ready to move

Mamola, who is president of Mamola Associates Architects in Novi, said his client is concerned about the timing of approvals because his client is in the midst of lease renewal negotiations with Collex. Kim Patterson, a spokesman for The J.D. Dinan told commission members hat Collex's lease is up next

spring.
Noting that the addition was Collex's idea. Mamola told com-

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Kocan called for the project to be tabled until the building owner provides a storm water management plant for the 4.2 acre site Commission member John Avdoulos agreed saying, "I don't want to approve this project piece by piece.

Papp and Ruyle argued against vacant commercial building in the city, "Make them come back with a plant at final approval, if it means keeping a tenant instead of losing one because we tabled this," offered Papp, "I do not want another vacant building.

Markham chided Mamolo, saying, "Lack of planning on your part does not make an emer-gency on my part. You can't bring this in in pieces. It's not helpful to anyone

Although tabling doesn't put the project back to square one, it could delay it significantly. City Planning Director David Planning Director David Evancoe said that are already large number of projects in the

pipeline.
"We'll do as quick a turn-around as we can," he told com-mission members, "but it's large-Iv up to the applicant." Phil Foley is a staff writer for

the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700 est. 108 or at pfoley@ht.homecomm.net

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Changes in store for Schuptine location

It's been eight months since Art Van Formiture turned out the lights on its opmarket furniture division. Scott Schupttine, in Novi but now the lights are due to come on again. only this time as a discount appli-

West Oaks Shopping Plaza, This will allow Art Van to sell its 34,000-square-foot Schoptrine building to Pontiac's ABC Warehouse.

Art Van executives amounced last October that they were ending Schuptrine's 75-year run in order to focus resources on expanding the Art Van brand. The company closed Schruptrine stores in Novi, Troy and Petosky.

The Art Van store in Novi has been expanded twice since it. Jim Meinershagen, ABC's director of real estate and acquisition, said the privately-held company has wanted to be in Novi for quite some time." He said the Novi store will join 37 ABC locations and 15 Mickey Short Car Stereo outlets in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana. been expanded twice since it

opened in 1982 and now covers 102,520 square feet. After the provoted 7-1, with Lowell Sprague dissenting, to grant the Warrenbased retailer preliminary site plan approval to allow it to split 3.259 acres from its 9.96-acre site in the

adequate parking under the city's current regulations, running the lot line down the middle of a driveway Art Van executives announced would create substandard parking setbacks. Still, city staff recommended approving the project.

"This is not your typical request, noted city planner Barb MeBeth. She pointed out the proj

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Planning commission approves light industrial building

in Novi is getting to be old hat for Channel Partners III LLC. The company came to the Novi Planning Commission May 14 to seek approval for its fifth project in the Beek/West Road area. The commission unanimously approved the planned 22,000

Putting up industrial buildings

Hills-based company.

"It's a good product, It's worked well for us," said Channel spokesman Brad Klintworth.

Klintworth said he hopes to break ground on the building in July and be ready to rent by December. He said the project should cost \$2.1 million to com-

members that while his company hasn't signed a tenant to a feasi for the building yet, he doesn't see a problem with renting the build-ing out. "We're seeing increased activity (in the industrial sector for the first time in 12 months," Klintworth told commission members, "We think the economy is starting to pick up."

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Like most projects in Novi's industrial parks, sought and won a Section Nine facade waiver and a opposite side driveway spacing waiver.

Plans for the Hudson change the regulation or devise a commerce Center called for its driveway to be only 31 feet away to severely limit the need for wavers.

Channel sought a Section Nine for its erroposed use of Commerce Center called for its driveway to be only 31 feet away from the nearest drive on the opposite side of Peary Court, but enty code requires a 150-foot sep-aration. However, due to earlier city building approvals, it wasn't city code requires a 150-foot sep-aration. However, due to earlier square front multi-ternant light industrial building almost a year to the day of approving an almost a year identical project in Beck North Copporate Park for the Bloomfield incubers have been complaining building. While the 4-by-16 solid color blocks look like brick from a distance, the city's facade rules.

It's a problem commission prohibit the use of more than 75 percent. CMU on a building s

uses," commented commission member Tim Shroyer, "I think the building's outstanding," added commission member Larry Papp. City Planning Director David Evançõe noted solid-color CMUs give industrial builders a brick-like appearance at a lower cost

Klintworth told commission members his company is planning a flexible building that will be able to serve anywhere between one and four tenants for the next

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Bora Bora: Think of it as a "hangout"

Owners come up with names for their restaurants various ways. Abraham Koussan of the Bora Bora Bistro on Main Street in Novi found his on the Internet,

"I was helping a friend search or honeymoon destinations for honeymoon destinations online and we came across Bora

bistro, which opened about three months at 43155 Main Street, will feature more Middle Eastern fare. "The owner of Sunny's next door, who's a friend of mine, did-

Although his friends ended up honeymooning in Monte Carlo, London and Paris, the name stuck

in Koussan's mind. Now the

Bors, an island off Tahiti. I said,
'That would be a good name for my new restaurant.". Koussan he suggested I change my menu.

an, left, owner of Bora Bora Bistro on

Main Street in Novi, with Ya Tafari, a jazz musician who

vill play at the restaurant's grand opening from 7 to 10

p.m. June 6 and 7. Koussan recently changed his menu

to include Middle Eastern food.

the celebration.

"We have five musicians in the band," Ya Tafari said. "At festivals, we include four dancers."

in the Tropics.

were a natural. He decided to open a restaurant

ferent sandwiches, such as shawarma sandwiches with veg-etables, meat or chicken. Salads like tabboulch and fatoosh--a Middle Eastern garden salad tossed with garlic, oil, lemon and spices--will also be offered daily. Hummous, which is made with ground chick peas, and babaganoosh, which is made with eggplant, and dolmas-grape caves stuffed with just rice or rice

and meat--are other Middle Eastern favorites he'll offer. Spinach, meat and cheese pies; soups such as crushed lentil chicken, seafood and vegetable,

cook from his parents. "Morn was a good cook. She never measured anything and it always came out perfect. Dad wasn't bad in the

The desserts at Bora Bora are

"We'll have French pastries,

Diners can also sample fruit-

I'm always willing to compro-mise," he said.

Koussan will have a grand opening June 6 and 7 to introduce his restaurant and new dishes. "I want to get this new menu going and make it permanent," he said. He even hired jazz musician Ya Tafari, a native of Nassau in the baklava, frozen yogurt and ice cream with fresh fruit, such as mangoes, strawberries pineapple," Koussan said.

to kickoff the change.

The group, which plays
Caribbean, African, Latin and
Pacific jazz, will perform outside the bistro from 7 to 10 p.m. during

Bahamas, and his band members

flavored tobacco if they rent a water pipe with disposable mouthpieces for \$5. A popular custom in the Middle East, "Most restaurants charge \$10 to \$15 for this," Koussan noted. The restau-The band should fit in perfectly with the island decor of the restaurant that looks like a tiki bar

No stranger to the restaurant business, Koussan owned and operated South Miami Subs & luice Bar in Dearborn about four years ago. A native of Detroit who's of Lebanese descent, the addition of Middle Eastern dishes

in Novi because, "I wanted more of a social place with a simpler menu. Koussan said.

Now he'll be serving seven dif-

give diners even more choices.

The bistro also features a full fresh juice bar and assorted coffee

Koussan said he learned to

he even installed a special \$1,200 vent for the smoking area. made by a French chef and former long-time employee of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Dearborn. Diners are encouraged to play the board games provided at the restaurant or bring their own. "I'm talking with a company

that provides a variety of maga-zines on a circulating basis, too," The idea is to have visitors think of the Bora Bora as a hang-

out, not just a place to grab a juice drink or sandwich and run. He welcomes parties at the restaurant and will even provide a free cake for groups of 15 or

p.m. weekdays and 9:30 a.m. to: midnight on weekends.
"I plan to stay open even later".

during the summer months,"

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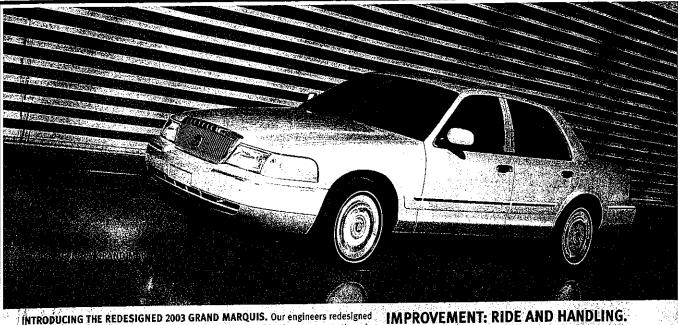
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UpCountry, a Canadian-based modern furnishings and accessories store, recently opened at Fountain Walk in Novi. This is the seventh store for UpCountry which is known for its stylish affordable custom upholstery and casegoods, George Nelson lamps

and more.

The store is offering a 20 percent discount off all customorders, assessories and lineus through June 8. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Visitors are invited to come in and enter a store contest by June 8 to win a free ottoman.

Moldite moving to new product line

materials technology company in Novi, announced recently that its patent-pending Moldite compos-ite has met the U.S. military's stringent level IV National Institute of Justice requirements

of prototype Moldite armor pan- J. Sproul

ner, Integrated Concepts & Research Corporation, have been definition and components used in various levels of ballistic armor protection.

The group's post of the American Society for Health Care Communicators A Comm

advanced technologies to and from military and civilian applica-tions into aerospace, transporta-tion, marine, building and construction, and material handling

Commerce honored Novi resident Julie Sproul, director of Marketing and Public Relations of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia, at the Chamber's Annual Award Luncheon held at the Italian-American Club on April 29. The Athena Award honor. individuals who have attained and personified the highest level of professional excellence, creativity and initiative in their profession. UpCountry is located at 44125 and initiative in their profession.
W. 12 Mile Road at Fountain has devoted time and effort to the community, and most distinctly has opened doors of leadership

The Livonia Chamber of

opportunity for women. Sproul was recognized for the work she's accomplished at St Mary Mercy and in the

community, through such organizations as the Livonia Chamber of

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Lyon Twp. man helping to market treatment for age-related vision loss

"Macular degeneration." The technical term has become more familiar with increased published reporting of the incidence of the fading eyesight that accompanies

dvancing age.

Dennis Logsdon is excited about a product his company is marketing that will help prevent the gradual, dehabilitating vision loss that one in four people age 60 and older will face. The Lyon Township man and his associates who developed the nutritional supplement last week attended a national convention in Florida where they formally introduced their product breakthrough to approximately 8,000 ophthal-mologists and optometrists gath-

"That's where the cutting-edge research is revealed to the trade," Logsdon said, "We were honored to be accepted to present at ARVO (Association of Research in Vision and Opthamology)."

The research findings and new

anthin," were warmly received,

going to revolutionize the eye-care category," said Logsdon, marketing vice president of Quantum Nutritionals. "Until

now, there was no treatment for macular degeneration." The nutritional supplement is a tressed, not a cure.

He and his partner, Reed Vordenberg, founded their Walled Lake-based company three years ago to connect patent holders of nutrition supplements with producers of such products to bring advances to consumers Quantum holds exclusive rights for sales, marketing and distrib-uting of "Meso-Z," he said. An international cooperative

effort is bringing this product to

the general public, Logsdon said. Physicist Dr. Richard Bone and chemist Dr. John Landrum discovered the crucial combination of components through their research on autopsy eyes at Florida International University, Dr. Alan Howard of Cambridge University in England financially backed the patent, while Jose Torres of Industrial Organica in Mexico actually produces the

supplement. Logsdon explained

how taking a burnt-orange-col-

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will help those whose eye doctors have determined are at-risk for age-related macular degenera-

That condition, related to the deterioration of macular pigment from the center of the eye out-ward, gradually leaves only peripheral vision and can eventually lead to blindness. The two researchers created a device, for

use by eye-care professionals,

that can measure pigment level to

determine a patient's likelihood

of macular degeneration.

The breakthrough product,
Meso-Z, actually is a third piece of the puzzle to battle this illness Logsdon said. Within the last decade, Bone and Landrum measured the levels of Lutein and Zeaxanthin in the eye, he continucd, which can be supplemented by current products on the market to help combat sight loss.

"Until now, you could not sup-plement Meso-Z," he said. All three are needed for eye health, Logsdon explained. A combination of the three elements in the proper ratio is what works to help

There are an estimated 78

Approximately 20-35 million are affected by some form of AMD and this number is expected to triple by

Logsdon said. The nutritional supplemen will be packaged for distribution through ophthalmologists or Logsdon said. Once it hits store

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When officials at the Auto-Interiors Show announced this month that the Cadillac CTS had Prior car category, company officials at the Novi-based Intier Automotive in mechanical engineering from Baal Triangle Technical University in Vanderbijlpark, South Africa, and a bachelor's Intier is the supplier integrator for the CTS and played a major role in

degree in business management from the University of South

customers and represent the com-

pany with customers and suppli-ers in Canada.

Schutte has worked for Eberspaecher GmbH since 1994 being named to his current position. Prior to joining Eberspaecher, Schutte worked as a production manager for Fenner Drive Products in South Africa. Schutte has a bachelor's degree

as a manufacturing engineer and operations manager of ing in automotive exhaust sys-

Opening in July 2000, Eberspaecher North America (ENA) on Haggerty Road in Novi, is a subsidiary of Eberspaecher GmbH, the largest independently owned engineering firm specializ-

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than the Ford Motor Company assembly plant and a handful of fast food places. The Korex Companies employs 100 in the production of household cleaning products for the likes of P&G, Kroger, Dollar ing factory on Pontiac Trail west of Wixom Road, Since 1995 the company has been packaging products in containers made with the multi-

a product that looked major market, and we're now seeing a trend in pri-vate label packaging to more vate label packaging to more upscale graphics," explained Bob Ditmar, president of Korex. "The Composipae design eliminates the scuffing of cartons. This really gives our products a stunning look, and our customers are pleased with age its beer, but the product has found much wider use.

the appearance and package quality on shelf." Composipae cartons incorporate rotogravure graphics which are reverse-printed on the inside wall of a thin, flexible transparent film. The film is then vacuum-metallized behind the inks and extrusion lani-nated to paperboard. Since carton of Composipac containers. Last graphies are printed on inside film walls, the cartons' brilliant on-shelf appearance resists scuffing and

Graphic Packaging Corporation of Golden, Colo.

Private label has always wanted provide aroma and moisture barrier stocking. Composipae cartons also provide aroma and moisture barrier properties as well as increased structural durability owing to the board being encased within durable films. Dilmar said the process was originally funded by Coors to pack-

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If you're looking for something are feature at outdoor festivals at of the ordinary to do this throughout the United Sates. We out of the ordinary to do this seekend, join the eckbration of thalian art, music and cuisine planned from moon to 5 p.m. takefront District, said Walled Saturday in Walled Lake.

The first-ever Italian Chalk Art Festival in Michigan will take place in the city's historic lake-front district. Haron Valley-Sinai Pestival in Michigari Wili Take
place in the city's Instoric Takeduring the festival as well as the
front distinct, Huron Valley-Sinai
flospital staff and members of the
Italian Chalk Art Festival poster.

ed into an Italian plaza-

restaurants will offer expresso and pastry to loccacia sandwiches and other Italian treats during the

rentury Italy when traveling urists created artwork in chalk on the street, hoping their work would lead to a commissioned "Chalk art has become a popu- (248) 937-5200.

val here in Walled Lake's Historic Lakefront District," said Walled Lake Mayor William Roberts. Professional and amateur artist

will compete for chalk art prizes Pestival planners will provide entertainment for the whole fami-ly, including "Chalk Land," where Participants will see the district children can create then own works of att.

with displays of beautiful chalk and in Italian Street Market and a Ristorante Court.

From pasta to cannoli, festival goers will find everything they need to enjoy wonderful Italian bond, crafts and culture. Local tracks of the court will be find to provide the court will be find to provide the court will be find to provide a distribution of the court will be find to provide a distribution of the first way to be considered as a contract with the court will be find to provide a distribution of the first will be find to provide a distribution of the first will be first and provide a distribution to the festival is free and provide and special adults-only ticketed after-glow reception will be held to thank sponsors and artists and present awards following the noon to 5 p.m. events. Walled Lake's Historic

other trainin freats during the said of the confliction of the conflic intersection of East Walled Lake Drive and Pontiac Trail. For more information about the festival or sponsorship opportunities, call the Festival Hotline at



Area residents will have an opportunity to see artistic works such as this at the Italian Chalk Art Festival Saturday in Walled Lake's Historic Lakefront District.

Folkadelic band, High Flyin' Bird, coming to WL Boathouse

Area folkadelic lovers will be Area folkaded to dearn that the band High ance at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Flyin' Bird, nominated time times Pontiac JAMbalaya Festival on the good portion of the music on this for the 2003 Denoit Music Awards Chrysler Stage in downtown production. last month will entertain visitors. Pontiacon the deck from 6:30 to 10:30. p.m. every Sunday at the Boathouse in Walled Lake starting

The newly remodeled Boathouse is located at 142 Walled Lake Drive in the original downtown section of Walled Lake, right on the lake at

Band members Billy Brandt, Jeremy Kittel, Gary Rasmussen, Stacia Petrie and Ron Pangborn

38840 W. Six Mile Road on the northwest corner of 1-275 and Six Mile Road, just east of Haggerty Road, Call (734) 464-6302 for year of sales.

