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Note that not all recipes will necessarily be published, but all will be entered in the drawing. Published recipes will include the name and city of township of the cher.

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Novi's Plan Review Center under fire

City Council auestions awarding of two new employees

By Victoria Sadlocha

Members of Novi's city council began questioning the viability of the city's plan review department, sparking performance-based con-troversy with those involved. Whether or not the newly-creat-

ed department is meeting con-ceived expectations is on the mind

of city officials, center employees and members of the city council who think it may be time to pull

the plug.

The center, originated by Novi
City Manager Richard Helwig, began operating earlier this year and was created with the intention of placing the responsibility of reviewing developers' site plans with city employees instead of city-retained contractors.

city-retained contractors.

The importance of the project is tied to reducing the city's reliance on outside consultants - one of Helwig's main priorities for Novi.

Another originally defined goal of the center was to provide developers with reliable input of their site plans in a timely manner.

formance first sprang up during the city manager's annual per-formance review.

Novi City Councilman David Landry cautioned Helwig that his project was going to be under the microscope. Since then, the sug-gestion to add two woodland tech-nicians as full-time city employces has further fired-up the circu-

lating uncertainty.
Novi City Councilwoman
Laura Lorenzo feels the council needs to take a close look at the center before allocating city funds to hire two new employees. She is not sure investing more money into the center is prudent.

For starters, Lorenzo said the

"The center is still in transition, but making a lot of progress. We're not making hamburgers at a fast food joint."

Novi assistant city manager

center is behind in its work.

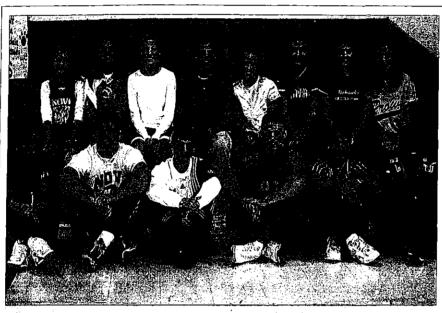
"If you look at the numbers, we are way more than 30 days behind on some projects," Lorenzo said. "The site plan manual says we will turn documents around in 25

Lorenzo's second concern is with the actual cost of hiring two

new woodland employees.

She said the council was told it would cost about \$112,000. And,

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Get in the spirit!

Above: Novi High School's Homecoming Court is Immersed in spirit week. Pictured are Nicole Blaszczyk-10th grade; Chad Thurman-11th grade; Becky Dominick-12th grade; B.J. Chaklos-10th grade; Ayme Sayers Moran-12th grade; Crystal Corte-12th grade; Allie Karalsz-9th grade; David Carnegle-9th grade; Darren Guffey-12 grade; Shannon Shrader-12th grade; Ashley Surles-11th grade; Mike Allie-12th grade; Eric Van Tasel-12th grade; Dave

Mike Allie-12th grade; Ellie van taser 12th grade, 5510 Benton-12th grade. Right: Some Wildcais get into garb for Old Jersey Day on Tuesday. Pictured are Megan Szalony-9th grade; Tim Kaba-12th grade; Lisa Ornekian-12th grade; Drew Hunt-12th

grade; Lindsay Biaszczak-11th grade; Beth Malio-10th grade; Eric Van Tassel-12th grade.

Monday's spirit week theme was Disney Day; Wednesday was Hawalian Day; Thursday's is Class Color Day and Friday is Green and White Day. The pep assembly is on Friday at 12:45 p.m. and the parade will start at Holy Family Church on Meadowbrook Road, heading south to 10 mile and then on to the high school.



Grand River bridge funding up in the air

Engler's cuts may hamper work over CSX tracks

By Victoria Sadlocha

A gubernatorial veto of \$24 A gubernatorial veto of \$2.4 million in federal funds directed at the Critical Bridge Program has left the fate of the city's Grand River Avenue Bridge reconstruction project in questions. The funding exclusion is part of the fiscal year 2003 Transportation Budget bill signed by Gov. John Engler Oct. 1.

The city was notified recently The city was notined recempy that the cut may extinguish funds earmarked for the reconstruction of the crumbling bridge routing traffic over the CSX railroad tracks.

Novi City Assistant Manager Clay Pearson said if the city loses funding, improvements to Beck Road will be affected as well.

"This is a story that will have a happy ending," Pearson said.

Pearson said right now the indication is the cut may not affect Novi's project because funds were dedicated such a long time ago.

The funds have been obligated for the Grand River Avenue bridge replacement since at least 1993, Pearson said.

The assistant city manager said city officials are working closely with State Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) and Sen. Bill Bultard Jr. (R-Highland) to confirm the long-standing funding will remain in place so the State of Michigan may award the construction contract in December.

The city had planned on demo-tion of the bridge at the end of this year, with reconstruction work starting construction season 2003

The Road Commission for Onkland County had also approved the bridge reconstruction in its budget along with widening Grand River Avenue to five lanes from the CSX bridge to Beck Road.

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Keep weekend warriors healthy this Saturday

■ Providence and tead to a trip to the emergency NCCU team up with nine-month health series

By Phil Foley

You don't have to be a member of the Grind Line to find yourself having an unpleasant and expen-sive conversation with an orthopedic surgeon. Failing to warm-up for a weekend softball game or saving a buck by getting lowquality sporting equipment can room.
Dr. Michael Montico, a sports

medicine specialist at Providence Hospital, and Patrick Comtois, the hospital's athletic coordina-tor, will be at Novi's Rotary Park from 10 a.m. to noon Oct. 19 to discuss how to avoid recreational sports injuries in the first in a series of health fairs sponsored by Providence and the Novi

Community Credit Union, The credit union and hospital, said Tony Musu, the credit union's marketing director, have agreed to partner over the next nine months for a series of health fairs that will focus on a wide

variety of health issues. Mususaid he and hospital officials said he and hospital officials hope to help separate myth from reality on a number of health questions that have gained prominence recently. Some of the topics scheduled for future fairs will include heart disease

Dr. Howard Schubiner will focus on Attention Deficit Disorder when Novi Community Credit Union and Providence Hospital bost their second health fair Nov. 14 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. at the Novi Public Libary, 45245 West 10 Mile Road, Schubiner will examine how ADD effects adults as well as children

Joining the hospital and credit union for the sports medicine health fair will be members of the Novi Rotary Club who will provide hot dogs and other snacks at Rotary Park which is located off Nine Mile Road at located off Nine Mile Road at 22220 Roethel, east of Novi Road,

For more information call at (248) 348-8500, ext

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Residents question repaving

Neighbors speculate on council member Lorenzo's role

By Victoria Sadlocha STAFF WRITER

There is nothing in the world like hearing the beeping of a cement mixer backing up or scratching your initials in freshly

scratching your initials in freshly poured concrete, right? Well, some residents living on Novi's Galway Drive disagree. They are not happy with their newly paved neighborhood street at all.

at all.

The reason?

They say their street wasn't in poor condition, didn't need repaying and they were certainly not happy with the inconvenience they endured while the resurfacing of the Taft and Eight Mile roads thoroughfare was complet-

Furthermore, some residents on retruermore, some residents on the street are alleging the only rea-son Galway from Daleview to Windermere was included in the 2002 Neighborhood Repaving Program is because Novi City Councilwoman Laura Lorenzo lives on the street and pushed to

have it included "I think it's pressure from Laura Lorenzo," said Linda Hullman, Galway Drive resident. "I live next door to Laura Lorenzo coun-cil member and from the gather-ing of conversations that we (Galway residents) have had overheard from the city or we have

talked to peo-ple in the city, it was kind of a push by Laura so that the whole portion of the street was rather just a little bit

Hullman is under the impression only the "bad spots" were supposed to be repayed and not the entire portion.

"All of our neighbors are pretty "An of our neignoors are previous year. I think you could falk to anybody on this street and they will say they were all inconvenienced by something that was supposed to be an improvement for us," she said. "We didn't need it, we didn't want it and it is just a huse boomboegle and just a huge boomboggle and just a idous waste

money."
"That is totally false and totally ludicrous," Lorenzo said.

The councilwoman said first of all it seems strange that a group of residents would complain about having their streets repayed and second of all the decision was administrative based on a citygenerated evaluation system.
"I can accept difference

"I can accept differences of opinion," Lorenzo said. "But if this is a personal attack, then that

is a totally different story."

Lorenzo adamantly said she had nothing to do with her street being paved and warned Galway residents making such outrageous accusations better get the defini-tion of slander and libel ready because they are going to need it.

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Animal tranquilizer use investigated

By Victoria Sadlocha and

Members of the Novi Police Department began an investiga-tion earlier this week to find out exactly how a Novi High School

Engler stated in a press refease, believe Michigan must expend

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there is a certain focus of the investigation, but will provide details at a later date.

Shaeffer said the school as a suicide attempt, but rather for recreational drug use.

It is believed the tranquilizer is The department was notified

the drug that day.

Police later identified the tranquilizer as Acipromezine. tranquilizer he used to get high, police said.
Novi Chief of Police Douglas Shaeffer said it is too early in the investigation to comment on if

fied the police department's school early in the day on Oct. 15 one of resource officer, Jerrod Hart. the students had possibly injected

"Obviously the school employ-ces are very in tune with their stu-dents behavior," Shaeffer said. Officials said the male student was transported to Huron Valley Shaeffer said it is not believed

at this time the boy used the drug

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A 41-year-old Livonia resident was arrested earlier this week for his speech and was unable to

The officer said he asked the man stopped. The man also stumbled when trying to walk heel-to-toe. He blew a .18 and was arrested.

Maiłbox papper A Novi woman called police on Oct. 14 at about 2 p.m. to report a mailbox door thief. The woman living in the 43000 block of Serenity told the officer unknown boxes in the subdivision, includ ing hers. The 74-year-old resident said she heard loud popping nois-es on Oct. 13 in the late afternoon and believes the "pops" were mailbox doors being snapped off The police officer checked the area and confirmed four mailbox-

Party Mobile

Three under-age partiers were arrested last week after a Novi police officer found them with drugs and alcohol in their car. The officer noticed the party car near Haggerty and Eight mile roads on count backward from 72 to 50, A Oct. 11 at about 8:30 p.m. and stopped the driver after noticing the front passenger was not wear-ing a seat belt. As the officer approached the car, he noticed two of the passengers were acting suspicious while the third passen-ger was bending down trying to hide something under the seat. After talking to the vehicle occu pants, the officer found out they had stuffed a blue marijuana bong under the passenger side sear. The told police she and the 22-year-old Commerce male and 19-year-old Novi male had all smoked passenger side floorboard." The man told police he was running out of gas so he was rushing to the gas station. The officer asked the Livenia man to exit the vehicle



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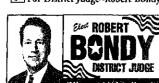
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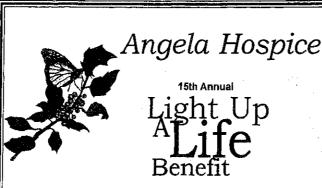
A 33-year-old Livonia resident

was arrested last week, after she attempted to steal a kitten valued at close to \$1,000. On Oct. 9 at about 1:30 p.m., Twelve Oaks
Mall security and Novi police
were notified a woman walked out
of the store with a Himalayan kitten on sale for \$879. The pet store owner told police the woman asked to hold the kitten and then started walking around the store, looking at kitten supplies. According to the report, as she approached the front of the store, she took off with out paying. The owner said she then went out of the mall into the parking lot, dropped the black and white kitten near a pole and ran to her car. The woman was arrested by Novi
The police officer checked
police after being caught by
Twelve Oaks Mall security es were missing their doors.

drinking and driving after he went speeding through the city, slurred Novi police officer noticed the man driving westbound on Grand River Avenue at about 2:15 a.m. on Oct. 14. The police man's radar indicated the 1988 Cougar was traveling 81 mph in a 50 mph zone. The vehicle then turned on Meadowbrook Avenue and continued to speed, traveling 60 mph in a 40 mph zone before being stopped by police. According to the report, as the officer approached the vehicle he smelled

to count from 72 to 50, when the man replied "71, 52, 83" and





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Plan Review: Novi's center under fire

after taking a closer look into with extra work. field-related salaries, she feels the expenditure will likely ring n at about \$136.806.

cash-revenue-generation goals.
"Management indicated based
on what we spent and what we

consultants was about \$65,000," said Lorenzo. "I look at it as we saved \$65,000 but that doesn't cover \$136,806."

auce and negative comments against it frustrates Novi City Engineer Nancy McClain. "It is my opinion that it is a little hard to catch up on any-thing if you don't have anybody to do the work which is the point that is due to not receiving any guidance as far as whether to have woodlands techs or to have

city's landscape architect, Lauren McGuire, submitted her resignation at the end of September. "My reaction to the plan resignation at the end of September. under-performing at this time,

tive Oct. 2, the department will interim consultants basically handling all reviews along with the help from the city's forester and planning director.

"It has just gotten to the point where something just has to be done," McClain said.
"I agree they are working their tails off," Lorenzo said."

The whole system was poorly had Linda Lemke (the city's

month-and-a-half notice," said Lorenzo. "I know the planners Lorenzo. "I know the planners sometiming new for the city, but are doing the best they can. I do not know how, much the administration (has been pitching in.

That is in the opinion why we have the luxury of waiting."

we could in house."

Pearson said two planners left
and Linda Lemke & Associates

December 2001, leaving the city "The system is still young,"

He said changing decades of Additionally, Lorenzo feels the center is not meeting its sultants is challenging. sultants is challenging.
"The center is still in transi-

tion, but making a lot of progress," Pearson said, "We're not making hamburgers at a fast feed joint. Pearson said city managemen

recognizes some changes need to made and are dedicated to The department's performunce and negative comments

Helwig said he will also be

dedicating more time to the endeavor now that the Sandstone settlement talks have dimin-Novi City Councilman Craig we are now at. And I feel a lot of DeRoche feels enough time has went by to base a negative eval nation.

The councilman questioned

consultants back in May," she said.

said ... would you continue to go to a doctor who wasn't performing McClain said the department suffered a big blow when the

eptember. under-performing at this time.

The city engineer said effecting and I think when you're in a hole. you need to stop digging. So I don't see why we would commit to hiring two new city employno longer have an in-house land-scape architect, will have a part-time woodlands tech and two ees at this time," DeRoche said. "We are two-and-a-half year into a new administration and one-and-a-half years into a sys-tem designed for government employees to replace private not worked yet, and I would expect results or changes to be

made by spring or summer at the Although the whole idea of bringing all of the city's husiness in-house went against his instincts, DeRoche said he want-

ed to give city management chance.
"We opened up, we tried something new for the city, but

I had it in tany opinion why we are where we are.

Novi Assistant City Manager
Clay Pearson said since the commended in famular while the can be reached at [248] 349, May, we were doing the best 1700, ext. 105 or at usad-

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National franchise brings teen fashion bargains to Novi

around almost since Adam and Eve decided the matching fig leaf look wasn't working, but a new shop in Novi is putting a new wrinkle in the time-honored con-

cept.

After nearly two months of the doors on the area's first Plato's

What makes the Wells' secondhand store stand out from others is that it doesn't look like one. It's hard to distinguish Pluto's Closet from one of the upscale teen stores in the nearby shopping cen-ters and malls, until you look at

the price tags.

According to Gina Wells, the average price for clothing and accessories in the store is less than \$9. She, said that's about 70 per-

"I wish they had one of these

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on reselling braud-name items in
a clean, highly lit (approximate)

Wells said they opted to go with
open their own store. They have
the expertise. They have the formula to be successful. They have
done the leg work, "she said.

Wells said she and her husband
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from 10 a.n. to 9 p.m. Monday
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a clean, brightly lit environment with contemporary signage that because "The 12 Oaks area is a fits in well with retailers offering new merchandise."

these Nevi for their first store because "The 12 Oaks area is a fit of p.m. on Sundays. The support of the support of p.m. on Sundays. The support of the support of p.m. on Sundays. The support of th new merchandisc. traffic; and a lot Wells first heard about Plato's like come here."

Still, after close to two months at (248) 349-1700 ext. 108 or by Closet from her daughter, who lives in Ohio. "We've always been big into thrift shopping," she said.

Still, after close to two months of watching cash flow out as they be created inventory, Wells said it's plotey@hu.hom

She said she found items sorted by brand name, size and color to la casa del

your money," she said While the Novi Plato's Closet is the first of its kind in the area, it may not be the last. "We'd actually like to have a couple more and .hecome a multi-unit franchise,

Wells said. Her husband, Paul, is a regiona self-storage company, and they

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PROFILE: Novi Coalition That Cares

be a drive to explore and experiment and that's why the Novi Coalition That Cares exists—to channel that drive into directions that are production and self-

alcohol, drug and

said Bob Steeh. Novi's director of community got to be a on-going process.

That's way he and his colleague at Novi executive committee. "Substance abuse has been on a steady decline" substance abuse has been on a steady decline."

However, coalition members cautioned that marketing and fund raising support.

uctive and safe. was one of 11 communities selected by the The coalition was formed six years ago after Federal Office of Juvenile Justice and several Novi residents became alarmed by a Delinquency Prevention to be evaluated on the Oakland County report that indicated Title V Community

ecent years have

hown a disconnect herween D.A.R.E. programs offered at the lifth grade level and the frequency of substance abuse among junior high and high

of head police, schools, business people and service chibs like Lions and Rotary to steel local youth away from substance abuse.

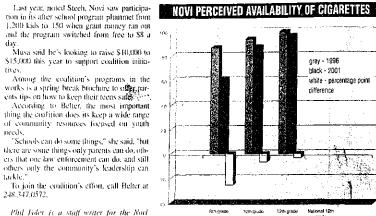
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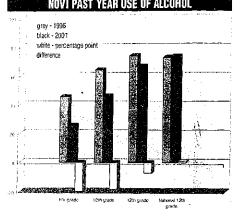
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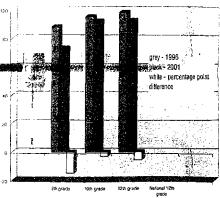
works is a spring break brochure to offgr par-ents tips on how to keep their teens safe. According to Belter, the most important

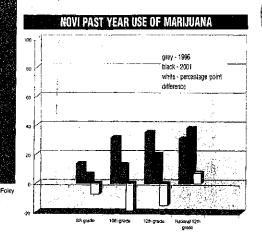
there are some things only parents can do, others that one law enforcement can do, and still others only the community's leadership can











Alex Parvana (left) Adam Dreisbach and Alex Zurek set up for a game of pool at the Novi Ice Arena during a sesion of Novi School's after school program for middle schoolers, the PT Club. It's one of the programs that Novi

There are many businesses that have been involved by donating time or materials or food to events or meetings for the Coalition

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From the left, co-treasurersTony Musa and Brenda Bielkskis, president Bob Steen and Beth Belter are among the more than 30 members of the Novi Community Coation
That Cares, a group dedicated to preventing youth alcohol and drug abuse. Dana

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German auto supplier doubles Novi space

Five years ago SCA Schucker, German manufacturer of adhesive equipment for the auto induspeople and is about to double its floor space.

Last month the Farmington Hills-based Friedman Real Estate Group represented SCA Schucker in negotiating an eight-year lease on 17,878 square feet of industri-al space at 46805 Magellan Drive. Steve Kim, who was part of the

rtially."

According to Kim, SCA

Schucker is a dominant player in its segment of the automotive market in Europe. Here, he said,

Ford Motor Company, is the firm's largest customer, but "in today's economy you can't serve just one company and location is key."

for serving the traditional Big Three research and development centers in Metro Detroit. Scott Potter, SCA Schucker's purchasing manager, said the firm plans to move from its current home at 40230 Grand River

Kim said Novi is ideally suited

between Haggerty and Meadowbrook roads to its new Magellan Drive location Dec. 15.
Potter said the company's Novi Steve Kim, who was part of the team of Friedman brokers that put the deal together, noted that "while most companies are downsizing, they are growing exponentially."

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Total in Bretten, Germany, a sub-

companies are downsizing, they are growing expo-

> Steve Kim Friedman Real Estate Group broker

in North America to "custome service." He noted, "We offer free service on the equipment for the first year; not many other manufacturers do that."

facturers do that."

According to David Green,
Friedman's vice president of brokerage services, one of the significant aspects of the Schuker deal

is its length.

Green said there is currently a lot of sublet space on the market in the one year to 18 month range "We're seeing lot of tenants renew for short terms," said Green, adding, "There is a fear of mark-ing long-term commitment in

He said his firm is looking to see leasing activity pick up some-time in the middle of next year. Observing that that auto makers haven't signed any major new contracts in quite some time, Green offered, "at some point the auto companies are going to have to let some R&D and prototype

the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 108 or by e-mail at Wixom Clerk Kirby joins IIMC program

By Aileen Wingblad

Wixom City Clerk Linda Kirby, CMC, was recently accepted as a member of the Master Municipal Clerk Academy Program of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC). w Clerk Jugram of the Lorentational Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC). Kirby is one of 56 active municipal clerks in Michigan who have been received into the program. Currently, of the 10,300 members of the 11MC, some 15 percent have qualified for the academy status. The academy status

fied municipal clerks who con-tinue their involvement in edu-

cation through various pro-grams including leadership in national and state associations.

the program. Currently, of the 1830n. 10,300 members of the 11MC, some 15 percent have qualified for the academy status.

The academy is a professional organization for certified municipal clerks who confided municipal clerks who considered municipal cle

Lakes Area Chamber loses executive director Sturm to bank

next few weeks.

After 12 years as the chamber's executive director, Janine Sturm locked the doors to the

the fast time Oct. 4. "She just received an offer

White Lake Township, the j
The Lakes Area Chamber of tion, the just placed ads for the posi- done," he said.

representatives of \$73rd Bank to manage one of their local branches.

Strum is now the banking manager at \$73rds White Lake Bank Mart, located in the banking the vacancy is quickly as possible," but he added he's not sure location tack, where the chamber of the banking in the chamber office until a new executive director can be found.

Strum is now the banking the vacancy is quickly as possible," but he added he's not sure location at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital.

This is a big event for us, "he

The chamber, he said, is in

Visitors to the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce will be couldn't refuse and we Chamber of Commerce will be couldn't match, said Smith. He seeing a lot more of Chamber bers in Wixom, Walled Lake, lave a great administrative has about 560 members in Wixom, Walled Lake, lave a great administrative assistant. Smith added he representatives of 5/3rd Bank to Waterford Township, White plans to spend a lot more time the midst of planning for its first major charity event — a sassistant. Smith added he plans to spend a lot more time the El Dorado Country Club.



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Calendar of Events

Annual Health Expa DATE: Friday, Oct. 18 LOCATION: Grand Court, Novi, 45182 West Park Drive TIME: 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. DETAILS: Offering: flu shots, blood pressure, hearing and choles terol screening, bone density and blond glucose testing. Various health seminars will be held at dif ferent times throughout the day. PHONE: For more information call, Andee Cooper, Marketing Director, 248-669-5330.

LOCATION: Mitch's IL 6665 Highland Rd., Waterford TIME doors open-7:30 p.m., buffet duner-8:30 p.m., costume registration-8:30 p.m.

DETAILS: dj/music provided by Rick Jefferies Entertainment, cos-turne contest-\$100.00 grand prize sponsored by Wolverine Electric ompany, \$45.00 per person,

Fastpitch Softball Clinic

DATE: Sunday, Oct. 20 LOCATION: Dong Gillis Pitching School and Softball Academy, 28025 Oakland Drive,

TIME noon-3 p.m. DETAILS: Free, open to all players, coaches and parents, no servations or registration

Lakes Baptist Church Special Speaker DATE: Sunday, October 20 LOCATION: Lakes Baptist Church, 309 Decker Rd., Walled

Lake, (north of 14 Mile). TIME: 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. DETAILS: Pastor Alexander Timoteyen, of Kirovo-Cheptesk, Russia will be sharing how God is working in the churches of the for-mer Soviet Union, Public is invited to attend, a staffed nursery will be

PHONE: Lakes Baptist Church

Master Ballet Class

DATE: Sunday, Oct. 20 LOCATION: Dancentre at Sports Club of Novi TIME: beg/int.-1-2:30 p.m., htt/adv-230-4;30 p.m. DETAILS: Classes are being mught by Sergey Rayevskiy. He is a graduate of the Kirov Academy of Ballet. PHONE: (248) 725-8850 for

DATE: Wednesday, Oct. 23 and

Thursday, Oct. 24
TIME: 4-10 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Expo Center DETAILS: Thousands of metro

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DATE: Wed., Oct. 23 and Thurs., LOCATION: Novi Senio

Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Rd. TIME: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. DETAILS: provides all of the services found at any Sec. of State office. Driver licenses and license plates can be renewed-bring LD,

Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce

LOCATION: OurHouse Clubhouse & Senior Center, 2045 E. West Maple Rd., Ste. D-405 (in the Commerce Place Complex),

Walled Lake TIME: 8:30-9:30 a.m. DETAILS: Join us for a conti-nental breakfast! Use this opportunity to network with local business

Arthritis Self-Help Class DATT:: Wed., Oct. 23 & 30 and

TIME: 12-30-2:30 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Senior Center, 25075 Meadowbrook, Novi DETAILS: \$20 per person: \$5 companion rate; register by Oct. 10 PHONE: (248) 347-0421

DATE: Friday, Oct. 25 Park (off Maple Rd., between Beel and Wixom roads) DETAILS: Bring your family and friends as we celebrate the German tradition under the tent!!

