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In a front page article in the July 17 edition of the Novi News, "64 cats removed from townhouse," it stated that Novi townhouse, 'n stated that Novi police Ofe, Larry Lemerand was dispatched to the apartment to meet an FIA (Family Independent Agency) worker. FIA is the Family Independence Agency. Protective Services is part of the FIA.

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Commission's concert

Great Lakes balladeer Lee Murdock is coming to Novi Aug.
7 to celebrate the state's maritime 7 to cerebrate the state's maintain heritage. Murdock will be per-forming on the the lawn of the Novi Civic Center. 7 p.m. in a free concert organized by the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department and funded by the city's Historical Commission.

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Stiff competition

The Nonhville Broncos U-16 seball team was well aware that baseball team was well aware that they were going to be facing the possibility of losses when they looked over the teams coming to

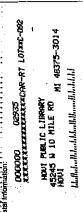
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Wixom Rd. zoning changes OK'd

■ Decision may open door to more commercial development

By Pam Fleming

Homeowners along Wixom oad south of Grand River

Avenue in Novi are pleased that members of the Novi Planning Commission have granted their

wish. Following a public hearing, Commission members voted July 16 to rezone about four acres from one-family residential to community business, opening the door for more commercial development in the area.

opment in the area.

If Novi City Council members

approve the zoning change, the land could be used for buildings in both the B-1 and B-2 zoning

B-1 zoning includes generally recognized retail providing com-modities on the premises, such as grocery and drug stores. It could also include personal service establishments, such as dry cleaners, banks, medical offices, and instructional centers for art and

music.

B-2 zoning includes all uses permitted in the B-1 classification plus sit-down restaurants, banquet facilities, theaters, business schools, day care centers or nursery schools, professional or med-ical offices and other similar uses.

The request by Alan and Kathy Bond of Novi did not comply with the city's master plan, and Planning Department staff recommended that the area be zoned as OS-1 or Office Service. This would be more of a transitional use, such as for office buildings.

But Planning Commission members rejected that idea and approved the area for a more commercial use.

The rezoning means a lot to the Bonds, because they see their

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To the ton Youngsters try to tackle a portable climbing wall at this past weekend's activities at the Novi Music and Motor Fest. For more event photos, please turn to page 2.

Novi man shows car at Concours d'Elegance

"His hobby became his living and his living became his hobby. We raised four kids and sent them to school. It wasn't such a bad thing," said Theresa Coppola thing, said theresa coppota approvingly from the corner of the Eight Mile garage her hus-band, Joe, has been coming to every day since retiring in 1985. While he's spent much of that

time restoring several awarding-winning antique cars, a huge block of that time has been devoted to restoring the love of his

automotive life, a 1936 Auburn Boattail Speedster.

Boattail Speedster.
Sunday Joe will roll the deep wine-colored car past the judge's stand at the Meadow Brook Concours d'Elegance for the first time while 15 to 20 of his family, members watch and perhaps take home his fourth Meadowbrook trophy.

trophy.

And if not? "It's been a labor of love," the Novi resident said.

Coppola first heard of the

Boattail Speedster as a 12-yearold Italian immigrant growing up in the Wyoming and Fenkle area of Detroit. "All the older guys

talked about em, but I never seen one," he recalled.

It wasn't until years later while Maryland car collector that he saw one in the flesh and knew he had to have one. However, the collector "wanted \$80,000 for the collector "wanted \$80,000 for the Auburn. He might as well have said \$80 million, but I knew at that very moment that I wanted a Speedster."

Coppola finally found an Auburn he could afford, sort of, in St. Louis. "I paid too much for a

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Founder of Wixom firm Acromag dies

■ Lyon Twp. resident viewed as pioneer in measurement, control technology

By Pam Flemino

Henry Patton II, a resident of Lyon Township, former resident of Novi, and founder and president/CEO of Acromag, Inc., in Wixom, died July 23 from complications following a heart attack.

plications toffowing a mean attack.