The past two years, selling more than 4,000 copies during the first Fixin Bird, check out the band's Web site at the past two years of sales.

The band plans another perform-

High Hyin' Bird plans another gig at 9 p.m. June 17 at Memphis Smoke Restaurant at 100 S. Main in downtown Royal Oak. Brandt acts as the band arranger. She has played at Folk Alliance male lead vocalist and guitarist.

The owner of Drum Dancer Records, he has produced artists such as Red C. Spank, Waka Jack.
Kittel, the band's youngest

will also appear in concert at 8 p.m. member, has been the National Friday at The Trinity House in Scottish Fiddle Champion for the Scottish Fiddle Champion for the past two years. A sentior at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, he has released two CDs in

His second CD, titled www.highflyinbird.com

band, is the female lead, guttarist and has won several national some

writing awards.
Rasmussen, who plays bass and sings backup vocals, has been Jawaka, Susan Calloway and Jill involved in the Detroit music scene for more than 40 years and has toured in Europe several times. Paughora, the group's drammer,

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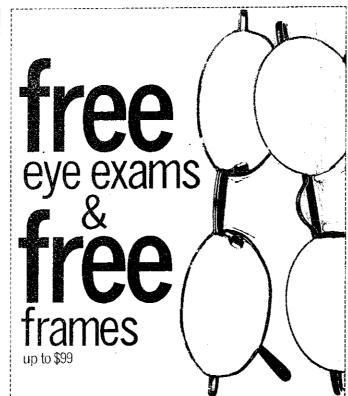
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Novi cancer center shows off Gilda's Club artists' work

Victims and their families find art classes therapeutic; local center wants to reach more people in community

Many artists will tell you that their work has therapeutic bene-fits. For cancer patients, this takes on a whole new meaning. Artists from Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit, an organization in Royal Oak devoted to helping anyone touched by cancer, had a

at Providence Hospital and staff members wants to involve Medical Center's Assarian the community more in what

the Center for Healing Arts at the cancer center, said the center displays different artists' work in the gallery in six shows a year.

"One of the volunteers at
Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit

learned the art of colored pencil at the club and now cofacilitates the program there. She also teaches a colored pencil work-shop here in Novi every month."

snowcase their work.

The reception for the Gilda's to interact with the people from Club artists' show "Art for Gilda's," she added.

Heart's Sake" took place May 20 at Providence Hospital

meaning participants to not have to be cancer patients. "We want to encourage more

people to live a life of wellness and wholeness," Weissman said. Kathy Lech of Warren attended the artists reception and talked about a drawing of her late hus-band, Rich, titled, "Rich on the Rocks."

Detroit Free Press. "He came to some of the col-

> said. The colored pencil drawing is

yoga, reiki, music and other artwork became a reentry into types of healing arts. Some class-es are open to the general public, ny life," she said.
Sue Filbin of Bloomfield about all your aches, pains, probreast cancer who had five works Gilda's Club is all about," she

Rich, who had brain cancer and died in June 2000, was a journalist and most recently worked as a copy editor for The she had cancer.

thought it was very majestic. It gave me a feeling of God being behind everything," she said. Praski, who had uterine, breast

in the Gilda's Club show, also didn't start drawing until she had cancer. "It's very therapeutic," she said.

"It's very therapeutic," she ana. Phyllis Praski of Warren had a piece in the show titled "God's Majesty," that was painted while

formed in London, England.

The organization is open to cancer patients, family members "I was looking through some and their friends. catalogs and a found a picture that caught my eye. The painting Gilda's Club, a worldwide nonprofit organization, was established in memory of the late actress and comedienne Gilda was done from that picture.

ly comedy show Saturday Night Live from 1975 to 1980. at Providence Hospital and Medical Center's Assarian Redical Center's Assarian Cancer. Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., in Novi.

The current artists' work, which appears in a gallery at the cancer center, will be on display through the end of June.

Elena Weissman, supervisor of The center offers massage,

The colored pencil drawing is fich sitting on a stone wall while on a vacation in Scotland while on a vacation in Scotland while on a vacation in Scotland before he became ill.

Anative of Detroit, Radner ear survivor, Her husband, Conrad, died of lung cancer in was born June 28, 1946, and died of lung cancer in was born June 28, 1946, and died of lung cancer in was born June 28, 1946, and died of lung cancer in was born June 28, 1946, and died of lung cancer in was born June 28, 1946, and died of lung cancer in was born June 28, 1946, and died of lung cancer in was born June 28, 1946, and died of lung cancer in was born June 28, 1946, and died of lung cancer in was born June 28, 1946, and died of lung cancer in was born June 28, 1946, and died of lung cancer in was born June 28, 1946, and died of lung cancer in was born June 28, 1946, and died of lung cancer in was born June 28, 1946, and died of lung cancer in was born June 28, 1946, and died of lung cancer in was born June 28, 1946, and died of lung cancer in was born June 28, 1946, and died of lung cancer in was born June 28, 1946, and died of lung cancer in was born June 28, 1946, and died of lung cancer in was born June 28, 1946, and died of lung cancer in a result was long that they are survivor, Her husband, Conrad, died of lung cancer in was born June 28, 1946, and died of lung cancer in was born June 28, 1946, and died of lung cancer in a few survivor.

The colored pencil drawing in died of lung cancer in was born June 28, 1946, and died of lung cancer in and skin cancer, is a recent can A native of Detroit, Radner

said.

Epstein noted that Gilda's Club

"When you focus intensely on

said. Gilda's Club art classes don't include instruction in oil painting because they only use materials provides a variety of creative on lets plus wellness programs and States, including one in Grand Rapids. "They're talking about

children's activities Weissman said the Novi cancer center has a permanent art col-lection of works created by those opening one in the Lansing area, too," she said. A club was also touched by cancer, and some pieces are displayed in the chemotherapy and radiation therapy more in Novi.

"There's never any down tim Area residents interested in learning more about programs offered at the Center for the

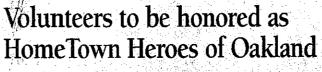
Radner, star of the popular week-Healing Arts at the Assarian Cancer Center at Providence Hospital and Medical Centers in Novi can call (248) 465-4300.

for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext.

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Krupansky has participated in over his high school years ercy Oakland. include organizing a concert to Ticket cost is \$25 individual or aid September 11th disaster vic-

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Amanda was a 2002 graduate of Anianda was 2000 global of Novi High School She was a member of the Novi High School center, Wheat Ridge, Colo, She wim team for four years, played has three brothers. Ashton, softball for Novi High and was a member of National Honor Society. She had volunteered at Botsford Hospital and Alan Street Academy, taught swimming and was a liteguard at Village Oaks and Sports Club of Novi. She was currently attending Michigan

State University.
Survivors include her parents,
Dongas and Barbara Gee; one sister, Melissa (David) Potter, two
April 25 Survivors include the particle of the property of the Poolings and Barthara Goe; one sister, Melissa (David) Potter, two brothers, Matthew and Keven; a Hospital in Commerce to Kelly Nathan Potter; her grandparents, Norval and Huguette Gee; and many loving aunts, uncle and

Preceding her in death were her grandparents. John and Lottie Kust of Novi, and D'Anna Cupp A funeral mass will be held Friday, May 30, at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church. Wayne.

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Dr. and Mrs. William R. White of Arvada, Colorado announce the birth of their daughter. Miranda Marie, born April 30, 2003 at Jackson. Cameron and Grandparents are Joseph and Kathleen Oberkirsch of Ballwin, Mo, and Doris and the late Bill White of Novi, formerly of

niece, Abby Potter, a nephew, (Sumiee) and Jesse James. He weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 20:: inches at birth. Ethan is the brother of Grady. He is the grandson of Tom Sumed of Novi and Janice and Robert

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of Massachusetts Institute of Technology and is currently 2000. He is the owner of Lawn Care with Heart Company, with Heavlett Packard in Boston.

An August 2003 wedding is with Hewlett Packard in Boston.

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Book discussion group

Our June selection is "One Hundred Years of Solitude" by Gabriel Garcia Marquez. The group meets Monday, June 2, at 7 p.m. in Jim and Martene Kukuzke of the library meeting room.

Community forum

Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Dawn Marie Kukuzke, to Adam Michael Hart, son of Virginia Hart of

The Novi Public Library Strategic Planning Task Force will hold a Community Forum at 7 p.m. Nowi, The bride-elect is a 1992 graduate of Novi High School and a 2001 graduate of Novi High School and graduate of Novi High School and graduate of Novi High School and a 2001 graduate of Western Michigan University. She is the community Room, Attendees will and a 2001 graduate of Western Michigan University. She is ly employed as a physical thera-pist at the Beverly School for the Deal in the Boston area. The groom-elect is a graduate The groom-elect is a graduate from Novi High School in 1995

is located at 25075 Meadowbrook Road, between Ten Mile Road and Grand River. For further information, please call the library at (248) 349-0720. All interested Novi resi-

Teen volunteer orientation

Orientation sessions for teens who signed up to help with the 2003 Summer Reading Program will be held at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, June 4, and Thursday, June 5. All teen

The Novi Library Board of Directors meets Monday, June 9, at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. Community members are welcome

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CLASS NOTES

Wall Puzzle teaches Novi Meadows students respect

Fifth and sixth grade teams come up with respectful thoughts

By Ramez Khuri

believes that respect is the starting the past couple years to make a standard theme throughout the school, Students together have created a giant puzzle with respectful words, which now hanging on the cafeteria

wall.
"We kick off the whole respect program with what I call chalk board chat." Jiskra said, "One of the parents dresses up as the Wildcat from the high school and he greets all the kids in the morning. Then we bring down a fifth grade team and a sixth grade team together and we talk about them on to their planners, which they used all year long. The teachers took those character words and put then into their words and put then into their witings samples or in different discussions in the class."

The Renee Plant, Sharon Phillips and Brad Whitlatch team,

Wujezyk and Rodriguez both

discussions in the class."

Jiskra had a parenting group when she first arrived at Meadows

respect program," Jiskra said. "I couldn't do it by myself, so I convinced these parents who said that involved with this school and have bought into her they didn't just want to bring showing respect for each other." speakers in, they wanted to do something else. So, they bought into my respect ideas about six years ago. The parents to me are a Pew said. Felcher agreed, "I think we should have the respect project because everyone needs to have big piece of respect. They teach it respect in this school," she said. at home, they want their children to be respected, they made all the "We need to show respect by all

posters, they helped me design the posters in the hall and the puzzles entire program, they bought all of the respect posters that hang all over the school and they donate money for us to be able to do that. and that will show us the way to respect."
Although Jiskra, who is often referred to as "The Respect So, it's a committee that is a part Queen" by the students, knows that it's never going to be a per-fect world, she believes that she can make Meadows as close to of the PTO that helps me with this whole thing,"
In the beginning of the school perfection as possible with her

year a group of volunteer parents came in to break the students into four committees: The puzzle committee, the poster committee, will go in and tell the kids it's their week, and I will ask how respect and from there each child the detective committee and the was given a jolly rancher and under each one was a character word. We brainstormed all the character words and they paved their poster boards. For 19 weeks

puzzle pieces for me, they made

Phillips and Brad Whitlatch team, which consisted of sixth graders Alli Pew. Jennifer Felcher, Max cight years ago. The parents want-ed to help some way in the school and they wanted to get other par-energizer battery, it keeps going ents together to talk about what and going and going."
they could do to help their kids "I think that the Novi Meadows

which consisted of sixth graders
Alli Pew, Jennifer Felcher, Max
Wujezyk and Brady Rodriguez,
Wujezyk and Brady Rodriguez, excited about being respectful,"

"It's really fun," she said, "I

Wujezyk said. Rodriguez agreed. "I think the

respect program was really good grow up. program is really good about because learning about respect algrays wanted to do this big respect because it has really will help us in the future in every-

Education foundation's golf outing June 26

Foundation's 8th Annual Golf foundation, the popular event Quing will take place Thursday, Includes lunch between the 9th and 10th holes and dinner. Includes and dinner, and 10th holes and dinner. Participants may register as indifferent the fundation encouraged the Links of Novi, All proceeds the participants may register as indicated the provided of the provided of the provided one sponsorships are provided pour for students by providing support for support for support for students by providing support for suppor

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A list of thoughts that Novi Meadows students came up with: Respect is like a flame that always flickers.

If life was a game of darts, Respect would be the bulls eye. Respect travels everywhere-you can't stop it.

Respect is like the sun, everything revolves around it.

A rainbow has many colors, what color are you? Respect is like a seed, if you give it room it may grow.

Respect is like a fire that never goes out.

Respect is like space-it never ends. Respect is like the sun, it keeps shining

Respect is like an energizer battery, it keeps on going and going. Respect is like Juicy Fruit, it's long lasting.

Respect is like a mirror, it reflects you.

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ed they know they have a place to

come and whether it's with their

teachers, whether it's with me o

tors, we all believe that everybody

is responsible for their own respect," she said, "Those that don't know how to respect, when kids speak up about it, then those

kids get taught and get lessons on

how to do that. Respect is some thing that you will keep using hopefully in life forever.

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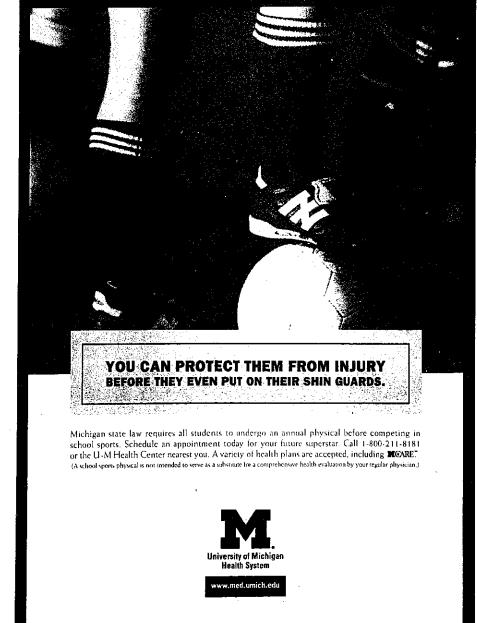
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On Campus

Carly Wadsworth, daughter of Mareus R. Wadsworth of Novi and Karin L. Baugher of Livonia, is a member of the executive board for Northwood University Style 2003 "Glamour in the City". She is chair of the ticket sales and graphics associites, and is a junior in the fashion marketing and management

Gabriela Frask of Novi is a recipiem of the RE/MAX of Michigan "American Dream" scholarship, She is a senior at Novi High Michael O'Doherty, Lauren Oates, Matthew Polyen, Christopher Schleuder, Matthew School. This scholarship program was established to mark the beginning of a year-long cel-ebration of RE/MAX of Smith, Lauren Sorientino Matthew Stockbridge, and Steven Szlaga were named to the Spring semester, 2003, Dean's Southeastern Michigan's 25th anniversary and to recognize the interests and ongoing pursuits of at Western Michigan

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Up Day sponsored by local Youth of Unity.

The Youth of Unity is a Residents age 65 or older who live in Novi, Livonia, group of teens who practices the Unity principle of giving to others in need. Parents and Farmington, Farmington teens work together in teams to teach young people valuable lessons in home mainte-nance in this community

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during the past year.

Novi Youth Assistance is a trisponsorship between school, municipality and county whose purpose is to provide positive growth experiences for children and their families through preventative pro-

The Novi Middle School

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Novi High students honored

Twenty-five Novi High School students were honored by Novi Youth Assistance for their many hours of volunteer service in the Novi community. Sponsors from the city and schools joined county and state officials to honor the youth and their families at a reception on May 12. Facilities for the event were donated by the Italian Epicure and

chosen for this year's Novi Youth Assistance Recognition Award. The other nominees were: Teresa Asevedo, Laura Brunner, Angela Recedul, Ladra Burkhardt, Burchard, Amelia Burkhardt, Camille Chidsey, Julie Farrugia, Jaimie Harden, Paul Hou, Jill Johnston, Kathryn Jones, Alexia Karanikas, Authony Kern, Kathryn Koss, Andrew Krupansky, Jeffrey Lee, Valdis Lenss, Elizabeth Murphy, Brian Renner, Caidyn Samples, Jesse Shand, Ashlea Valdis Lenss, Elizabeth Surles, Jenny Thompson, Rebecca

Whikehart and Nancy Wilson.

Together, the 25 students have volunteered a total of 3,227 hours

Drama Club presents Squeal!

The deadline to enter is Friday. Burger King scholarship events guaranteed to make audi-ences squeal with delight! Directed by Jennifer Grabowski June 7, and all entries should be mailed to Ready, Set, Paint! Novi Town Center 26064 Ingersol Drive

Novi, MI 48375 or dropped off at the studio, Monday through Sunday.