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will entertain us during the Fall Festival. Fee Includes: admission brat, potato salad, chips, I beverag (soda / beer / or wine) music, (sour rocer) of which music, yodeling, dancing and fun!! Inclement weather-moved to Wixom Community Center-49015 Pontiac Trail. Must pre-register. Tickets available at City of Wixom Purks and Recreation, 49015

call (248) 624-2850 or check web

Novi Theatres Production of The Legend

of Sleepy Hollow DATE: Friday, Oct. 25; Saturday, Oct. 26; and Sunday, Oct. 27 TIME: Friday and Suturday, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center

Stage DETAILS: all seats reserved-\$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. PHONE: (248) 347-0400.

DATE: Saturday, Oct. 26

TIME: noon-4 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center DETAILS: For ages 12 and under, \$5/child (includes moonwalk, magic show and games), pizza and potion dinner-\$1, pump-kin launch-3:30 p.m., lots of fun activities including a magician, and a kids carnival. PHONE: Parks and Recreation, (248) 347-0400.

Halloween Party DATE: Saturday, Oct. 26 TIME: 7-10 p.m. LOCATION: All Star Gymnastics, 22515 Heslip Dr. (off

mile, I block E of Novi Rd.). DETAILS: 6 years up and older. Must pre-register. Pizza and drinks provided. Cost: \$15. PHONE: (248) 380-5330

Boot Scottis Benefit
DATE: Saturday, Nov. 2
LOCATION: Wixon
Community Center, 49015 Pontiac
Trail, Wixon

DETAILS:Celebrating our 10 year anniversary, tickets purchased before Oct. 26, \$10.00 each, after Oct. 26, \$12.00 each, all proceeds patients and families deal with the devastation of uplastic anemia and

TIME: 10 a.m. LOCATION: All Star nnastics (22515 Heslip, off 9 DETAILS: All Star Gyr is holding try-outs for the MECA cheer squad. Both girls and boys in sixth thru 11th grade are welcome PHONE: Call (248) 380-5330 t

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LOCATION: Wyndham Garden DETAILS: The seminar will include technical sessions and videos covering various induction applications and heat treating sysems. Attendees can also ton

tems. Attendees can also four Welduction's manufacturing and commercial processing facility. PHONE: To register or for more information, call Welduction Corp. (800) 798-3042 or (248) 735-2800.

TIME: 7:30 p.m LOCATION: 5th Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi DETAILS: Meet 10-15 new people for 5 minutes each. It's fastouced, fun & exciting! Pre-registra ion is required, PHONE: Call (517) 552-0673 or

Walled Lake Western High School Performance of "Les Miserables" DATE: Nov. 15-17 and Nov. 22-

LOCATION: Walled Lake Vestern High School, 600 Beck Road, Walled Lake DETAILS: Friday and Saturday shows, 7:30 p.m., Sunday matinee 2 p.m., Tickets are \$16 (\$10 for

seniors, opening night only) and are on sale now PHONE: (248) 956-4578.

iovi Library Bookmobile
DATE: Nov. 19 and Dec. 17 TIME: 11:30 a.m.-noon LOCATION: Novi Senior Center, 25075 Meadowbrook, Novi PHONE: (248) 347-0421, Mon.-

Motorsports Hall of Fame ' Racing' Exhibit DATE: thru Dec. 31 orsports Hall of Fame "Art of other bone marrow failure diseases. PHONE: (248) 669-1585. LOCATION: Motorsports Hall

of Fame, inside Novi Expo Center at I-96 and Novi Road. TIME: open 10 a.m.-5 p.m., seven days a week, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday thru Sundays after Labor DETAILS: \$4/adults, \$2.00/Seniors, \$2/children Specia

exhibit of original paintings by noted motor racing artist, D.R. Shuck. Limited edition prints of many of the paintings are available for purchase in the Hall of Fame gift shop. PHONE: (248) 349-7223

Oakland County Health Division Expectant Parent Classes

DATE: ongoing series LOCATION: Oakland Count Health Division, 1010 East West Maple, Walled Lake

TIME: 7 p.m.-9 p.m. DETAILS: Classes will be taught by Public Health Nurses Topics will include childbirth Top Performers from 6:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Nov. 44 at the Oakland County Information Technology Center, 1200 North Telegraph Road, Building 49 West, 3 eparation, labor and delivery, care of the newborn baby, breastfeeding bottle-feeding, information about keeping children safe, and caring for them when they are ill. Cost is PHONE: (248) 858-4003, or

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Health Division, 1010 East West Maple, Walled Lake. DETAILS: Information covered

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DATE: First and third Tuesdays

of the month LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile, Novi

TIME: 7-8:30 p.m. DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your communication skills, voice your opinion, polish your presentations and prac-tice leadership. call Colleen at (248) 685-9226.

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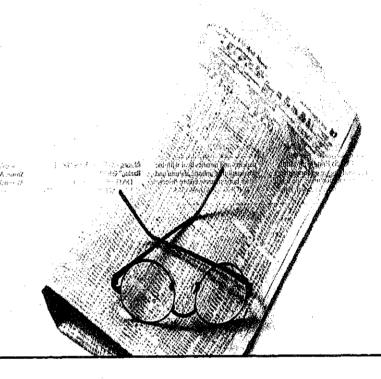
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Council looks at budget amendments

modifications and new fire equip-ment top the list of first quarter sudget amendments approved by nembers of the city council last

During Novi's Oct. 7 meeting, council members voted unani-mously to approve the 2003 fiscal year end amendments, allowing for the new equipment purchase

The majority of the changes are for the administrative salary adjustments for 53 staff, imple-mented July 1, 2002, not includ-

finance director and treasurer. Additionally, the personal services section of each depart-ment's budget was completely updated including all personnel changes and insurance adjust-

ments through Aug. 31, 2001.
Smith-Roy said this is a common practice whenever the city has major changes to the personal service section of the budget: therefore, while most of the per-sonal service categories have been changed for the administrative salary adjustments and relat- fire, etc.) ed benefits, the following items

 Staff changes (i.e. a building inspector and a sergeant retired, and the newly hired staff are a at lower rate, and are not eligible for longevity; a firefighter was on disability and still receiving cer-tain benefits and is no longer on the city's payroll; the weighmaster position was moved from the DPS department to the police

department)

• The worker's compensation rates were received after the budget was adopted, and this (a decrease from the prior year for certain categories - police,

Benefits changes have been updated (i.e. single individual is

The first quarter amendment also allows the fire department to approved equipment for two days and found it was twice as power-Rescue Tool System from Howell ful as the department's current

The \$20,775 system win replace the department's present "jaws of life," which is around 15 years old.

The acquisition was not a manned expenditure for the 2002planned expenditure for the 2002-2003 budget, but Novi City Manager Richard Helwig said the appropriation should be approved by members of the Novi City

Victoria Sadiocha is a staff writer for the Novi News. She Council because the request was for state of the art equipment, much superior to what the city has. Novi Fire Chief Arthur

Rescue Systems.

The \$20,775 system will replace the department's present Smith-Roy said the first quarter. A group of Northville and Nov ommunity members have incurred they have formed the primist Club of Northville-Novi to conduct positive service projects to benefit area youth and community. The Optimist Club of Northville

New Optimist

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Championships, and many others.
Officers elected to lead the
Optimist Club of Northville Novi

during its first yea are Sally Noem

as president, and Craig Swoish a

secretary-treasurer. Club vice presidents include Charlene Burbary and David Combs. Elected to the board of directors were Chris

Andrews, Rochelle Guznack, Gary Kowalski, Michael Nadolski, Scott Taylor, and Karen Watkins. The Optimist Club of Northville Novi will meet the 4th Thursday of the month from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at MacKinnons Restaurant

located at 124 Main Street, Northville.

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With more than 150,000 mem-bers in 4,200 Optimist Clubs across can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105 or at vsad-locha@ht.homecomm.net. the United States, Canada, and other nations, Optimist Clubs cor

lion young people each year. Major Optimust programs include substance abuse prevention, the Optimist Oratorical Contest, the Novi Hilton hotel changes name, not service Optimist Essay Contest, the Communications Contest For the

staff will change and the signs out front will change, but service won't when the Novi Hitton in 1985 and purchased by Detroit - Novi on Jan. 1.

manager Debra Schultz. Starwood owns, manages or Schultz, who said the hotel's parent company owns the Sheraton name, so it's simply a Starwood brands include Sheraton figure of the hotel's simply a Starwood owns, manages or Starwood Prefered Guest program provided through Sheraton figure of the hotel of the starwood owns, manages or Starwood Prefered Guest program provided through Sheraton hotels has a lot to offer guests. The hotel offers 17,600

case of switching from one reservation system to another. The jackets on the front desk north of Eight Mile Road, the

officially becomes the Sheraton White Plains, N.Y.-based Sheraton brand will have much hetroit - Novi on Jan. I. Starwood Hotel & Resort
That's the word from hotel
hanager Debra Schultz. Starwood owns, manages or

Hotels, Four Points and Luxury Collection.

Schultz, who has managed the Novi hotel for the past three year, said she dosen't believe the believe the believe the believe the school of the year. The hotel should be seen to be staff and a Sheraton "S" at the top of the year, and she dosen't believe the first of the year. The hotel should be seen to be staff and a sheriff and a sh began a \$2 million room renovaimpact since "most of our business is driven by location."

However, she added, the ed, said Schultz, all the horel's

The hotel also offer a restaurant, DaVinei's Market; and a lounge, the Sports Edition Lounge.
The hotel employs 130 peo-

Phil Foley is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 108

Wixom picks Howard for DPW director position

After a several month search, the city of Wixom has a new Department of Public Works

Michael Howard, a former Director of Planning and Development for the city of Walled Lake, was officially weicomed to the position by Wixom city council members Oct. 8, who approved his appointment by J. Michael Dornan, Wixom

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above all others during the recruitment and hiring process," Dornan said. Howell fills the

community planning and senior. I'll be working on making sure nance issues that (the DPW "He's a candidate that rose bove all others during the certainment and hiring process," bornan said, Howelf fills the Redford Township resident, by the city, his very challenging and a lot of projects that get the grounds and maintenance will be properly kept up to the grounds and maintenance will be properly kept up to the grounds and maintenance will be properly kept up to the city, his very challenging and a lot of projects that get

Domain said. Howell fills the vacance greated July 31 with the resignation of former DPW Director Michael Pilarski, who relocated to Hillsdale. Michigan.

Along with his experience with the city of Walded Lake. Howell has a background in CBD (Central Business District) development and maintenance, Howell said. "At the forefront.

Timexcited about working in the city of Walded Lake, Howell said. "At the forefront.

Timexcited about working in Geography with an emphasis on Land Use Planning.

Timexcited about working in Wisom. It is a great community that is really progressing." Howell said. "At the forefront.

There are a lot of maintenance work long and a hot of projects that get and a tot of projects that get and a certifing and a hot of projects that get and a certifing and a hot of projects that get and a certifing to work in this type of environment."

Greg McCaffery, director of the Department of Public Services for the city of Wisom, added that hefs very pleased with the city of Walded Lake, Howell said. "At the forefront.

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SWOCC opens new studio for public access television

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casting in Novi and it's all digital. Oakland Cable Commission (SWOCC) snipped a piece of obsolete video tape Oct, 8 to open the doors to its new studios.

Located just east of Farmington Road on Nine Mile Road, the 10,000-square-foot one-time auto produce local government and public access programming on the Time-Warner cubic television system in Novi, Farmington and Farmington Hills

City council meetings, said Caren Collins, SWOCC's executive director, are by far the most nobular programs on cable systems' public access channels. According to Collins, there's a city official in just about every community where city council essions are cable east that has a story about seeing residents sit-ting in the audience with coats

In Novi local government meet-

SWOCC chairman Jerry Ellis said the new studios are the latest step in a journey that began two decades ago in what its today the better informed about the activi-

ody repair shop more than triples art studio, the rival of anything the amount of space available to available at any commercial station in Metro Detroit. Eric Angott, SWOCC's video

operations manager, said the new studios give the commission the ability to do things it's never been able to do before—such as offer call-in programs; do voice overs; and digital editing. He added the studio can also transcribe and dupli-cate all the major videotape formats. This means if someone decides to use their own equipment to pro-

duce a public access program SWOCC can cablecast it. Ellis noted that since taking over playback operations last year, SWOCC has cablecast near-

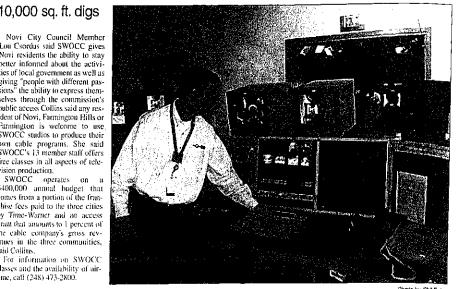
Farmington City manager's office.
For the past 13 years SWOCC has called a former fire station on Research Drive home.

Ellis said the \$1.5 million in public access Collins said any results. renovations to the building ident of Novi, Farmington Hills or including broadcast equipment, Farmington is welcome to use, have been a year in the making. WOCC studios to produce their own cable programs. She said own cable programs. She said SWOCC's 13 member staff offers free classes in all aspects of tele-

vision production,
SWOCC operates on a
\$400,000 annual budget that comes from a nortion of the frangrant that amounts to 1 percent of the cable company's gross revenues in the three communities, said Collins, For information on SWOCC classes and the availability of air

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Phil Foley is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached Eric Angott, video operations manager at the Southwest Oakland County Cable

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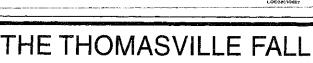
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Proposal 02-1: Do you favor straight party voting?

down enough."

However, Johnson is of the opin ion that if measures are taken to

ensure a fluid voting process which weeds out fraud, then she would like

to see the current system scrapped for a version similar to Oregon's

where they entire election is con-ducted through the mail.

The majority of area clerks were

in agreement that the entire bill has-

n't gained their full support, but individual points have merit. "The thing about this proposal is

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2001 was indeed a well-written law that warrants passage. The act will become law if Proposal 02-1 receives the majority of votes cast, which would be "yes" votes.
"It's one of those confusing bills."

said Oakland County Clerk G.
William Caddell, "If you support straight party voting, then you vote no. If you want to eliminate straight party voting, then you vote yes." Other than the confusion over wording and intent, much of the controversy surrounding the issue is whether or not people's time is more

valuable than their right to choose

Voters! believe that the option to click one lever to cast a ballot in numerous races often leaves people they are actually a registered voter list they are actually a registered voter.

al passes, voters will have to seek out each individual office which could stimulate longer lines at the polls. On the other side, you really should know who or what you are

should know who or what you are would for.

Longer lines seems to be a consensus result among local clerks with the passage of Proposal 02-1. With voters having to work their way through the ballot, along with new provisions on filing a challenged ballot, poll workers will have additional time-consuming devices. fraud," said South Lyon Clerk Julie additional time-consuming duties. "I think that it's going to lead to a lot of frustration and anger at the polls," said McDonell. "We'll have

andidates from one party in consumption of the proposal," said Highland Township Clerk Mary McDonell." do not know what the big advantage of eliminating straight party voting that should be an advantage of eliminating straight party voting that should be an advantage of eliminating straight party voting that should be an advantage of eliminating straight party voting that should be an advantage of eliminating straight party voting that should be an advantage of eliminating straight party voting that should be an advantage of eliminating straight party voting that should be an advantage of eliminating straight party voting that should be an advantage of eliminating straight party voting that should be an advantage of eliminating straight party voting that should be an advantage of eliminating straight party voting that should be an advantage of eliminating straight party voting that should be an advantage of eliminating straight party voting that should be an advantage of eliminating straight party voting that should be an advantage of eliminating straight party voting that should be an advantage of eliminating straight party voting that should be an advantage of eliminating straight party voting that should be an advantage of eliminating straight party voting that should be an advantage of eliminating straight party voting that should be an advantage of eliminating straight party voting that should be an advantage of eliminating straight party voting that should be an advantage of eliminating straight party voting that should be an advantage of eliminating straight party voting that should be an advantage of eliminating straight party voting that should be an advantage of eliminating straight party voting that should be an advantage of eliminating straight party voting that should be an advantage of eliminating straight party voting that should be an advantage of eliminating straight party voting that should be an advantage of eliminating straight party voting that should be an advantage of eliminating straight

to train our precinct workers to point

races. "With the straight party-ording its do to easier on the voter and the clerk," said Caddell. "If the proposnumber blocked off with correction tape or other materials and fed

through the vote counting machine. In situations where a recount is necessary, those "challenged" bal-lots will be removed and checked thoroughly to determine if the ballot is a legitimate vote. Such entries leave certain clerks with an uneasy

that the straight party voting has risen to the highest level of scruti-Zemke, "Our workers are already ny," said Caddell. "There are five other provisions that are real good. Do you throw the baby out with the very busy, and if the proposal pass-es we'll deal with it, but there are too many things wrapped up in the same proposal."

Colleen Schwartz, Milford ten in response to election problems, particularly those highlighted in the

Township clerk and a member of the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks, believes that fraud is an improbability due to the protections that are in place.
"I fail to see where election fraud can happen," Schwartz said. "There are certain safeguards and certain

Pamela Johnson, Lyon Twp. clerk,

will overhaul a failed system, since

bath water though?"

requirements that individuals would the system is as solid as it gets have to pass through. If the vote is questioned, then those ballots can be voting systems in our nation," she

A referendum on Public Act 269 of 2001 - an act to amend certain sections of Michigan Election Law. Public Act 269 of 2001 would:

Require Secretary of State to obtain training reports from local

Require registered voters who do not appear on registration list to show picture identification before voting a challenged ballot Require expedited canvass if presidential vote differential is under

Remaire ballot counting equipment to screen ballots for voting

Permit voters in polls to correct errors

Provide penalties for stealing campaign signs or accepting payment for campaign work while being paid as a public employee

A "yes" vote allows the law to be approved and enacted. A "no" vote keeps the straight party voting format and does not permit any of the above changes.

Schwartz, standing by her organi-zation's decision not to take a stand the area clerks, Maryanna Cornelius area visit the Secretary of State web site and read the actual text. The Novi clerk said visitors will find the original text of the proposal, as well

Karl Kling is editor of the Milford







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Complaint filed against 52-1 candidate Starnes

■ Novi printer labels matter an "oversight"

By David Aquilar

A Highland resident has filed a campaign finance complaint against 52-1 judge candidate Sara Pope Starnes, alleging that the 13-year Oakland County assistani assistant prosecutor has received "illegal contributions"

om a Novi-based printer. That printer, however, has week made current what had simply been a delinquent compaign materials account. Starnes herself called the compaint a "sad attempt to turn this campaign negative".

Steve Pitzer, a Northyille autorney who has both assisted and contributed financially to 52-1 candidate Robert Bondy's processing the compaint a "sad and contributed financially to 52-1 candidate Robert Bondy's and contributed financially to 52-1 candidate Robert Bondy and contributed financially to 52-1 candidate Robert Bondy's and contributed financially to 52-1 candidate Robert Bondy and contributed financially to 52

and contributed financially to advantage, Pitzer said, By filing by request payment terms said the official acomplaint is little more than political hayactual complaint, Pitzer said he beyond 30 days.

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said, and at some point dated as far back as May 8 of this year, nearly 120 days past the date of the original invoice. "This campaign is about who the original invoice. "This campaign is about who the original invoice." She said, "This court judge," she said, "This

ment terms were not made available to other 52-1 candidates who sought similar services from Johnson Printing Furthermore, Starnes said payment terms are dictated by Services -- notably Bondy and the printer. previous 52-1 candidate and
Novi attorney Matt Quinn.
Quinn said he did not request

(Pitzer's) complaint is that they

ither pre-approved or prompt-liby either Bundy or any mem-ror of his campaign staff. The bound of any mem-ror of his campaign staff. Within his complaint, Pitzer uning for an elected position to

Aug. 6 primary election, Pitzer said filing it was tantamount to

He said such generous pay- race is about issues. I refuse to

oversight," Johnson said.

As a rule. Johnson said his clients are initially extended 30-day payment terms, though occasionally such terms drift well into the 45 to 60-day threshold. Starnes received 30day terms, he said, though her account somehow unwittingly lapsed well past that deadline.

best qualified to be district judge?" Johnson said whatever payment terms Starnes has enjoyed "It just worked out that way," he said. from his printing company to date are also available to

Last week, Johnson said he asked Starnes to make current any portion of her outstanding account which remained past 30 days. Monday, he said, Starnes did so, Starnes said her practical consolation.

the more than political hay-making.
"I think (Pitzer) is just trying actual complaint, he was grati-fied to hear that Starnes had paid her bill to date.

the Michigan Secretary of State's office via U.S. mail Weduesday, Oct. 9.

Pitzer said the complaint was filed on his own behalf and was a mounts to be a \$25,000 ton was not available to us." Pitzer said the complaint was filed on his own behalf and was a filed on his own behalf and was a filed on his own behalf and was a filed on his own behalf and was not available to us." Pitzer said the complaint was filed on his own behalf and was not available to us." Pitzer the filed on his own behalf and was not available to us." Pitzer the filed on his own behalf and was not available to us." Pitzer the filed on his own behalf and was not available to us." Pitzer the filed on his own behalf and was not available to us." Pitzer the filed on his own behalf and was not available to us." Pitzer the filed on his own behalf and was not available to us." Pitzer the filed on his own behalf and was not available to us." Pitzer the filed on his own behalf and was not available to us." Pitzer the filed of the filed complaint. It is not the filed to filed the filed to the filed filed to the filed to

Starnes agreed.
"How a candidate runs their

campaign is reflective of how they will be as district court judge," she said. "Let's get back to the issues — who is

"It's nice to run up bills and

"I would expect any candi-

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FORTH WHITER

Parkview Elementary School in Novi was treated to an hour and half of fun on Oct. 10, when Neal Levin brought his cartoonting workshop to the school.

Students listened to him explain that drawing cartoon characters in that drawing cartoon characters in that drawing cartoon characters in the shool buildings and anywhere. All you need are pencilled at individual school buildings and anywhere. All you need are pencilled at an hour and a half. Students listened to him explain that drawing cartoon characters is under the properties of the great things about cartooning is that you can do it and when the properties and paper," Levin said. "Drawing cartoons is an excellent way to get wide in the properties of the great things about the workshops are generally held at individual school buildings and anywhere. All you need are pencilled that are hour and a half. Students was some tallented in drawing. I liked to do some drawing their own characters as well. "One of the great things about the workshops are generally held at individual school buildings and a paper," Levin said. "Drawing cartoons is an excellent way to get with the properties of the great things about the workshops are generally held at individual school buildings and a paper," Levin said. "Drawing cartoons is an excellent way to get with the properties of the great things about the properties." I workshops are generally held at individual school buildings and a paper, "Levin said." "Drawing cartoons is an excellent way to get with the properties of the great things about the properties." I workshops are generally held at individual school buildings and a properties of the great things about the properties. The properties of the great things about the properties of the great things about the properties of the great things about the properties. The properties of the great things about the properties of the great things about the properties. The properties of the great things about the properties of the great things about the properties of the tinue to enroll once or twice a results. Carte then drew pictures of some of his characters and took suggestions from the kids as to how to improve their. The students also thing they can relate to personal Other benefits of cartooning to demonstrate finished drawings by participating in simple activi-ties and games.

"Elli-time and panies are sense of confidence, fostering discipline, reinforcing fine motor skills and hand-eye coordinations, encour aging imagination and creativity and exploring possibilities. Seven and a half year old Zach

from the kids as to how to improve them. The students also got a chance to draw some of their own characters as welf.

"I began doing this after I linisted high school," Levin said, "I didn't do it professionally at that time, but I teach these classes mainly for a living. I go to udifferent school every day in a lot of the school districts around the area, I teach one or two classes a day."

and students at any level are able to demonstrate finished drawings by participating in simple activities and games.

"Kids who are interested significant time, but I tear to the same schools either once a year or up to times or a year some-interest of four times a year some-interest of four times a year some-interest of four times a year or up to times so I can use how they're progressing." Levin said. "The most important thing I think is the disk might not come to my class. school districts around the area. I teach one or two classes a day."
Levin teaches cartoon shops to elementary and middle school children to help them learn basic cartoon drawing skills. He has taught over 54,000 students in approximately 30 school districts in metropolitan Detroit since 1988. Some of the districts include Bloomfield Hills, Birmingham, Brighton, Clarkston, Novi, Lake Orion, Farmington, Plymouth-Canton, Rochester, Royal Oak, South Lyon, Walled Lake, Troy, Warren.