A key figure in the development of process measurement and control technology, Patton founded Acromag in 1957 in Detroit and remained active as CEO until his recent illness. He was regardage as a process in the field of significant in the field ed as a pioneer in the field of sig-nal conditioning, originally adapt-ing magnetic amplifier technolofor use in process control nlications.

Under Patton's lendership and Under Patton's leadership and engineering expertise, Acromag grew into a multi-miltion-dollar international corporation, relocating to Wixom in 1965.
"He was a brilliant man and an excellent engineer," said Robert Greenfield, communications man-

Acromag, who worked with Patton who with for more than 13 years. "No matter

what subject he studied, he became

expert at it, whether it was engineering, business, photography, music or burglar alarms," Greenfield said, He explained that when officials decided it was time to purchase an alarm system for Acromag that Patton thoroughly

Acromag that Patton thoroughly researched the product line.

"He also cared about the welfare of his employees. His number one objective was job security for his employees. He ran the company conservatively to maintain stable employment for his workers," Greenfield said.
"He never married and devoted.

"He never married and devoted his life to the company he start-

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Police catch second suspect in carjacking

By Phil Foley

Police didn't have to look hard

Police didn't have to look hard for the second suspect in a July 15 armed carjacking in Novi.
According to Novi Police Detective David Molloy, Daniel Williams, 25, was apprehended about noon July 22 as he walked up to the parole office on Detroit's Clinton street to meet with his probation officer.

Clinton street to meet with his probation officer.

Molloy said Williams was on probation for a auto theft conviction stemming from a 1999 incident in Detroit.

Novi Police say Williams was the wheelman for Brian Jones, 26, who they say took a 2003 BMW X-5 at gunpoint from an 18-year-old Plymouth boy at the Speedway gas station at the corner of Novi and 10 Mile roads.

The SilV was recovered in

The SUV was recovered in Livonia less than an hour after the carjacking, and Jones is now being held on a \$1 million bond at the Oakland County Jail, charged felonious assault and possession of a stolen credit card

Molloy said both men have extensive criminal records and are long-time associates. He noted Jones had only been out of prison since May, paroled on a 1999 auto theft conviction. He said the pair could be prosecuted as habitual offenders. offenders.

The Plymouth teen was accompanied by a 19-year-old Farmington man and three Novi teenage girls. None of them were injured in the incident, which injured in the incident, which police believe was triggered by the SUV's "spinner wheels." Molloy said within a week of the Novi incident, spinner wheels were the target of a carjacking in Warren and two more in Livonia. However, he added, it's not beleived the cases are directly

Molloy said investigators have yet to locate the white Buick Williams reportedly used in the carjacking or the semi-automatic handgun they say Jones used.

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After nearly 20 years of work, Novi resident Joe Coppola ready to unveil his masterplece project, a 1936 Auburn Boattail Speedster, this we



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Crowds stroll along Main Street in Novi during Friday night's Music and Motor Fest.



Dave Gillam, a volunteer with the Novi Lions organiza-

Music & Motor Festival 2003

Photos by John Heider and Lynne Garcia Layout design by Bianca Mieth



embers from That 80's Band make the crowd sing and dance on Friday night.



Elaine McIntyre and Eric Ridenour paint their entries for The Kids Art Contest sponsored by the Childrens Auto Art Booth.



A passer-by takes a gander at a Ford Mustang parked near Grand River Ave.

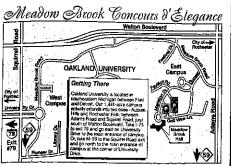


Musician Terry Stevenson entertains on the Roadrunner



Kids enjoy an amusement ride in the featival's carnival section.

Novi man shows car at Concours d'Elegance this Sunday in Rochester Hills



a cost that would get most people a pretty nice used car. When Cappola got the car in St.

for a friend, He said he and Lee

Bartell were checking out other cars when a couple of German guys told them they'd won in broken English. "We were so excited

car I was gonna tear down and rebuild," he recalled,

Designed by the late Gordon Buehrig, recognized as one of the last great individual car designers, the Speedster is one of the most sought-after cars of its era. With an impossibly long hood, enor-mous flaring pontoon fenders and

mous flaring pointoon fenders and a ragtop that looks more like a cap, the Speedster looks fast.