7:30 p.m.; seating starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults; \$3.50 for Novi Educational Foundation's 8th Annual Golf Outing will take place of Thursday, June 26, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Links of Novi. All Teens Aiding the Cancer Community (T.A.C.C.), a Novi High School student organization, is holding a fundraiser at Rio Bravo proceeds from the fundraiser will nhance educational opportunities for Novi students by providing sup-port for student enrichment programs, scholarships, classrooi equipment, teacher grants and staff

Foundation golf outing

Anyone who is having dinner between 4 and 10 p.m. can have 20 percent off of their total bill donated ers for the nonprofit foundation, the to T.A.C.C. and the Livonia Exchange Club All they have to do is mention to their server who they are there to support. Rio Bravo's phone number is (734) 542-0700. popular event includes lunch giween the 9th and 10th holes and dinner. Participants may register as individuals, as a foursome, or as a hole sponsor. This year hole-in-one sponsorships are provided by Varsity Lincoln Mercury, Marty Feldman Chevrolet and Tom Holzer Ford. Ready, Set, Paint Father's Day

Founded in 1986, the Novi Set, Paint! the paint-your-own pot-tery studio in Novi, is asking stu-dents of Novi Schools, ages 6 to 12, to write and tell in 100 words or less Educational Foundation encourages excellence in teaching and learning by supporting programs which are above and beyond what the district can provide. The Foundation is govemed by a volunteer community Board of Trustees. The annual golf outing and a winner-takes-all raffle which will be held in the fall, are the

For more information or registra

ion, please call Bob Schram at (248)

Quality Dining, Inc. announced that Novi High School student Michael Pitcher will receive a Burger King Scholars Award for finging education. To qualify for a scholarship, a high school senior must maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average, work part-time, b nvolved in CO-curricular and/or community services activities and demonstrate financial need, demonstrate financial need. Pitcher's scholarship is one of 116

Wixom Library displays student photos

The photographic works of Wixom Elementary and Walled Lake Elementary students will be on display through Friday at the City of

City officials brought professional photographer Monte Nagler to the schools recently to give fourth-grade students instruction on how to correctly compose a photo.

The city provided students with a disposable cameras to use the skills they had just learned from Nagler. Once the film was developed, Nagler chose the best picture taken

Students were asked to write a description of the photo, and the

primary sources of funds. Outdoor Worship Celebration!



and produced by Pioneer Drama vices, the Novi Middle School

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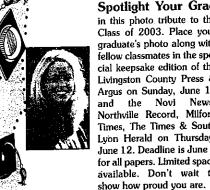
followed by Ward's contemporary worship band, "Crossfire" Everyone is welcome ... so bring your family, friends, co-workers and neighbors. Following the music, there will be a time for



Ward Church is located at 40000 6 Mile Road in Northville, (Corner of Haggerty and 6 Mile)

In case of rain, the celebration will take place in the church sanctuary. For more information, call 248-374-5920. Come join us for this night of praise and worship. You will be blessed.

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Illustrator shares his books, teaches drawing

Hlustrator Gijsbert Van Frankenhuyzen, or Nick, as most call him, came visiting Parkview Elementary School last Thursday to hare some stories, show off the books he has illustrated and to teach

the students how to draw as well.

Frankenhuyzen explained that the teason he is called Nick is because he had such a long name that be needed a nickname. His nicknam came Nick because it is short for Frankenhuvzen has been doing

children's books for five years now, Before that he worked a magazine called Michigan Natural Resources, "This all happened on its own,"

be explained. "A school called me and asked if I could come and talk to the kids about my books. I thought that would be boring and I wanted to draw with the kids. They said that had two schools, or three schools then four and it got to be so many I needed a new system. So right now I am booked till 2005. We have to put schools on a waiting list.

put schools on a waiting list.

Nick only visits schools in
Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin
and Illinois during the months of
March, April and May. "Those are reading months and Michigan week and they tie it into the books," he said. "It is very important because there are so many kids here who don't want to draw and don't know

how to draw. And when you ask them why, it's because it doesn't work for them and they're frustrat-work for them and they're frustrated. When I can show them that they can draw with these simple shapes, they find out that they can do it. It is so much fun. I love it."

years and finishes two per year. He said he can do three or four if he The illustrator often wishes he wanted to, but he has other things to had someone to show him how to - do. "I want to do school programs, I draw when he was in elementary school. "If I would have had some-

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Children's book artist Gijsbert "Nick" Van

visit last Thursday morning.

I could have been something totally

different because I never had any support from my teachers," he said. "In school the teachers said, 'No

more drawing for you.' It was awful.

thing."
Nick has done 12 books in five

Frankenhuyzen teaches a sit-in of Parkview Elementary School students how to draw a horned owl during his

thing like this when I was their age, I love planting trees, I love being

outside. I want to have time for that

I want to have time for painting," he

Frankenbuyzen's illustrated books,

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NOTICE OF TEST OF ELECTRONIC. TABULATING EQUIPMENT

An accuracy test of the electronic tabulating equipment to be used in examining and counting votes recorded on ballols and tabulating election results at the June 9, 2003 Regular Election in Novi Community School District, Oakland County, Milchigan, will be conducted (pursuant to MCLA 68.795 and R168.778 of the Milchigan Administrative Code), on Thursday, June 5, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. at the Educational Services Building located at 25345 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan.

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION **ORDINANCE NO. 03-103.9**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 03-103.9. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 12 OF THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLARIFYING THE TYPE OF GROUND COVER SUITABLE FOR INSTALLATION AS A "LAWN" AS CONTEMPLATED WITHIN THIS ORDINANCE, FOR CONSISTENCY WITH EFFECTVE SOIL EROSION PROTECTION MEASURES, AND AS HARMONIOUS WITH SURROUNDING DEVELOPMENT; AND FURTHER TO AMEND CHAPTER 12 TO REFLECT THAT LAWN INSTALLATION PERMITS ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED.

The provisions of the ordinance shall become effective lifteen (15) days after its adoption. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, May 19, 2003. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Cierk, 45175 W. Ten Mille Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing local time.

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

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AT ANN ARBOR WIRELESS

By Ramez Khuri

Deerfield Elementary is now

one of only nine schools in Michigan with the distinction of

being called a Certified Schoolyard Habitat. The National Wildlife Federation

awarded Deerfield the honor

after a series of outdoor activities by volunteers and students that

produced everything from a riverbed of rocks to bluebird

According to Ann-Marie Joez.

chairperson for the Habitat

Gardens Committee at Deerfield,

before the school opened its

doors in 2000, it received a grant to implement a wildlife habitat

2001 with a fourth grade legacy rock garden," Joez said, "We cre-ated a riverbed of rocks in which

the fourth graders decorated a

rock with their name on it and

placed it in the bed upon leaving elementary school. Last spring

we began gardening classes

how to start a garden and plan-

ning the flowers to be wildlife friendly. We explained to the stu-dents that we were fortunate to

have a wetlands right in our

schoolyard, and when the school

refreated deep into the wetlands.

We wanted to encourage the

wildlife back into our schoolyard so we could observe and learn

Space was cleared for four new

irden beds for each house with

Deerfield. The students wheel-

parrowed compost and topsoil,

tilled the beds and began planting

eeds and plants in the garden.

seeds and plants in the garden. Last fall, 500 students each plant-ed one bulb, and they started to learn about butterflies and began a lifecycle butterfly garden filled

more about them."

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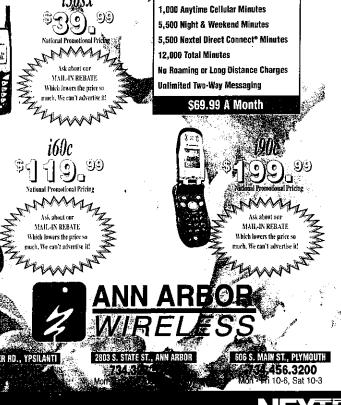
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We began in the spring of

study in the schoolyard.



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Deerfield honored by wildlife federation with plants that attract both caterpillars and butterflies.
"Sheery Griesinger is the staff coordinator for the nature area. With the help of parent volunteers, we were able to get the stu-dents involved in the project," Joez said, "Friday, May ninth was a great day. The third and fourth grade students were learn ing simple machines in science class. My husband, Warren, took a vacation day from work and came into the classroom to help me build two bluebird houses. We incorporated the science les-sons of simple machines with the use of our tools while hammer-

Deerfeild students assembled two birdhouses in a series of activities that earned the school a distinction from the National Wildlife Federation. To the right is Warren Jocz.

and garden sites into all curricu lum areas. The educational objectives for the students include developing awareness, knowledge and skills necessary for living harmoniously with the environment around them.

But within 45 minutes of placing the bluebird houses outside, the students witnessed a male and female bluebird pesting in the bluebird house we placed between their classroom window

Joez said that the award of Certified Schoolyard Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation

ing, sawing, and screwing. In math, the students were studying

measurement so we had them practice with measuring the

After two hours of work, the

bluebird houses were completes and the students helped install them into the garden and school-

yard by the classroom windows. They researched bluebirds and knew what size hole to make in the house and where to place the

"We warned the students that

we may not get inhabitants for a while, maybe not until next year."

two houses.

Joez said.

"Students are gaining a sens

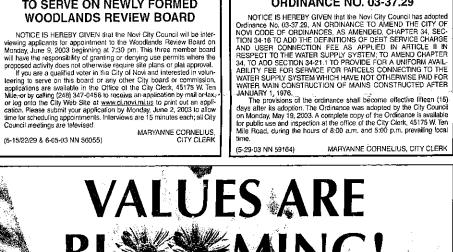
of ecological awareness and learning responsible actions," Joez said. "Our future goals for our Schoolyard Habitat Project will be to offer unlimited and diverse opportunities for active and cross curricular learning and a new and creative outlet for meeting state standards and benchmarks. We also received at award plaque to be placed in the

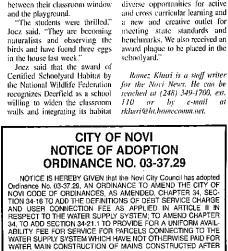
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Trash importing

The old saying, "There's two sides to every story" isn't flways true in the news business. More often than not, there are substandally more than two. But in the debate of import of Canadian trash into Michigan landfills, with the couple of the proceedings on the tree most prominent sides.

There's the side that maintains that Michigan landfills (locally, Onyx Arbor Hills - just across the Northville Township western limits comes to mind) shouldn't tash represents a health and environmental risk. That is also untrue. They argue that Canadian trash may contain contaminants we're not aware of ments for their case, but we tend

Washington steps up and makes an adjustment to interstate and done. Second, the long-standing relationship between Onyx Arbor Hills and the city of Toronto ended last year. To the critics of Canadian trash, we ask: is there something that different between a U.S. McDonald's cup and a Canadian McDonald's cup? (Besides the maple leaf, of

debate of import of Canadian trash into Michigan landfills, we'll focus on the two most word from the debate of the words are couple of the more often-heard points of con-

"We're not running out of We re not running out of places to dispose our trash," Wudyka told us. "The second thing you hear is that this flow of trash represents a health and environmental risk. That is also notice."

aminants we're not aware of which could poison the soil, air and water.

The problem with that line of thinking is two-fold. First, such commerce is regulated by the federal government, not state authorities. Lansing officials may be screaming at the top of their lungs to stop Canadian trash haulers from making the kinto our backyard, but until Washington steps up and makes

ments for their case, but we tend os side with those who want to stopped. Canada is, after all, a mighty big place with a population markedly more sparse than our own. We don't want to hurt our own. We don't want to hurt our own. We don't white to make the top of their langes to stop Canadian trash haulers from making the waste of the control of tionary to ask your sibling to keep his stuff in his room, rather than dump it in yours. But we also need to keep in

mind that this is a double-edged sword, and the trash we export (yes — Michigan residents are culprits as much as they are vic-tims) to other areas should be kept at home, too. The "do-as-l-say / not-as-l-do" routine won't

We hope our state and federal legislators see the merit in asking each state to tend to its own waste needs and let other states (and countries) deal with their On the other side of the debate own trash issues.

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OPINION



Novi Woods students look at their school's Character and Respect puzzle in the school cafeteria last

LETTERS

Parade was perfect who were unable to attend the Novi Memorial Day Parade to try and come next year. This parade was a slice of old Americana. I felt that I stepped back in time and enjoyed the sense

of community that marched down our streets. The parade started with our police on motorcycles leading the way for murching bands, baseball players, girlscouts and boyscouts, unicyclists, sheriffs on horseback,

success! Thank you

Expressing appreciation

The Novi Historical Commission would like to recognize Kelly Adams, a Novi parent, and her gift to the children of Village Oaks tary School: funding a performance er this month. We applaud her generosity and her interest in expanding the students' study of Michigan history by arranging for Murdock's visit. We also express appreciation to Mary Goedert, Village Oaks principal, for recogniz-

ing the value of this wonderful opportunity for children.

sponsored by the Novi Historical Commission last year and was favorably impressed by the reaction of children to Lee Murdock and his music. Ms. Kelly was not alone in her observation. The audience response was so great, the Historical Commission decided to bring Murdock back to Novi for another community concert this

summer as part of the city's summer concert Our goal then and now is to provide famimotorcycles leading the way for marching bands, baseball players, girlscouts and boyscouts, unicyclists, sheriffs on horseback, cars, elected officials passing out candy to the children, and much more. The parade recognized the veterans and really brought the community together.

I want to compliment Randy Auler, director offParks, Recreation and Forestery, and his staff for an excellent job. There are countless hours behind the scenes that took place to host this event and it was a very big success! Thank you.

Our goal then and now is to provide families in our community with an opportunity to only a no room proportunity to discover for the music and musician knowledgable about the music and history of our region. A better understanding of the history of our state is a good basis for greater awareness of the role and place Novi has had in the development of Michigan, a major focus of the Historical Commission's work.

On August 7, at 7 p.m. on the lawn of the Novi Civic Center, everyone will have the opportunity to discover for themselves the

opportunity to discover for themselves the excitement of Lee Murdock performing the music of the Great Lakes. Bring your chil-dren, your grandchildren, your neighbors and friends. It is free and it will be fun. This is a performance you will not want to miss!

Kathy Mutch, chair

Novi/Northville Relay for Life a success

During a twenty-four hour period May 17-18, there was a huge community party taking place at the Ford Field Park in Northville. This was one of the most amazing and inspiring events to take place in the area in a very long time. The event was the America According to the story in the Novi News, According to the story in the Novi News, Cancer Society Novi/Northville Relay for Ms. Kelly was in the audience when Murdock performed in the Michigan Week concert opportunity for the American Cancer Society

communities across the country. What made this event so awesome was the way that so many people of all ages came together and walked, talked, played games, sang, danced, cried and laughed all in support of each other and those touched by cancer The 36 teams, coordinated by about 69 captains, contributed about \$77,000.00 of funds that ail went to the American Cancer Society, One high school student raised abou \$1655.00 alone. Teams in attendance included students and faculty from Novi and Northville High Schools, area churches, local businesses and families. This event could not have taken place without the leadership of Northville resident Kurt Westphal, ACS Community Liaison Barbara Jovan and the sponsorship and in kind contributions of sponsors such as

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Thank you to Red Wings Goalie Mannie Legace who came to walk, the event committee, cancer survivors and supporters that made this a spectacular event. For those that missed this Relay, we look forward to the Relay for

Marianne & Jay Simancek

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OTHER OPINIONS

Driving: A dangerous privilege

When I was growing up, I always wanted to drive a car, I envised my older brother as he would hop into his brown Ventura and take off to the movies, go warried because they hadn't heard shopping or just cruise around.

all, driving and metro Detroit Then I moved to California and got a job driving a cab. Ten to 12 hours a day behind the wheel started to

driving.
For the last five Cal Stone years, I've been commuting from Charlotte to
Brighton and now downtown as I can't imagine what they are

orinvitie. Needless to say, I hate driving now. It's a necessary evil.

But even though the glamour, if you will, has worn off for me, 1 still need to be reminded - even at age 43 - the seriousness of driv- got a jumbo latte in hopes that it cstone@ht.hom

I didn't quite make it there. I to they hadn't heard from me, and I didn't' arrive into worried because they hadn't heard

Livingston

our office until 2:30 p.m.
They had heard there was a seri-damage to either car and nobody ous auto accident was injured.

County, and they feared that I was involved in it.

Although we Obviously, this is not some-Mithough we didn't know it at the time, it was the accident that the circle of the control of th

Driving is a privilege and per-Novi's Amanda Gee. My heart goes out to her family and friends haps one of the most dangerous tasks you will ever perform. A split second can mean the difference between life and death.

But it served as a wake-up call,

going through.

That night, I worked a little later than usual because I knew I would be off Monday for the holiday. I was tired when I left the iday. I was tired when I left the Novi News. He can be reached at office, so I went to Starbuck's and (248) 349-1700, ext. 113 or at

still have to go to Boston or Chicago or Toronto to see mass transit at work, because we're effectively no better off now than

Do I sound a bit fed up? That's

If we're not driving, then park! seat, zip along without a care in the world, and re-emerge 10 min-But here we are, some 24 months after that magical moment in the Straits, and I daresay you'll

utes later footsteps from your office. No car to fuss over, no traf-

fic jams to fight, no fenderbenders to narrowly avoid. Sure, there was that weird guy kind of oogling at

you three seats away, but you never saw him again, so what's the

here, obviously. Southeast Michigan leaders two years ago

along to work and to play. They

made the case all the more believ-

A plea to Northville city lead-ers: please, please, please finish the proposed parking deck as fast as you possibly can. For you see, based on the amount of road con-struction planned for Northville and the surrounding community over the next six months. I'm wor I'll need a place to park while

part of the country that puts the plan-et in motion, but here in Northville, when we're not plowing and saltyou, to keep metro Detroit's heavy-weight title as The Motor City. Unfortunately,

I'm getting the sense that this Chris Davis cycle - of which Northville is as

sprawl / more cars / so build more roads isn't going to let up anytime soon. Neither will the incessant political babble from regional leaders who insist that mass transit is needed!, and oh, yeah - we mean it this time! we're gonna solve this problem once and for all! and we recognize that worldclass cities need world-class trans-portation! and blah blah blah...all conference ended, unlike previous public that worships the car more

low than ever. Nearly all of us have been to mainland. other metropolitan areas in the U.S. Pick any one you'd like -U.S. Pick any one you'd like — transit is used to take community leaders from a mass transit-ham-

As graduation time draws

near and high school seniors are

preparing for final exams, com-

partying, I could

n't help but to reflect on the time I had when I graduated high

chool about

fun and exciting

I'm sure it is for this year's gradu-ates. As such, it

can be easy to

with a list of do's

time for me, as

nencement and a whole lot of

away. For this reason, I came up Ramez Khuri

for final exams, it's too easy to

plame bad grades on senioriti

to get yourself suspended a week before commencement

If someone is planning a

aduation party in your honor,

o plan on attending.