I most important thing I think is the kids might not come to my class thinking that they could draw very well, but usually after one session most of them think it's easier then accomplish something that they can accomplish the can accomplish the complished results right and accomplished accomplished results right and accomplished resu

Cartoonist shows

Levin taught himself how to draw and has created over 500 Lyon, Walled Lake, Troy, Warren, Utica and West Bloomfield "A while ago I had some local original cartoon characters that he

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comic strips," Levin said. "I have also done some freelance for his classes. He has been doing this some newspapers and illustrations for 20 years. Students are encour-

pleased with the workshop, "I am learning how to draw very good cartoons and very fun drawings," he said, "I love it." Nine year old Andrew Check also a student at Parkview, agreed "I am learning how to draw good cartoons and have fun," he said.
"When we get out of the class we

Anyone interested in signing up may contact Levin at

will draw better." Costs vary for each workshop depending on where it is held, but it is generally around \$15.

for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by email at rkhuri@ht.homecomm.net.

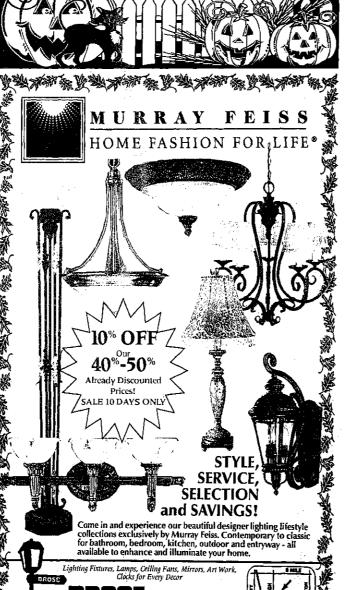
From left, Yuto Tateiwa, 7, and Toshiki Momozaki, 6, work on their cartooning skills, as











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To wrap up a three-week weather unit that students at Parkview Elementary School were working on, teachers arranged for WDIV weatherman

11. Some topics he discussed with students included why there are seasons, how the earth is tilted and how tornados are formed.

ing on weather for about three everything they have learned and kind of tie it all together and hopefully make it a little more hard to do it. That hard work paid other thing that I really like to impress upon the kids is that sei-"That's not because I was ence can be fun, it can be exciting and it could be conciling that you can learn. A lot of kids are very intimidated by science, but if I have never left Detroit and that's on can rearn. A lot of kids are ery intimidated by science, but if you present it to them the right way, you give them hands on experiences, you give them guest speakers and things that make it

thing very important and can be ight and learned by the kids," his schedule will allow. In fact, he only stayed for an hour because he had another assignment for vork, "Obviously I can't accommodate every request that comes in, but I certainly do the best I can

kind of exciting. Science is some-

wanted to be a meteorologist.

"I always joke that I have always wanted to be a meteorolo-

when I was in second grade, a teacher took me to the school library and showed me some books they had about weather, and the more I looked at pictures of storms and read what I could about storms, the more I learned was 7 years old I announced to my

out to the students was that, when "The students have been work- it came to school work, he really wasn't that smart and things came slowly to him, but he wanted to become a meteorologist so badly that he never quit and worked

> something that's rare in large mar ket media. I was born and raised here and I went to U of M, so I never left here for education purposes and I got my first job at channel four as a part timer back in 1983. It's a dream come true. I walk in to work every day with a smile on my face because most kids do not get to grow up and be what they wanted to be when they were kids and I got to. I'm kind of living my childhood dream and I

don't take it for granted" Two main things that Gross wanted the students to take away from his lecture were to learn Ever since he was young, Gross something about weather and also that they can have anything in life if they want it bad enough.

gist since I was prenatal," he said. kids plenty of time to ask me any "It's all I ever wanted to do. When I was about 2 or 3 years old I was adverted by a large strongly

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Gross said. "I was not a bright student, but I wanted to be a meteorologist more than anybody in the entire world and nobody was

have anything they want as well. for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. going to stop me from doing that. Plenty of people told me I would never be able to do that. A lot of what I have accomplished in life rkhuri@ht homecomm net

Photo by Ramez Khuri "I think we are a giving and caring school and we are a part slasm and nothing else. If these kids want it bad enough they can

www.sweetdreamzzzdetroit.org. The school number is (248) 449-

By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

Woods Elementary School's first community service project this year is to collect Beanie Babies for Sweet Dreamzzz Detroit, a non-profit organization that provides bedime essentials to at-risk chil-

Those interested can donate a new or gently used Beanie Baby with tag to help comfort these children. A collection box has been outside the school and the s been outside the school's office since Oct, 4 and will be there till through Friday, October 18.

"This is our first year collecting for Sweet Dreamzzz," said chairperson of Community Service for the PTO, Rence Perelli, "It was founded in 1998 and it's a non-profit organization which collects essentials for warmth. Our goal is to collect at least 800 Beanie Babies. Its a really neat organization and it is

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from his lecture were to learn something about weather and also had they can have anything in life (they want it had enough. "I always want try to give the ids plenty of time to set me and

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of a community that has been blessed and we want to help oth-ers," added Perelli.

School will have a Halloween Candy Donation on Friday, November I and Monday, November 4. Novi Woods children can bring in some of their Halloween candy to share with others who are less fortunate.
The school will also be collecting used eyeglasses and sun

outside the school's office.

"Last year we collected over 600 pounds of candy," Perell said, "Kids are generous and they really give nice things. We give the candy to food banks and the Salvation Army Food Shelter, among others. It has been really helpful and people have really enjoyed receiving it.

A lot of kids don't get to go trick-or-treating, so it's really a blessing. What really amazes me which is so nice to see." For additional information on

either of these programs, call Novi Woods Elementary School Ramez Khuri is a staff writer

for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at rkhuri@ht.homecomm.net.



Jennifer Granholm's abortion views panned

Three months ago, Monica Migliorino Miller never heard of Jennifer Granholm, But soon after the Millers moved to Lyon Township last August, Miller became involved in at least one aspect of Granholm's

at least one aspect of Granholm's gubernatorial campaign.

Miller, a long-time activist in pro-life battles, took issue of Granholm's pro-choice stance on abortion. But making matters worse, according to Miller, is Granholm touting herself as a Catholic candidate. The two areas symply don't mix said Miller. imply don't mix, said Miller, "The problem is Jennifer Granholm is a public figure who passes herself off as a believing Catholic," she said.

Granholm faces Republican andidate Dick Posth candidate Dick Posthumus in the Nov. 5 general election for gover-

Miller's background

Miller began teaching at St. Mary's College in Orchard Lake this year as an Associate Professor of Theology. She teaches systematic theology, which focuses on doctrinal theology, which includes the sacraments and the study of been in education for 20 years, teaching in Chicago in the 1980s ology from Loyola University of Chicago and doctorate degree in theology from University in Milwaukee,

She was drawn into activist work in 1976 at a retreat - three years after the Supreme Court Roe
v. Wade ruling — where she met a
woman involved in the pro-life

The two became close, and Miller became a student of pro-life issues. She soon moved to Chicago missed the deadline. You know, in issues. She soon moved to Chicago and met more pro-life activists and became more deeply involved. She was first arrested and jailed in

"I really plunged myself in pret-ty thoroughly," she said. Miller founded Citizens for a Pro-Life Society, a regional organ-ization based in Chicago. Once becoming a viable organization, she moved to Milwaukee and con-

solely worked against a candidate.

The Miller family arrived in South Lyon last August. South Lyon was a good midway point between Orchard Lake and her "I like Michigan a lot," said filler. "It's a lot like Wisconsin. It's a beautiful area (in South

the general election next month.
"I missed it," she admitted. "I touting herself as both a pro-choice



tions are not focused upon, so peo-ple don't really know what it entails. When children see the (From left) Monica Migliorino Miller of South Lyon pickets last Saturday outside Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth Township with her 7-year-old son Patrick. About 10 protesters were on hand to express their concern over dennifer Granholm's (D-Northville) quest to become Michigan's next governor as

some states you can register up to two days before the election."

change my driver's license to be

The Catholic Church has always been adamant on the issue of life. Physical life begins at conception and ends at natural death. According to Catholic philosophy, anything that prevents life, whether using birth control or abortion at any point of a pregnan-

Miller has worked on political ampaigns with pro-life candidates. This is the first time she has a Detroit that extends as far west as Oakland County, read a statement at a Sunday Mass two weeks ago urging all Catholic politicians to support the right to life, saying they had "a special moral obligahuman dignity."

Although Maida never men-

yon)." tioned a politician by name, Miller is not registered to vote in Granholm is the most widely rec-

"I hadn't heard of it yet," Miller didn't know when the deadline candidate and a Catholic candiwas. I'm so upset, I knew I had to date.

Granholm (D-Northville) has can choose good," he said, received campaign contributions from Emily's List, a political motives of including grotesque action committee that provides funding to pro-choice candidates s Catholic," Granholm spokesman Chris DeWitt. "She certainly supports the beliefs of her church, She just

with Jennifer Granholm, not the doesn't feel it right to impose her religious views on others."

But Miller said the abortion other people attending Our Lady of Good Counsel, Should the chitdren be subjected to that type of issue is not simply one of religion; assault (graphic posters)? From a "It's perverse thinking," she

she moved to Milwaukee and continued her activism there. Now in Michigan, Miller plans to create a cy, is wrong.

Cardinal Adam Maida, the cardinal Adam Maida, the right morally, spiritually and legal-type of 1.4 million Catholics in the continue of 1.5 million Catholics in the cardinal to Miller. pro-choice. Catholic candidate. distorts true Catholic values

"It's a pick and choose thing with her," said Miller.
Granholm has said the issue of husband's Ann Arbor job, she said. tion to oppose abortion," because abortion is a private issue to be "I like Michigan a lot," said abortion is a "preeminent threat to decided within the family with help from a family doctor, accord-ing to DeWitt,
"There's a vast number of differ-

ent views on when life begins," he said. "It is a matter of choice. They're welcome to their opinion.

There's a number of Catholics out there who have lots of views that Catholics disagree with.

views on others.

of Granholm's church, Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth

Township. For the past three

months, protesters calling them-selves "Stop Granholm, Church and Truth Project" have congregat-ed around the North Territorial

Road entrances to the church

before, during and after every mass to express their displeasure in Granholm's stance, as well as the

outstoe the enterent, the protest-ers — which range from two to 20 people at any given time — dis-play signs protesting Granholm and abortion. Several signs show the product of a partial-birth abor-tion, a servenum deaf faire.

on — a grotesque dead fetus.

Tom Horrigan of Northville said

those graphic posters are neces-

sary, because partial-birth abor-

posters, they ask their parents what

Horrigan, a father of four, said it

is right to show the posters to chil-dren, because they can see good

"It think it's necessary, so they

"They're showing a tack of sensitivity as far as their interfering with the services and the congrega-tion," he said. "Their concern is

others to subject them to it. It's

protesters have every right under

The picketers focus primarily at

the church, but have gone other places Granholm has appeared. About a month ago, several

protested outside a pancake break-fast Granholm attended. That same

day, Granholm filmed a televisio

That was the only time Miller said she has tried speaking to

those people to this protest. Yet DeWitt conceded that the

they need to do," he said.

oint, it's not fair to

ing," she said. "We waited till the filming was done, then asked to meet and talk with her. She pretty much tried to avoid us. She went inside and holed herself in the There's a number of things house until we left." Granholm agrees with (in Maida's statement) — the death penalty,

believe in imposing her religious

parish priests have declined speaking to Granholm on the issue. Maida has prohibited the local clergy from becoming involved in George Stephens of Madison Heights began the pickets outside

showed some progress, but even though Maida generally addressed the roles Catholic politicians should have. Miller said that is not enough. Maida should publicly correct her, as the Pope has done at times in the past. "He is the successor to the apostles," Miller said, "He is the only

one with the authority to correct her. He is her shepherd."

The primary goal, Miller said, is lack of action from the Catholic simply to protect the Catholic Church from her distortions. A second goal, nearly as important as the first, is to help benefit Church officials in addressing the "It's not a political goal," said Miller. "This is a spiritual mis-Granholm spiritually, Miller Outside the church, the protestadded.

"We want her actions consistent

Miller predicts.

Horrigan said he wants to see Our Lady of Good Counsel's Maida introduce pastoral guidelines found in a few other archdio-

ceses that prohibits "pro-abortion politicians or public officials from taking official roles in the church. 'We'd like to see that happen in the Archdiocese of Detroit," he Maida's letter to the churches

said. "We'd like to see a conver-sion in (Granholm's) heart." Miller holds hope that Maida will still publicly correct

Miller said the entire would be moot had the Catholic Church acted after the Roe v, Wade decision came down. If U.S. Catholic, had been excommunicat-ed, "the Jennifer Granholms of the world wouldn't exist," said Miller. "We have to reverse 30 years of

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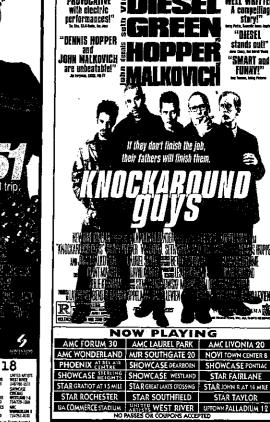


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Students go batty while learning truth about creatures

Ry Hamez Khuri

TAFF WRITER

Until go their attention to scary things that may or may not go to pump in the night. That is why other, more and more people are of the Organization for Bats

Conservation (OBC) made a visit to was to educate students about things that may or may not go to Parkview Elementary School bomp in the night. That is why on Oct. 11.

Armed with Halloween just around the other, more and more people are the Organization for Bats

Conservation (OBC) made a visit tion was to educate students about the saw of collect file air of some of the untrue myths that surround the creatures, on Oct. 11.

Armed with three live bats, the only are actual-bats and to clear the air of some of the untrue myths that surround the creatures, on Oct. 11.

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They're not sart, said, of cutse,' Smart said, the organization is the adquarters were just moved to the nature center building at Cranbrook Institute only remained for the untrue myths that surround the creatures, on Oct. 11.

They're not sart, said, of cutse,' Smart said, the view of science.

OBC is a national non-profit of the untrue myths that surround the creatures, on Oct. 11.

"We have memberships," Smart of science.

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Hello Class

Juday is Friday

member. We also have programs, house as a pet. In fact, no zoo in like the adopt-a-bat program, we also have volunteers who come in and work with us almost every and that helps us take care of the mumber one reason, that

fruit bat to the school. He took your blood.

live bats," Smart said. "We have go all over teaching about bats. We go all over the country now. In Reg of a few misque in the country.

No other organization has the federal permits to travel from state to kistate with live bats. That's how we and up on the Today Show and the Martha Stewart Show almost usually so responsive and excited, every year. When they want bats, they end up with us. They found with a whole different underevery year. When they want bats, they end up with us. They found us on our Web site originally and they call us every year, usually for

Smart explained that there are www.batroost.com. nine species of bats in Michigan and that a typical bat can eat near-

said. "Anyone can become a creatures. We can't have a bat in a

Smart does his presentations is so Smart, or "Bat Man," as some people can get over the myths people call him, brought a big about bats that they are scary brown bat, a vampire bat and a creatures that just want to suck

that the best way to get people to change the myth and to get people to like bats was to educate using won't. People think that bats get tangled in people's hair, which they will swoop down and attack you full-time national educators who which they won't. The fear grows standing and appreciation.

Ramez Khuri is a staff writer



NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOVI, MICHIGAN NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Novi Community School District ill receive sealed bics for MISCELLANEOUS FURNITURE for aks Elementary School and Orchard Hills Elementary School Bics will be accepted at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft

Bids will be accepted at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Tatt Road, Novi, Michigan 48374-2423 until 12:00 p.m. local time, OCTOBER 25, 2002. Bids will be opened and read aloud. Any bids received after this time shall be returned unopened. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope and clearly labeled.

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Original Recipes

and we need you to help.
For the first time ever, we're putting together a special collection of holiday recipes to

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need them in case you win.
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Calling All Cooks

Dale Smart holds up Flappy, a fruit bat, at Parkview

Parkview Elementary student Christopher Castaneda tries on bat wings during the bat conservation program on

Students needed for Parade Honor Corps

Michigan and Blue Care Network - dependable academic achievers in have mailed letters to area high schools from across Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, and Wayne counties, inviting principals to

countres, inviting principals to safeet students representing their schools as members of the 2002 Parade Honors Corps.

The group will march in America's Thanksgiving Parade on Thursday, Nov. 28 in Detroit. Each high school can send up to four students to march in the standing and community programs sponsored by the Blues to salute outstanding four students to march in the

Eligible students are those with an exceptional attendance record and in good academic standing - a grade point average of 3.0 or higher. Honors Corps members a swinging bell and a roof shin-gled with nearly 100 pennants from the Honor Corps students'

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Handwriting analysis: It's all in the brain, not the wrist

think too much about their hand-writing, whether it's neat and tidy or sloppy and unreadable. The truth of the matter is, more people should pay close attention to the way they write because, accord-

fruit dat to the senson. He took your orders each of them out of their cages one by one and talked about each one to the students.

"We decided a long time ago that have a subject that bats are blind, which they're are the subject to the students."

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ly its weight every day in insects or fruit. They are important in the reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. environment for insect control. 110 or by e-mail at rkhuri@ht.homecomm.net.

ing to Attorney Anton Anderson, a total content of an about a person just by analyzing their handwriting.

Anderson is the leacher of a carries where they each took aggressive, sexually imaginative, and the state of the state raveling handwriting analysis class which local public school themselves, with one of the items So, just how accurate and revealing is this handwriting analysis stuff after all? Well, the

staff here at the Novi News decided to do our

own little test to see what can be learned about

The results, just like the staff, vary dramatically from person to person. But perhaps the most telling aspect of this whole exercise is the FACT that none of us got the sample sentence correct -"The quick red fox jumped over the lazy brown

That's scarier than the actual results!

Finally, a be-all to end-all tests to determine what kind of person I am -an analysis of my handwriting. What could be more scientifie?

First the good news: A relatively high crossed t-bar. This indicates confidence, ambition, the ability to plan ahead, high goals, high personal expectations, and an overall good self-image. This is the key, apparently, to personal success and happiness. If someone would have told me this back in elementary school I would have been crossing my the blocker has a mean of Aparther critical effects this can it's higher a long time ago. Another portion of the test indicates this can also mean sarcasm, which is probably a lot more in line with me than

Now the bad news: My letter o has no inner loops and is relatively wide open I oh no! This person will be honest and blunt when asked his opinion. My problem is, I'm so sarcastic that nobody ever asks me my

districts offer through their community education departments.
The last session took piace at Novi High School on Oct. 7.
"This is an introduction to "This is an introduc

Novi High School on Oct. 7.

"This is an introduction to handwriting analysis," Anderson said. "It's not scientific and it's writing samples was passed out not in depth, but it's fun, We try to show people that it's really the brain that's doing the writing and we look for clues in the handwrit-

writing samples was passed out with explanations of each sample. The students looked at the writing samples and their own writing and determined different personality

mine if someone is a gossip, is too secretive, naturally artistic, a liar or more. It's used in jury profiling and

employment," Anderson said. employment," Anderson said.

"Some areas of industry take it student was given a VHS recording of Amazing Personality fun, although I do have a law degree. I just want to raise awareness about handwriting analysis and introduce the students, so if they choose to go into it in more denth, all least they will have an on a personal basic." She said. "It for the Novi News. He can be depth, at least they will have an on a personal basis," she said. "It

exposure to it." was also something to do with Anderson teaches a wide variety of classes in 30 different could say I learned something

Before the class was over, each ent ways, just to understand peo-

reached at (248) 349-1700, ext.

This handwriting sample indicates a person who rarely views themselves as successful regardless of their accomplishments, lives for the moment and loves to talk. An overly self-critical attitude is demonstrat-

lowercase letters, they would be a middle-zone writer. People with a talkative nature often leave an open space when writing Os and As. According to handwriting experts, the more open a person's Os and As a direction correlation with how much they run their mouths. The ple out. I have my own ideas and will only agree with you if you agree with meaning the more they talk.

The quick brown for Jumped Over the losy brown dg.

According to the analyzing charts that we were given to scrounge over, I am a socially selective person that can be blunt, yet diplomatic. I have a tendency to be a procrastinator but I am also very attentive to detail. Apparently, my bluntness comes from my absolute perfect o's and my dotted its and j's indicates that I am very attentive to detail and

In this job, it pays to be diplomatic, so I can thank my m's because when I write them, the first hump is taller than the second. I am not sure that the tight loop on my y indicates my willingness to have friends and

I am socially selective, which means I draw long narrow loops usually in the y or g. The size of the lower loop reveals the amount of trust and imagination as it relates to me. The narrow loop reveals some trust, ed by people who cross their Ts at the bottom. Bottom T crossers are but I am very selective of whom I allow in my inner circle of friends. also known for constantly finding imperfections with themselves.

Living for the moment is demonstrated by writing that is in one zone.

Eor example, if a person's capital letter is the same height level as their more attention I pay to details. This trait contributes to good memory

Novi News staff writer

The girth Brown for Jumped over the layer red day.

I'm about as ready to buy into handwriting analysis as I am little green men, but then according to the chart they gave me, the way I make my d's indicates I'm stubborn. OK, I'll admit to that, but name a Mick

The deep and wide lower loops of my y's and j's get into a whole area of discussion we're just not going to have in a family newspaper.

The overall slamt to the right in my writing, could, like the chart says, mean I am "emotionally responsive," or it could just mean I'm left-

My m's and n's, according to the chart, indicate I can be creative and good with my hands. Who's going to argue with that?

Phil Foley

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Arts tax Proposal K deserves support

This may not be the best time for arts advocates to come back to Wayne and Oakland County voters with a half-mill art tax. The economy is shaky and voters already have been asked to approve several other worthy tax proposals in recent elections.

proposal must have a majority

of votes in both counties to

The 2000 vote showed that

tance of arts and cultural insti-

tutions to the vitality of the

natronize these institutions we

benefit from the economic and

community.

But if not now, when? The in Oakland County, where i very economic problems that failed by only 517 votes. The are plaguing the business community are also having an impact on arts and cultural pass. institutions, from the Detroit Institute of Arts to the local symphonies. We believe that without this support, many arts groups, regional and local, will suffer severe erosion and some will not survive the current economic situation.

Proposal K would levy a half intellectual stimulus they pro mill property tax on Oakland and Wayne County taxpayers We urge local arts groups to for 10 years. Two-thirds of the make a strong case with their money raised would be allotted to 17 designated cultural fair share of the local allocainstitutions including such tion. We also urge those groups arge regional organizations as to take their case to the comthe Detroit Institute of Arts. munity with more outreach Detroit Symphony programs. But we believe this Orchestra, the Detroit Zoo and proposal is a great opportunity Henry Ford Museum and for local organizations to grow Greenfield Village. One-third and involve more people in the of the money raised in each community would go to the No, this is not the best time local communities which will allocate money for arts and to ask for a millage increase

When the arts tax came before voters in August 2000, it was approved in Wayne County and narrowly rejected on Proposal K.

recreation programs in a man- But it is a crucial time for the survival of our cultural institu tions and the quality of life they represent.

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We recommend a yes vote

touch with your local and regional senators and representatives. Their accessibility allows you as readers to voice your concerns directly and allows them to better represent their districts. If you United States Senate Michigan Senate Carl Levin (D-Detroit) 459 Russell Senate Office Highland)

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Supports Proposal K

On November 5, Oakland and Wayne county voters will go to the polis to elect a new gover nor. At the same time, they will be asked to vote yes or no on Proposal K, the regional arts funding initiative. I suspect most voters will skip They shouldn't. It's an important issue, one

that can affect the quality of life for everyone in the metro Detroit region.

Thinking back to when I was a child, some of

my most vivid memories are related to trips to rnuseums and parks. I remember the awe I felt looking up at the Diego Rivera mural at the DIA and the fascination 1 felt at watching the glass blowers at Greenfield Village. From time to time. I return to these places to renew my mem create their own memories at such interesting

Vote YES on Proposal K.

Melissa Pletcher

Against Granholm

"Moral treason", as defined by Jennifer Granholm in the recent gubernatorial debate, is allocating tobacco settlement monies for anything other than anti-smoking programs. Regarding abortion, however, Ms. Granholm states that, though "life begins at conception", publicly promoting the Catholic pro-life view would lead toward a theocracy. Decisions of morality, in other words, are personal when it comes to abortion but the misappropriation of tobacco funds (in her view) is deserving of a col-lective moral outery. Such prioritization of morals is seemingly strange.