A metal tag affixed to the dash of each of the some 140 cars built between 1935 and '36 signed by Auburn, Cord, Dusenberg's chief test driver Ab Jenkins attested to the fact that the car had been test driver in secses 100 mah at the driven in excess 100 mph at the factory's grounds in Auburn, Ind.
Coppola found another metal tag beneath the debris in the golf bag compartment behind the rear seat.

The tag, which had once been glued to the dash, read, "This car especially made for E.A. Schwarzkoff." A teacher friend of Louis, it was painted a fire engine red and had a 1950's-era Oldsmobile under the hood and the Auburn seat had been replaced with hot rod buckets. Luckily, the Coppola's did a little research and discovered that Schwarzkoff had biscovered that Schwarzson, may been a farmous opera diva in the mid 1930s. "Now there's some history for you," said Coppola, waving the tag which he plans on using as a keychain tag his car.

Of course Auburns, Cords and Duespharzy waren neutre thus col. owner had the original Auburn engine and Cappola rebuilt and reinstalled it, complete with the

supercharger that once pushed it past a C-note. Cappola's first win at Meadow Brook came in 1994 with a 1957 Cadillac El Dorado he restored Of course Auburns, Cords and Dusenbergs were never blue col-lar cars. The Meadow Brook Concours d'Elegance is marking its 25th year with a display of 25 Dusenbergs. Organizers say it's the most significant collection of cars in one place since six Bussait. cars in one place since six Bugatti

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Cassis' bill provides taxpayers access

Legislation State Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) sponsored requir-ing the Michigan Department of Treasury to publish their letter rulings was signed into law, ensuring that the public will now be able to easily access those rulings. "This new law is a victory for

"This new law is a victory for taxpayers," Cassis said. "It has always been my commitment to make Michigan laws more taxpayer friendly by ensuring that people have access to all the information they need in making sound tax decisions in compliance with state laws and regulations."

Letter rulings are official decisions made by the Department of Treasury that respond to questions posed by taxpayers on issues that may be unclear in the law. In the past, the publishing of letter rul-ings was common practice. Over the last three years, however, the department has cut back in publi-

"If the IRS publishes their rul-ings, it is just common sense that the State of Michigan follow suit," Cassis said. "We are here to serve the people of Michigan, and this law provides better access to public information."

lic information."

The legislation, Senate Bill 121, passed with overwhelming bi-partisan support both the House and Senate unanimously. The bill was signed by the governor and assigned Public Act 92 of 2003.



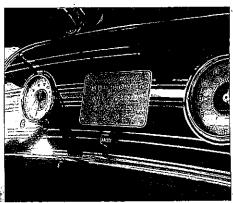
Novi's Coppola family, Joe, Anthony and Theresa, show off the 1936 Auburn Boattail Speedster that Joe's spent the better part of the past two decades restoring. The car will go on public display for the first time Sunday at the 25th annual Meadow Brook Concours d'Elegance on the grounds of Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall.

1940 LaSalle Club Coupe, "It wa all restored by me," he said, smil-ing broadly. Five years later the Concours judges recognized his 1939 Cadillac as the most significant GM car at the show.

Today Coppola has seven cars, including the Speedster, in his collection. "It's not about quantity, it's about quality. This is quality. I've been through every bolt," he said with a wave to the

Speedster. "Sometimes," said Theresa, "I

we made a beeline for the car," he Phil Foley is a staff writer for recalled. "I never dreamed I could the Novi News. He can be reached see in the control of the Novi News. He can be reached see in 1994 Coppola won with a pole on nonecomment."



Accrding to Joe Coppola, every Auburn Boattail Indiana plant came with a dash attesting to the fact that it had been drive bu Ab Jenkins at more than 100 mph. Coppola's car won't reach speeds even close to that at Sunday's d'Elegance at Oakland



lice work may not be all what CSI and NYPD Blue is cracked up to by, but it nas its moments. Novi Detective Victor Lauría recently went to San Antonio, Texas, to be honored for his part in helping solve a major jewelry store robbery in Novi earlier

Detective honored for efforts

now facing trail this fall on charges including conspiracy, home inva-sion, kidnapping armed robbery and

possession of a fire arm during the

commission of a felony.