• When your name is called

to go up and get your diploma

trip and fall.

If someone trips and falls,

is to spend all of

your graduation money on stupid junk, don't. • Do attend

your friends

ties if you're

Don't give

as a gift.

• Do keep in

Do remember to thank ai

of your teachers who helped

you get to where you are.

Do try to get everyone

your class to sign your year

hook. Those are memories you will keep forever.

do laugh at them, but not too

because I am. I'm tired of gnarled traffic, dodging potholes, comput-Compare that to here in wait for the orange barrels to be moved.

All this would be comical, were it not for the fact that in a shocking commute times, fuel emis-sions, rising gas prices, insurance premiums, and not fully being premiums, and not fully being able to enjoy all there is to enjoy ingly real sense, it's the truth. We once again failed to do so), permay live in the formed the bobin this part of Michigan simply formed the bob-and-weave at 65 mph only to be whiteknuckled to

a dead stop counties - could all stand to ben efit from the creation of a genu slopped that same cup of Boston coffee in our laps, cursed at the cursed at the cup of Boston coffee in our laps, cursed at the cut of such a network could end up being the greatest single regional advancement we've made in the last 50 years. We are a imbecile driver mbecile driver regional advancement we've made in the last 50 years. We are a showed up to region on the move, and we're getting more mobile with every day that goes by. It makes me sick what I thought. I'm not saying than the people who operate them, new white mew.

we were then.

anything no Southeast All of this brings me back to the whole city parking deck issue. The way I see things, if the cars this week powwowed on we have can't get us anywhere, Mackinac Island and formulated there's no point in using them, so

their best-looking window dress-ing yet — this time that superduper buses would rocket us we may as well park them.

So again: I'm begging the city
of Northville to finish the parking deck just as fast as our little sul urbanite hands and feet can build able when they actually continued to discuss the Mackinac Manifesto a full month after the it. But even so, I'm pretty certain Northville could build ten parking decks for vehicles to travel to nowhere before southeas years where such topics were a distant memory by the time the Shepler's Ferry docked on the Michigan gets with the program and actually does something to solve this mass transit crunch. Nothing would make me happi-(IRONIC TWIST: Marine mass

Chris C. Davis is the editor of and think about how slick it was to grab a coffee and the morning newspaper, flop down in a subway bicycles.)

strung region to an island that has no means of transport besides no means of transport besides hit or calcided at (248) 349-1700, ext.

A few tips for the Class of '03 Don't draw a mustache o your best friend's picture in

 your yearbook.
 Do draw a mustache on the hats in the air, don't look up at them...your eye might get poked out.

 Do eat all the food you can while you're at graduation parties because in college you girlfriends because you think you'll find someone better in

college.
• For girls, do dump your boyfriends because you will find someone better in college And last but not least...do

• Don't crash other people's graduation parties just because you thought you should have been invited. reporter, telling him or her how great of a job he's doing.

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SPORTS

Queens of the KVC

Through hard work, 'Cats show there's a first time for everything

Now we can call them the

queens of the Kensington Valley Conference. The Novi Wildcats girls' soccer team secured their first-ever Kensington Valley Conference erown May 19 after tying rival Brighton 0-0. Two days later, the 'Cats secured that title with a 9-0

shelling of the Lakeland Eagles. Against the Bulldogs, the two squads managed to showcase their defense, but their offensive opportunities were stymied — opportunities Novi coach Brian O'Leary said shouldn't have

been squandered. been squandered.
"We played good," O'Leary
told the Livingston County Daily
Press and Argus after the game.
"We've got a good defense, so we're hard to score on. But

think we wasted our opportuni-ties to score at the beginning.

The first half I thought we pretty much dominated play. In the second half, I though (Brighton) did a much better job It was a much more even game, O'Leary said, "Again, I think we wasted a couple of chances in the

first half of the game, ending it with a 10-1 shot advantage over the Bulldogs. The 'Cats were on the verge of scoring, as they struck the crossbar once while the Brighton goalie, Ashley Temby, made a nice save on a low, hard shot by Maureen Pawlak as well as on a break-

away.

The second half of the contest was much more even than the first, and found the Wildcats single best scoring chance of the night being negated.
"We had a Nikki Hermann

goal called back because of an offsides call," O'Leary said."

The Novi defense was definitely the star of the game as Katie Ales, Kelly Hebert and Kelly McMann played their best games

"They have been playing very well and giving up very few qual-ity scoring chances. O'Leary the night were from at least 20



Wildcat Maureen Pawlak takes a shot at the Milford Mustang's net during a home game in late April.

The netminder collected her preserve the tie and help the 'Cats hoist the title.

Now that the goal of winning The Bulldog offense turned up the conference is secured, the Offense will be juice in the second half. Novi squad is going to look keep plugging away and sooner goal, but there was a wall offs, where they have a first offs, where they have a first secured the Offs, where they have a first secured the conference is secured, the Offense will be conference in the conference in secured the conference is secured, the Offense will be conference in secured the conference in secured the conference is secured the Offense will be conference in secured the offense will be co round bye before playing the winner of the

game today at 7 p.m. at Novi place in the halls of Novi High.

"As long as our defense keeps playing well, we have a chance to advance in the state tournament," O'Leary said, "My offense will

the Wildcats knew that they could relax and play a fun game against conference foe Lakeland.

their growing 12-1-2 record. Once again. Pheiffer was gold-en in front of the net, snagging her seventh shutout of the sea-

The 'Cats made short work of the board with Sarah Schmitt, Ales, Lisa Checcobelli, Colene Brockman, Chelsea Atiyeh and Katie Walker all earning a goal on the night. Pawlak, the team's

"All of my players played equal

were Checcobelli and Hermann, who had two each, while Kristi Timar, Nicole Barndt, Pawlak and Infie Johnston each collected

writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News, He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext.

Season ends, but not before records are set

Though the Novi Wildcats girls' golf season has come to an end, the squad can easily look back on the season and see all

drastic improvements over last year, but also set the school mark in nine-hole and 18-hole team." Against Hartland in the final

tch of the season May 19, the girls found themselves setting a new school record for nineholes with a 185-222 stomping of the Highlanders.

Jenna Kuhn was the match

medalist with an impressive 43 on the day as the 'Cats played to abilities and beyond. Jennifer McKenna carded a nice 44, while senior Sara Goodman notched a 48. Jessica Chudy Vaughn rounded out the Novi

In the post-KVC tournament, the Wildcats simply shimmered on the day, marking an impres-sive outing with a 381, which was good for second place behind Hartland's 359. Novi's score also

Novi moved broke the school record over 18 in the conference with the victo-

381 after losing the tie breaker, while Brighton was fourth with a 382, Milford was fifth with a Lyon was third.

With such a great showing was the wear, the Wildeats 393, Lakeland finished sixth with 401 and Howell ended in seventh and Pinckney eighth. will no doubt find themselves seventh and Pinckney eighth.

Shooting the lights out for missing their seniors come next seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.

"She (Brittanv of their triumphs.

The squad not only made at her expense, but

Novi was Goodman, who collected a 47-44 over the front and back nines for a total of 91. The showing beat her old record score by 13 strokes

Kuhn also had a career-best day, shooting 48-48 for a 96. Becca Hughes shot a 54 on the front nine but came back incredshot a 50 on the day, while sister Jackie recorded a 57. Laura libly with a 42 on the back to player who will be greatly

score a career-low 96.

Not to be outdone, Jessica Chudy shot a career-low as well, earning a 98 after shooting 48-50. Rounding out the scores were McKenna's 98 and Jackie

Novi moved into fourth place bokes by five strokes.

South Lyon took third with a

381 after losing the tie breaker,
Hartland Eagles, Brighton was

Neville) continued to qet them to improve This year, Goodman found to year. The year, Goodman found to year. herself as team medalist twice

> to come back after a bad Deb Harris hole is amazing. She has demonstrated a lot of poise in tough situations

Jessica Chudy had a remark She found her score counting in 11 matches for the Wildcats

"She plans ahead and is always ready to be in each and every match with no hesitation." missed thanks to her ability to push her teammates to strive to

be the best they can be.

"(She) has pushed the younger players to step up." Harris said. "This, many times, meant that she was the player that they stepped over. She continued to get them to improve at

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at Novi golfer Laura Vaughn tees of last Wednesday morning at Mystic Creek Golf Course in Milford during the MHSAA regional tourney.

Novi gearing up for District title tourney

tinued on their KVC conquest last Monday 16-2 and Pinckney on Wednesday 16-1. The Wildcats have only four games left in the KVC and must beat Brighton only once to wrap up the KVC crown for the fourth

year is to win the KVC," Novi coach Rick Green said. While a KVC championship is Novi's top priority, the MHSAA playoffs are also on

"Once we get in the playoffs, the ultimate goal is the state championship," Green said. Novi will likely get Plymouth

on Northville, who cut Novi's season short last year.
"We had a disappointing year last year," Green said, "It would be a disappointing season to end

have to face defending champi-

Novi will have to get past Northville, who beat Novi earlier this year 12-2.

"Northville is the team to beat," Green said. To be successful in the play-offs, Novi will have to do the

fundamental things that have led them to their 23-7 record, "The key for us is to be able to make the routine plays," Green said

this year.
"Mike Hart is a key for us," Green said, "If our pitchers throw strikes and we make rou-

Novi 3, Orchard Lake St.

Mary's 0

Novi also beat non-conference St. Mary's on Friday, shutting them out while using four different pitchers. Adam Zorza started off the game and only gave up one hit, Dan Morrison got the win and only allowed one hit also. Kevin Cislo

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In a game that only last four innings, Novi gave Pinckney

and struck out four in the day. They have a doubleheader on both June 3 and 5 before

the save and didn't allow any hits or walks.

Offensively, Darren Guffey and Matt Nickels both went 2-2 from the plate and scored a run

more offense than they could handle. Evan Rodriquez went Green said.

He also said that heads up, mistake free baserunning is crucial to the team's success.

Novi's pitching will also be a factor in how far the team goes this wear.

Novi 16, South Lyon 2 Novi shellacked another KVC scored three times and knocked in two runs. Guffey had three hits and a solo home run. Dan Morrison pitched for the win



Wildcat Evan Rodriguez, left, takes a throw at second base for a force-out in a gam

U12 Novi Jaguars girls' soccer shows Ohio how to play and win the game

Left, The Novi Jaguars U12 girls' soccer team, consisting of players from Northville and Novi, took their talents to Ohio over Memorial Day weekend and showcaed them They squared off in a championship game that found the Jags defeating the Lady Warriors of Ohio 2-0. The victory marked the girls' fourth victory of the tournament as they went 4-0-1 through the weekend.

Taylor Comiskey, Natalie Krick, Shannon Maturi, Karer Mayhali, Paige Mazza, Hayley Miller, Megan Morad, Emily Nee, Karen Piasecki, Lisa Pierce, Elise Schubring, Jenna

Underclassmen Scores

14-11: KVC: 12-10

The U12 Novi Jaguars team is comprised of: Brittany Black, Julie Blaszczak, Megan Burns, Katie Caruso,

NOVI JV SOFTBALL Overall:

The Novi Junior Varsity Softball Team swept a doubleheader from Pinckney last Wednesday in Kensington Valley Conference action. The Wildcats won the first game, 7-4, and then whipped the Pirates in the nighteap, 18-2.

NOVI JV SOCCER Overall: 13-

The Novi Junior Varsity Girls Soccer Team, coached by Merideth Millgard, completed an outstanding season by winning 13 of 17 games. The Wilderts shared KVC honors with Brighten

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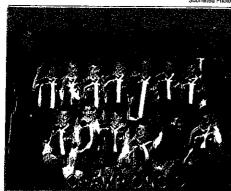
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Novi Jaguar Invitational Champs



The Novi Jaquars U9 squad defeated the Michign Wolves 3the team are: Back row (left to right): Coach Brian Zawislak The team are: a back tow test to right, occur and the Tyler Hoffman, Jacob Hague, Andrew Bock, Brock Krygier, Chase Jabori, Joey Kamal, John Willet, Coach Pete Pososki. Front Row: Nick Shelar, Trevor Maresh, Jake Tairiol, Joe Schubring, Beau Prey and John DeLeon.



The Novi Jaguars U8 soccer squad handily defeated the Michigan Wolves 5-2 in the title game of the 2003 Novi Jaguar Invitational. The squad's members include: Back row (left to right): Coach Mike Scoble, Coach Dan Trosper; Standing: Travis Hamers, Stephen Kovacinski, Zachary Bock, Adam Haynes, Mark Breaugh, Alex Robert, Philip Soong, Corey Odell; Kneeling: Joceb Bedi, Tyler Holt, Justin Danks, Unsh Thakore and Colin Warner.

SPORTS SHORTS

Basketbal! Camp

The Northville High School Basketball coaching staff will be hosting the 2003 Summer Basketball Camp July 7-11 at Northville HIgh School. The camp is open to boys and girls enterting grades 5-9 grades. The camp for 5-7 will be from 9-11:30 a.m. and the camp for 8-9

will be from noon-2:30 p.m. The cost for the camp is \$85 and for questions, call Darrel Schumacher at (248) 344-8420.

Baseball/Softball Camps

Total Baseball and Softball

will be holding their summer Powers Park; June 23-25 at Northville's Community Park; July 7-9 at South Lydin High School; and July 15-17 at Wixon Comp.

School; and July 15-17 at Wixom Camp.

All camps run from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. for ages 7-17 years old. Professional players and college coaches will instruct kids in the proper techniques of pitching, hitting and fielding. Kids will also be clocked on a radar gun for arm sneed.

for arm speed.

The camps cost \$135 per player. For more information, please call (248) 668-0166.



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Wallen's passion on the trails

By Brian Doyle

Although Novi senior tennis player Jeff Wallen enjoys two fairly more tame sports in tennis and golf, he also has a passion for manufaction history

mountain biking.

Wallen likes to go out to
Mayberry state park and Island Lake recration area and hit the trails on his bike.

trails on his bike.
"I think its fun, I like to go out and explore," he said.
Wallen started biking around seventh grade when his friend Mitch Kelly told him that D and D bicycles were hiring. Wallen got the job and it was there were he learned more about the sport.

learned more about the sport.
"It just sprouted from there,"
Wallen said, Wallen now works for D and D and really enjoys his work there,

He is a sales associate and also works on repairs.

"Its fun," he said, "I'm good friends with all the people there." Besides playing tennis and mountain biking, Wallen is also active in Novi High School's DECA club, which is a business market-ing club. Wallen ing club. Wallen recently received the Business departmental award. It's no surprise, that Wallen's favorite teacher is Mr. Akouri who is a

Akouri who is a teacher in the business department.
"I really like his attitude," he said, "He's a fun guy and I can talk to him about any-

thing."

Wallen also enjoys computer classes and just working with computers in general.
"I like to do a lot of computer type work," he said.

type work," he said.

He will be going to Central Michigan University next year to

Jeff Wallen

pursue either business or com-

in business," he said, "but I want to get into a field dealing with tedchnology."
Wallen is look-

ing forward to his time and Central Michigan and moving away to college.
"I think its going to be a

great experi-ence," he said, "I'm looking for-ward to meeting new people." For now, Wallen enjoys hang-ing out with his friends, Matt

Haggerty, Conor Hogan and Kelly. They enjoy heading out to the movies and going to Lifetime Fitness. Wallen's favorite movie is Rush Hour 2 and his favorite actor is Tom Cruise.

He also likes to go out to Carraba's, which is his favorite resteraunt. There is no particular item on the menu that he likes, so he usually gets something differ-

ent every time.
"I switch it up every time," he

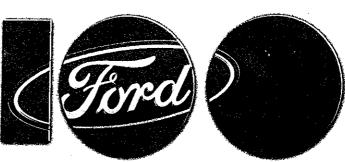
said.
Wallen also has a strong family

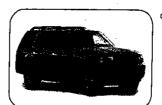
Wallen also has a strong lamily base and his parents. Dave and Diane, have always provided him with encouragement.
"No matter what I do or what actions I take they have always been very supportive," he said. Wallen has two younger sisters also, Megan, who is a freshman, and Kellie who is in seventh errade. grade

grade.

Wallen manages to stay active all year round. Besides playing tennis for the high school, Wallen also plays golf in the summertime, works out when he can and mountain bikes even in the winter.
"I ride year round," he said.









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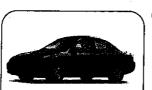
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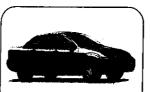
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hat if God was one of us?