Insinuating that morals encouraged by the eligious will lead to a theocratic government is also. For example, abortion was illegal prior to 1973 when the majority of Americans, regard-less of religious persuasion, would not have approved abortion rights. The medical commu-nity has long stood by the non-religious Hippocratic oath which implores doctors to preserve life and never engage in terminating it. Furthermore, a recent Michigan Court of Appeals decided to hear the case of a pregnan woman who used lethal force against her boyfriend when he punched her abdomen and caused a miscarriage. These "moral" views respecting the sanctity of life occurred within our secular institutions. One need not be religious to recognize that all human life ought to be protected in a free and sane society. Since Ms. Grapholm's stated belief concurs with medical findings that life indeed begins at conception, she is morally bound to defend it on that basis alone. Her Catholic faith merely serves to con-

firm medical evidence. We need not fear waking up one morning to discover the Pope at our helm. We ought to fear our steady move toward socialism, objective truth replaced by relativism, growing acceptance of infanticide and outbanasia constrained rel-Political leaders who cannot comprehend the humanity of an unborn child will, if continually elected, lead the charge into a predictable amoral

Granholm on abortion

Jennifer Granholm can try to portray herself as moderate, but the endorsement of her by the so-called "pro-choice" group, Emily's List, belies that claim. Pro-choice is one thing. Emily's List is another.

To qualify for an Enuly's List endorsement candidate must champion abortion on demand -no execptions. This includes partial-birth abortions, the defense of which, explicit or implied,

If Granholm wants the Emily's List funding so desperately that she's unwilling to voice even the most reasonable of objections to radical abortion proponents who back partial-birth abortions, then I am unwilling to support her with my

Jennifer Granholm supports school-based clinics and expanding the number of aborison clinics in the 81 percent of counties in Michigan which do not have mills. (As a postal employee said to me, "Just what we need.") Check-out

Rosemarie Zwiller Denton

Vote Carlson

Thank you for the article, "Carlson out workte votes". I am delighted the article portrays Candidate Carlson as he really is - an honest, dedicated, hardworking candidate with true integrity. Some have said Carlson is too young and inexperienced. Not so!! Examine his overnment experience, and volunteer work. Where would Michigan or the U.S. be without young, excited, innovative citizens who believe they can make a difference? Candidate Carlson ralues, and drive to represent the 15th State Senate District in Lansing.

Carol Jean Crawford

Carlson for State Senate

33 years than some have in a lifetime. Sean destroy wetlands and flood plains in the name of

Carlson's strong commitment to family, com-munity and civic duty, will serve the citizens in the 15th proudly. Sean Carlson has a law degree

and is a Captain in the Air Force Reserves

LETTERS

medicine for senior citizens, eliminating government waste, protecting the environment and

His experience is to work with everyone to find workable solutions, unlike his opponent, that voted to eliminate "straight party" voting, when the economy and jobs, should have been her main priority. With the budget oozing in red ink, the needs of her constituents ignored, the citizens in the 15th deserved better representation.

Michigan is a great state and the 15th Senate and to create new ones. It would be a eif new generations of children could not resources, that need to be protected. Sean Carlson is dedicated and sincere. He will listen

and address our concerns. Vote November 5.

Carlson will listen

As a resident and voter of Novi for over 14 years, I have grown weary of watching the impact of special interests on political candidates, both here at the local level and on our representatives to state office. In my opinion, most of our elected officials have significantly contributed to the economic and political culture that has brought us Sandstone, K-Mart and other corporate debacles. This same culture has permitted real estate developers, insurance compa nies and prescription drug companies to hijack the political process and place profit over people and communities. I am tired of watching the values of materialism and selfishness take priority over education, human services and the needs of

This year, those of us residing in the 15th State Senate District have an opportunity to contribute to political change; a change that will place the needs of families and communities over the selfish desires of the special interests. Sean Carlson is a candidate who is not tied to these special interests. Sean Carlson is committed to the amorams and services that will ality of life for all, not just for the special few. Yet, Mr. Carlson is also committed to achieving this in a manner that cuts waste and promotes fiscal responsibility.

I have had the great fortune to recently meet Sean Carlson and to hear him address the issues of prescription drugs for seniors, of supporting public education and eliminating wasteful spending. To achieve this, he speaks of a commitment to collaborating with others to policies, laws and spending priorities that will benefit Novi, Southwest Oakland and all of

and share with him your hopes and dreams for our communities. He will listen to all of us.

Nancy, why not debate?

It's political time again, and several people have asked me where my commentary has been. As the Senate race comes down to the wire, I As the Senate race comes down to the wire, I understand that Nancy Cassis will not debate Sean Carlson. I also understand there have been many discussions and the Channel 7 (ABC) would have been happy to broadcast same. I guess I don't understand, my dear Nancy, why you won't debate Mr. Carlson. After all, he's the little boy who woke up one morning and decided in unif or Senate Can't you as a long-

decided to run for Senate. Can't you, as a longtime politico, run rings around this novice? Or are you afraid that his rhetoric and intelligence in the political arena will make you look naïve? We all presume that the only responses you may be able to give are on the piece of paper that that the Republican party gives you. Your rhetoric is so contrived and so predictable as to appeal to that

> If you were a real politician, understanding the pros and cons of all the issues, you would not be afraid to deal with this young man! Have you heard him speak? I have on several occasions. His spontaneity is amazing! His command of the language and the issues is astounding. Is this of what you are afraid? You never used to be! But

> then, you are now Republican...Republican, with no concept of how John Q. Public perceives or cares about the issues. You lost touch with your supporters a long time ago. Believe me, it is your old constituency who has decided NOT to vote

epublican this year. The only wonderful thing I can say in favor of your opponent, the more you open your mouth, the better you make him look! Your refusal to debate this young man, a political nobody, says it all to many of us: that he is, in fact, somebody

James E. Korte

Council missed it

The city council's approval of the Orchard Hills West Subdivision did not show the council at its best. This 42-house development was letermined to be too large for existing neighbor-

The council was therefore asked to approve an access road through wetlands and flood plains along the Middle Rouge River so the developer could preserve the size of the devel-opment. Instead of causing a careful considera-Voters in the 15th State Senate District have an opportunity to elect a new state senator. Due to term limits, Willis Bullard is ineligible to run for re-election.



rotecting children in the existing sub from heavy traffic and, along the way, taking the opportunity to question the intelligence and

The fact is, had the council taken the time and effort to carefully consider the issues before it solution that would have satisfied traffic safety concerns and preserved both the developer's profits and the wetlands. Lets consider the facts. An access road to the

new development would have, at best, reduced traffic within the old subdivision by 50 percent. to one suggested it would do more and, in fact. the only expert to testify on this subject stated that the safety benefits of the road were uncer tain. The city's traffic expert stated before the Planning Commission (the council never asked traffic in some portions of the old st but in fact would increase it in others and therefore the road may or may not alleviate safety concerns. Apparently the safety of the children who live in those areas where traffic will increase was not important to the council majority. Nevertheless, even giving the proponents of the road the benefit of the doubt, no one can say that the road would reduce traffic in the old s by more than 50 percent. A viable alternative solution to the road would

be to reduce the number of new houses in the development that would need to use existing streets. Cutting the number of houses in the proposed subdivision from 42 to 21 would also reduce traffic in the old subdivision by 50 percent from the proposed development and ther fore render the road unnecessary. The developer however, would not lose all 21 units. Ten of these lost units could be recovered by the develarea of the site just west of Mea Those 10 units would not have any access to the existing subdivision streets. In fact, the develop er had these 10 units in his preliminary plat but granted a preservation easement in this non-pro ected area in exchange for a permit to destro-

With this plan, the developer would be able to build 31 units instead of 42. However, the devel-oper would no longer have to build a long stretch of road through extremely boggy soils within 50 feet of a river. The money saved from not having to build this road would clearly offset any loss in not being able to build 11 houses. Additionally, this new plan would allow the developer to build houses on larger lots that would border a nature preserve. Any developer could make more money selling 3t houses in Novi on large lots bordering on a nature preserve than by selling 42 units on small lots bordering paved over wet-

ven't already noticed, we have a new cult task. and improved staff. We have two new reporters, Phil Foley er could get the same and perhaps even more Why did you care? the wetlands and flood plain would be protected. only are they both talented

And, lets not forget the significance of protect-ing wetlands and flood plains along the Middle Rouge River. Such protection is also important for the health and well being of our children. It is not health for our children to have polluted streams and rivers flowing through their neighborhoods. It is also not healthy for them to have artificially swollen streams roaring through our eighborhoods like freight trains whenever th are caused by the destruction of wetlands and flood plains along the Middle Rouge River.

We should also not forget that protection of these wetlands and flood plains is important for the financial health of our children. Over \$100 million is now being spent by the state and fed and flood plains destroyed by municipalities along the Rouge River. This money is being spent to correct the problems of pollution and flooding caused by decisions identical to the decision made by the Novi City Council on this money will be spent throughout the USA or

The city council has hurt the future financia bealth of our children by adding to that tax hill people who don't care about the environmen should care about this kind of money, the solution that is proposed here. What is most disturbing about the council's refusal to do so is

the fact that the ordinance under which it was acting mandates consideration of such an alter-native. The Novi City Code, Section 12-174(a)(3), states that a wetlands permit "shall not be issued" unless the applicant shows that a "feasible and prudent alternative" to the prodoes not exist. In this case, a fea protected the developer's profits and fulfilled the city council's responsibility to protect the health On this project, the Novi City Council missed

an opportunity to show it is capable of rising There was a "right" answer to the problem

Mike Barton

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OTHER OPINIONS

Candidates avoid most important state issue

day, the race for governor between Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus and Attorney General Jennifer Granholm has so far clashed mainly around social issues.

Posthumus wants to restrict a woman's access to abortion in all cases except to save the mother's life; Granholm is "100 percent pro choice". On welfare reform, Granholm says job training and fam-ily support will lead to

be drug tested and argues there should be "no free lunch" Granholm endorses : Vermont law that lets gay couples enter civil unions and supports extending Phil Power fits to partners

economic self sufficiency, while Posthumus says welfare recipients should

of gay state employees Posthumus opposes both. Posthumus charges Granholm comes from a corrupt Wayne County/Detroit political culture. while Granholm implies Posthumus isn't interested in being governor of make it into the top four. much more of Michigan than Kent and

Granholm supports using race as a criterion for admission to colleges and iversities, while Posthumus opposes 'affirmative action," Although it's hard to see how the issue affects public policy in Michigan. Posthumus opposes reparations for descendants of slaves. while Granholm supports various socia policies designed to undo historic discrimination without "writing checks."

At the end of their largely unenlightening debate last week, Posthumus charged Granholm with pandering to

I am very happy to report, if you

writers and fact-finders

sion of our high-profile

town is expanding.
Phil is now dedicated to

business and develop-ment, Ramez is dedicated

to schools and helping out

our sports writer a little bit

ward, I will focus primarily

This is great news, so

The paper is going to provide residents

with what they need thanks to some

budget-maneuvering by our manage-

Now, considering this is my column, I

am going to zero in on my new focus.

I am very excited to have the opportu-

nity to let residents know more about

what their decision makers are doing and how their hard-earned money is

And let me tell you, this will be a full-

but I finally got to formally meet the out.

and

administrators for Novi schools and the

PTO presidents

with our new school

reporter, Ramez Khuri.

suggested we come and

introduce ourselves to the

administrators and PTO

Monday

Tuesday mornings, we did

and it went fine. We let both groups know that the Novi News is very,

very interested in publi

ng what's going on in

Whether it's 'feel good' Cal Stone

as in this current issue, or whether it's

not-so-good* story like a student using drugs, also in this issue, this

I say this because I am already feeling it, underperforming.

Victoria Sadlocha

Well, it's only taken me seven months, newspaper should be the place to find

share the values of "Michigan's working families.

Granholm charged that Posthumus as pandering to his conservative Right

> What's fascinating about all this is the enor mous disconnect between what both campaigns are saying (or slinging, in the case of all the TV attack ads) and what by all means is the central public policy issue in Michigan: The state of the economy and the budget crisis that will immediately confront whomever is elected governor

A survey taken by the

Markeling Resource Group in September indicated that 87 percent of likely voters consider their top concerns, in order, are: the health care. Social issues don't even

Ever since this summer, when the Citizen's Research Council's careful study of our state budget concluded we face a "structural deficit" of at least \$1 billion starting in fiscal 2004, everybody who knows anything about the manage has realized there is basically no other issue of consequence facing our state.

tening to Posthumus, who sounds a bit like the old Alfred E. Neuman character who kept repeating, "What, me worry?" The Li. Gov., who pught to shoulder at least some responsibility for the dire financial situation the state faces, keeps

What perfect timing for a column

about the city's Plan Review Center,

Actually, getting a photo was.

This week, I am so happy it is my turn already proven to be time consuming outraged because without the new

Gathering the facts was not the diffi-

Our photographer, John Heider, was turned away from his assignment not

once, but twice

Good thing he is a good

story was a shot of some

planning department

employees possibly review

The actual story itself

tion I have been having

very upset because her

boyfriend, "Jimmy" doesn't

would not have it.

with my best friend.

stay home enough.

"Jimmy" says he doesn't stay home

She yells because he isn't home so he

"Gertrude" and "Jimmy" need to break

doesn't stay home because she yells.

the cycle like the city council and the

planning department need to break their

The council is skittish about approv

ing the hiring of two new employees because they say the department is

Positive? Negative? It's ALL news

Actually, I was a little concerned yes-

Superintendent Emmett Lippe met reporters, Victoria Sadlocha, came in there's no such thing as a positive story

school districts

thing like this.

rision weatherman or an expert on bats, our readers, who are the parents, stu- News. He can be reached at [248] 349-

right to know what is happening in their

and told me there was a

horse tranquilizers. In 14 years of journalism, I've

run across plenty of

mum's the word on some-

Jennifer Cheal) talked and

new up to that point

can ask for - tell us what

ave Victoria what she

And that's really all we

dents, faculty and others who have a 1700, ext. 113 or by e-mail at right to know what is happening in their cstone@ht.homecomm.net.

Thankfully, the Novi

terday morning when one of my

because when he is home, "Gertrude"

yells at him for never being there.

All I wanted for this Drive

come and single business tax rollas experienced as Posthumus knows it

Granholm does a bit better. Her propos als include a 5 percent cut in state gov the debate, she "doesn't want" to increase taxes. At least she recognizes responsible enough to realize that some thing serious has to be done about it

candidates are essentially ignoring the issue that all the experts say is crucial and the polis say is uppermost in the minds of most voters? Simple. To talk about the state's budget situation is to edge toward talking candidly about tax revenue (regarded by politicians as always fatal) and discussing budget prior tities in detail (regarded by politicians as a mixture of the harmful and the boring).

Far better, say the handlers, to talk about social issues. Preaching to the choir consolidates and motivates "the base' without having to get into embar-rassing specifics. As Posthumus's con-servative base is by and large defined by social ideology and support for tax cuts, he stands to gain by framing the campaign in this way

Whether this framing will turn out to appeal to Independent voters - now majority in Michigan - and, especially, to women is very probably another matter.

Phil Power is the Chairman of the Board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953-2206 or at ppower

This is a lose-lose and someon

Obviously, the department will never

be able to reach their goals if they don't

never approve the hiring of new plan

ning department employees if the

The next story is the paving of Galway

The photo wasn't the difficult task

In my quest to find the truth, I inter-

When allegations start being thrown

around, the seriousness of the fact-find ing increases.

After many, many hours into this

story, I basically came up with a he-

street didn't need to be paved and the

Accusations were made, reports were

everyone wanted to see this story in

But, it did appear in today's edition

and more stories just like it may appear because it is my Job not to pass judg-

ment, but to work for the residents and

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the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105 or at usad-

The same thing applies to city govern-

ment. It's not always going to be preity

or a negative story. It's either news or it isn't. Because, he noted, positive for you

journalists, find something out and then

learn that it was intentionally kept from

us or we weren't give the whole story by our sources. That smarts.

community - schools, government and everyone else - when there's something

going on that we should put in print. That's our role, and we're proud of it. That said, contact me at the informa-

tion below and let's talk!

But we truly do want to hear from the

story developing about a student getting high on student getting high on might be negative for someone else.

The worse scenario is when we, as

let them know what is going on.

said/she-said situation.

city officials said it did.

I tried explaining to my friend, she is issued, statements were made and not

The employees of the department are locha@hi.homecomm.net.

viewed countless city employees, city council members and residents of

but instead the fact gathering was.

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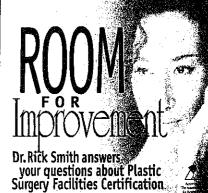


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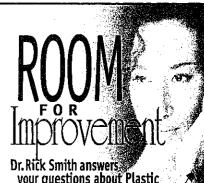
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Obituary

Thomas J. Ling, Sr.

Thomas Ling of Northville died October 13, 2002. He was 54 and l lived in Northville most of his

On Campus

Thomas J. Ling, Ir. of Novi, 122 W. Dunlap, Northville with Tracci D. (William) Stover of Wesdand, Terri M. Ling of Novi, Baptist Church of Northville offi-Company- Michigan Truck Plant for 36 years and was in the skilled and three grandchildren, trades. Mr. Ling was an avid paintball player, a nature lover Bruce and Nathan P. Ling.

Christopher R. Ling, Megan L. Bruce and Nathan P. Ling. Northville.

Gail Pallister has been named a National Merit Semifinalists; and National Merit Semifinalists; and Matthew Chladekas and Kate Rademacher has been named a National Merit Commended Student. Both students attend Walled Lake Central High School and Walled Lake Central Edward Walled Lake Western High School and Merit Commended Students. They attend Walled Lake Western High School and Merit Semifinalists; and Matthew Chladekas and Katherine Weatherly have been an initial screen of program enterates. The nationwide pool of semifinalists includes the highest scring entrants in each state, who

High School.

Tracey Lynn Godbold has been named National Merit Achievement Scholar; Michael entered the 2003 National Merit total of graduating high school

School.

Bloom, Devin Sullivan, and Program by taking the 2001 seniors. Theresa Vinic have named Preliminary SAT/National Merit

and enjoyed bowling, boating and A Funeral Service will be held ishing. October 17 at 11 a.m. at Survivors include his children, Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.,

Mr. Ling was the son of the late and David D. Ling of Novi; two ciating, Interment will be at Glen John A. Ling and Evelyn C.
(Trost) Ling and was born
February 3, 1948 in Northville.
He worked at Ford Motor

John A. Ling and Evelyn C.
Alanta, Mich., and John A. Ling
Mich.
The family would appreciate
memorial contributions to a chari-

Arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.,

were designated semifinalists in

Tiny tot time

Children ages 12-18 months are invited to join us for a half hour of stories, songs, and games on Saturday, October 26, at 11 a.m. Registration is not required, but space is limited, so toddlers and caregivers only, please.

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p.m. We are located at 45245 W

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Judge MacKenzie speaks

Brian MacKenzie, Chief Judge Pro Tem of the 52nd District Court, will speak at the library on Tuesday, Oct. 29, at 7 p.m. Judge MacKenzie will discuss his judi-

cial experiences, which include choose to work on any Internet designing an award-winning domestic violence program and the new Sobriety Court program. Please call like library at (248) 149,0720 to gainter for this for-349-0720 to register for this free class; you may come and go as program, which is sponsored by the Friends of Novi Public Library.

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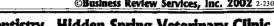
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preventive core.

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REGIONAL MARKETPLACE

Milford Jewelers specializes in customer service

Perhaps Milford Jewelers' signature moment was the day when jewelry craftsman and store co-owner, Jacques Chopjian, put down his workbench tools and only licked up a plumbing wrench.

Two Milford Village residents

Two Milford Village residents

owner, Jacques Choppan, por down his workbench lools and picked up a plumbing wrench.

Two Milford Village residents had wandered into the family-run jewelry store one weekend. Friendly talk about family and friends quickly segued into the couple's current residential plumbing woes. Pipes needed modification in order to install a new faucet of some kind, they said.

Milford Jewelers. Your friendly jewelry store. We don't try to be anything other than who we are," said Jacques, whose hands are accusfrom first opening their Milford Jacques, whose hands are accusfrom first opening their Milford Jacques whose hands are accusfrom first opening their Milford Jacques, whose hands are accusfrom first opening their Milford

said.

Skilled plumbers had already told them that it would be cost prohibitive. "These are old pipes, the couple had been told. "It's down his jewelry bench tools and related to the cost of the couple had been told." It's down his jewelry bench tools and related to the cost of the

It's not that hard really, I can help

going to cost a lot of money."

Jacques listened intently, entranced by how familiar such a tale sounded. Then the couple told him they had decided to since!

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His sister, Tamar, agreed. nice to people is the right thing to do," she said, "At some stores tale sounded. Then the couple told him they had decided to simply defer the work until such time that once seemed impossible. For prestige and public acclaim?

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"Just pay for the parts," he told
he couple instead "I am he does not be coupled in the parts," he told "I have the same kind of pipes in my home," Jacques then offered. "And I had the same problem. Every time I called the olumber I heard the same thing.

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All the pipes of how they are dressed or what they have inside their pocketbook."

Six months and nearly 600 new

customers later, Tamar said Milford Jewelers is just getting

Highland resident Lisa Dopierala is one of those cus-tomers, Recently she brought a Raymond Weil watch Into Milford Jewelers after the store she had originally purchased it from told her it would now need to be repaired a second time. Cost of the second repair to fix recurthe actual watch: \$500.

Cost of finding a new jeweler who could fix the problem for good: priceless. So she and her usband wandered into Milford Jewelers. A missing seal was the only culprit, she was told. One

hundred-fifty dollars.
"They were very friendly in there," Dopierala said. "We were new customers and yet every time we went in there they knew us by name. That was really nice. They even told us that they can melt down all of my old gold and design something new from it, if I

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months ago.

ice is hallmark Milford Jewelers "We absolutely love this town."

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Temar Aguilar, along with brother Jacques Chopjian, opened Milford Jeweiers six

that a jeweler should be measured foot jewelry manufacturing cen-machines, high-end platinum-

weddings, a new dog."

What is even more soothing, she said, is that customers quickly learn that purchasing jewelry need not be intimidating. They learn

That is what sets us apart, We can craft just about anything — and for less." Jacques said. "For comprised of three retail stores and the family's own 4,000 square hand-curved jewelry molds, laser less."

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Milford Jeweler's Jacques Chopilan.

Power your way to better Web site hits

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By Tîm Kissman

Anyone ever try to call a radio station and get a basy signal when you want to request a song, or have the right answer to a trivial a contest that spans the better part of a morning?

better, so does redial, but it does not get me through.

I designed my own site, too, on the screen so they could dial a vote. Little did they know that content manually and even tried to submit the URL to search the second their favorite singer's number flashed on the screen so they could dial a vote. Little did they know that content manually and even tried to submit the URL to search content manually and even tried to submit the URL to search with ultra fast computers, decided to put their computer to work, worked. The site's hits were my hits and they weren't many.

part of a morning?
Better yet, have you built a Web site for your business, your business, expecting thousands of

representatives, some contestants their say in who is the next

hits and they weren't many.
Then 1 saw the light. Then 1 saw "American Idol"
According to "American Idol" the stars for life, these folks want

If you answered yes to either question join the club.

It ried using a manual approach to call that radio station, physically pushing every number to an avail. Speed dial works a little

lines were open for his favorite performer.

He said his hand and finger it's in there and don't ever jerked all the next day at work assume. and even thought about going to the hospital. Good thing he didn't have to call 9-1-1.

What's a good title? You name it. The titles that are usually best topic value for people are awful for search show.

Small business owners can learn a something from whether to use a long title, but "American Idol." Put a good when your site is at the top of the product or service out there, espe-search engine because you maxed cially on your Web site, and peo- it out, the debate won't last long. cially on your Web site, and peo-ple will come. Tell the world about and people will not only come to see it, they'll spend their money with you, too.

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"American Idol," and will definitely work for you.

Maybe one day prometing a Web site will be so trivial the topic will show up on a radio talk I just hope I dial in at the right

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Repaving: Residents question road work

Hullman said she and her neighbors feel they have no recourse.

"I guess what we want is a little more accountability from Novi City Manager Richard Helwig assistant manager Clay Pearson," Huliman said.

Pearson," Hultman said.
"She (Lorenzo) didn't have anything to do with the map," Pearson said.
The "map" is a PASER evaluation document indicating Novi neighborhood streets in poor condition.

tion.
Pearson said neighborhood streets receiving a "poor" or "very poor" rating were included in this year's funding, including Galway from Windermere to Daleview.

Pearson said not only did the city base its 2002 street repaying choices on the map, but city offi-cials would never have just paved a portion of Galway because it is not city policy to conduct spot

paying.
"Our objection through this program is intersection to intersection," Pearson said.

The assistant city manager said the integrity of the project would be compromised if portions of the street were paved instead of entire

So how could Galway residents get the idea the entire street should not have been paved?

City of Novi Engineer Naney McClain said although the PASER system did give that sec-tion of Galway a "three" rating, after physical inspection, she did not recommend repaying to city officials because in her profes-sional opinion, it did not seem poor enough. Pearson and Haim Schlick, the

eity's construction engineer, said they were unaware of such a rec-ommendation by McClain.