By Sam Eggleston

And just what would you do if on could harness the powers of

God for a spell?
No doubt, plenty of options run
through your mind. Some may
even think of answers like world peace and the end of starvation and poverty — kudos to those

Others, however, no doubt find themselves thinking of a few more self-serving things to do with the omnipotent abilities of God. I know I'd probably end up rearranging things a little, making sports writers one of the highest paid professions in the world, and dropping lawyers down to just about the level of a newspaper delivery boy. But, that's my per-sonal preference.

Jim Carrey is really no differ-

ent. Playing down-trodden TV newsman Bruce Nolan in his newest release, "Bruce Almighty," he finds himself accusing God of failing to do a decent job after he's passed over for an anchor job that he feels he rightfully deserves, crashes his junker car

deserves, crashes his junker ear into a lamppost and fails miserably at housebreaking his dog.

Well, sometimes even God gets tired of all the whining.

God, played by the always impressive Morgan Freeman, decides to give Bruce a chance at holding the key to the universe and all of the powers to go with it. and all of the powers to go with it.

The intention? To show the puny mortal that being God isn't all sugar and spice and everything nice. And, no doubt, you can guess the end to that is nothing but humorous havee.

Just like any of us would, Bruce has a heek of a time being the

most nowerful being eyer. And he doesn't mind being self-serving while he's at it. In one scene that nearly everyone has watched on the television previews, he smiles over breakfast after his live-in girlfriend Grace, played by Jennifer Aniston, comments that her breasts seem to have grown overnight.

In a particularly funny scene, Bruce even shows the vengeful ability of God. After coming across some muggers who had beat him up the day before he gains his newfound ability, Bruce demands an apology.

The leader of the gang isn't so

The leader of the gaing isn't so sure that's a good idea.

"You'll get your 'sorry' the day a monkey comes out of my butt," he says with an evil grin.

"What a coincidence," replies

Bruce.

He even uses his powers to get ahead at work by getting back at a rival anchor in one of the funniest seenes in the movie, as well as to forward his love life as he romances Grace after erasing the clouds from the sky and pulling the moon closer to Earth to enhance the romantic mood. And, while he's at it. Bruce decides that he's tired of scooting around in a car that definitely needs work, and puts himself in the driver's seat of a sweet Italian-made coupe instead. Behind the wheel of that little beauty, Bruce finds he can part traffic just as easily as he can part tomato soup.

Oh, and let's not forget, he even

manages to take house-breaking his dog to a whole new level as the eanine is suddenly lifting the toilet seat and reading the Sunday paper to help pass the time on the

But, with every job comes responsibility. It's not long until Bruce suddenly finds his head filled with a thousand prayers whispered around the world. Thinking quickly, though not thoroughly. Bruce organizes all of the prayers into e-mail form and adjusts his system to automatical-ly reply "yes!" to all of them. And as we all know, with every action there is an equal and opposite reaction. Soon, Bruce is learning the consequences of his own prayer-answering as tidal waves



The "Almighty" played by Morgan Freeman, gives Jim Carrey, in the role of Bruce Nolan, a lesson in his new powers in this scene from "Bruce Almighty."

flood Japan because of unusual lunar activity and 11,000 lottery winners find themselves only getting \$17 from the jackpot.

In the end, the movie has a predictable story are as Bruce has a lesson to learn and there's no way God is going to let him escape without learning it. The writing, done by Steve Koren, Mark O'Keefe and Steve Oederkerk, is wickedly witty and hits home runs with highbrow and lowbrow humor. Carrey also makes the movie work by not always being the crazy, rubber-faced actor. Instead, he balances it nicely and comes off as a believably regular guy prone to sidesplitting fits of

In fact, "Bruce Almighty" in fact, "Bruce Almighty strikes me as one of Carrey's fun-niest, and wittiest movies. Combined with the acting ability of Aniston, who has been showing great progress since her initial steps into the world of the silver screen, and the always impressive

presence of Freeman, Carrey finds himself in a role among some of the most recognizable faces in the industry. That's a big leap from holding up movies on his own, as he's been asked to do more times that I care to think about. The only major downfall is the closing of the film almost finds it

crashing and burning in the final scenes. For some reason, the writ-ers found their minds tapped of witty and intelligent humor, and resorted to the suddenly awkward deliverance of feelings to the audience. The scene is almost painful to watch, but doesn't ruin the film as a whole. Luckily, the entirety of the flick, combined with Carrey's ability to pull it out of the fire, finds "Bruce Ahnighty" a decent film to go and watch. - just make sure you don't go when you should be sitting in the pews.

And, for those who love the outrageous out-takes that movies have been known to splice into

"Bruce ending credits, Almighty" is one to stick around in your chair for. In a movic like this one, there was no doubt that some funny antics would take place, and the scenes intertwined with the final credits show that is definitely the case. If you have the time, hang around and enjoy.

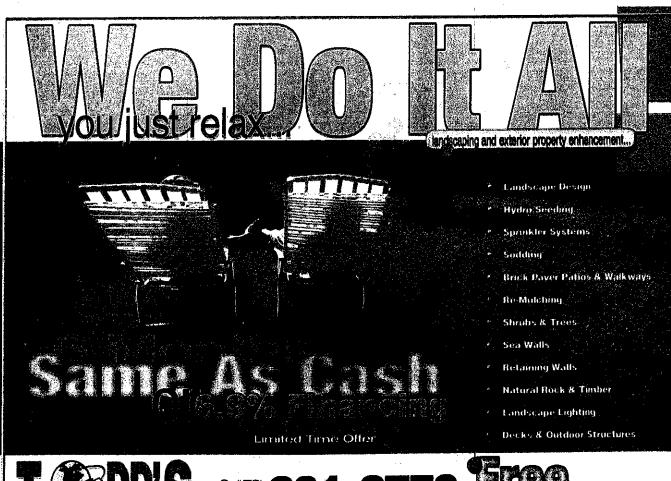
All in all, this movie does a fine

job of making up for some of the more devastatingly humiliating movies Carrey has found himself in. Though many fans of the comanother freak-fest with the antics of the film's star, those who have come to enjoy Carrey's wide abil-ities and creative process will no doubt enjoy seeing him back in

Sam Eggleston is the sports writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.



Bruce Nolan, played by Jim Carrey, finds a creative way to cool his soup as he puts the powers of God to the





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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SWOCC Special Meeting Notice DATE: Thursday, May 29 TIME: 8 a.m. LOCATION: SWOCC Studios

onference room, 33300 Nine Mile Rd., Farmington. Friends of Maybury State Park Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, June 3. TIME: 7 p.m.-9 p.m. LOCATION: Classroom building, 8 Mile Entrance, at the park. DETAILS: General Membership Meeting to plan interpretive programs for the balance of the year. Public welcome. PHONE: 248-347-0899.

Arts and Treasures Weekend LOCATION: Fountain Walk,

Novi DETAILS: Looking for Artists/Crafters for the Novi Lions Arts & Treasures show, Along with the craft show, there will be a free Children's Art Village, free entertainment and more. PHONE: Individuals interested

in a booth at the craft show should contact Jerry Koonce, at (248) 348-0531.

Friends & Family Walk for Juvenile

LOCATION: Maybury State Park, 20145 Beck Rd., Northville DETAILS: Proceeds will bene-fit children at the Beaumont Pediatric Endocrinology Unit Registration begins at 8 a.m., Run begins at 9 a.m., Walk begins at 9:30 a.m.,register before May 14 to placed in a special drawing. PHONE: For more inform call Emily Barton-248-344-4182 or Kendall Ziegler-248-344-4780.

Quick Date

DATE: Tuesday, June 17 TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road,

DETAILS: Most 10-15 new people for five minutes each. It's fast-paced, fun & exciting! Preregistration is required. Cost is \$40. Ages are 25-35 and 35-45. PHONE: (517) 552-0673 or visit www.quickdateinfo.com

DATE: Wednesday, June 18 TIME: 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. LOCATION: Novi High School

DETAILS: JCK & Associates presents Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis. A production of Novi Rotary Club, the organization will use proceeds to help eradicate polio worldwide. Tickets are \$35, \$40 and \$50, Visit www.veeland.com PHONE: Call (248) 348-8500.

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lenry Ford Health System Alternative Medicine Learning Series DATES: Wednesday, June 25

TIME: 7 p.m.-9 p.m. LOCATION: Henry Ford Medical Center, Novi. 40000 Eight Mile, one block west of Haggerty DETAILS: \$5/per class. Space

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ON-GOING

Women's Prayer Support TIME: 9-10:30 a.m. LOCATION: Harvest Fellowship Church, 49329 Pontiac Trail, Wixom (Parking is behind (he church)

DETAILS: You are welcome to come for encouragement, help, hope and prayer as you face life's problems, issues and frustrations Drow in for five minutes or longer. PHONE: Nancy & Susan (248) 126-8332 or by e-mail at harvestfellowship@comeast.net

Experimental Watercolor

TIME: 6:30-9:30 p.m. LOCATION: Walled Lake Community Education, 615 N. Pontiac Trail

DETAILS: Select and trace beautiful images provided, then incorporate techniques using clear wrap, salt, cheese cloth and rice paper. Create four small paintings PHONE: Register for class at (248) 956-5000 or on-line at

Adoption Playgroup DATE: first and third Fridays of

LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church ton Meadowbrook Rd, between 10 Mile Rd, and Grand River Rd.) DETAILS: We are a not for

profit, non-denominational group that brings adoptive families together. Our twice a month meet-ings provide families with the opportunity to share play and conversation. During the summer, we meet at specially designated times

American Business Women's

PHONE: For more information

887-4955 or Sandra Noonan (248)

contact Michelle Pergeau 248-

Association
DATE: third Mondays
TIME: 6:30 p.m. LOCATION: Wyndhain Garden Hotel in Novi DETAILS: American Business

Women's Association (ABWA) brings together working women of diverse occupations and pro ride opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow professionally and personally through networking support, edueation, leadership, & national recognition, Meetings are \$16, which includes full dinner. Future dates for the Novi Oaks Chame. Chapter include May 19, June 16 PHONE: Chris Struwe by phone

Christina.struwe@huntington.com

Parenting Workshop evenings starting June 3 TIME: 7 p.m.-9 p.m. LOCATION:Psychotherapy and

DETAILS: Series coves con municating with sads, discipline, resolving differing parental approaches, working with the schools, and utilizing community

resources, Led by Dr. Russell Dore', a Licensed Psychologis who specializes in family and marital counseling. PHONE: Registration informa tion, 248-348-1100.

DATE: every Wed, ongoing LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Rd. TIME: 7 - 8:30 a.m.

DETAILS: Meeting of local fessionals and business looking to increase word-of-mouth referral business. Various classifications open and eager to bring you qualified business leads. PHONE: (734) 462-6460 for

Oakland County Health Division Expectant Parent Classes

Health Division, 1010 East Wes Manle, Walled Lake

TIME: 7-9 p.m. DETAILS: Classes will be taught by Public Health Nurses. Topics will include childbirth preparation, labor and delivery care of the newborn baby, breast-feeding, bottle-feeding, informa-tion about keeping children safe, and earing for them when they are PHONE: (248) 858-4003, or (888) 350-0900 ext. 84003

New TOPS chapter in Novi

DATES: Wednesdays LOCATION: Meadowbrook Commons Activities Room, 25075 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi

TIME: 11 a.m. weigh in, 11:30 a.m. meeting DETAILS: \$20/yearly member ship registration, includes hand-book, \$1/meeting. New members welcome.

Qakland County Health Division breasteeding support sessions

LOCATION: Oakland County Health Division, 1010 East West Manle, Walled Lake, DETAILS: Information covered includes pumping, solving com-mon problems associated with breastfeeding, taking care of morn, growth and development of the breastfeeding infant including; growth sports, starting solids, and

PHONE: (248) 858-4003 or

DATE: First and third Tuesdays LOCATION: Novi Civic

Center, activates room TIME: 7-8:45 p.m. DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your communi cation skills, voice your opinion, polish your presentations and practice leadership. PHONE: For more information call Colleen at (248) 685-9226.

Breast Cancer Support Group

DATES: Second and fourth Tuesdays of the month

LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, Commerce. Classroom C on the ground floor

f the hospital. TIME: 10 a.m.- 11:30 a.m. DETAILS: There is no need to call ahead and register. PHONE: If you have any questions, call (248) 937-5017.

"Novi Needlers" Quilting

Group DATE: Second and fourth Vednesdays of the month LOCATION; Novi Senior Center, 25075 Meadowbrook,

TIME: 10 a.m.-12 p.m. DETAILS: Fabric donation welcome. PHONE: (248) 347-0414

PROVIDENCE PARK

All Community/Health Event 47601 Grand River Ave, Novi,

unless otherwise noted. Cancer Support Group DAYS: first and third Tuesday

of every month TIME: 6:30-8 p.m. DETAILS: free, for adult cancer patients and significant others PHONE: (877) 345-5500

DAYS: every Tuesday and

Thursday TIME: noon LOCATION: Providence Medical Office Center-Novi, 39500 W, 10 Mile Rd. DETAILS: free, all welcome PHONE: (248) 348-9362

BOOST CAMP (through Providence Center for the Healing Arts) DAYS: first Wednesday of each

Novi or Providence Hospital and Medical Center-PMB, 16001 W. Nine Mile Rd., Southfield, Camp

rotates between locations.
DETAILS: \$35 per person, includes lunch and materials Scholarships available. The pro-gram offers participants a refresh-ing and wholistic new approach to reliness and healthy living. PHONE: (248) 465-4300 or

Stroke Support Group

DAYS: first Thursday of every TIME: 7 p.m. DETAILS; free PHONE: (248) 465-4190

Parents Supporting Parents DAYS: fourth Thursday of

coping with the loss of an infan through miscarriage, stillbirth or PHONE: (248) 849-5342

DAYS: every Friday

TIME: 7 p.m.
DETAILS: free; for overeaters looking for a support group. PHONE: Help line, (313) 438-HELP or (248) 474-9456

Emotions Anonymous DAYS: every Friday TIME: 7:30 p.m. DETAILS: free; all are wel-

PHONE: (248) 477-9729

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THE SCREEN BEAT

By Brian Renner

Coming to theaters this week end is computer-generated
"Finding Nemo" where you can
dive into a whole new world
with this underwater adventure. The film follows the comediand eventful journeys of two fish
- Marlin and his son Nemo - who
become separated in the Great Barrier Reef when Nemo is unexpectedly taken far from home and thrust into a fish tank in a dentist's office overlooking Sydney harbor. Buoyed by the ompanionship of a friendly-but forgetful fish named Dory, the overly cautious father embarks on a dangerous trek and finds himself the unlikely hero of an epic journey to rescue his son-who hatches a few daring plans of his own to return safely home.
"Finding Nemo" is a Walt Disney Pictures release and rated

G for general audiences. Heist remake "The Italian Job" follows a band of thieves led by Charlie Croker (Mark Wahlberg), as he pulls off the ultimate heist by rigging the stoplights of Los Angeles so tha they can drive right out of the city with a car filled with gold, with nothing but green lights, as everyone else gets red lights,

thus resulting in the largest traf-fic jam in L.A. history.

"The Italian Job" is a Paramount Pictures release an rated PG-13 for violence and

Now showing

Now in theaters, the cornedy "Bruce Almighty" starring Jim Carrey as Bruce Nolan, a reporter in Buffalo, New York who is discontented with almost everything in life, despite his popularity and the love of his girlfriend Grace (Jennifer Aniston). At the end of the worst day in his life, Bruce angrily ridicules and rages against God and God responds. He appears in human form (Morgan Freeman), and endowing Bruce with all of His divine powers, challenges Bruce to take on the big job and Bruce to take on the tary better.

"Bruce Almighty" is a Universal
Pictures release and rated PG-13
for language, sexual content and
some crude humor.

Screwball comedy "The In-Laws" follows daredevil secret agent and irreverent father of the groom Steve Tobias (Michael Douglas) as he gives conserva-tive podiatrist and father of the bride Jerry Peyser (Albert Brooks) a bad case of pre-nuplia itters when they finally meet during the celebrations leading wedding of their children. "The In-Laws" is a

(Rachel Weisz) and Adam (Paul Rudd). As Evelyn strengthens her hold on Adam, his emotional and physical evolution discomforts his friends Jenny (Gretchen Mol) and Philip (Fred Weller), with unexpected consequences for all, "The Shape of Things" is

Now in theaters is kids' come-

dy "Daddy Day Care" starring Eddie Murphy as a father who is

laid off from his "dotcom" job

and finds himself in jeopardy of

financial ruin. He joins his friends (Steve Zahn, Jeff Garlin)

in opening a free-spirited "guy-run" business called "Daddy Day

disgust of the owner (Anjelica

Husion) of a more traditionally-

operated rival daycare center.
"Daddy Day Care" is a Sony

Pictures release and rated PG for

language.
"The Shape of Things" is the

contemporary story of love and art is set in a small town, the film

follows the steadily intensifying

relationship between Evelyn

a Focus Features release and

rated R for language and some Exclusively showing at the Emagine Novi, "New Suit," the emporary update of the fairy "The Emperor's New Clothes." Set in present-day Hollywood, the story concerns a script which does not exist, but bids from the creative com "New Suit" is a Trillion ertainment release and rated for language, some sexuality

Video and DVD

On video and DVD shelves this week, romantic comedy "A Guy Thing" (PG-13), low-budget documentary "Life and Debt" (NR), dark comedic drama "Love Liza" (R), goofy action/comedy "National Security" (PG-13), emotionally (R) and paranoid thriller "The Recruit" (PG-13).

Showbiz satire "Adapation"
(R), fact-based tearjerker
"Antwone Fisher" (R), sequel to Disney's theatrically released inderwater adventure "Atlantis: Milo's Return" (G), offbeat drama "Max" (NR) and tenth feature film in the "Star Trek" franchise "Star Trek: Nemesis" (PG-13)

thriller "Catch Me If You Can" (PG-13), interpersonal drama "The Emperor's Club" (PG-13), extreme sports adventure "Extreme Ops" (PG-13), drama "Kandahar" (NR) and heartwarming drama "The Way Home" (PG).

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"FOR TOO LONG OUR CULTURE HAS SAID, OF IT FEELS

"Come swing with us," say Novi Rotarians

9:30 p.m.) on Wednesday, June 18 at Novi High School auditorium (see the ad in this section for details). This is a Novi Rotary

In the upcoming weeks before the shows, this newspaper will take a look at the LCIO and the 15 band members that make up one of the swingingest ensembles in jazz today. - Editor

Ted Nash (alto and soprano saxophones, clarinet) was born in 1959 in Los Angeles into a musical family - his father Dick Nash and uncle Ted Nash both being well-known jazz and studio musi-cians. He first came to New York at the age of eighteen and soon after released his first album as a leader, Conception. Within a cou-ple of years he joined the Mel Lewis Jazz Orchestra, an association that lasted for more than ten deyears. It was in this fertile environment that Nash began to write his first arrangements which have been featured on two of the and Reason, which was voted one of the top five CDs of 1999 by Jazz Times Magazine. Besides being a regular member of the being a regular member Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra which he joined in 1997 - Mr. Nash has recently toured Europe with the Carnegie Hall Big Band, and toured and recorded with Mareus Roberts and Joe Lovano. He also can be heard on several acclaimed CDs produced by the

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Project's Love is Proximity and Dr. Cyclops' Dream and Ben Allison's Medicine Wheel, Third Eye, and Riding the Nuclear Tiger, as well as recordings by Wynton Marsalis, Wycliffe Wynton Marsalis, Wycliffe Gordon, and others. His latest CD, Sidewalk Meeting, featuring his new ensemble Odeon, was released in June 2001.

Marcus Printup (trumpet) was born and raised in Conyers, Georgia. He had his first musical experiences hearing the fiery gospel music his parents sang in church, and he later discovered iazz as a senior in high school. While attending the University of North Florida on a music scholar-ship, he won the International Trumpet Guild Jazz Trumpet competition. In 1991, Mr. Printup's life changed drastically when he met his mentor to this formed and/or recorded with have been readings. In 1994, Nash
band's recordings. In 1994, Nash
was commissioned by the Davos
Musik Festival (Switzerland) to
Gordon and Mr. Roberts, among compose for a string quartet in a jazz setting. This commission was the inspiration for Rhyme for the Beautiful Woman, Rotumal for the Beautiful Woman, Unweiled, Hub Songs, Nocturnal Traces, and his most recent, The New Boogaloo, He made his screen debut in the 1999 movie Playing by Heart and recorded on the film's soundtrack.

Herlin Riley (drams) was born into a musical family in New Orleans, Louisiana and began playing the drams are began to the cover of the April 1995 issue of Modern Drummer and is featured to the cover of the April 1995 issue of Modern Drummer and is featured to the cover of the April 1995 issue of Modern Drummer and is featured to the cover of the April 1995 issue of Modern Drummer and is featured to the cover of the April 1995 issue of Modern Drummer and is featured to the cover of the April 1995 issue of the cover of the April 1995 issue of Modern Drummer and issue of the cover of the April 1995 issue of the cover of the April 1995 issue of Modern Drummer and issue of the cover of the April 1995 issue of the cover of the April 1995 issue of Modern Drummer and issue of the cover of the April 1995 issue of Modern Drummer and issue of the cover of the April 1995 issue of Modern Drummer and issue of the cover of the April 1995 issue of Modern Drummer and issue of the cover of the April 1995 issue of Modern Drummer and issue of the cover of the April 1995 issue of Modern Drummer and issue of the cover of the April 1995 issue of Modern Drummer and issue of the cover of the April 1995 issue of Modern Drummer and issue of the Cover of the April 1995 issue playing the drums at age three. Mr. Riley was a member of

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Gordon and Mr. Roberts, among
others, Mr. Printup has recorded
several records as a leader, Song
for the Beautiful Woman,

Several Reeves, Marcus Roberts, Dr.
John, Harry Connick, Jr., George
Benson, Steve Turre and The Clayton Brothers, among others, His theater experience includes playing in One Mo' Time and Satchmo: America's Musical Legend. In the spring of 1988, he joined Wynton Marsalis's Septet.

has released one recording as a leader, Watch What You're Doing, which features fellow LCIO members.

Jue Temperley (saxophones) was born in Scotland and first achieved prominence in the United Kingdom as a member of Humphrey Lyttelton's band from 1958 to 1965, which toured the U.S. in 1959. In 1965, he came to

Henderson, Duke Pearson, the Jazz Composer's Orchestra, Thad Jones-Mel Lewis Orchestra and Clark Terry, among many others. In October 1974, he toured and recorded with The Duke Ellington Orchestra as a replace-ment for Harry Carney, Mr. Temperley played in the Broadway show Sophisticated Ladies in the 1980s, and his film soundtrack credits include the Cotton Club, Biloxi Blues, Cotton Club, Biloxi Blues, Brighton Beach Memoirs, When trombonist and frequently con-

FIFE Youth Jazz Orchestra pro-gram in Scotland, which now enrolls 70 young musicians ages 7 to 17 playing in three full-size bands. Mr. Temperley has released several albums as a leader, including Nightingale (1991), Sunbeam and Thundercloud with pianist Dave McKenna (1996), With Every Breath (1998), and Double Duke (1999) with several fellow LCJO members. He is an original memher of the LCIO, and serves on the faculty of the Juilliard Institute for Jazz Studies.

Ron Westray (frombone) was born on June 13, 1970 in Columbia, South Carolina. He began studying piano at age 5 and was introduced to the trombone at age 11. In 1991, white studying at South Carolina State University, Mr. Westray met Wynton Marsalis and Marcus Roberts in a Columbia jazz club and soon joined the Marcus Roberts Septet for several recordings and national tours. Westray received his B.A. in Trombone Performance from South Carolina State University and his M.A. from Eastern Illinois University, Mr. Westray toured Europe as a member of the group Jazz Futures II in the sum-mer of 1992. In addition to leading his own ensembles and working as a sideman, Mr. Westray recorded a widely acclaimed album with fellow LCJO trombonist Wycliffe Gordon entitled Bone Structure. He first per formed with the LCJO in 1993 in Harry Met Sally, and Tune In tributes new compositions and



New York City, where he per-formed and/or recorded with Marsalis. Mr. Temperley is a instructional video, It's not only advanced arthritis. She's someone's grandmother.



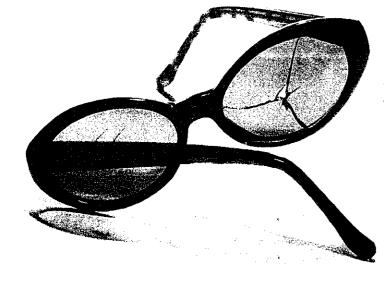
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By Louise Durman

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HEALTH & FITNESS

Brigaricamp Many women are enlisting in shape-up classes to get ready for impending June weddings.

ny women are enlisting in shope-up classes or hiring bride-focused personal rainers to get ready for impending fune weddings. Forget the sickness part of those traditional wedding yows: These brides are preparing to have and to hold through fitness and in health. a better vision than most brides adopt, instructors say "We talk about this as not being a short-term thing," said Amy Holley, a Colorado Athletic Club filmess instructor, who works part time with a Denver program called Bridal Bootcamp, "We hope they are starting habits now that are going to continue with them into the future. The focus is on health, not on weight foss." Rather than popping pills, trying starvation diets and shunning exer-Rather than pepping pills, trying starvation diets and shumming exer-cise — mistakes many brides make — bootecamp recruits do yoga and kick-boxing and learn about food choices and portion control to aid them in their beautiful-body quests. "Most brides resort to quick fixes," said Tamara Kleinberg, founder of Bridal Booteamp, They might lose the weight for the big day, but the newlyweels generally balloon back faster than a water-souked sponge. And they never resemble again the photos they spent all that money on." Kleinberg When brides turn to fitness-focused programs, they learn how to live mor healthfully and keep the weight off, and their new skills tend to affect their isgnificant others.

"By default, their frances start exercising and eating bener," Kleinberg said. The phenomenon holds true in other bridal fitness programs The particular mass that an interest in it," said Plossic O'Leary, referring to her new hosband. Scott Smith. O'Leary, 37, of Denver, joined a program called hit to be filed before her Sept. I working. Focused on both times and nutrition, the program taught her healthy meal plan-ning, Eventually, Smith wanted to be involved. That's exactly how it should be, said Fit to Be Tied founder Liz Wendling. "Living healthy together is a wonderful way to grow old together," said Wendling, who encour-ages her clients to share exercise with their partpers, making gym dates or taking summer-night So why not bring the boys to boot camp?
"It's a girl thing," said Holley.
Bootcamp brides are urged to enlist a buddy—a bridesmaid, a mother, a best friend—and set exercise dates outside class, she said. "I think with females, there's a little more camaraderie, and they are more open than they would be if there were guys around." Holley said. Some women extend their enlistments, she said, staying in the program after their weddings.

Kleinberg credits the buddy system and common-goal environment for the program's success, saying it provides accountability, motivation and support. If you know your buddy's going to be there. you aren't going to miss it." Wendling has trained entire wedding parties as a group and says the women bonded while getting in shape. They also used the time to discuss wedding plans. Other brides look for fitness training before tying the knot because "... they decide that they had better keep it up, or their husbands are going to wear them down," Stacy Fowler, a personal trainer in Golden, Colo., said.

O'Leary admits that dropping a dress size and toning up for her backless gown were her primary goals. But she says she intends to continue her fu-ness-focused lifestyle and believes it will help her relationship. will help her relationship.
"It's like I'm more comfortable in my own skin, and when you are both comfortable in your own skin, there are just fewer issues, It's made me

Left...right...left...right...wrong...

Fitness Vows

aronger emotionally, and in that way, I

think it's an investment they make in their future.

■ Commit to get fit. Make a contract with yourself.

satisfies entolement, and in this way.

Instructors like to see couples share their newly learned healthy lifestyles for many reasons, including the fact that fitness-focused parents breed timess-focused children. Wendling said. "I

■ Se consistent and schedule exercis at least four times a week Set realistic goals and a plan

to achieve them. ■ Exercise with friends with similar goals.

■ Create a home environment that supports your decision to be healthy.

■ Track your progress. ## If you fell off the wagon, get back of

■ Make fitness convenient and fun. ■ Vary cardiovascular, flexibity and ■ Too much, too late: People lend to put off weight loss until they have three weeks to lose 20 pounds. Fitness should be part of weekly schedules and treated like other appointments.

■ Setting unreachable goals; if you have never been a size 6, don't kid yourself. Set realistic goals that you can attain.

■ Radical diets or fitness programs Don't be lured by quick-fix diets. They are not healthy, and even if they work, results won't be long-term.

Diet mistakes

■ Not exercising: A key to weight loss and management is exercise. Fitting it in, even with a bride's busy schedule

their stress and helps them sleep. Everaise hums more calories and speeds metabolism.

Skipping meals: Starvation diels and skipping meals can decrease metabolism, slowing weight loss and lead to hinne eating. Fat six small meals throughout the day, making sure that they're balanced with carbohydrates

For arms:

■ Push-ups: These strengthen the arms and upper back and improve posture. ■ Dips: These reverse-push-up exercises

work the triceps, or backs of the arms Biceps curls: These strengthen and

For back:

■ Rowing or lat pull-down: These increase back strength and tone waist-

For waist/hack:

B Abdominal exercises: These improve posture and core and lower-back strenath.

> (SOURCE: LIZ WENDLING FIT TO BE TIED, AND

Getting serious about **PMS**

Professor's research offers practical help for self-treatment By Susan Fornoff

Premenstrual syndrome has been the butt of many jokes — Professor Diana Taylor at the University of California, San Francisco, even col

But may a one appears in "Taking Back the Month," her collaboration with Stacey Colino, subtitled "A Personalized Solution for Managing PMS and Enhancing your Health" (Perigee, 2002). "I'm kind of offended by the

jokes, actually." Taylor said.
"They're not funny to women who have severe PMS, and they sort of trivialize PMS to make it seem like

Taylor has written a very serious book based on her studies of PMS. Taking Back the Month reports on her findings about a disease that supposedly is all in women's heads, then takes the research a giant step farther by offering tools for symptom analysis and relief.

Thus, "Taking Back the Month" contains chapters on diet, exercise, relaxation, mind-set, time management and relationships that women of any age or life stage might find useful in staving off illness. Her work is geared toward the

woman who inexplicably gets the blues and cries a lot for those few days every month, and her friend whose behavior veers more toward the irritable and restless. And she has coping strate-gies for food cravings, bloating, constipation, cramps, fatigue and

breast tendemess. Through a series of questions, checklists and a day-by-day tracking chart, the reader can determine to what extent she has PMS, "There's

still no positive-negative test." Taylor noted. But a woman can identify her PMS symptoms and then attack them by following Taylor's simple,

On the Web; www.takingback-

FINE Building a home gym

Making that long drive to the health club isn't the only way to stay healthy and looking good. Home exercise machines offer workouts just as effective as those you get from the professional mod-els, and by building a gym in your home, you can achieve your fitness

goals without having to go out.

Damien Lee is a Certified Personal Trainer who develops his workouts based on the abilities of individual clients. With more than 10 years experience as a fitness

uide to building a home gym:

Cardio equipment is essential. Lee says cardio equipment is a ery important part of any home you burn body fat and build

Choose free weights. Free tone as well as tightening. Key items to have include a straight bar a bench and safety clamps

erunches, side bends, yoga, and stretching.

Customize it, Lee recom-

mends customizing your gym to fit your body needs. If you're using resistance bands, make sure the bands are right for your body length. If you're using dumb make sure they're right for your

Hire a personal trainer, Since you've got your gym set up in your home, says Lee, you should hire a personal trainer. Just because ou've used a piece of equipment in the gym doesn't mean it works how to use it safely and effectively

Specialty spuds Add pizzazz in a

range of colors, flavors and textures

By Kathie Smith TOLEDO BLADE

TOLEDO BLADE

All-purpose or specialty, there's a variety that's right for any pouto dish you want to make.

Staple varieties include russets,

long whites, round reds and round whites, Russets account for 65 per-cent of the potatoes grown in the United States and are used for frying, and food processing. Round whites are grown in the Midwest and the East and are used for chip production. Round reds are raised mainly in the Northwest and are the

"new" potato choice of consumers.

Within the last decade, Yukon
Gold with its buttery golden flesh appeared in supermarkets. At a time when consumers were skipping butter, this potato offered the illusion of color and a depth of flavor. Today, specialty or heirloom otatoes – Delta Gold, Purple

potatoes – Delta Gold, Purple Viking, and Red Bliss – are consid-ered haute cuisine among restau-rant chefs and home cooks.

These gems can add a fresh nuty flavor, a splash of color and added nutritional benefits to potato dishes. More than 200 varieties of potatoes are grown in the United States today, according to the U.S. Potato Board, Skin colors include pink, purple, tan, blue, buff and red. These tubers are often named after their colors or geographic origins. For example, the Banana Fingerling potato has a yellow skin and flesh, while the Blue Peruvian has a flesh that ranges from dark blue to lavender. Like traditional potatoes, special-

ty potatoes have vitamin C, potassium and fiber. Due to the pigment of the skin and flesh, specialty pota-toes also provide increased antioxidant activity.

As the popularity of specialty potatoes increases, they are more likely to be found in specialty supermarkets, stores specializing in organic produce, and farmers' mar-kets, says Mary Palu, a U.S. Potato Board spokeswoman, Fingerlings seem to be the most

plentiful in supermarkets, but "blues and purples are becoming more mainstream," Palu says.

If you see these specialty pota toes for sale, don't hesitate to try them in some standard recipes such as potato salad, grilled or sauteo potatoes, and even home fries.

Recipes for many specialty v eties are featured in "Potato Salad: Fifty Favorite Recipes," by Barbara Lauterbach (Chronicle Books, \$18.95). Yukon Gold is recommended for Pennsylvania Dutch hot potato salad. Red Bliss is sug-gested for Greek potato salad. Or combine Yukon Gold, Royal Purple and redskin new potatoes it Tricolor Potato Salad. By a stretch of the imagination, you could call it

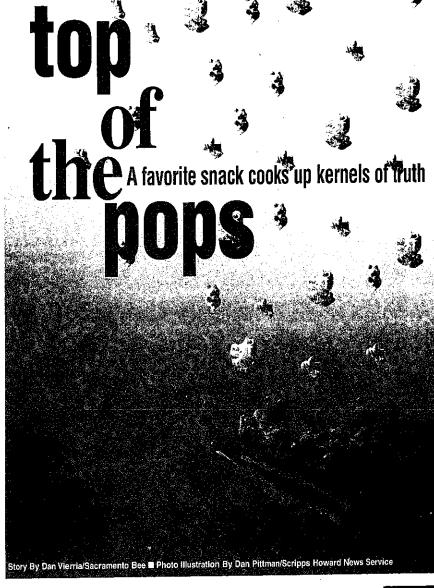


Americans do love snuds: we each eat about 125 half from fresh potatoes and

red, white, and blue potato salad. Use any of the specialty potatoes in Sauted Honey-Fennel Potatoes flavored with a little balsamic vine gar and the crunch of walnuts.