Pearson reiterated the decision of what streets to include in the program is based on the PASER

Further suspicions may also have derived from an erroneous city council agenda item put before members to award the 2002 program contract

During the city's June 17 meet-

PASER

PASER is an acronym for Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating system and is used to avaluate the surface condition of concrete and asphalt roadway pavement.

- Using a truck equipped with special laser sensing equipment, road surfaces being analyzed are driven over with the equipment "reading" the surface condition. This data is then processed and given a condition number which correlates to criterion for that particular number rating on the PASER chart. Roadways are rated on a scale from one to 10, with ten being the best or new construction, and one representing a condition needing total replacement.
- A roadway given the rating of 'one' represents the poor est roadway condition. The pavement surface with this rating displays visible signs of distress and extensive loss of surface integrity; the roadway surface is failing and needs total reconstruc-
- A rating of "10" indicates the pavement surface is in excellent condition, display ing no visible signs of distress, and having a quality rating of "new construction."
- Currently, nearly 80 oercebt of Novi road segments surveved were found to be "good" with a rating of six, or

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ing, Lorenzo said she "would be remiss if she didn't advise the council of an issue that could have affected her directly."

Lorenzo said in the initial meet-Lorenzo said in the initial meet-ing packet, including the approval to award a bid for the 2002 Neighborhood Repaving Improvements Program, only a small portion of Galway was included in what council mem-bers were supposed to approve. Lorenzo said she had to notify

city management of the oversight ake sure they corrected it to include Galway from Windermere to Daleview.

City management said it was a true oversight and not a matter of Lorenzo pushing for "her portion of the street." Helwig said he personally has jogged on the street and he, Pearson and Novi Director of Public Works Benny McCusker knew the renairs were necessary and assured Lorenzo they would

Helwig said the omission of the entire Galway paving had nothing to do with a conflict of interest and the road did need to be redon and the completed portion of

paving was appropriate.

Galway residents still maintain they were told "unofficially" Lorenzo pushed for the paving and look for more forthcoming communication from city management in the future.

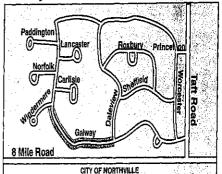
In 2000, Novi voters approved the 2000 Roadway Bond Program

which included \$5.4 million for the rehabilitation and repair of neighborhood roadways. Officials said the first year of

the program targeted roadways within the Village Oaks area. This year's completed program, included roadways in Jamestown Green, Charrington Green, Meadowbrook Manor and Galway from Windermere to

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Mavericks are a little 'red skinned' after loss

Milford flustered after Novi gets underdog victory

As Milford and Novi prepared to buttle, each other last Friday, both sides had one goal in mind. For Milford, they wanted to efinch the KVC title. For Novi, sim-

ply keeping their playoff hopes alise.

After a thrilling 35-28 doubleovertime victory by the Wildcats, both teams will enter this week's games with the same goal: The Mayericks looking to win the league and Novi hoping to keep their playoff dream alive

off dream alive,
"We wanted to win our league tonight and we didn't do it," said a disappointed Pat Fox, head coach of Milford, "We're in the playoffs, but

e need to regroup."

The Mavericks were stunned as a The Mavericks were sturned as a fourth-down pass attempt, and the KVC title, slipped through the fin-gertips of Jim Presley as the 6'3" 225-pound runningback stood at the goal-line, leaving Milford wonder-

goardine, leaving Ivintion vointer-ing how they let the game slip away. "The kids played really hard and I am proud of their effort," said Novi coach Tab Kellepourey. "This is an impressive Milford squad and it took overtime for us to knock them off. I told our boys that we were the only ones left to stop their momen-

The Mavericks dominated early. taking their initial drive 82 yards, with Presley gaining the final two yards to propel Milford to an early 7-0 lead.

In a sloppily-played game with numerous turnovers and penalties, the Wildcats were able to stave off a blowout and eventually pull themselves close as Chase Chandler scored fram the 4-yard line. The drive was aided by three Maverick penalties. An errant snap foiled the extra-point attempt, but Novi had made a game of it at 7-6.

With halftime looming, the Mavericks capitalized on the third Wildcat tumover – a Gary Johnson interception of Mike Hart, Milford quarterback Jeff LaClair scored on a keeper from the 1-yard line giving the Mavericks a 14-6 lead at the

After Mark Westenberg scored from 43 yards out on a counter play midway through the third quarter, it seemed the KVC crown was to be inscribed with the Maverick name that weekend.

that weekend.

The Wildcats were determined not to let their dream die.

With less than nine minutes remaining and trailing by 15 points, Novi stared their rally, due mainly to the "big uglies" up front, such as Matt Murray and Nick Mainella.

"We got it going when it counted," said Murray.

"We got it going when it count-ed" said Murray.

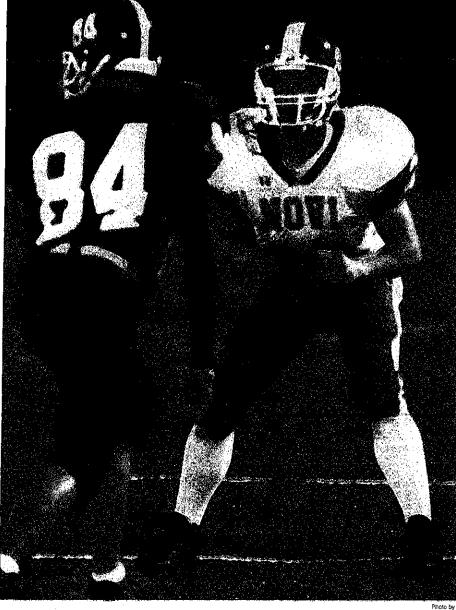
After a turnover, Novi had pos-session in Maverick territory. After one touchdown pass was brought back due to a Wildcat penalty, Hart dropped back and pumped once. The fake caused defensive back Anthony Cellni to bite, and receiver Fava Pedrieuz, stimped theyough

Evan Rodriguez slipped through and was able to haul in the pass for a 20-yard touchdown. Hart then hit a wide-open Kerry Kreutzberg for the 2-point conversion and Novi had scratched their way back.
After forcing Milford to punt,

Novi mounted another attack.

The trio of Chandler, Josh Buck

and J.W. Woods were able to put



Novi specialist Adam Brandau lines up against a Milford gunner last Friday. Brandau is a key player for the Novi special teams program. His speed and field awareness help the 'Cats in a multitude of situations.

Novi at the Milford 37-yard line. With a daunting fourth down before them, Hart hit Chandler who nestled himself in the middle of the field for

a 16-yard gain.

Chandler assumed his duties under center and called his number. their center and caned his humber. Sweeping to the right side of the line, Chandler broke up field, froze Westenberg with a shuffle-step and skirted his way through the defense en route to the end zone. As Mark Angelocci split the uprights, the teams were knotted at 21.

As overtime began, Fox rallied his

troops,
"This is what it's all about," he said. "This is fun; let's have some

And with the first possession, the Mays looked like they were having fun for the first time since halftime. A pile of defenders hit Presley at the 3-yard line, but the back carried the

mob into the end zone, giving Milford a 28-21 lead. Novi retaliated as Hart found Kreatzberg all to his lonesome on the right flat, and the junior would not be denied by Westenberg at the goal.

The second overtime found Novi

with the first possession. Chandler struck for a 5-yard gain on a keeper. The next play, it looked as if Chandler would once again look to

strike through the heart of the

Maverick line. Just prior to being leveled, Chandler wildly flailed the ball to his right into the waiting arms of Kreutzberg who had little opposition as he scored and gave Novi a 35-28

"Chase is a real good quarterback and he makes the rights reads," said Kreutzberg, "To be put in that situa-tion, to have the coaches and quarter-back trust me, is awesome. It's just so

With Milford ready to even it up again, the Wildcats were buoyed by a second-down stop. As Presley hit the line, George Boueri and Buck hit

"We got great penetration and we

put him on his back," said Buck. The tackle was not deafening, but

was as loud as a thunderelap in the hearts of the Wildcats. Two plays later, the ball rolled off Presley's fin-gers and the Wildcats walked off with an upset.

Both teams will look to see their dreams become reality this Friday. Novi will have a triumphant home-coming as they play host to the Pinckney Pirates Saturday at 1 p.m. for their homecoming game.

Karl Kling is editor of the Milford Times. He can be reached for com-ment at (248) 685-1507 or by e-mail

Novi wants to top **Pirates**

The Novi Wildcats will be

looking to make some noise on a Saturday afternoon when they host the Pinckney Pirates in a Kensington Valley Conference



match-up. Eggleston
Not only will
the Wildcass be fighting for a victhe windows be lighting for a vic-tory in their conference, they will be defending their school honor in their homecoming game with hopes of being able to sit back and enjoy their celebration later

The Wildcuts will be looking to come at the Pirates with a triple threat. Quarterbacks Mike Hart and Chase Chandler will be key in the contest with their option play while fullback Josh Buck will be hoping to get a little con-tact with the ball safely cradled in

Streaking down the field will be Evan Rodriguez as he looks to snag a couple of deep passes off of Hart's throwing ability. Chandler's key plays, as always, will be the option as he

cuts around the end and dances through the defensive secondary His quick feet and agility make him one hard runner to take

A factor that is going to be key in this contest is the offensive line. Pinckney is no pushover on their defensive front, but the Wildcats will be bringing seniors Matt Murray, George Boueri, Nick Mainella and Brian Jaussi up front with hopes of getting a good push right away. Their size and, more importantly, their quick thinking makes this line a tough one to contend with. On the defensive end of the

ball, senior defensive backs Chandler and Darren Guffey will be looking to pick off a couple of passes, while Doug Ray is hop-ing to come off the end like a mad man for a sack or two.

Three players that I feel have the ability to impact are the Woods trio. Juniors Juriel and J.W. both have the speed to crack a few heads when they penetrate the line, while sophornore Josh is a quick, linebacker that has a lot of potential on both sides of the ball.

Kick returner Andy Gorman looks to have a good head on his shoulders, knowing when it's time to let the ball bounce or when to pick it up for a chance at the endzone. Receivers Eric Van Tassel and Mark Angelocci will also have a few chances at getting the ball. Their sure hands and quickness off the line make them

good targets for Hart to find.

The Wildcats will no doubt find Pinckney to be a tough opponent that isn't going to fall down for their KVC rivals to score. Expect this to be a good fight to the finish. but I think the game being home-coming and the thirst the Wildcats have shown for victory is enough to push them to the win.

Novi 28. Pinckney 17

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Novi not happy with late season results

By Sam Eggleston

The Novi soccer team isn't feeling like themselves lately. Instead of getting games falling under the win column as Coach Brian O'Leary believes they should, dropped a Valley they dropped a Kensington Valley Conference match-up before getting a hard-

The Wildcars fell to South Lyon 2-1 Oct. 8 after beating Milford 5-1 the day before in a make-up game. The Novi kickers rounded out the week with a 5-0 victory

over Hartland October 10.
"Everyone played half the game," O'Leary said of the game," O'Leas Hartland contest

The first half of the contest

found the Wildeats getting goals from the talented feet of Matt Urick, Adam Southworth, Brad Simpson and Ryan Stee, Notchir assists in the first half were Yusuke Yoda, Urick and Matt Nickels, who collected two assists.

The second half was much of same. with the Wildcats looking to the ever-improving and high-ly-talented Simpson to put the icing on the cake with his sec-ond goal of the game. The assist went to Jon Sierra.

eni to ion Sierra. A.J. Glubzinski was solid in goal, making three saves for the

The Wildcats will return to The Wildcats will return to action when they host Pinckney today at 7 p.m. before the Michigan High School Athletic Association Districts will be played on their home turf Oct. 21 and 23.

South Lyon 2, Novi 1

For O'Leary, it seems the win over the Brighton Bulldogs earlier this season was a strange turning point for his team — one that he doesn't like and wouldn't mind watching it go away. "Ever since we beat Brighton,

we have been playing very poor-ly," he said. "It seems we are conneed that we are going to come in second place (in the KVC) so we are just going to wait until districts to start playing well again."

"I know this is a sure formula for an early loss in districts," O'Leary said. "But I don't think

the team believes this."

The Wildcats had a fine match-

up with the Lions, but couldn't pull out the victory even with stel-lar play from some of their team.

"Brent Coles played a great game tonight and has been our

best player this season," O'Leary said. "He plays hard every single night and always does his job and

"Jason Sierra also had his best game of the season," O'Leary

make up the difference in the game "All other players gave sub-par performances and it cost us the game," O'Leary said.

Novi 5, Milford 1 The Novi Wildcats made sure to

make their rain make-up game count as they blasted the Milford Mavericks in KVC play. Goals were scored by Matt

Crawford, Southworth, Simpson, Urick and Colin Goldsmith. The assists went to B.J. Humphrey, who was credited with two, and Matt Kurnick.

"All of my players played at least 25 minutes," O'Leary said of the game. Glubzînski was the force in

goal, making five saves for the victory.

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State finals — here come the Wildcats!

One, three doubles win regional tournament flights

By Sam Eggleston

ournament.

Novi tennis coach Jim Hauson and his girls must have been wondering if the seeming-ly fabled tournament did indeed exist. For the past three years, they have come third in their regional behind the likes of Troy Athens and Farmington Mercy and failed to make the cut. This year was no different The 'Cats took third place behind Troy High School and Farmington Mercy, but man-aged to score 20 points – enough to propel them to the state tennis tournament in Midland tomorrow and

Saturday "We played extremely well," Hanson said of his team. "We had to; it's as simple as that."

The Wildcars were definitely

tired of getting knocked around and left behind by the bigger kids in the sandhox, and this was their year to show that they had what it takes to make some noise as well.

The Novi netters were under-standably more than a little bit excited, but no one could have been more so than Emily Holt and Colene Brockman or sen-iors Gabi Frask and Megha Vadula. Brockman and Holt make up the first doubles team that swept their way to a flight championship while Vadula and Frask represent the third doubles team that did the same for

Novi. ner and tell 6-1, 6-4 winne "They played great high school tennis," Hanson said, "I with the girls and all that they have accom-

plished.
Second doubles found Lauren
Thomas and Diana Ticu playing asked for more from these intil the bitter end where they fell to Troy in the championship flight for a second-place finish. Amanda Cassidy and Judy Lai made it all the way to the semifinals in the fourth doubles. before dropping a game to the eventual flight champions from

Farmington Mercy.
The singles flights found

REGIONAL RESULTS

to Mary Atallah (Mercy), 6-2,

2 Singles: Lauren Carosio lo st to Stephanie Parkison (Clarks ton), 6-3, 6-3

3 Singles: Anna Switzer lost to Kali Blanchard (Mercy) for Second Place, 2-6, 6-2, 6-2

4 Singles: Lauren Vaughn los t to Stephanie Chan (Troy) for Second Place, 6-1, 6-4

Brockman, Emily Holt defeated Troy for Championship, 6-3, 6-

2 Doubles: Diana Ticu, Lauren Thomas lost to Troy for Second Place, 6-2, 3-6, 7-6(5)

*3 Doubles: Meghan Vadula. Gabi Frask defeated Mercy for Championship, 6-4, 6-2

* indicates Regional champi-

Lauren Vaughn and Anna Switzer fighting their way to the final match where they both fell into a second-place finish. Vaughn took on Troy's big gun-ner and fell 6-1, 6-4 while

First singles found Ashley Glover getting a tough draw and falling to Farmington Mercy in the first round while Lauren Carosio won her first match of the day before taking a loss to the second singles player from

Clarkston Now the team will have the



Novi's Anna Switzer Lyon oppo nent Bethany Boegler in this home

shot agains game in Sept.

excitement of taking on the best teams in the state of Michigan when they travel to Midland to compete in the state finals tour and Ann Arbor Pioneer as well as the likes of Ann Arbor Huron and Ann Arbor Pioneer as well as Northills Brighten will be a sex of the teams that made it."

Will see a lot of excellent teams," Hanson said of his third teams," Hanson said of his third teams," Hanson said of his third teams, "A lot of nament. Joining them will be good teams qualified, and I am very pleased to be a part of one and Ann Arbor Pioneer as well as the sex of the teams that made it."

But there are the sex of the favorites at that's not good enough, then as teams. Maybe next year, because a coach I have to be live with that."

But he knows his Wildcats sorn Eggleston is the aren't just going to roll over for anyone.

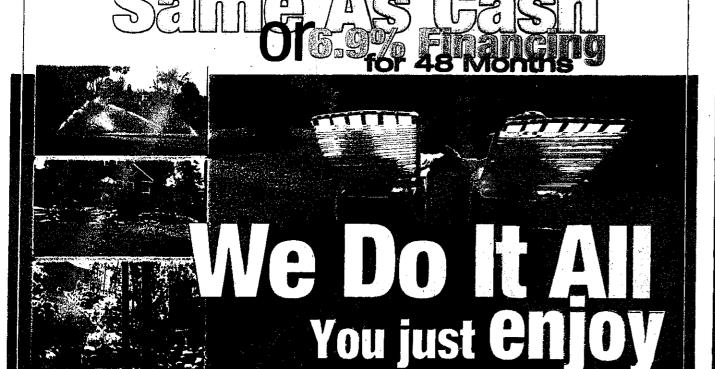
But they not one of the favorites at that's not good enough, then as teams. Maybe next year, because

and Ann Arbor Pioneer as well as Northville. Brighton will also be making the trek north, making the first year that two just a stepping stone for things the first year that two just a stepping stone for things when the first year that two just a stepping stone for things when the state of Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext; 104 or at seggleston@ht.homecomm.ne be in the running for the state in there and play the best tenni

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"At the state tournament we title," he said. "We are definite- we have played all year long. If

tournament in the same year.



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Novi heading to states thanks to regional play

Aytes shows what Novi sports are all about with true sportsmanship qualities

The Novi High School Wildeats Golf Team qualified for the State Tournament on Friday, October 11 as Junior Brandon Cigna shot a 75, which was the second lowest score in the whole

have caught. He got to one of the greens and he realized that it was light as it was, so I still give worsn't his ball that he had. He was a lot of credit for being the kids a lot of credit for being were still higher then what they have been, but I think it's just had hit it into the heather and he able to qualify in a very difficult

you have to take a two stroke penalty and play it, but he couldn't identi-fy when and where it

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assumed that it was his ball and he knocked it out. He got to the green and he said it wasn't his of pressure on his team going ball. The rule on that is, ______into_the_tournament,

second lowest score in the whole regional fournament.

In a strange rum of events, Eric Aytes disqualified himself from the regional tournament then he announced he had somehow picked up somehody else's ball from the heather.

If give him a lot of credit, will deats Coach Brad Huss said.

"He actually called a penalty on himself that nobody else would will be counted four count four. That is a second lowest score in the whole regional tournament.

In a strange rum of events, to the couldn't identify and play it, but he couldn't identify are all hitting the ball well and the scores were can let it go, "Huss said." If yow hen and where it happened. So in all that confusion, he ended up teeing on the next hole and as soon as you tee up on the next hole, you're disqualified and we were already playing rive count four, and now we were himself that nobody else would because we have had very good teams, but we haven't quite made and we were already playing rive count four, and now we were playing four count four. That

which is why he is proud,

simply a case of nerves."

freshman at Texas as a recipient of

would have qualified as an individual," Huss said. "They take have high hopes for this week-

The feeling around the team is vidual," Huss said. "They take that it will do well at the state meet because the pressure of making it there is now over, "Now we are there, so I think the pressure is kind of off and we can let it go," Huss said. "They have been let it go," Huss said. "They have all hitting the ball well and in fact, the score that won it, I fact, the score that won it. have a very good chance at the

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Angel Bolhouse, Freshman,

and graduate of Farmington Mercy High School, has been sixth season of collegiate compe-tition and their fifth year under the guidance of three-time Olympian novice rowing team for the 2002-Carrie Graves. Texas posted its fives, a number 17 national ranking and they captured the All-Points Trophy in the unofficial Big 12 Championships.

the Michigan Merit Award. She is currently majoring in mechanical

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Smith is more than a swimmer

Amanda Smith is not just a swim-

Smith is a senior on the Novi wimming and diving team, but not just an ordinary swimmer. She's arguably Novi's best swimmer and one of the best in Michigan as she has already qualified to participate in four seperate events at the state

My goal is to finish in the top 12 this year (at states)," Smith said. "Last year I finished 13th and it was kind of a disappointment. This should be an accomplishable

goal for a girl who has been swim-ming on organized teams for the past 12 years. When she was only 6 cars old, she swam for the Spartans

vhale life...ever since my mom took me to baby swim lessons," she said. Smith's mother, Joan, seems to have been a large influence in her being a swimmer. Her family also appears to have a hage impact on her life. Smith said that her sister Jeanne is her best friend, Jeanne, 23, just got matried, Smith's other family members are her dad, Wallace.

and her 9-year-old brother Wes. Smith said the things that keep her interested in swimming are the joys of compering and the fact that "Fach day is a new day."

That competitive spark that she has during swim season obviously doesn't fade away in the spring, and as much as she's like a fish in the water, she doesn't seem to have any trouble competing on land as well. She runs for the Novi track team, mostly in sprinting events such as the 200, 400 and also in the 4x200 and 4x400 relay events. However, there's a lot more to this two-sport athlete then just her blazing ability to blow by and away from people

as dedicated in the classroom. "Think I'd have to say my biggest accomplishment is being well rounded and maintaining a high GPA while swimming," Smith said.

The high GPA she's referring to is high, as she carries a 3.83, does find some of her habits to be soft taking the usual senior pretty funny. She apparently makes



Amanda Smith

blowoff classes either. For a lot of that are a lot more fun and a lot less work. That can't be said of the classes that Smith is currently taking – AP (Advanced Placement) English and literature, AP calculus and

ariatomy and physiology.

"English would be my favorite class and math is my least favorite, because I have to really work at it," Smith said.

She seems to be working everything out alright, while at the same time being extremely well rounded. Her other class is yearbook and she's member of the National Honor Society (NHS). She's been a mem-ber of the NHS since her sophomore year, and as a part of that commitment she volunteers at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, Volunteering would be a good fit for Smith, who said that

happy.
You might think that someone imefligent could be a fittle dult or just be too serious. Smith obviously has a good sense of humor though. Her favorite movie is "Tommy Boy" which features her favorite actor, both on land and in the water.

On top of all the time and efforts
Smith puts in athletically, she's just
as dedicated in the classroom.

Breast Cancer-

nothing funny ever seems to happen pantsed or anything," she said. But her swim coach, Larry Tehan,

What difference can having four options make?

or another Chris Farley movie, it's

Heaven, her favorite television show. Other things you might find her doing in her spare time include things that most high school girls do: listen to music and go shopping. She prefers alternative music, with 89X (88,7 FM) being her favorite radio station and Our Lady of Peace and the Goo Goo Dolls being her favorite bands. Her favorite places to shop are "The Limited" and "Abererombie". She's not very

picky though

"I like everything ... all the places too cat ... all the typical girl stores," Smith explained. Another thing that she really like: is the color red, which happens to be the color of the Trailblazer she currently drives. the thing that probably makes her

Smith's already preparing for the most happy is to make other people happy. You might think that someone who was so involved, adhetic and where she plans on attending school, swimming and majoring in business management. Eventually, she hopes to be involved in advertis ing which she thinks would be real-

"It's brown, it smells terrible and

she somehow always manages to accidentally spill it." Tehan said with

late Myoplex shake and that it actu-

ally tastes really good — although she's not sure if it actually helps or

With as busy as Smith is, she

doesn't have a whole lot of spare

time. When she does though, she enjoys watching movies, eating and

deeping. Her favorite food is salad

ilthough she also likes salmon wher

she is visiting her favorite restau-rant, GRADY's.

If she isn't watching Tommy Boy

probably because she's watching 7th

and should be. She is hoping to hav a great senior year and to do her best at the state meet. Smith can be seen in action in

Novi's next two neets, Oct. 22 at Salem, Oct. 29 at Brighton and it

Novi/Northville Colts Football

By Rocco Politrone

Preshmen football day but this one was different; today the Colts play the Brandon Hawks at the Pontiac Silverdome.

Yes, the Colts get to play on

the same field as the NFL great, Barry Sanders, Walking into the Stadium fans can't help remember some of the great games played here, even a Super Bowl. As the kids walk onto the field the fars can see the excitement on their faces. Personally these are the best seats most of the fans have ever sat in while watching a

drive by Brandon this is going to be a touch opponent. Matt Wright, Daniel Brenner, Adam Felch & Nick Littleton made some key tackles on the Hawks opening drive. Then the Brandon Quarterback, on a keeper, scram-bles around the left end for their first touch down and they convert

on the extra point. The Colts offense determined

first Quarter the Hawks break a half, the Colis attempt and our long run for a touch down giving them a 13-0 lead. On the extra point attempt Connor Pollifrone break though the line and sucks the quarterback ending the trun for antiber touch down giving them a 25-6 lead. You have to

some outstanding plays by the field most of the day and played Colts linemen Michael With a lot of character. One play-Michaiak, Daniel Price, Akshar er on defense played exception-

pass and brings the Colts to with in seven points of the Hawks (15) and the Colts 38 yard line, fourth down Most teams will never win all

the quarterback ending the attempt. The Colts offense starts to move, on a QB keeper Brett Gardner runs for 30 yards giving the Colts first and 10 on the Hawks 34 yard line. There were

Patel and Phillippe Landry. The Colts, with there back to the wall fourth down and nine yards to go for the first down, pulled out the pass play for the refreshment of the downs.