If you find fingerling potatoes, try Grilled Scallops with Warm Fingerling Potato and Bacon Salad. Otherwise, a small new potato of edskin potato can be used.

baking potatoes for an Idaho Potato Tart, Slice the potatoes thinly with a andoline or food processor. Then layer them in a 10-inch pie pan with other ingredients and seasoning and bake for 1 hour. It's a great alternative to baked potatoes when you are cooking a roast or ham for a family



opeom is happy food. A handful has the heft of air, Its crunch is delightful, its smell irresistible, Americans treasure popeom. Each of us crunches through 58 quarts a year. Movies Redenbacher, Newman's Own and several other brands opcom is nappy root. A natural has the nert of air. Its crunch is delightful, its smell irresistible.

Americans treasure popcorn. Each of us crunches through 58 quarts a year. Movies enjoyed at home or in theaters are the perfect complement to popcorn and its hybrids _ caramel complement to popcorn and its hybrids _

Sacramento Sweets Co., makes and sells candy and popcorn.

Popping the Question and sells candy and popcorn.

Minow says he's noticed sales
spike during special events like Osear night and the Super Bowl. Caramel corn is an especially big favorite for big TV events, according to Minow, Most popcorn is eaten at

casing of each kernel.
When heated, the water home - 70 percent. The remain-der is consumed in movie theexpands, creating pressure 700-way within, until eventually the minutes aters, at sporting events and in casing gives way, and the kernels explode and pop. That allows the water to amusement parks. escape as steam, turning the

corn is the biggest seller, accounting for \$1.1 billion of the \$1.7 billion in popcorn unnual sales in the United States. Ready-to-eat popcorn kernels pop? and kernel popcorn (unpopped, stovetop popcorn) share the don't have enough water emaining sales dollars Once microwaves became a shortage won't allow the

homes, it was only a matter of ime for microwave popcom's popularity to surge.
"The newer microwaves pop-popeorn so much better," says ence between white and yellow popcorn varieties? Yellow popcom pops up crunchy, big kernels with a nutty flavor. White popcom Minow, "We hought a new one and it has a popeorn setting. We

necessary appliance in mos

Purists insist that popping kernels in stovetop poppers sults in better-tasting healthier popcorn. With a stove

than 6 percent in the top popper, snackers have the choice of doctoring popcorn with varying amounts of butter, salt and oil. Multi-colored "gourmet" kernels are popter, salt and oil. Multi-colored "gourmet" kernels are popter. choice of doctoring popcom with varying amounts of out-ter, salt and oil. Multi-colored "gourmet" kernels are pop-ular with the stovetop crowd, but even multi-colored corn nors all white.

"Microwave popcom is a very good snack, high in fiber, Microwave popcom dominates the market today no sugar is added and you can get it in low-fa

because it's simple to prepare and ready to eat in two minbecause it's simple to prepare and ready to eat it would use or so. Since it can be eaten right out of the hag, there's no cleanun.

The property which significantly ups the calorie count. Even so, popcorn is tough to resist.

Pounds of popcori

"Popcorn makes peo-

ple smile," says Deirdre Flynn, marketing direc-tor for the Popcorn Board, "When you're

brings back great mem-

Flynn says manufac-

jurers are continuing to

develop new microwave

popeorns and flavors, some based on nutri-

tional needs and others

on lifestyle. Kettle corn

to be popular, she says.
ASAP Popcom is the

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ASAP Popeorn's vice president of marketing,

Jennifer Deutsch.

urated fat.

feel good."

By the

billion

3 feet

How high a kernel can pop.

Number of calories

in I cup of oil-

kernels in 1 cup.

But the joy of pop-corn isn't in its pur-chase and preparation, but in its consumption.

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casing—of—each kernel.—1,000-watt oven: 1;45-2 700-watt oven: 2:45-3:30

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What makes pop-

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Kernels that won't pop

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to pop the kemels.

What's the differ-

has a crispy, tender texture

650-watt oven: 3-4 minutes 500-watt oven: 4:30-6

núnutes (Note: Never leave popcorn cooking in the microwave as it easily seconds between pops, shut it off.)

Should young chil-dren eat popcorn? ed for children age 5 and younger. Its round shape and small size pose a chok-ing risk. Make sure older children don't run and jump while eating popcom, or they also could be in danger of choking.

—Sources: Popcom

Institute, Jolly Time and

says microwave popcorn sales are up more

Of course, most of us enjoy butter or double butter or

plaid cover, but the inside of the "Better Homes and Gardens New Cook Book" (Mercdith Books) looks entirely different.

It has many of the old favorites, updated with changes in ingredients and quicker and easier methods of preparation. It has even more new recipes reflecting trends and using foods that are

becoming traditions. There are new photographs and 900 900 new recipes (1,200 best-loved

All recipes have been tested; nutrition facts and diabetic exchange

can be found with each one.

The ring-bound edition of the new version selfs for \$29.95, and the softcover edition is \$16.95. The first "Better Homes and Gardens Cook Book" appeared in 1923, Among the oldest recipes to appear in this new edition is caramel pecan pumpkin pie from the 1937 second edition (labeled "best loved"). It's a recipe that's appropriate for the fall season when the new book appears.

CARAMEL-PECAN

1 single crust for pie 2 slightly beaten eggs 1 (15-cunce) can pumpkin 1/4 cup half-and-half, light cream or milk 3/4 cup granulated sugar

lemon peel 1/2 teaspoon vanilla 1/4 leasgoon salt 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg 1/8 teaspoon ground allspice 1/2 cup packed brown sugar

1/2 cup chopped pecans 2 tablespoons butter, softened Prepare and roll out pastry for

Prepare and roll out passity ion single crust pie. Line a 9-inch pie plate with pastry; trim and crimp edge as desired.

In a large bowl stir together eggs, pumpkin, and half and half. Stir in the granulated sugar, flour, lemon peet, vanilla, salt, cinnamon, nutmer and allsnice.

mon, nutmeg and allspice. Pour pumpkin mixture into pas

try-lined pie plate.

To prevent over-browning, cover edge of pie with foil. Bake in 375-degree oven for 25 min-

Meanwhile, in a medium bowl stir together the brown sugar, pecans and butter until combined. Remove foil. Sprinkle brown sugar mixture over top of pie. Bake for 20 min-utes more or until a knife inserted

near the center comes out clear and topping is golden and bubbly.
Cool on wire rack.
Cover and refrigerate within two hours. Makes eight servings.



Measuring molasses

Quarts of popcont When measuring gooey molasses, lightly oil or butter the spoon or cup before pouring in the year by every rup, and it won't stick to them instant-read

thermometers 5,600 a godsend if you been stymied by vague baking instructions such as "the bread is done when golden brown and sounds hollow when

ed in the center of the bread registers 195 degrees. 400 to

460 The ideal popping temperature.

-Source: Popcom

If you think perfectly fresh eggs taste "rotten" - that is, sulphury you might try cooking them less. The strong taste and aroma is a

Can't cook an egg?

MONEY

Housing wizardry for cheap

By Marcelene Edwards

ACOMA NEWS TRIBUNE
Danni and Jeff Owen couldn't decide what to put on the kitchen counter tops of their new house.

Dami, 29, and Jeff, 33, spent hours at the New
Home Showtoom in Bellevue, Wash, examining
2-inch samples of laminate. They were looking for hest match for the flooring in their home which was to be constructed the next month in the Birkshire Glen subdivision in Auburn, Wash. This was their third visit to the Quadrant Homes

showroom to sort through 5,000 options of carpet ing, light fixtures, doorknobs and other access

the second visit," Danni Owen said. the second visit, Fanni Owen said. Quadrant Corp. asks customers to visit the showroom at least three times to make sure they're happy with all their choices. That's part of the new home-building philosophy that makes Quadrant

and its Weyerhaeuser Co. parent the biggest home builder in the Puget Sound region. And it's making the company's teal estate division one of Weyerhaeuser's most successful. Quadrant sold 913 homes in the first 11 months of 2002, nearly three times as many as its nearest

competitor.

Home buyers select from a set of more than 30 house plans, depending on the subdivision, and

then choose the details that go inside from a selec-tion at the showroom.

The downside: There are no deviations. Homeowners who want a custom light fixture have to buy it after the house is constructed and

install it themselves.

Quadrant executives say that keeps their prices money.

The company, which also is building in other three refined its production.



Jim and Wendy Hite's year-old home is on the panhelle was designed and built around

so it can put up a house -- even its largest design in 54 working days, about a two-thirds the nor-

The scrap lumber that normally clutters con the scrap turner that normally cluders con-struction sites is in short supply a Quadrant-buil-homes. Just about every inch of word is used. Much of the flooring and many walls are nailed together in a nearby factory and hadded to the job site. For some designs, 70 percent of the framing

That precision has helped make the Weyerhaeuser real estate operation one of the

more profitable divisions in the company, at a time when Weyerhaeuser's core wood and paper businesses are having tough times.

Five years ago Quadrant sold 357 homes. The company either built the house first and then

tooked for a hover, or allowed buyers to specify custom-designed floor plans, interiors and land-scaping. But in 1998 the company scrapped that model and went to a more predictable and prof-

itable home-building concept.

Before the change, Quadrant would build whatever its designers thought would fit the needs of most buyers. Most houses came with a freplace. But once the company let consumers make th choice, only 40 percent picked fireplaces.

Now, the company won't build a house unless it has been sold. The company usually has people on a waiting list to build houses in its developments. Quadrant now has 30 plans from which a cutomer can choose, with selection depending on the size of the lot. That cuts down on design and archi-The company's contractors have become adep

at building this selection of houses. They start four "If you can have a smooth, predictable schedule, we benefit, the customer benefits and our sur liers benefit," said Steve Dennis, president o Quadrant. "Most people don't believe it's going to happen, but it does with alarming regularity." That predictabilty eliminates surges and lags in

One big time-saver is Quadrant's contract with Woodinville Lumber, which puts together much of the wall, roof and floor structures so the site work ers just have to nail the big pieces together. That

saves money on labor and production costs.

Selection of fixtures and other details of the houses has been simplified. Quadrant equips each house with everything a homeowner will need to live in it. But at the New Home Showroom, buyer can get upgrades on many items — at extra cost. They can get hardwood instead of vinyl flooring.

or add a home networking package.

The showroom displays the choices, Walls are lined with shutters, cabinets and stair railings.
Home buyers can examine each item to make sure it's what they want.

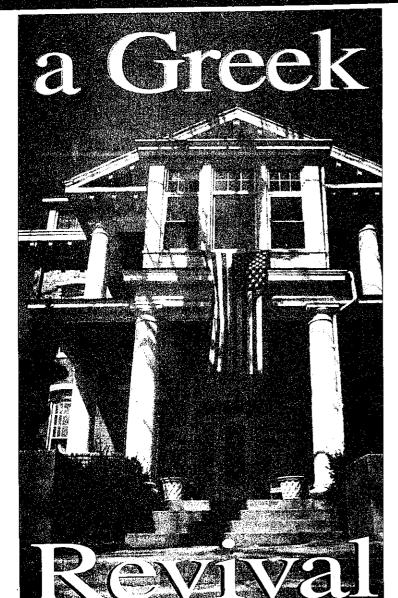
The Owen family is trading their 1947 fixerupper for a 3,161-square-foot home with enough room for their 2-year-old twins to run around.

They decided on hardwood flooring in the entry, better carpet, double doors to the master bedroom, a double vanity in the master bathroom,

and nicer windows and lights.

That added \$27,000 to the cost of their house—

originally priced at \$278,000. "We got quite a few upgrades and pretty nice options for what we paid," Danni Owen said.



HOME & GARDEN

Interior changes emanate an easy elegance but maintain the house's character

Story by Gretchen McKay ■ Photos by Tony Tye ■ Scripps Howard News Service

evin Ifft had remembered to fill up his tank earlier that day, he might have missed his chance to own a sprawling. 130-year-old Greek Revival in Ben Avon.

Houses in the leafy, turn-of-the-century neighbor hood along the Onio River get snapped up fairly quickly, especially when they're big, architecturally interesting and priced lower than you'd expect. But as good luck would have it that night three years ago, he noticed the "Fot Sale" sign as he headed toward a gas station.

told her to get us an appointment as soon as possi-ble," says Kevin

"We were mon on a Friday night through the tal front door, it was a done deal. Kevin was blown away not only by Dining room in the Kim and Kevin Ifft home in Ben Avon.

house's 12 rooms (the ceilings stretch 11 feet) but by the near-pristine tiger oak floors throughout the first laundry.

hreath away," she says.

Less than 24 hours later, they had agreed to the ask-

ing price of \$149,900.

Now, three years later, they have nearly finished its renovation. The home reflects Kim's love of antiques and a decorating style that walks the line between the hall. 2-year-old Alex's bedroom features built-in hunks and walls hand-painted with yellow and relaxed and refined. Filled with comfortable farnishings and colorful vintage accessories, it exudes an

and woodwork. All it really needed, Kim says, was to

be given back its "dignity."
"This is a house that needs to be lived in and loved," she says. "We wanted to make it romantic all over

When the lifts moved in, the living room was bare, with just a floor-to-ceiling orange brick fireplace as a focal point. At 18 by 21 feet, the room needed some-

thing big to make a statement, But what?

With the help of craftsman Dan Trobee, they eventually decided to plaster over the orange brick and build a mantel that mirrored the front staircase. Picking through piles of architectural salvage the cou-ple stores in their garage. Trobee discovered a curved piece of wood with an elaborate medallion gleaned from an old restaurant. He added double-banded

> either side. The dining room's real cendining terpiece, howey er, is a rustic, 9 foot-long table that Kim discov-ered. Used by a carpenter in the 1800s, it is covered with cuts and nicks — you can even see the

color

through on the second floor,

Three-year-old Kemmer Jane's room is particularly Kim was enchanted with the second-floor sun croom. With its beatboard walls, French doors and 6-toot-tall windows on three sides, "it literally took my breath away" she says. velvet gathered in pours. Pink and chartreuse organiza streamers drape from the ceiling over the metal bed and a collection of flower fairies hang from tulle rib-

relaxed and refined. Filled with comfortable famishings and colorful vintage accessories, it exudes an easy elegance that embraces family living but still maintains the house's historic character.

Built in 1872, the 2-1/2-story house is one of Ben Avon's earliest residences. Though it had been split into three apartments in the 1960s or '70s. it had been fairly well maintained over the years. The 7,000-square-foot house still boasted all seven of its original fireplace mantels and most of its original hardware with the results of the second floor is the unique cur room. This sunny, windowed space serves as a syminatry room further with this results was to some family sunny, windowed space serves as a syminatry room further with this results was to some family sunny, windowed space serves as a syminatry room further with sunny, windowed space serves as a syminatry room further with sustinguished with rustic antiques and

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Another highlight of the second floor is the unique sun room. This sunny, windowed space serves as a sewing/art room furnished with rustic antiques and brightened by a moss green-and-cream painted woo

"This is the most wonderful place to just sit and

Home able to withstand

nd other hardware.

But what's with the plastic foam? Using a material similar to that of the squeaky-to-the-touch supermarket beer cooler. CaCo Construction of Dunedin, Fla., is work-

Usually, houses in Florida are built using concrete blocks or wood to frame the structure. These days, as more home buyers and builders Insulating concrete forms are hollow Poly

um adhesives, reinforced concrete is pource side. The end result is a foam-concrete sand-"It's a little different, so it scares a lot of peo-

aid. "I think it's the new wave of construction in Florida because it's termite-proof, water-proof and wind-proof. It only makes sense." According to the Web Site www.icfweb.com, only about one-third as

The insulated concrete homes are energy-(fficient, consume about 43 percent less energy

nore than 200 mph.

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"It's not really widespread, but I've seen (insulating concrete forms) from the Panhandle to South Florida," said Dave Howell, a veteran general contractor and building inspector from Deland, Fla. "It appears to me that if it's built to the manufacturer's standards, it's a very substantial, very efficient type of construction."

One drawback, however, is the cost. It's estimated that building with insulating concrete

mated that building with insulating concrete forms costs about 1-1/2 times what it does to build a traditional concrete block or wood-

"I think it's a good technique," said Howel reach for common housing.

for home and

The Heavy Duty Wall Hanger is a simple and effective way to hang pictures or mirrors without nails or screws. This quick alternative to nails will hold items up to 100 pounds

in a plaster wall before inserting it.

point will easily penetrate non-shielded You can order a 10-hanger pack for \$15 from Mels Enterprises, Box 47174, Plymouth, MN 55447 or online at

THE RITUAL OF THE BATH

Take a deep soak in chin-high warm water while air jets create bubbles that massage the skin. Close your eyes to the sound of water as it spills over the edge of the tub.