All you'll today Connor Pollifrone, he had three individual sacks, assisted on another, was involved in 12 tackles and was in the Hawks back field on several accounts. In the fourth Brett Gardner dropped back to pass and threw a strike to Alex Wilson for a 33 yard touch down 6 lead and the win.

and 5 Connor Pollifrone again their games and losing is part of wraps up the quarter back for a any sport or life. As winners free-yard loss, With only minutes these boys shouldn't like losing left in the half the Hawks run for but use it as a motivator to a touch down giving them a 19-6 sharpen their skills and develop to execute plays find the Hawks half time lead. On the opening defense very solid. Late in the kick off to the start the second young men.

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Milford slips by 'Cats

Novi able to bounce Eagles earlier in week

The Novi Wildeats basketball team felt the sting of a Kensington Valley Conference loss against the slow-paced Milford Mavericks

After topping the Hartland Eagles 41-31 in Kensington Valley play October 9, the Wildcats just couldn't get the vicwhiteas they fell to their confer-ence rivals 50-40 two days later. Against the Mavericks, the Wildcats weren't able to light back from a seven-point halftime deficit that found the Novi cagers trailing 22-15 heading into the locker room at the half,

With their slow-paced offense

and grinding defense, the Mavericks held on to their lead the season. for the remainder of the contest to pull out the conference victory. Senior guard Angie Schmitt led the charge for the Wildcats as she poured in 12 points on the night. Novi will return to action when they visit Howell today at 7 p.m. before hosting Lakeland October 22 at 7 p.m. One of the top dogs in

Novi JV scores

Novi freshman haskethali

In a tale of two halves, Novi's freshman girls' busketball team was edged by Milford, 28-24, last Thursday. Novi dictated tempo in the first half and

played perhaps its best defensive hal

of the year, jumping out to an 8-1 first-quarter lead and an 18-9 halftime

advantage. But Milford (9-1, 6-1 KVC) dominated the second half, as

Novi could only manage six points. Brittany Safford led the Wildcats with

Two days earlier, the Novi fresh

men doubled-up Hartland, 38-19.

Kara Yadach had a season-high 16 points to lead the Wildcats to victory. Novi held the Eagles scoreless

in the second quarter to claim a 20-5 halftime lead. Brittany Gerich, Ashley

Gazdecki, and Katelyn Tuck all

chipped in with six points each. Gerich also led the Wildcats with six

kethall team lost its first game of the KVC season last Thursday when Milford upended the Wildcats, 44-30.

Novi JV girls basketball

Overall: 8-4; KVC: 5-1

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Overall: 7-4; KVC: 3-3

important defensive pressure can the conference will be hosting the be, the Wildcats were able to stifle

floor October 24 at 7 p.m. All of As the old saying goes, when Roor October 24 at 7 p.m. All of the match ups are Kensington Valley Conference games.

As the old saying goes, when the going gets tough, the tough get going. Sophomore point guard Jessica Haggery showed that the tough also score points as she sank 10 points in the witning In a game that showed just how important defensive pressure can offence and brought her best earner unled down eight boards while offense and brought her best game pulled down eight boards while

to the court.

Alison Greulich showed her value to the Wildcats as well. The

Novi guard Alison Greulich tries to put a shot up against Walled Lake Central early in

Miller 10th (17:29).

Milford too tough

A number of variables had to fall into place for Milford's boys' cross country team to have a challenging dual meet last Tuesday. Large, competitive meet three days prior in which your varsity had to go all out? Check; the Oakland County meet. Extracurricular late night activities which expend energy and take the mind off of important things like cross country? Check; the homecoming

dance hours after the county meet. And the third variable, a team which car actually run with the

Check; the Novi Wildcats, Novi went above and beyond the call of duty on the third count, with five kids running a five-minute first mile at Possum Hollow. At which point Milford responded to the challenge and ended up winning the meet 21-35.

"The first mile, our kids were

feeling it," Milford coach Brian Salvers said, "As the second mile taking it out so aggressively, they went out 12 seconds faster than Oakland County. At that point it vas not physical, it was about pride

Dan DeRusha ended up running the fastest time a Milford athlete has had at Kensington in a dual meet, 16 minutes 15 seconds, three days after running 16:09, which was the second-fastest ever on the course, Mike Andersen was third (17:01), Seth Thibodeau fourth (17:05), Kyle Harris fifth (17:05), Chad Murray eighth (17:16) and Pat

"I was very pleased that Novi responded," Salyers said, "I wanted to see us challenged under short-tions, with his time of 17:19.

and forced to respond. Those cir-cumstances are difficult to create because you need outstanding com petition. I told Bob Smith, Novi's couch, that going against them two days after facing them at the county meet, they have run us as tough a anyone in Michigan. I don't think it's breaking news that two KVC teams are running at a top level, bu

Milford and Novi are as good as

anybody out there." riani For two straight weeks, Milford has managed to best the impressive Wildcat squad — but in no way is it due to

Country lack of effort.

"It is my firm belief that Milford is the best team in the state this year." Novi coach Robert Smith stated via email. "If the state meet was run today, they would be crowned state champion." In the dual meet against the Mavericks, sophomore Mark Moore continued his steady improvement this season with a sec-ond overall finish in a time of 16 minutes, 45 seconds - his personal best. Senior Brian Gilchrist came in second for the 'Cats and sixth overall with his time of 17:07 while Eric Joseph was nipping at his heels

in seventh. Senior runner Tim Kaya was the fourth Wildeat across the line and in the top-10 while sophomore Spencer Ornes was 11th overall

with a time of 17:32. The Wildcats also had the pleas-ure of taking second place in the Oakland County Meet — behind Milford. Gilehrist led the way with a time of 16:42, which was good for ninth place overall. Moore was 15th in the run with a 16:58 while Kava was 23rd in 17:13 and Joseph was 29th with 17:15. Omes collected the

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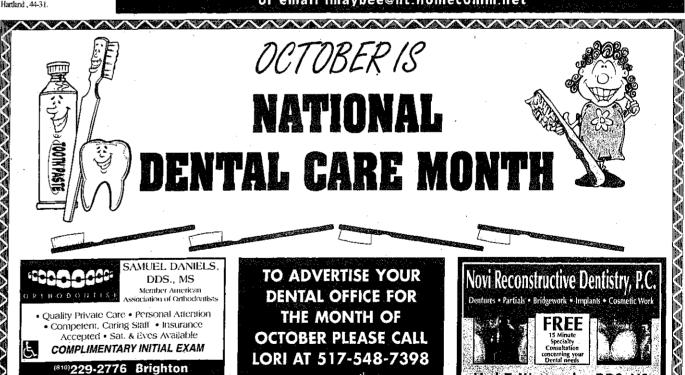
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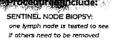
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The Transporter leaves audience members fixed to end-

less fights and explosive action.

of the best car chase scenes since

"Ronin" and "The Blues Brothers."

The fights, though a bit redundant near the end of the movie, are very

well choreographed - but this isn't enough to pull the movie out of the

"cesspool of junky dialogue and poorly written plotlines. Within the poor plot was a mixture of ridicu-ious sub-plots and strange twists.

Anyone who has ever sat back

and tried to figure out the length it takes a film to dispense with the plot specifics will find that "The Transporter" will have that task out

the door in about 15 minutes into th

Every now and then, even action and special effects don't make up for the troubling failure in the plot

The truth is, about halfway

characters still employ the same

While utilizing songs and hemor to tell a worthwhile story, the movie shies away from being too preachy about the subject of Chestolicity

Christianity.
The film is visually pleasing and

the story progresses nicely up through the point of Jonah spend-ing 72 hours inside the great fish.

However, it seems to loose its

steam once Jonah is thrust out of

seedy world of Nineveh. While Jonah has been called to go to the

city where people slap each other

tiple shortcomings.

Look out action world - there's

another balding action hero on the block. In case we're unfortunate

enough to not see Vin Diesel in an action flick or Bruce Willis reprising one of his old roles, we now have

Statham lets himself be known to action fans around the country as he

stars in the exceptionally violent

move, "The Transporter." The whole premise of "The Transporter

transport anyone or anything to any location for the right price – including cargo, bank robbers or things

Good old Martin only has three very simple rules: no changing the deal after it's been made, no names and

Well, that all goes out the window

when he - surprise! - opens a duffel bag he is delivering for an American, played by Matt Schultze,

near the Riviera. Inside, he finds a

beautiful Chinese woman name

tells Martin about the horrible plot

to smuggle Chinese slave laborers

package, but after a few shoddy

attempts on his life he decides to

help out. Soon after, Martin and Lai

are hand-to-hand fighting and dodg-ing bullets and even surface-to-air

Hong Kong director and figh

quent partner of Jet Li, serves up the

chaos in swift dishes that begin to

mix together after a while. Occasionally, though, Yuen uncorks

that makes you chuckle at its origi-

subway garage by slathering him-self, and the floor, in crankcase oil.

Statham, who co-starred in Lock, Stock and Two Smoking

terse action-hero persona as well as

a traditionally muscular frame

ability as an action star isn't helped

much with the dialogue "The Transporter" has to offer, but his

ght scenes and stock hero qualities

Oi looks terrific in this movie as

to establish a palpable presence.

Kong and America's love

Having been an established star in and the dialogue.

bright future in this business.

is definitely boosted. He may have a audience to ponder the movie's mul

affair with the kong-fu movie may be enough to propel her as the next ing how much it would cost to have

At first, Martin tries to ignore his

never open the package.

Jason Statham to fill their shoes.

Warriors tame Mustangs

Playoffs still alive for WLW

By Roger Garfield

The visiting Walled Lake Vestern Warriors upended the Sorthville Mustangs football team last Friday by the score of 27-14. The loss brought the Mustangs record to 2-5.
Western is now 4-3.
Western punted the ball away

after their first three offensive plays, and a 15-yard return b senior Tim Higgins gave the Mustangs the ball at their own 37-yard line. With their starting quarterback, junior Mark Sorensen, out with an injury, the Mustangs Tooked to senior Darryl Delaney to command the roops.

He looked solid at the outset

connecting with senior wide out Lance Blair for 30 yards to bring the Stangs down to Western's 25, Alas, Northville could not pick up another first down, and Western got the foothall back at their own 20-yard

utes of the clock and marched 80 yards for the game's first VanNortwick capped off the drive with a one-yard TD run. Junior Todd Monfette's extra point sailed through to put the

Western's special teams' per-sonnel hustled downfield and their own 21. Two plays later, senior quarterback Jon Michaed completed a 17-yard touchdown pass to senior John Sowders. Monfette tacked on the point after and Western led 14-0, just

mobility by evading Warrior defenders and completing passes to juniors Chris Berry and Bill Brown. They failed to convert on several fourth downs. and the Mustangs remained 14 points behind at intermission.
Little action ensued until jun-

ior defensive back Jason Gitter intercepted a Delaney pass near midfield with 1:40 left in the third. The Warriors capitalized on their good field position by

By Sam Eggleston

The Walled Lake Central foot-

ball team could feel it in the air

the charge of victory that

hunt for the win. Unfortunately for Walled Lake, it was the John

Glenn Rockets that were being

The Rockets clinched the

Western Lakes Activities

Association title Oct, 11 as they

trampled the Vikings underfoot

with a 50-13 shelling.

The Vikings (4-3, 4-2) just couldn't hold up the state-ranked Rockets (7-0, 6-0) as

John Glenn collected 489 yards of total offense — 400 of which

came off the rushing game. Walled Lake was the first

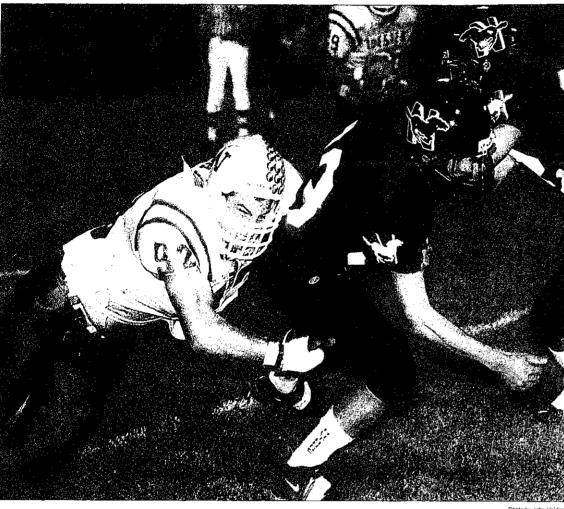
team to score, taking a 7-0 lead in the first quarter as Scott Long

jaunted 34-yards for the score. It

wasn't enough to impress the Rockets though, as they came back to tie the game when Jerret Smith hauled in a 35-yard scor-

back Brian Cecejewicz, They

with a 50-13 shelling



Mustang ballcarrier Lance Blair is brought down by Western's David Bayson during Friday nights game hosted by Northyllie

point and kept the score at 20-0, On Northville's next posses-

Wolfack got things going with a
I yard run. Blair their caught a
pass for 15 more yards. On the
next play, Delaney hooked up
with senior Greg Johnson for a
14-yard score; Johnson made an
at-yard score; Johnson made an
at-yard score. Brown brought
borthville within 13 after a succustil extra point.

Wostom recovered the cessful extra point.

Western was intent on maintaining their lead, and it was evident on their next drive. The Warriors took five more minutes off the clock by keeping the ball on the ground primarily. With 3:18 to play, junior Greg Hay ran in his second 1-yard touch-down of the evening. The a nine-yard touchdown run. The

Vikings can't stop

undefeated Rockets

which came off a bad snap on a

punt that sailed out of the end-zone for the 9-7 John Glenn

47 yards for another score.

Ceceiewicz found Granberry on a 42-yard pass in the second

quarter before the junior runner carried the ball 80 yards for

another score just before the half

ended.
The third quarter found Davis

Glenn scoring game as he hauled the ball into the endzone from 19 yards out to make it 50-7 in the Rockets favor. The Viking squad, which col-

lected 31 yards in the air and 246 total, nailed its final touch-down as Justin Navarre broke

free from the stifling John Glenn

defense and scampered 68 yards with just over two minutes

advantage.

The Vikings trailed 37-7 head
Company coursed three touch.

ing into the half as junior De Anthony Granherry scara-pered 62 yards before senior Anthony Davis hauled the hall

scoring on a 5-yard touchdown run set up by his own 31-yard kickoff return.

Jeremiah Thornton put the finishing touches on the Tetra.

Warriors led 27-7.

The Mustangs were down, but their offense had not yet hiber-Northville could not put any points on the board for the remainder of the first half, but Delaney did show excellent 17 yard run. Blarr then caught a Delaney pass on the pass of the pass

Western recovered the Mustangs' onside kick attempt. With Northville lacking timeouts, the Warriors ran out the clock and ended the game on ton.

top.
The Warriors' star tailback,
VanNortwick, led all ball carriers with 183 yards on 36 car-

The Vikings had woes through

twice, with Granberry and Smith

his own. Ceceiewicz was a shi

ing 4-for-4 on the night with 89

yards passing and two scores. The Vikings will return to

action when they visit the Wayne Memorial High School

Zebras tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in a Western Lakes Activities

playoffs, and they still have Walled Lake Western waiting

for them in the annual city

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passed for 200 yards for the Stangs; he also had two touch-downs and an interception. Lance Blair was his main target ance; "V on the evening, hauling in three catches for 70 yards. Zack

gible for the state playoffs. This is the first time they will be dascent from postseason play since 1999.

but at the same time we came together as a team, commented Blair, the blossoming wide receiver, "I know it will help us Northville coach Clint for Novi. Alexander thought the Mustangs could have beaten Alexander

16 carries.
The Mustangs are now ineli-

Western, "A couple critical mistakes hurt us and helped them. And I think our defense got

"I was impressed with how Darryl Played," Alexander "Our team has been through a department a added, "He and the other kids for with the new program and 1700, ext. 104.

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Delaney went 10-for-19 and are really starting to pick up the coaching staff and all," added Delaney had the following

> practice leading up to the game, and I think we were well-pre-pared. Western just capitalized on our mistakes. "The loss is disappointing,

The Mustangs will try and make the most of the remainder of their season. "The biggest thing I want to see is imp

seniors suck it up.

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thoughts on his team's perform-ance: "We had a great week of the season will be played for pride. People will know that we never quit.

speaks very highly of the Chiefs. "Capton is the host team we'll play other than John Glenn," he commented. "They're going to run right at us, so we have to

can be directed to the sports

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Have you ever realized that you have missed out on what so many

other people have enjoyed? A few months back, my youngest son was given a stuffed animal that sang. I was perplexed, because this toy was a giant cucumber - named Larry.

That was my first exposure to the VeggieTales. The five members of my family have clung to these characters as if they were critical to our well-being. And if you faith is based in Christianity, then you would think they are that critical - to your spiritual well-

ters, in addition to Larry, the other these song (a must listen for those that enjoy off-beat humon), the they take to the big screen.

VEGGIETALES Director: Mike Nawrocki,

Phil Vischer Screenwriter: Mike

Starring: Kristin Blegen, Mike Nawrocki, Lisa Vische , Phil Vischer

Genre: Animated, Comedy,

MPAA Rating: G Final Rating: 8 (out of 10)

Now showing at Novi Town Center Theaters

other vegetables having major recurring roles, is their ability to entertain. And if you don't fancy yourself a Christian, you will still find value in the tales that are told, often intertwined with wit that is as , clear as the mole (yes, the furry little creature) on Larry's back that has him worried that it will be discovered during the movie. Nonetheless, the Veggies have unveiled their first motion picture: Jonah. It is loosely based on the exploits of the prophet Jonah, most famous for his brief three-day stint

in the belly of the whale The story is told from the per-spective of three characters, the beloved Pirates Who Don't Do

approach to story telling that they with fish, the prophet tried to run away from what he was called to do. That was the moral of the story. tale as a backdrop while the explain to the children in the movie how to Jonah being given a second chance eract with each other and realize to amend his ways and do what he that every person — or vegetable — deserves a second chance.

It was at this point, what was to strayed a bit and failed to deliver

strayed a bit and tailed to deriver the knock-out punch.

But as my children left the the-ater, bellies full of candy and pop-com, singing the songs of the VeggieTales, I realized that the story satisfied their thirst for a won-derful movie that was entertaining.

Kan Kling is editor of the the whale and into the depths of the Milford Times. He can be reached for comment at (248) 685-1507 or

Food For Thought

Wine is good for your

ENTERTAINMENT

Three or four times a year we unveil a new wine list at our bistro, Diamond Jim Brady's in Novi. Putting together a good list is not an easy task. You may think that trying dozens of wines is a fun way to spend the afternoon. Not necessarily so, as many wines are of poor quality, and others just fair, ies that confirm that quality, and others just fair.

There are very few that we'll actually swallow and enjoy.

They usually end up on our tist.
Our routine when tasting is to swirl the wine in an appropriate glass, smell the aromas and take a small amount and swish the aroma way mouth. Then, to precent lowered risk. it around your mouth. Then, to percent lowered risk avoid "slipping under the for heart disease with

Several factors determine which wines will make the list. Over the years we've learned that our guests' tastes are very distinctive and unique. The most important question is, what do you like? Next, is the availability of the wine. How availability of the wine. How many cases were made? Will we be able to buy it for at least three months? Also, as vintages change, so does the wine. Seldom is it nearly the same as the year before. Sometimes that is good, others bad. Weather, soil, wine makers and grapes all make a world of difference. In addition to its tasting good several studies have shown that it is healthy too. A 1997 article

Medicine made huge news because of its claim that a few drinks a day actually reduced heart disease the number one killer of men and women in the United States. The study was conducted after researchers noticed that the French, who eat a high fat diet, have a lower mortal ty rate from heart dis-case than Americans. There are other stud-

It increases levels of protective HDL cholesterol that helps to clear fatty deposits from the bloodstream, thereby helping to keep arteries clean. It may also help prevent blood clots that can lead to heart attacks and some types of stroke. Research suggests that certain phytochemicals in red wine inhibit the formation of blood clots. These flavonoids are also found in red grapes, grape

In a recent study at Colorado State University, researchers found that adding two glasses of wine to dinner provided an extra 10,000 calories which should have resulted in a three pound weight gain over the

BEFORE YOU DIE

otherwise. Even though moderate drinkers consume more calories than non-drinkers, they tend to weigh less. A Danish study of nearly 50,000 men and women suggests that

fish, salads and olive

Wine is also cred ited for reducing the risk of developing ge-related macula egeneration, a lead

ing mental fur Wine has also been viewed as a digestive aid throughout the centuries. And, indeed it does stimulate secretion of stomach acids that aid in digestion.

Even though is seems that wine is good for our health the age-old adage "everything in moderation" applies. Just like anything else, overdoing it can reverse the benefits. Cheers!!!

executive chef and co-owner of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro in the Novi Town Center. If you have culinary questions or comments for chef Mary Brady, you can contact her via e-mail at dibistro@aol.com

The Screen Beat

Coming to theaters this

weekend is the thriller that pro-files stressed out, college fresh-man Catherine Burke (Katie

Holmes). She faces exams

completion of her thesis; and

when a police detective, Wad-

Handler (Benjamin Bratt)

begins investigating the two year-old disappearance of her boyfriend, Embry Langhan

(Charlie Hunnam), a young man whose memory haunts and obsesses her. As the investiga-tion furthers, Catherine is

forced to choose between pas-

passions and new possibilities, even as Handler is discovering surprising new facts about

Embry and his possible con

nection to another disappear

ance from campus.
"Abandon" is a Paramount
Pictures release and rated PG-

13 for drug and alcohol con-

By Brian Renne THE TRANSPORTER

Starring: Jason Statham. Directed by: Corey Yucn

MPAA Rating: PG-13

Genre: Action/Adventure

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

Michelle Yeoh here in the states.
One of the pluses that "The transporter" has to offer is non-stop you can escape the should-have-

tent, sexuality, some violence and language. Action-packed "Formula 51" follows a master crimi-A very veggie movie nal/chemist Elmo McElroy

(Samuel L. Jackson) from Los Angeles who travels to Liverpool, England for a largescale drug sale. When the dea goes sour, he finds himself caught up in the UK under-world. Featured among the cast are Robert Carlyle, Mean Loaf, Rys Ifans and Emily Mortimer. "Formula 51" is a Sony Screen Gems release and rated R for strong violence. language, drug content and some sexuality.

A remake of one of Japan's

"Hoody Sunday" chronicies
Watts, a journalist who investigutes an urban legend about a
unlabeled, cursed videotape
said to kill in exactly seven
days anyone who watches it.
Martin Henderson co-stars as
her ex-husband, a photojourmartin though twenty-seven
were shut by members of the
"Bloody Sunday" chronicies
"Bloody Sunday" massacre on
January 30, 1972 in
Janua Together they are forced were shot by to put their differences aside to fight the evil force to save her life and the life of her son violence that tore the country Michigan native Jeff Daniels comedy "Escanaba In Da Moonlight" (G). (David Dorfman). Executive apart. Producer Laurie MacDonald explains, "There are always those unlabeled tapes where you can't remember what's on them; and the television is "Bloody Sunday" is Paramount them; and the television is "Classics release and rated R for

everyone's life. The idea that these two everyday items could be at the center of this, could lead you to your death, can really get under your skin." "The Ring" is a DreamWorks Pictures release and rated PG-13 for thematic elements, dis- Full" (R) and turbing images, language and some drug references. Emotionally charged drama

biggest box office hits ever, "The Ring" centers on Naomi "Bloody Sunday" chronicles members of the Featured among the east are

another thing that is part of violence and language

YOU SEE

The Ring was Japan's best selling movie ever — will it have the moxy to hold up here in the United States?

In theaters next week, "Ghost Ship" (R), "Jackass: The Movie" (R), "Bowling for Columbine" (R), "Punch-Drunk Love" (R), "Paid in Full" (R) and "The Truth

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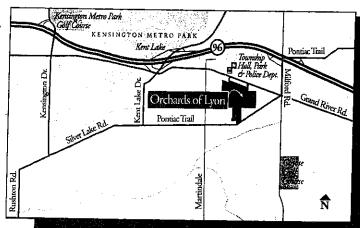
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Therapist's aim is to reduce workplace pain

By Jeff Jardine

Before the days of personal computers, office workers used prehistoric contraptions called type-writers. They wrote on — of all things — paper. And once the page filled up with information,

they stopped typing long enough to get up from their desks and file the documents in a drawer or

combination of duties, primitive as it might seem by modern standards, probably is the reason few people back then had ever heard of carpal tunnel syndrome or any of the other repetitive stress injuries that are so common today. Or so says Don Brock, a longtime physical ther-

apist in Oakdale, Calif., who has seen the number agast in Catacate, carril, who has seen the humber of injuries and complaints increase as computers became commonplace in the workplace.

"People stay on their computers longer," said Brock, 64. "They used to type, then go file for a while, and that would give them a break. Now they interest on."

just stay on."

Consequently, more and more people are developments that cause both oping the wrist and elbow ailments that cause both

pain and lost productivity. These people now con-stitute about 15 percent of Brock's clientele. Physical therapists work with injuries to ease the pain, restore mobility and strengthen the injured

areas. And they also coach the patient how to pre-vent injuries from recurring.

"You teach them to take breaks and stretch, and the exercises that will keep it from coming back,"

Many injuries result from weakened muscles, so the therapists will work on strengthening the mus-cles around the injured area. Therapists use a variety of tools and techniques

to promote the recovery, including ultrasound, electronic stimulation and other electronic devices. They also rely on hot paraffin wax treatments, whirlpools, heat packs, ice and even teach people

whitipoots, heal packs, ice and even leach people how to walk properly.

As the workplace strains and injuries became more common, Brock found that some patients go right from the therapy session back into the same environment that caused the problem to begin

with. That delays the heating, he said.
"If someone has carpal tunnel and they go back to the same job, it probably won't get better."
Brock said. "They need to change what they're

And sometimes the best therapy can be merely getting up every hour or so, stretching a bit and maybe filing a paper or two.

Caffeine wakes the face up, too

By Sylvia Rubin

Bet you didn't know that your caffeine fix in the morning could come not only from that cup of cof-fee but also from your skin cream. Calleine has been included in skin care prepara-

tions for four years by Prescriptives, for example. The trend seems to be picking up steam, so to speak — MAC just introduced caffeine into some of its eye and skin care products this season. Estee Lauder, Lancome and Clinique also include caffeine in the list of ingredients in some skin and eye

care products.

The pitch: Caffeine helps to reduce under-eye puffiness and help improve skin tone. There is also a new soap just out called Shower Shock that lathers up a bit of caffeine along with the bubbles.

Better to drink lots of green tea, cat blueberries or grapes if you want to help your skin, says Paula Beguon, the best-selling author of numerous consumer books on cosmetics and their ingredients. "Caffeine isn't one of the ingredients I'd run to the cosmetics counter for," she says. "I get more excited about say, green tea, in a skin cream."

But if you already like skin care products by these companies, there can be no harm — and perhaps a temporary benefit — in trying the ones with caffeine, say dermatologist Richard Giogan of the University of California at San Francisco. University of California at San Francisco

"There may be some decrease in puffiness that may last for about six hours," he says, "It's temporary. Next, we'll see eye cream by Starbucks."



Tampa General Hospital Chaplain Eileen Weber applies therapeutic touch to Kari Patton, 32, who is waiting on a heart transplant. The goal of therapeutic touch is to rebalance energy to a healthy state.

Patients and doctors in mainstream hospitals are coming to rely on therapeutic touch.

By Dong-Phuong Nguyen ST. PETERSBURG TIMES

ileen Weber's hands scan the air above the hospital patient's body, gently, rhyth-mically, like a metal detector over soft

She sweeps a few inches above the woman's head, down her body, all the way to her toes, feeling for an energy field. When she senses imbalance, Weber motions like she is wiping it away. The patient, Kari Patton, 32, has been ailing as she waits in Tampa General Hospital for a heart transplant. But she relaxes and smiles under Weber's hands.

under Weber's hands.

Weber is practicing a controversial form of faith therapy called therapeutic touch, which claims to temporarily rid the body of pain and discomfort through the shifting of energy.

While therapeutic touch has its critics, it is

now taught in many nursing programs and offered at more than 70 hospitals nationwide, including Tampa General.

Weber, who works part-time as a chaplain at Tampa General, has served about 400 people since bringing therapeutic touch to the hospital more than 11/2 years ago. She received therapeutic touch training in a nursing program but Tampa General is the only hospital in the area that has allowed her to work on patients, Weber

Therapeutic touch is based on the concept Therapeutic fouch is based on the concept that all matter is energy, and ailments throw the energy out of balance. The touch therapist's task is to shift the energy back into balance and offer short-term relief — all with swift motions of hands during 20-minute sessions.

Weber has worked on comatose people, infants, burn patients, expectant mothers. Some patients say that their pains ease after a session.

One patient who was caught by surgrise is

One patient who was caught by surprise is Kari Patton. The Orlando woman, hospitalized

since April as she awaited a new heart, was

referred to Weber by her surgeon.
"I thought I was getting a massage," she said.
"I didn't know what to think."

But Patton said that her aches and anxiety soon were disappearing with each session, and she was even falling asleep before Weber could

"I was all tensed up and she relaxed me quite a bit," Patron said.

Patton's sur-eon. Dr. Alvarado, said he read about Weber in a hos pital newsletter and thought Patton, a highstrung patient who suffered from chronic pain and dis

comfort, would

be an ideal candidate for the therapy.

"She is someone who has been sick for many years and is going to be in the hospital for many months," said Alvarado, a cardiothoracic on with LifeLink, "It was important to

keep her spirits up."

As for therapeutic touch, "I don't know if I can say I believe it or not," Alvarado said. "As surgeons, we are responsible for our patients' physical well-being, but we need to address our patients' psychological and spiritual needs as

It works, Weber insists - on humans, ani-

mals and even plants.

She said she bought 10 orchid plants at Home Depot, marked down to \$1 because they were dying. She brought them home, offered some therapeutic touch, and one by one, they

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began to bloom.
"I wanted to see how it would work with their energy," Weber said. "And they not only survived, but they bloomed."
Therapeutic touch is a modern derivation of ancient healing practices and was developed by two American women in 1972. One has died.

other, nurse Dolores Krieger, continues to teach the art of therapeutic touch.

One does not have to believe in it to benefit from it, said Krieger, who lives in Montana. "It's not a matter of faith," she said. "It

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works.

"The whole idea is based on delusion," he said, "It makes as much sense as saying we're having Ghostbusters come to the patient's bed-side and we're going to get rid of the ghosts." Tampa General spokesman John Dunn said that the hospital welcomes alternatives in pain

management

management.

"If this process helps a patient to relax and helps them do a better job of coping with pain, then that's just one technique that's available to that patient," Dunn said. "Who is someone from the outside to judge whether a patient feels better or not? No one is making the claim that it helps all patients, but if it helps a particular retires to hears it is undestrated for what ular patient, as long as it is understood for what it is, who's anyone to shoot arrows at it?"

Computer-controlled artificial leg is major step forward in prosthetics

By Peggy Fletcher Stack THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

Like so many 16-year-olds, Lyle Earl gave little thought to the dangers of working his family's farm. That innocence was lost in an instant one autumn day in 1977 when he tumbled off a combine and had his left leg severed well above the knee

Young Earl was given a prosthetic leg that weighed about 17 pounds and had to be held on with a heavy, leather belt. Since then, he has tried every possible kind of prosthesis, but each one took its toll on his good leg - and on his self-esteem and

Then, last November, on the 24th anniversary of his accident, Earl was fitted with a new, computer-controlled leg he said has revolutionized his life. this one's made all the difference in how I walk and feel," said Earl, who lives in Taylor, Utah. "h's like getting your life

The new model, known as a C-Leg, has a built-in microprocessor in the ankle that tells microprocessors in the knee and shin whether the user is standing on heel or toe.
The tiny computers measure angles and
movements at the knee and shin 50 times a second and adjust for the stiffness or flexi-

This helps a user descend stairs, walk at a normal gait or speed up or slow down easi-

For the first time, users say, they can nove without fear of falling or being con-scious of every step.

The C-Leg is powered by lithium ion bat-

"I've had all kinds of hydraulic legs, but this one's made all the difference ... It's like getting your life back."

Lyle Earl, 16, of Taylor, Utah

teries that can operate for about 30 hours without recharging. Earl, for example, simply plugs his C-Leg in every night before he goes to bed. If he forgets, he can use the cigarette lighter in his car.

The C-Leg, created by Otto Book Health Care in Duderstandt, Germany, was intro-duced in the United States in 1999. Since then, an estimated 300 have been sold nationwide.

of a single leg is between The cost \$45,000 and \$50,000, compared with about \$15,000 to \$20,000 for a hydraulic model.

Until now, it has been an uphill battle to get insurance companies to foot the bill, said Tom Andrew, president of Ability Prosthetic Systems in Salt Lake City. Andrew lost his leg in a bicycle accident in

Medicare has just approved C-Leg use for its patients and has created insurance codes to govern payment, "Medicare sets the standard for the whole insurance indussaid Scott Allen of Fit and Orthotic Center in Salt Lake City.

In terms of costs, the wear and tear on the good knee can far outweigh the initial cost of C-Leg, said SPOT's I'm Liston of Specialized Prosthetic and Orthotic

Technologies in Salt Lake City.

"When (users) fall, they use their good leg to catch themselves and that produces all kinds of trauma on that knee," he said. "If they've been amputees for a long time they often have an 'overuse syndrome' because they are taxing that leg so much." Liston has a client who was falling week-

iy, even daily. Since being fitted with a C-Leg several months ago, "he hasn't fallen once," Liston said. "That's huge." "It's worth the insurance fight," said Earl.

nt's worm the insurance fight," said Earl. Now he can keep his head up while walk-ing and doesn't get as tired. "I don't use as much energy," he said. "The chip does it all."

TECHNOLOGY

$\mathsf{ClickIQ}$ tracks users, gains big business

When a client uses your company name as a verb, you must have done

"Let's ClickIO it" is what the 12person research team for Best Buy says when they want to find out what consumer thinks about a product. ClickIQ is a Minneapolis-based

online market research company that pays consumers for their opinions about products and services and then sells that information to marketers. it's a dot-com that has flourished Retailers are cutting costs, but they're still spending money on "consumer intelligence," said ClickIQ CEO Andrew Atkin. That's because consumers have more choic-es and are demanding more for their

Money,
Atkin, a former consultant, said he started the business because the tra-ditional market research process took too long for businesses to make time-

Founded in 1999, the 20-person company has received \$5 million in venture capital and has achieved profitability without further fundraising, Atkin said. ClickIQ has annual sales of about \$5 million and is working to double that by 2004. ClickIQ targets retail, telecom,

ClickIQ targets retail, telecom, travel and health care companies. Other clients include T. Rowe Price and Hamilton Beach/Proctor-Silex. Best Buy uses ClickIQ when there's a question about what cus-tomers are likely to think about a product or a service, said Dave Williams, director of consumer research for Best Buy. The results of consumer surveys bein identify but consumer surveys help identify hot products to display in stores or what o feature in Sunday advertising circulars or TV ads, he said.

ClickIO also offers data from tra-ditional research methods, including telephone surveys and face-to-face surveys in which interviewers stop shoppers and ask questions.

But ClickIQ's most popular serv-

ice is its online surveys. Companies can design and manage the surveys and the data gathered from the sur-Longtime manufactur-ers and retailers are locked in a fierce strug-gle for market share with surf shops and produc-tion plants that have veys online through a customized portal. research vendors, but ClicklQ is fast; sprung up along the Northern California the turnaround time for a survey is

one to two days, Williams said, Speed is important if the results con-tradict what the researchers anticicoast.
"When I got started, we knew everybody in surfing, we knew all the businesses," said Jack O'Neill, 79, owner of O'Neill Inc. wet suits. pated, he said. "Then we would say, 'We may not want to go down that path,' " Williams said, "Objectivity is key in

market research "Now it has gotten Key to the ClickIO process is its

erazy."
What's at stake is a market that has doubled 150,000-member database of "e-visors" who have signed up to partic-ipate in surveys. Companies can during the past decade to \$3.8 billion in U.S. sales design their online surveys, targeting any demographic of people they want _ teens, Hispanics, teens who are Hispanic, women ages 35 to 40, during 2001, according to Marie Case at Board Trac, which follows the surf indus-

people who make more than \$100,000, people with children, etc. ClickIQ sends e-visors who fit the demographics e-mail invitations to the United States also has doubled, from 1.2 million in 1990 to 2.4 million last year, 45 percent of whom were in California, according to Board Trac and Mike Finesher Marketine Inc. of Company of the profit margin is not shop. They opened Pacific States also has doubled, from 1.2 million in of opening its fifth store. Wentzel is worried about the urban landscape in Santa the urban landscap the United States also has doubled, from 1.2 million in participate in surveys. To keep evisor profiles up-to-date, e-visors periodically are asked to verify their information, Atkin said. E-visors also can fill out "profile boosters. Marketing Inc. of Huntington Beach, Califs great here," he said.

Those numbers increase exponentially when bodysourders and sallboarders are included, they said.

The resulting turf wars are intense, but all is not as it seems.

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The shop struggled in which add information to the evisors' profile database and makes them eligible for more invites. When e-visors sign in to their ClicklQ online account they have the option of filling out several questionnair on a variety of topics, such as spo-

and pets.

Barbara Smith, a Web developer, became an e-visor because she likes

Consider Jochen Wentzel, suits to help surfers and more, the dot-com industry 40, who has created a sporting enterprise. Marin Surf
Sports in Mill Valley, Calif.,
bone-numbing ocean off
took off, the economy picked
up and more people were
surfing."

The number of surfers in

By Grea Ambrose

The same surge of popu-

larity that is sending droves of people to the ocean in search of the perfect wave

has generated a tsunami

of economic activity in California's surf industry

surveys also are anonymous _neither the company nor the e-visors' names are revealed. When an e-visor signs up, the name field isn't require An e-visor doesn't have to take the survey, either. For example, a company might send out an e-mail offering \$5 to participate. The e-visor can either accept the bid or make a high-er bid. Each survey is worth a certain

to offer her opinion about products.
"It's a sounding board for me," she

said. She especially likes the con

ment section, where she can say what

change depending on how an e-visor answers the first few questions. The

amount of points, and e-visors are paid a penny a point. ClicklQ soft-ware collects all the lowest bids first

and the client pays a flat fee. But if an e-visor chooses to wait to answer

said. Surveys are completed quickly.

then gathered by ClickIQ and sent to the company. "It offers us continuous dialogue with the customer,"

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extreme sports also has Quiksilver's fastest-growing helped swell the ranks of surfing afterionados, espe-

their sponsors' brands on an international stage.

Regional contests for

brought us more walk-up

Young bosses bring fresh perspective

Abundance of energy, confidence among strengths

By Tiffany Kjos ARIZONA DAILY STAR

Like many successful business people, those under 35 work long hours.

But most younger executives have a lot going for them, too, including lots of energy and fresh ideas, lofty aspirations, and unyielding confidence in their own abilities. Many also followed in the footstens of parents who own businesses

The older we are, the more prone we are to fall for negativity from family and friends – the naysayers who say, 'Don't do it. You're never going to make it,' " said Carolita Oliveros, an attorney in Tucson, Ariz., who mentors college and high school students.

ngn school students.
It's also common to see entrepreneurs
and top managers who started their first
companies – from lemonade stands to
lawn-mowing ventures to baby-sitting
before they hit puberty.

No one claims to know where this gumption comes from, or when.
"I think it's a mind-set," Oliveras said. "I think that you just have a lot of innate faith in yourself and as long as you believe in it, you know you can do it."

Consider the executive chef. 24, who spends much of his day on his feet even though he has three slipped disks in his

Or the 35-year-old staffing firm owner whose industry got pummeled when the economy weakened.

Then Noland found out

carrying similar products.

"It has made an impact," Noland said.

boards and

"We have felt O'Neill's

focused more on skate-

brands that we have

that aren't across the

He opened his first shop in San Francisco during the early 1950s and later moved was concerned about

his operation to the wave-rich Santa Cruz area, where handle two shops side by side

Or the single mom who at 32 supervises, a string, pf, sandwich shops and is on call 24 hours a day, seven days a

consider doing it any other way.
"I have no desire to leave," said Christina Wacker, 32, a single mom and vice president of Baggin's Gourmet Sandwiches in Tucson. "I only see myself growing stronger with the com-pany – both financially and spiritually." Gabrielle Giffords, 32, a businesswoman and Arizona state representative found that youth often works in her

In San Francisco, the newcomers who felt threatened by an entrenched shop disfavor, "People are so excited and ener gized by a young person who has new ideas and energy and is not stuck in a pattern of thinking because they haven' covered cooperation been there long. When a new person comes in, it's like a child that declares could ease the tension When local surfer Bob Wise opened a the emperor has no clothes." shop in 1968, its land-Lack of preconceived notions can also

help when a company needs to change directions. Chris Landi started the tech-nical staffing business TekWork when he was 29. When the economy softened locked location was no utation for fairness and the fact that his was the

In Santa Cruz, O'Neill created a still-tense situation in 2000 when he opened a store and merchandise flying in board which, incidentally, cut his print advertising budget and is a perfect fit with his staffing firm. "In those times a small business will chased commercial space near a shop that had finally and out of its doors. As surfing's marketability grew, the owners of Big Yank Board Sports scouted San

think of ways to repackage itself," Landi said. "And those decisions have to be made way up."

Seeing around obstacles is a commo

characteristic of youth - among fledg-ling firms and would-be entrepreneurs, ros said. "Instead of abandon the idea, they rethink it," Oliveras said.
"That's the difference."

When Michael Powell was hired as executive chef of Soleil, an upscale eatery, at the age of 23, he was the youngest executive chef in the country. Soleil had already been through a number of chefs and had gotten a repu-tation for inconsistent food and spotty service. It was Powell's job to turn the place around. Within a week, he fired all

scrapped the menu, too.

Critics have given the place rave reviews since then, although it's been tough to shed the restaurant's old image. "They took a chance," he said of the restaurant owners' decision to hire him.
"I don't think there are too many people

the kitchen staff except one person. He

who could handle that job." who could handle that job."

It's an intense job – Powell, now 24, works 75- to 80-hour weeks – and it cuts deeply into his social life. Here's another challenge: Powell's core group of friends are people he works with.

"That's probably the hardest thing for me is keeping that at a distance where they're still friends but still my employees," he said.

Sometimes being young helps when it comes to relating to other young people, said Wacker, the Baggin's vice president

"It's an asset in the field that I'm in because I feel I can train and relate with my employees better and because of the atmosphere of Baggin's - it's a fun and entertaining kind of atmosphere," she

BREAKING OUT OF THE BOX

Your TV may be getting an upgrade as we move into an age when simply watching sitcoms is a waste of time

year the box on top of your television set becomes a

By Steve Caulk

member of the family.

The set-top box could soon begin toiling on such errands as c-mail, data transmission, video conferencing, music downloads and other

set-top terminal), the box served one function: It unscrambled the signal from premium channels,

features, but the next round of func-still interested in a Moxi-for-satellite tions might be just a channel-cycle deal, but there are no ongoing negoti

sonal video recorders have become popular add-ons, allowing cable and satellite customers to pause live chief tectinology officer for Echoaction or record shows onto a computer hard drive within the set-top

Cable companies are finally pursuing the long-inticipated market for video-on-demand, in some cases disvideo-on-demand, in some cases dis-tributing set-top boxes with higher processing speeds and in other cases apprading the network to handle a expected windfall, wide array of content at various EchoStar recently began rolling array of content at various

Eventually, those set-top boxes could become smaller, with "satel- information, games and custo lite" or "client" boxes established strategically throughout the home, performing a gateway service to all the features listed above, plus games ages. The basic box (model 301) con and virtual shopping.

werts the satellite signal and provide:

products use the same components, there are enormous efficiencies in putting them into one box," said industry analyst Josh Bernoff of enough to overcome the obstacles. In the cable industry, for example, oper-ators had to upgrade their networks to

side, operators have struggled to live without it once they get it. We make two-way services available on a system that simply doesn't lend itself ing it. It changes the way you view to such interactive functions. While the satellite industry has

taken the lead in developing the set-top box as a personal video recorder, experts say the cable industry might have the best platform for establish of high-definition programming.

The most advanced set-top box on the horizon, the Digeo Moxi, will make its first appearance on the Charter Communications cable system, probably sometime next year.

The Moxi set-top box allows consumers to receive a video signal,

Internet connection and music, all with smaller client boxes connected The Moxi would partly solve a dilemma in the cable/satellite indus

try; having to provide set-top boxes for multiple TV sets in the home. The applications.
for multiple TV sets in the home. The
Introduced in the 1960s as a "set- Moxi client boxes would receive the top converter" (and later known as a information from one main box, a However, the main box is more

expensive than the non-interactive Today's set-top box is only begin-ning to deliver on the original Buck Rogers' promise of multi-functional Digeo and EchoStar say they're

> "I think we're interested in advanced user interface (boxes), but not with Digeo," said Mark Jackson. to do that work and keep the technol ogy in-house."
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> Jackson's autitude underscores the

nation to position themselves for the

out a portal channel, giving customers access to weather and sports

with various purchase/lease packan interactive program guide. The mid-range box (508) offers PVR capabilities. One high-end box (6000) provides high-definition to appropriate TV sets. Another, the 721, offers PVR and advanced fea-But the efficiencies haven't been tures such as a second tuner to record

one channel while watching another.
"We would like to sell more hard ators had to upgrade their networks to handle digital signals. On the satellite 6000)," Jackson said. "People can't

Next up for EchoStar customers is

Signs of farming's future?

With aid of GPS, farmers turn from agriculture to 'agritainment'





Freedom Force Genre: Role-Playing Game ESRB Rating: Everyone Publisher: Crave / EA Game

If you're looking for a solid role for anyone to play, you can't go wrong with superheroes, even if some of them look a bit too similar to some indus-

Freedom Force captures the current wave of patriotism in the perfect package for a video game: fighting communists. This retro enemy is matched up with old-school comic book styles beautifully, all the way down to the narrator's voice and the character's actions.

You start off as Minute Man, a patriot of the first order who, after being given superhuman strength by touching a supercharged statue, makes it his mission to light the Red Scare afflicting his country.

If you were to think Minute Man looks a bit like Captain America, you'd be right. If you were to think the whole game looks like a Marvel comic, you would also be correct, and that's part of the game's appeal: instead of trying to reinvent the wheel, they went with the tried and true style that brought us lifelong comic book favorites such as Spider Man and the X-Men.

The gameplay and controls are menu-based mouse-driven and straightforward. Your character has two or three different attacks, each with varying levels of power. Each level has primary and second-ary objectives; and upon completing them you can gel new skills, weapons, etc.

Some problems come in when you've got a team of fighters. Controlling more than one hero was lough, mainly because the computer doesn't help you out, if you're not giving the hero an action, he'll just stand there and take a beating. This gets to be

a real problem during battle scenes. While the sound was pretty good, although repetitive, the camera created some problems. The steep angles often cause action behind walls to be completely blocked from your view, making you

cross your lingers and hope all turns out well Not a bad game overall; the concept is solid and it was worth a good few hours of gameplay.

NFL Fever 2003 ESRB Rating: Everyone

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Unable to resist tweaking a solid and successful product, the team at Microsoft got a little too big for its britches in updating last year's best NFL console game. While still a solid play some of the changes on't help the 2003 version of Fever at all, and of

Starting off, the intro video is uninspired and boring, a sign of things to come. There were some sound problems right off the bat, with annoying lags and dead spaces where the background music cut out entirely. It was nice to see the addition of all-time teams, including the 1987 Redskins and the 1990 Giants, both of which were available the first time the game was booted up.

Once the ball was in the air, there were some immediate problems. The gameplay was not as smooth as last year's version. The attempts to speed up the action resulted in jerky movements that became annoving.

The newfound emphasis on delense maken inning the ball, which was a delight in las year's version, almost impossible. Your running back has a split-second to hit the hole before i closes up, and defensive linemen come off the blocks way too quickly to give you a chance to bust a big one more than every once in a while. played the 1987 Redskins against this year's Cowboys (should have been a dreadful mis match) and couldn't gain more than 2 or 3 yards

did pick off 3 passes in the first half, which highlighted the improvement over last year's passing detense. There was still a noticeable lag after a turnover which made returning any of my picks for a

score pretty tough.

The overall look of the game was borderline corny, with far too many glowing green neon boxes. These are never a good thing, and made this look like a Fox football telecast on steroids. The commentators decided to start busting out street stang all over the place, most of which sounded ridiculous, It was like listening to John Madden sitting in on a track with Ludacris; it just wasn't right.

If this is the first football game you ever play, you'll be pleased and probably pretty excited. Compared to the good ol' days of NFL Fever, however, it's a solid disappointment

Commercialism of surfing swells

Surfing's big profits have led to its retail giants and pioneers battling for business

Jochen Wentzel, owner of Marin Surf Sports, is feeling

begun to turn a profit. After the 1989

After the 1989 Loma Prieta carthquake rearranged

wife decided conditions were night to create their own surf shop. They opened Pacific Wave in 1993.