It's OK, it's supposed to do that in the sk overflowing bath by the Kohler Co. of Kohler, Wis. A sheet of water spills over the tub's rim into a water channel and recirculates back into the tub, maintaining a consis

The sleek 75-inch-long tub with a 24-1/2-inch deep basin comes with a heater and a pump. Its outside walls can be finished in tile, stone, wood or concrete. The sok bath was the winner of a 2002 gold Industrial Design Excellence Award from the Industrial Designers Society of America. The manufacturer's suggested price starts at about \$6,000. For information and local suppliers, contact Kohler Co. at 1-800-456-4537 or go

A sturdy house of foam blocks

wind. water, termites

By Leon M. Tucker

A drive past suggests it's just another home construction project, with workers lumbering about shouldering steel rods, concrete blocks

ing on a 7,000-square-foot home in Clearwater,

frugal and environmentally conscious. sulating concrete forms are becoming more

Steel foam blocks or panels that crews stack into the shape of the exterior walls of a building. After the forms are fastened or sealed with

"It sa httle ditterent, so it scares a lot of peo-ple," said Craig Pavlik, president of CaCo-Construction. "But I like it for its strength and energy efficiency."

Proponents of this type of construction laud it as stronger, more energy efficient, quiet and

This is the first time Pavlik's company has

This is the first time Pavint's company has seed insulated concrete forms to build a home. Dr. Steve Steller, a chiropractor, hired Pavilik, one of his patients, to do the work. "I've bought several houses (in Florida), and the termite and water damage was so crazy that I thought I'd like to try something new," Steller and "third his the new away of construction."

much noise gets through an insulated concrete wall compared with that of conventional wood-frame or steel-frame wall.

for heating and 32 percent less for cooling, according to studies.

The walls are designed to withstand winds of

a contractor for 29 years. "I think it could be a very good product if it could come into the mainstream and the price could come into

New products garden

MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL STAR TRIBUNE LOOK MA, NO NAILS

according to Mels Enterprises, the distributor. The Wall Hanger works best in wallboard, but works just as well if you drill a small hole

Simply push and twist the hanger into the wall until only the hook is exposed. But make sure the wall is free of electric wires; the

award program:

By Tom Raithel

om Slade attended a recent small

gathering of printing company offi-cials in Billings, Mont, when up-came the topic of employee health-

Everyone at the conference agreed that ris-

nesses with 10 to 20 employees."

It's a hot topic for bigger companies, too.

"Like everyone else, costs just keep going up and up," said Brad Hershberger, general manager of Kight Home Center, an Evansville company that employs 170.

"I think part of the problem is the perception in society that business can bear the brunt of

limit to where this thing can go is

Lobby your co-workers and be

■ One award program shouldn't exclude another. Several different award programs could work bet-ster than just one. Peperwork and red tape are a determined award

EStick to the program and be con-

When recognition comes from colleagues, not supervisors Peer Recognition By Karin Rives

up, up, and

How to start a co-worke

■ Talk to your managers. You need the support of your employer, especially if money is involved. the office or on the factory floor that they're appreciated.
That's too bad, says Sally Reynolds, who is Spell out clear rules for nominations to avoid popularity con-tests.

trying to get a co-worker recognition award program started at the small public accounting program started at the strutt points are firm in Raleigh, N.C., where she's an intern.

Reynolds, 55, formerly a French professor at University of North Carolina at Asheville open to their suggestions, but don't be discouraged if they're not interested. ail University of North Carollia air Asserbit and now training to be an accountant, thinks many workplaces would improve if employees encouraged certain behavior in one another. Large awards can breed leakousy; encouraged certain behavior in one another. If you happen to be the kind of person who issues.

reward you for that, Reynolds said. Or you might be recognized for taking time to share your skills and help others meet deadlines. "I'm trying to get at how workers treat each other on the job," said Reynolds, who got the idea from the outstanding-teacher awards common in the containing-teacher awards common in the containing-teacher awards are no minated by their peers.

"Cost employee incentive programs, Challenger said. He cited as an example a pharmaceutical said. He cited

Most workers get feedback from their boss-been lukewarm. shough evaluations, pay raises and promo-tions. Very few ever hear from co-workers in

Businesses of all sizes struggle to keep up with rising cost of health benefits

Two-thirds of Americans — more than 163 their flexibility, Sullivan said. But large companies that currently their employers, according to the U.S. are affected, too.

Most companies that don't offer insurance to their employees cite the cost. But they also complain of administrative hassles, said Kate Sullivan, health-care policy director for the 11.5 Chamber.

100 employees rarely do.

Self-insurance usually lowers costs for employers and gives them more flexibility in their policies. Sullivan said. But it's not economic policies. Sullivan said. But it's not economic policies. Sullivan said lawmakers should take a multifaceted approach. It will take public researches by recentives and other action.

employers and gives ment more inextonary in their policies. Sullivan said. But it's not eco-nomical for small companies because they have too small a pool of employees to work.

"The reality is health care is a personal

Chamber of Commerce. And in recent years, paying for employee benefits has increasingly

Sullivan, neath-care poincy director for the U.S. Chamber.

"It's not unusual for us to look at 20 to 30 percent increases on a yearly basis," said Slade. "This is one of the hot upies for businesses with 10 to 20 employees."

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The problem for small companies is that it's have employees pap purt of the costs. At Kight, two-thirds of the costs of health insurances is paid by the company and the companies with more than 150 employees, said Tom Bernhardt, converse the problem for small yearly subject to them to self-insure, Sullivan said. Companies with more than 150 employees, said Tom Bernhardt, converse the problem for small companies in that it's have employees, said to the costs.

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company that employs 170.

"I think part of the problem is the perception in society that business can bear the brunt of anything." Hersiberger said. "The idea that there we have to small a pool of employees to work with, and the pool's insurance history can fluctuate severely, she said. Thus, small companies mater and people want a personal approach. It's going to take many solutions."

is usually must buy policies from an insurance company. The insurers are often restricted in

care insurance.

It wasn't the first time, but this time, it was one of the main agenda items," said Slade, who with his wife Lisa, owns Alphagraphics of lle, Ind.

Most companies that don't offer insurance are 41 million administration for Mulzer Crushed Stone, based in Tell City, Ind. The company has about 400 employees, the study found.

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But large companies that can self-insure are affected, too.

"It seems like it's becoming a larger and

larger portion of our compensation pack-age," said Jeff Mulzer, vice president of administration for Mulzer Crushed Stone

later this spring. Her timing may actually be just right. "Many companies are looking for ways to create recognition, build morale and create community at a time when there just isn't a much money available to support the range of benefits that were common in the late 1990s."

maintains civility and works well under pressure, for example, your co-workers could reward you for that, Reynolds said. Or you might be recognized for taking time to share and He cited as an example a pharmacounted.

common in the academic community.

"I'm interested in specific positive behaviors that affect how comfortable and production to a program that would offer relatively

tive we feel on the job."

Reynolds acknowledges that the response to her initiative has, with a few exceptions, the left was a few exceptions, the left was a few exceptions. ors, may have a hard time summoning gen She blames tax season and hectic schedules for the lack of interest and hopes an employee advisory committee will take up the matter consulting Associates in Buffalo, N.Y.

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Brad Hershberger

"People really need praise, but they may feel that they really want it from upper manage-ment instead of their co-workers," she said. The economy can be an undermining factor for workers (or managers) trying to start inex pensive award initiatives. In a downturn, many employees may resent such awards as mis-placed substitutes for disappointing pay raises or weaker benefit programs.

"A lot of companies are downsizing and while employers are looking for other ways of

other on the job, said recynolis, who got undide from the outstanding-teacher awards common in the academic community.

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Estate planning tips

Death often leaves families bound up in

financial red tape, trying to make sense of what is owed, what taxes apply and where the money and property will end up.

It doesn't have to be this way. By understanding the ins and outs of estate planning, you can enjoy your assets while you're alive and take care of your family once

investment opportu-nities and pitfalls. Here he outlines

some key steps to protecting your estate for your heirs:

Determine estate value. The first step, says Otter, is to determine the value of your estate. Prepare a detailed list of all your assets and make sure there's a paper trail showing where every one of them is located. You should update it at least once a year

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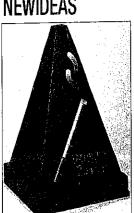
■ Reduce estate over lifetime. For tax

Set up trusts. Setting uo a living trust Set up trusts. Setting up a fiving dust can be very helpful to your heirs because it lets your assets bypass probate. Married couples can set up what's called a credit shelter trust to protect up to \$2 million from

you've named your executor, make their job casier by naming a bank or trust com-pany as co-executor. The co-executor can handle the estate's paperwork, leaving your executor to handle the personal details.

limits will continue to increase through 2010 when the tax itself is scheduled to be you're gifting the maximum amount a

Smart Money, www.unbar



A 22-pound, all-weather ashtray

By Mark Albright ST. PETERSBURG TIMES

Maria Gerelus, who puffs on a cigarette once in a while, sees profits in Florida's new ban on smoking in restaurants.

"We've done well in other smoke-free

restaurant states, so Florida's going to be big," the owner of Durability Scating said.

The St. Petersburg company makes furniture for chain restaurants, but it has developed a sideline; the Butt Depot. Nov

Gerelus hopes to get 2 percent of her com-pany's \$7-million annual sales from the 22-pound outdoor ashtray. Restrictions have forced most workplace smokers outdoors. Yet gadgets aimed at stopping cigarettes at the door of stores and employee break areas are flawed. Rain causes wall-mounted Duck-It ashtrays to overflow their contents. Hubcab-size ashtrays must be emptied before swirling winds send their contents flying into flower

white seat their communitying and show beds and sidewalks. Solutions range from chi-chi designer solutions range from chi-chi designer equipped with a twist-off sand trap bottom. At \$159, Durability's Butt Depot is a more expensive yet easier-to-empty version that collects 2,000 butts in a steel drawer.

refore buying some.
They hand-counted 1,900 eigarette butts

aught by a pair of them.

The product has undergone some changes along the way. The top of the pyramid-shape container was tilted to stop mokers from balancing lit cigarettes there some for dorm rooms so Butt Depot now

you're gone.

Jack Otter is senior editor of Smart

information on

purposes, consider gradually reducing the size of your estate over your lifetime. You can give \$11,000 each year to any heirs tax-

taxation.

Name institution co-executor. Once

 Always check with your accountant Offer says the \$11,000 gift tax exclusion and the \$1 million estate tax exclusions are current for 2002, but estate tax exclusion

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Job loss mortgage insurance

I love my home. I love how its wood floors creak in protest to our footsteps, how its walls have come to life with some novice brushstrokes of color, and the way it stands stoically in the face of inclement weather protecting all who languish beneath its rafters.

While not everyone shares my level of enthusiasm for their



bank Traditionally, if homeowners couldn't make the mortgage payments, they were doomed for foreclosure. However,

the relief of nervous homeowners everywhere, fewer are walking the home foreclosure plank. According to a recent article published in Seattle Times (Nov. 10, 2002),

Sealer Times (1904). It is a considerable for the force of the force o National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) and the Federal Home Mortgage Corp (Freddie Mac) have all implemented national "loss mitigation" programs that enable delin-quent borrowers to avoid foreclosure by making short term modifications to their lean terms, in the form of more affordable monthly payments or lower interest rates, depending on the severity of the borrower's finan-

cial problems.

While it's comforting to know that foreclosure isn't necessarily eminent if you can't make your mortgage payments, borrowers shouldn't assume their lenders would recast loans in the event of

unemployment.

If you think your job may be in jeopardy this coming year and you don't have an emergency fund to cover at least six months worth of expenses, consider looking into a mortgage payment insurance policy

hongage payment installed portion of your morgage payment if you suffer involuntary unemployment.

Mortgage Payment Protection and Assurant Group both offer job loss mortgage insurance. These policies are typically sold through lenders and builders and are available to buyers and individuals who ante to tayers and nonvolusia who refinance their mortgages at the time of closing or soon after. Mortgage insurance policies are also available to individuals who have existing mortgages. General Electric (GE) Casualty recently unveiled a program geared toward homeowners who make their monthly payments on time. For \$45 per month tacked onto a monthly payment for \$100,000 lean—GE will pay 100 percent of the mortgage for up to six months in the event the homeowner

gets laid off. Or for \$25 per month, GE will cover half the mortgage. To find out about job loss mortgage insurance, contact your lender.
Keep these questions in mind when
conducting your research:

1. What is the policy's vesting
period? (Many policies require the

insured to pay into the policies for six months before benefits are

six months before benefits are administered.)

2. If I lose my job in the vesting period, will I be refunded my monthly premiums?

3. How many payments will the policy make if I'm unemployed?

4. How much is the monthly premium?

5. What is the maximum monthly benefit? In other words, does the policy pay all of the mortgage (principal, interest, taxes and insurance)

after i becom unemployed will benefits kick in:

If you are currently unemployed and struggling to make your mort-gage payments, contact your lender right away. They may know of pro-grams offered through public-pri-vate partnerships and state agencies that can help you avoid foreclosure RealEstateJournal.com recom-RealEstateJournal.com recom-mends some steps you can take to

help you stay in your home: Get permission from your lender to postpone making payments until

you find employment.

• Talk with a foreclosure prevention counselor.

Consider refinancing or taking

out a temporary loan.

• Sell your existing home and purchase one that's more affordable

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Union League (MCUL), a statewide trade association representing Michigan credit unions. Send your Michigan credit unions. Send your financial questions to "Your Money Matters" c/o the Michigan Credit Union League, P.O. Box 8054, Plymouth, Ml 48170-8054, or stop by our Web site (www.mcul.org) to learn more about smart money management.



Standing near one of the waterfalls built by Landscape Magic, Shelly Coomer, manager Tami Baldwin and owner Kurt Kilroy offer experience and ideas to make the most of any landscaping project.

Come home to relax with Landscape Magic

By Elizabeth Heer

In a hectic world, home can be the center of our universe where we find much-needed safety and calm. Creating a soothing oasis for homeowners to come home to is what Kurt Kilroy does best. The Highland landscape contractor and owner of Landscape Magic designs and builds water-falls and ponds, from initial sketch to the final finishing touches that will blend perfectly

with the surrounding landscape.

Every job is unique, he explained, "You can put a waterfall, pond, or water feature at

be completely different," Kilroy said, "Many people are spending more time and money at home now and want to eajoy the seren-ity of unter." ity of water.

Kilroy's special touch is in making newly-installed water-falls and ponds look as if they were created by nature.

The trick is the origin of the waterfall. It must be in the right spot and blend naturally into the setting," he said, For example, Kilroy explained that for a recent job, he created a 145fecting stream and waterfall system, beginning at the house and running down to a lake where the water was recirculat-

ed. Tucked under spruce trees, he said the stream looks as if it ne said the stream rooks as in comes out of a hillside, and incorporates 35 waterfulls, boulders, rock, and slag stone for a natural look. The project was neatly finished with landscaping. The homeowner was just ing. "The homeowner was just elated, and said it just could not be any better," Kilroy said. Low voltage pond lighting is another feature that Kilroy pro-

vides, which not only gives a dramatic look to the water, but is practical as well. "Most people work all day and come home in the evening, but still want to sit and relax by the pond," he explained, "With the pond lighting, you can enjoy seeing the fish and the plants." Ponds are fun, and actually

require little maintenance, according to Kilroy, "Initially, it takes three to four weeks for the water to balance. After the initial clear water period, it tends to turn a little cloudy but then it will achieve the residual to the control of the will stabilize," he said. "Adding the plant material and fish helps, because you're actually building an ecosystem. There are no chemicals to add, and because the water is filtered, it's all natural bacteria." Kilroy explains that his company uses a 45-mil liner for the bottom of the pond, and then completely covers the liner with natural stone, which acts as another natural filter. Conveniently located at Landscape Magic is The Pond Place, where customers can find quality pond plants, fish, and all

the supplies needed to finish their pond.

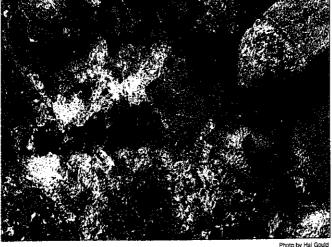
Of course, one of the nicest features of a waterfall and pond is the relaxing sound of running water. Kilroy only installs high efficiency water pumps that don't cost an arm and a leg to operate. "These water features are designed to run 24/7 year are designed to run 24/1 year round, and are never shut off. You'd be surprised at what pumps can do today," he said. Besides creating that inviting sound, the pumps also serve to oxygenate the water so fish can servive in the pond. survive in the pond.

Like the natural evolution of the ponds he creates, Kilroy's life has been one of meeting change and challenge head on - evolving from factory worker, to student, to specialized landscape contractor, "who builds really cool waterfalls

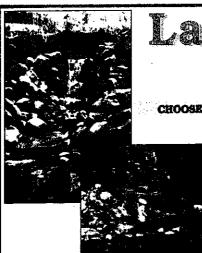
Kurt Kilrov of Landscape Magic is a specialist in designing and building waterfalls, retaining walls, stone steps, and low voltage lighting for your outdoor water features. The showroom, located at 2586 South Milford Road in Highland, has several waterfalls and ponds on display. Call Tami Baldwin, store manager, at (248) 684-1626, for more information or to schedule an appointment.

and water features," he laughed. While working at a GM factory job, Kilroy attended night school to complete a degree in business. at compute a degree in business. After the factory was sold, employees were given the option to enter a job bank program, work at community service jobs, or go back to school. Kilroy choose to continue his education. continue his education. After enduring another job layoff, how-ever, he opted again for adding to his education, ultimately completing degrees in golf course management and horticulture from Michigan State University. Fueled by his growing expertise, Kilroy took his lawn service business and morphed it into a suc-cessful landscaping business, and then to his current specialization in creating mini resorts for everyone's backyard.

Visit Landscape Magic at 2586 South Milford Road where you can see six working examples of the magic Kilroy can build for you.



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