But Wentzel's world was threatened when he discov-cred that O'Neill had pur-

across the street from Marin

which he bought three years ago, has had a following and no competition for nearly two decades, and his Marin Skate Sports in San Rafael, Calif., is patronized by the

By Greg Ambrose

seen since the "Gidget" book and movies and the surfing documentary "The

were a fairly rare presence Quiksilver's total U.S. net in the waves.

Female wave riders, who

Guissiver's total U.S. liet sales were \$391.57 million, according to the company's

Surfing is riding a crest of cially women, who as ous year, with U.S. net sales enthusiasm that hasn't been recently as a decade ago of \$165.93 million.

lesser-ranked and aspiring professionals nearly match that amount, according to the Association of Surfing

surfing documentary "The Endless Summer" captured the nation's imagination in the early 60s.

In the new millennium, the mass media's infatuation with surfing, improvements in surfboard design, high-tech workers seeking a comtrast to their cloistered cubicle existence and America's obsession with youth culture are behind surfing's explosive growth.

The growing interest in Summer' captured the nation's imagination in the mass media's infatuation with surfing interest in the early 60s.

In the new millennium, 1994, accounted for 18 percent of the made up 5 percent of the manual report.

Fund are Association of Surfing Professionals, Tust as the number of wave riders has skyrocketed, the industry has been onw have agents, managers and portfolios – are sent by onw have agents, managers and portfolios – are sent by onw have agents, managers and portfolios – are sent by onw have agents, managers and portfolios – are sent by onw have agents, managers and portfolios – are sent by onw have agents, managers and portfolios – are sent by onw have agents, managers and portfolios – are sent by onw have agents, managers and portfolios – are s

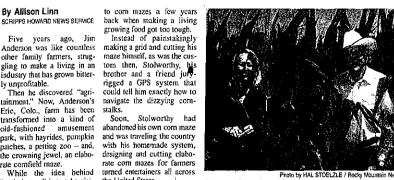
Five years ago, Jim Anderson was like countless other family farmers, struggling to make a living in an industry that has grown bitterly unprofitable.

Then he discovered "agritumprofitable." Now Anderson's navigate the dizzyting com-

tainment." Now, Anderson's navigate the dizzying com-Eric, Colo., farm has been transformed into a kind of old-fashioned amusement park, with hayrides, pumpkin

park, which may be a petting zoo — and, the crowning jewel, an elaborate comfield maze.

While the idea behind "agritainment" is to take visiting the intime, the making the same times, there were the complete times; there were the complete times there are the complete times. agriamment is to lace vis-tors back in time, the making of it was more like back to the future – Anderson's elaborate maze was built using global said, noting that when you ositioning system technolo- make your own computer system "there's no manuals,"



Peggy Shupe and Jim Anderson, managing partners of Anderson farms, standing in their Amaze-ing corn maze near Erie, Colo.

gy.

The bridge between past and present is a man named ally fine-tuned his system wecks by hand.

Shawn Stolworthy, a onetime potato and grain farmer from Firth, Idaho, who also turned

But Stolworthy has gradually fine-tuned his system wecks by hand.

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The time savings were what attracted Lyle Mutray to Great Adventure. Last year, Mutray build a maze.

The difference is no manuals.

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believing the farm can draw weedings and class reunions grows corn, wheat and alfalfa, Mutray didn't have time to build a maze. tem "there's no manuals."

Completed. A similar project illy farm in Brighton into a could take as long as two maze to make some extra

farm experience.
Shape expects 36,000 people to visit the com maze this Amaze-ing corn maze near Erie, Colo.

at a farm in the morning and leave that night with a maze

decided to turn one of the fields on his 85-year-old famfarm's business of renting out space for private parties, believing the farm can draw

"We didn't try it ourselves,

because today you've gotta have the technology, you've gotta have the computer pro-

gram," he said.
You wouldn't guess at the

high-tech way the mazes are

made when you pull up to Anderson's farm. Indeed, both Murray and Anderson

have found a cottage business

in the nostalgia of visiting a

Peggy Shape, Anderson's

business partner and cousin -and a former technology

entrepreneur - believes

they're only beginning to tap the potential to market the

- By Kelly Martin



HOME & GARDEN



ammy Olsen and her husband Rob enjoy spending time in their spacious potting shed

A garden shed makes a great place to pot, relax and store stuff

By Lynn Underwood MINNEAPOLISIST, PAUL STARTRIBUNE

the garden, every plant has its place.

The serious gardener also needs a special place to pot plants, wash out containers or scribble in a garden journal. And there's got to be space to stash all that gardening stuff.

That place can range from a well-equipped garden shed with running water to a salvaged potting

bench in the garage.

Tummy Olsen's special place is her backyard.

Tarminy Obsen's special place is her backyard garden shed. It's attached to her Edina, Minn., garage and has the ambience of a sercenced powdeomplete with a charming screen door "slam."

But it's also a bard-working, functional shed. The pine potting table holds a sink with running water, shelves and containers for storing pots, soil, fertilizer and a bandy tool caddy.

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The table is at a comfortable height for potting --- no more back-aching planting on the driveway.

The best part is the open view of her herb and
perennial garden --- so close you can almost reach
out and touch the concllowers.

The couple collaborated with an architect friend James Jenkins, to design the 8-by 12-foot addition to blend with the architectural style of their tiled-roofed Spanish colonial home. They did some of the finishing work themselves.

Olsen haid the brick floor that matches the brick walkway and the patio, and the couple stained the cedar and pine structure. The shed has plumbing and electricity with overhead light provided by chicken-coop warming lights from a feed store.

The shed is Olsen's homey getaway from her job. "It's my own space," she said, "And I feel like I'm in the middle of the garden when I'm work-

ing.

Like a home, a garden shed can reflect the per-sonality of its owner. Since Olsen is almost as pas-sionate about collecting as gardening, her prized antique iron sprinklers, vintage colored bottles (cut flowers accent each one) and other mementos from antiquing and her travels are displayed inside.

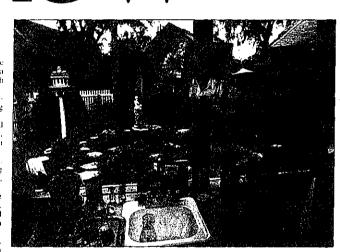
A distressed antique wall curboard stores magazines, seed packets and coffee cups. In a corner is

alogs.

And why not have the amenities of home? She brews coffee and plays classical music ("the plants like it") on her transistor radio as she putters in the shed.

many different kinds of sheds. She writes about everything from charming country sheds to decorative sheds with gingerbread detailing and stained-glass windows to prefabricated kits (with assembly required).

mid-April and closes it the irrib week in octoora, attaching canvas over the screens to protect storage items from the weather. "I feel melancholy when I close it up." she said.



The view from the Olsen's potting shed opens to the back garden where herbs such as sage and basil are grown along with other plants. She washes her hand in a sink that drains into the back garden so the water is not wasted.

Home sweet shed Olsen and her husband, Rob, had seen a variety potting sheds while traveling in England. Unlike the United States, Britain is garden shed onarry. There are almost 10 million garden sheds a Britain and the number is growing, reported the London Daily Mail.

"It's a bloke thing, a sort of retreat, an escape," said Andy Sturgeon, the Mail's gardening expert, "You get different kinds of shed owners. Some want somewhere to keep garden tools hung neatly in a row; others spend more time in the shed than

they do gardening."

But there are signs that potting sheds are catching on on this side of the Atlantic. In "Potting Places: Creative Ideas for Practical Gardening

Gardeners without space or resources for a true shed like Olsen's can consider equally useful potting corners and benches. An indoor or outdoor potting corner can be carved out of a garage, laundry room, deck or basement or nestled into any sheltered spot. Setting up in a corner gives you walls on two sides to store and hang supplies. It possible, choose a space near a window for light A simple potting beach can offer plenty of work area, a lower shelf to store big items and an upper

shelf for garden tools Dunn writes that no matter how modest or how

plants and gardening. For Olsen, her potting shed is more than that, (t's a riske twig chair where Olsen can hear the tries-ling of the fountain as she pages through seed cat-ing of the fountain as she pages through seed cat-ing of the fountain as she pages through seed cat-ing of the fountain as she pages through seed cat-tailogs.

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Think ahead to next year's best bets for your garden

Growing pains

With thoms and sore joints, gardeners cultivate their injuries and aches

By Alicia Roca

Gardeners beware: Aphids aren't the only hazard furking in your yard. "Rosebushes carry a lot of bacteria and can make a really deep cut," says Joanne Strickley, a hand therapist at Mercy Hospital of Folsom, Calif.

Strickley works with patients who suffer garden injuries. In some cases, what begins as a simple prick leads to a severe infection requiring surgery.
"People think, 'Oh, I just got a
poke,' but it gets red and swollen and
tissue gets damaged." Strickley suys.
Puncture wounds are just one of

the injuries people can suffer while gardening. Others are more cumula-tive, such as shoulder tendinitis and chronic back pain. All the aches and pains can be minimized if gardeners

take a few precautions.

Since the most frequent injuries are from slivers and thorns, gardeners should be up to date on their tetanus shots, says Robert Derlet, a professor of medicine at the University of California-Davis.

If you do cut yourself, Derlet says. "First, get all the dirt out with soap and water; then go to your first-aid kit."

To prevent back strain, bend at the

To prevent back strain, bend at the knees and lift with your legs when lifting heavy objects, such as bags of poiting soil or container plants, Derlet advises.

Along with short-term injuries, cumulative problems can develop.

Repeated exposure to garden chemicals, for example, can cause pertralogical galancies, susse Cludy. chemicals, for example, can cause neurological ailments, says Cindy Fake, a horticulture and small-farms adviser for the University of California Cooperative Extension. Read and follow label directions

on chemicals. Use appropriate pro-tection such as gloves and goggles, and do not expose yourself to chemi-cals for long periods of time, she

Other cumulative problems involve muscle disorders due to repetitive prolonged and awkward movements.

"People go out and prune bushes for hours, and the joint at the base of their thumb becomes inflamed and painful," Strickley says. She recompanneds that gardeners vary their motions, take breaks and work in short intervals. Fake says gardeners might overes-timate what their bodies are capable

of doing, "People think they can do



First frost

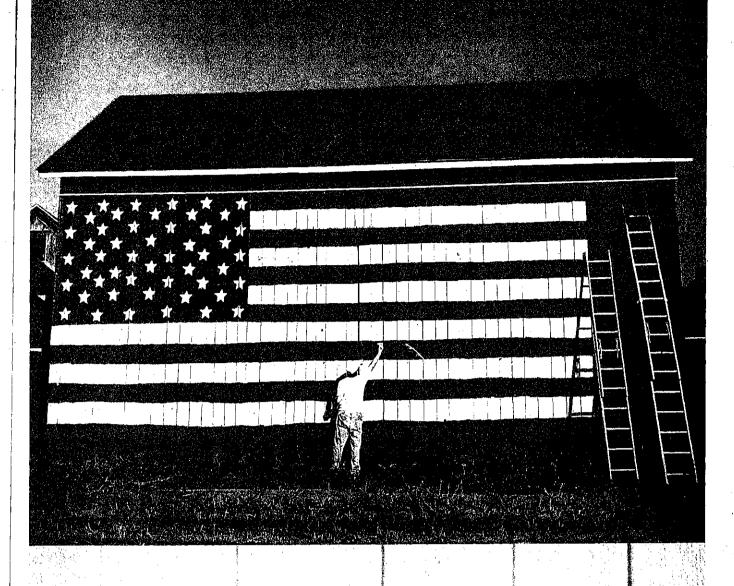
To determine when to plant your fall garden, find out when the first hard frost typically arrives in your area. To find the ideal planting date, count back eight to 12 weeks, or roughly 60 to 90 days.

Help your disposal

food like onion skins, celery stalks asparagus and potato peels in a garbage disposal. On the other hand, grind ice and egg shells to help clean the disposal and keep the hlades

Making paper 'buttons'

When punching a design inside of design, begin with the smaller, e design first. This technique can be used to create paper "but-tons," which can be mounted on



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"Purple Majesty" omamental

By Linda F. Negro SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

It's never too early to start planning next year's garden. Think about this past sum-mer's vegetables and flowers and make note of what worked and what didn't. Which tomato variety survived the heat? Where do you need more color in the

flower garden? Would improved varieties work better?

All-America Selections has been working for 70 years to test new varieties in a network of gardens across the country.

Each year the organization publishes a list of some of the best performers. You'il find these in garden catalogs this winter and at garden centers in the spring.

The All-America Section Gold Medal winter is the "Purple Majesty" ornamental millet. The purple grass grows 3 to 5 feet tall with 8 to 12-inch flower spikes (which can be used in floral arrangements).

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•"CanCan Scarlet" carnation was selected for its 2-inch red blooms and spicy fragrance that can fill a room.

•"Golden Jubilee" agastache foeniculum is an aromatic herb that loves the heat loves fragrance that can fill a room.

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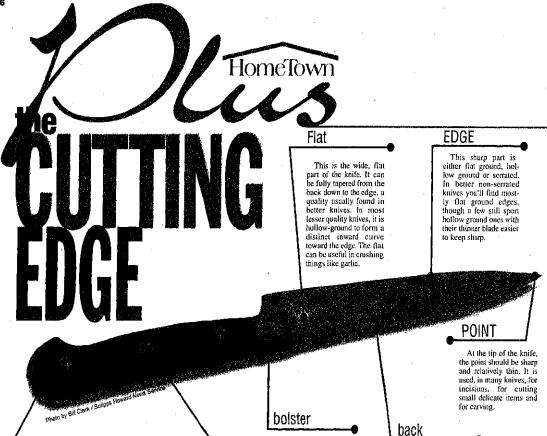
•"Jaio Dark Red" vinca reproduces

"Sundance Bicolo" gaillardia pulchella
is a drought-tolerant plant offering double
globe-shaped blooms on plants that spread
15 to 16 inches.

"Forever White" eustoma offers 2-inch ivory-white blooms on heat- and low-mois







handle

Usually made two, or metal. The handle envelops the tang, and is usually fastened by rivets or encased in the plastic or metal,

tang

This is the part that runs from the bolster back into the handle. The best knives have a full tang, and, except for some of the sealed-handled knives, it is visible on the top, hack and bottom of the handle, held securely by multiple rivets. A half tang is the next preference, visible on top and back of the handle, but not on the bottom.

An integral part of most good knives, it's a thick piece of metal between the handle and the blade, made to add weight to the knife, provide it with better balance and a comfortable resting place for the hand, it's some-times called the shank.

Opposite the sharp edge, the back, or spine, is thick on most good knives, except for carvers and slicers, to provide strength to the blade. It can also be used to scrape the cut-ting board after cutting. Note that on forged knives, it tapers from the bolster to the tip.

Finding the right knife for your kitchen takes planning, research

By Jake Grove

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Today's kitchens are not the den of mediocre utensils they used to be. Athome chefs are looking for the right equipment for the right job and they won't buy the average stuff anymore. This is no more true than in the pursuit for the perfect kitchen knife.

Kitchen knives have come a long way in the last decade or so. Where once a customer picked out a relatively boring, never-needs-sharpening version that ran about \$30, those same customers are splurging a little more to get something that lasts and something that does the job better than usual.

And the knives out there reflect this trend. There are dozens of brands to choose from now, so that means there is a lot more research to do before buying.

"When customers first come in they just say they want a good, sharp knife," said Judy Booker, owner of Kitchen Emporium in Anderson, S.C. "They just want something that will make cutting easy, but don't really know what else to

The first thing to learn is what the knife is made of. Not every kitchen knife is made the same and there are different schools of thought as to what you should look for.

Most blades are made from a high-carbon stainless steel, the most popular metal for knives because it has rust and

stain resistant properties. As far as construction, knives typical-fall into two categories: forged and

The forged variation is usually indicative of hand-made knives, according to Cook's Illustrated. Brands like Wusihof, Chef's Choice and Sabatier are forged and very popular among some chefs. Stamped knives are created from a

machine. Although generally not considered as high a quality, the average cook can barely tell the difference. Chicago Cutlery and Forschner are such

stamped companies.

A third variation, however, has been patented by J.A. Henckels and involves taking three pieces of steel specially designed for each part of the knife (the blade, bolster and tang). The pieces are then fused together in order to provide the perfect balance. But does the average customer really care how a knife is made or what it's

made of? No. The buyer only cares about three things: the price, the use and

Booker said the feel of a knife has replaced price as the most important factor in new knives.

Most often, the only real difference lies in the handle, where balance is determined.

determined.

"They have to look for a good balance," Booker said. "Men usually prefer
a heavier knife while women would
rather have a lighter one. I hand them
the knives and let them grip it and they
have to take it from there."

Finally, you have to decide what style
of knives you want to buy.
When you have narrowed down what

When you have narrowed down what brand, then figure out which type you generally need in your kitchen. On aver-age, there are three mainstays in the knife set a chef's knife, the paring knife and the utility knife.

The chef's knife is the most used, It

The chel's kintle is the most used. It can chop meat, veggies and just about anything except bone. Therefore, it should be the most comfortable to you. The utility knife is about six inches long and is used for the smaller jobs. Some use it exclusively while others consider it a secondary knife to the chel's.

chef's.

The paring knife is the smallest. It will be used for cutting and chopping things you can hold in your hand. It usually only gets used for peeling but can be great for sheing and dieing just like the chef's and utility.

Prices can vary. A set of five knives with block can cost anywhere from \$80 to more than \$250.

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Individual knives can cost as little as \$10 and as much as \$100, depending on the brand and style.

Most of the higher end models come

with lifetime or extended warranties where you won't have to buy another knife for the rest of your life. If you go cheaper, you might be buying a new set

Chefs turn to beer as flavor enhancer

By Bob Masullo

Beer is meant for drinking, You'll get no argument on that from California chef Chris Thomas, former executive chef at Sacramento Brewing Co.'s Oasis. But he often uses the beverage as an ingredient in

bis cooking.
"I love to drink beer and I love to cook with it," says Thomas, 36. "If I had to choose between the two,

which fortunately I do not, I'd have to say I prefer drinking it."

Although he new works primarily as a construction contractor, he still cooks at the Oasis for special events and for classes on beer appreciation.

Q: Where did cooking with beer

start?

A: That goes back to the ancient Egyptians. They used it instead of water in making bread. But ever since, many cultures have used it.

Q: Does it have a contemporary

G: Does it have a contemporary ethnic connection?

A: Yes. As you might expect, it's most popular where beer-drinking is big. The Germans cook with it a lot, mainly to simmer sausages and other meats. The British use quite a bit, too. Their Welsh rarebit has stout (a thick dack been) was min interestly. thick, dark beer) as a main ingredi-

Q: What recipes do you use beer

At I use it imaginatively, matching certain beer tastes with certain food tastes. You have to have a feel for what goes with what.

Q: Some examples?

A: Oh, chicken with lager, pork with sout; fish with pale alc or a

Q: What are some of the ways you use beer in your cooking?

A: Three of my favorite uses are in a barley vinaignette, which you can apply to many dishes; in the batter for fish (in a fish 'n' chips dinner); and in pizza dough, which, if you use a nice hefeweizen (wheat beer), becomes incredibly light and airy It's also a good alternative to wine

REER-BATTERED FISH

This recipe is used by Sacramento Brewing Co.'s Oasis restaurant; its fish 'n' chips dinner is quite popular. The fish must be cooked in a deep fryer, according to chef Chris Thomas.

"A frying pan just won't do it jus-

tice," he says, noting that deep fryers for home cost about \$30. The recipe does not include the oil needed to fill the fryer. Serve the fish with french fries, slices of lemon. malt vinegar and tartar sauce

1 12-cance bottle of India pale ale

2 eggs 1/4 cup vegetable oil 2 cups flour plus a little extra foi

dredging
3/4 tablespoon baking powde 3/4 tablespoon ground pepper 1/2 tablespoon cayenne 1/2 tablespoon sait 1/4 teaspoon oragano 1 tablespoon whole thyme 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder 1 1/2 to 2 pounds of fish fillets (cod or pollock are best)

In a bowl, combine ale, eggs and oil: when smooth, whisk in flour,

baking powder and spices.

Dredge fish fillets through flour and shake off excess, then whisk through batter.

Drop fillers in fully heated oil in the deep fryer; let cook until they float to surface and are golden brown (usually 5 minutes or less),

Remove fillets from deep fryer, drain and serve.

Prep time: 10 minutes.

Cook time: 5 minutes. Serves: 4.

Eggplant, pasta make perfect partners

By Betsy Kline

Unless you've grown up cating eggplant, chances are you've admired it for its curvaceous beauty but never tried it.

Truth is, we hadn't, either, unless you count eggplant Parmesan, in which the vegetable is virtually unrecognizable swathed in so many other wonder-

Eggplant plays a starring role in today's recipe, in which it is baked and then combined with caramelized sweet peppers and onions and pasta for a delicious

In fact, don't worry if you overbake the eggplant, because its creaminess just adds to the lus-ciousness of the dish. Fresh basil

PENNE WITH PROVENCAL EGGPLANT AND SWEET PEPPERS

? medium sized egoplants, unpoeled and cut into 1-inch cubes 1 cup oilve oil, divided

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America's finally gone catfishin'

By Marty Meltus SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Henry Gantz reels off the statistics on catfish; Cathish ranks fourth on the list of most consumed fish per capita (if you count shrimp, it's fifth); it's passed cod in popularity; it's growing in consumption as the rest of the fish category

Gantz is with the Catfish Institute in Mississippi, which was established 15 years ago to promote farm-raised catfish.

He believes catfish has finally overcome its image as a bottom-feeder, adding, "Everything seafood has done wrong, eatfish has done right." Prices are reasonable, and quality is consistent.

Now his job is to up our intake. Despite the marketing push, we consume only 1 pound of catfish per capita per year. Overall seafood consumption per capita is only 15.6 pounds. (By comparison, we cat 62.9 pounds of beef per

capita per year.)

To help him in his mission, he's brought along 'Fish & Shellfish, & Smoked" (Harvard Common Press, \$15.95) and nine other cookbooks, who's best-known for her mail-order barbecue-cookbook business

(www.pigoutpublications.com). Catfish is mild enough to do just about any thing with it, she says. When cooking catfish, which can be grilled, baked or pan-fried, follow the 10 minutes-per-inch-of-thickness cooking rule. Catfish can be substituted in any of your

favorite fish recipes.

Here are some of Adler's suggestions:

n Rub with a little olive oil and garlic salt,
pan-fry and serve with salsa.

n Serve with a spicy horseradish sauce (from Adler's cookbook "The Best Little BBQ Sauces Cookbook"): 1 cup light sour cream; 4 table-spoons horseradish; 2 tablespoons chopped pimento; 1 tablespoon paprika; 1 teaspoon ground cumin; 1 teaspoon allspice; 1/2 teaspoon coriander; 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes. Combine and refrigerate for an hour before serv-

n Make a rub. One of Adler's favorites is the fireworks rub from her latest book: Use 1 to 2 teaspoons of the rub and grill, bake or pan-fry the fish. The rub, which makes one cup, will

TERIYAKI CATFISH WITH WASABI CUCUMBER SALAD

3 tablespoons terlyaki sauce 1-1/2 teaspoons wasahi powder (avallable in Asian markets) 1 teaspoon rice vinegar (available in the Asian

ction of grocery stores)

2 medium-size cucumbers, peeled, seeded and chapped

u Coloppeu 1/3 cup non-fat sour creem Four 3- to 5-ounce ferm-raised catfish fillets Fresh clientro leaves for garnish Prepare a hot fire. in a small bowl, stir together

the teriyaki sauce, the wasabi powder and the vinegar to make a marinade. Set aside for 10 min utes to let the flavors blend. In a medium-size bowl, stir together I tablespoon of the teriyaki marinade and the cucum-bers; stir in the sour cream.

When ready to grill, brush both sides of the cat-

fish fillets with the remaining mannance and piace on an oiled grill rack. Grill until the fish is opaque and just beginning to flake when tested with a fork, 2 to 3 intinutes per side. To serve, top the catfish with the cucumber salad and gamish with cilantro. Makes 4 servings.

Source: Karen Adler's "Fish & Shellfish.

keen for up to six months, so it's ready for dinner when you are: Combine in a jar with a lid; 1/4 cup chili powder; 1/4 cup cumin; 1/4 cup coriander; 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon; 2 tablespoons firmly packed brown sugar; 1 tablespoon salt; I tablespoon red pepper flakes; and 2 tablespoons freshly ground black pepper. Shake to blend. Use 1 to 2 teaspoons as a rub for fish.

n Serve with a doctored-up barbeeue sauce

also from "The Best Little BBQ Sauces Cookbook"]: Mix 2 cups bottled barbecue sauce with 1/2 cup dark brown sugar; 1/3 cup minced onion; and 5 large minced cloves garlic. For an Asian-style variation, add 2 tablespoons soy sauce, I teaspoon ground ginger, I teaspoon gar-lic powder. Or, for a raspberry barbecue sauce, add I package of frozen red raspberries in syrup