According to Lauria, he a fellow investigators believe Jerome was the

was "shocked" when police walked up to his trock while it was on

Evergreen in Detroit less than a

week after the robbery.

and a friend.

The metal and glass trophy on his desk reads "Detective Victor C.M. Lauria," but the Novi Police Department investigator is quick to point out that the award from National Retail Federation was really the result of a group effort. "No one person could solve a

lead dectective in the Jared Gallaria of Jewelers robbery last spring, so it was Lauria who got to travel to San Antonio, Texas, to accept the busi-

ness group's award. The Excellence in Law Enforcement and Partnership with Loss Prevention Professionals award was only the second ever presented by the association and the leader of the group. He said the man most frightening crimes in Novi in

Novi Police say the group stalked the manager of Novi's Jared Gallaria of Jeweders, Deborah Harrington, to her Linden home: rantington, to like 1 indeed none, invaded the house at gampoint; and threatened to slaughter her family, if she didn't cooperate with them.

"It was a very, very violent crime," said Lauria, "It's bad

enough to be the victim of a home invasion or an armed robbery, but to be held hostage for 9-10 hours, that's something a victim doesn't easily recover from."

The Harringtons' ordeal began about 9 pm. March 19 when two ground the superport of the property of the superport of the superport of the superport of the superport

armed suspect confronted Harrington and her husband at the door to their home. The suspects, investigators later learned, had spent days following Harrington from her store in Novi to her home and noting the number and types of ears found

in her yard.
Lauria said after tying up the Harrington family, two more suspects entered their home and the four spent the next several hours ransacking the place, taking jewelry

The gunmen, said Lauria, then forced Harrington to drive to Novi, telling her along the way that if any thing went wrong - her family would die, Only three months earli-er a Livonia jeweler and his family died in a botched similar crime. which investigators believe served as the template for the Jared rob-

South Lyon teen taces possible embezzlement charges

An 18-year-old South Lyon youth is facing embezzlement charges after managers at the Novi Gamestop store reported the dissappearence of more than 20 game car-tridges since the teen was hired in

According to a report filed by Novi Police Officer Louis Bigliardi, the teen confessed during a tele-phone interview July 16 to putting nearly 20 game cartridges and a Gameboy Advance system in the trash and then recovering them after

Officer Bigliardi said the teen told him he used the funds from the

stolen games to buy more games.

Jeffery Riggs, Gamestop's Jeffery Riggs, Garnestop's regional loss prevention manager, told investigators \$615.74 worth of merchandize take from the Novi store was take to the company's Commerce Township location for terms and the state of store credits. He said another \$64.97 worth of refunds were made at the Gamestop location in Twelve Oaks Mall.

Oaks Mall.

Although no arrests have been made, Officer Bigliardi has turned his reports over to the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office for possible warrants. He noted the teen has

POLICE REPORT

Too late for beer

21-year-old charged Farmington man with retail fraud and OUIL July 27 after a clerk at the Farmer Jack store at 41840 in the day someone used his credit card to make \$497.56 in 10 Mile reported the man ran purchases in from the store with an 18-pack of Southfield. admitted taking the beer, saying he took it because it was after 2 a.m. and he knew the store wouldn't sell it. Officer with retail fraud July 24 after Lindhade also reported the man lead of the store failed a field subriety test and & Taylor told him the youth took. registered a Blood Alcohol a watch and carrings, worth Content (BAC) of .13. The man state released after posting a s100, from the store without payans later released after posting a \$100 bond.

Joy riders

A 33-year-old Novi man told Hit & run Officer Mark Stone that his Chevrolet Venture van was stolen from his Brookstone Street home sometime before 8:13 a.m. July 27. The man alerted OnStar and corner of 121/2 Mile and Dixon roads, with its license plate miss-tire marks in several nearby ing. According to Officer Stone, yards. the thief made an unsuccessful attempt to drive through an iron gate, damaging the van's right front and undercarriage. He added that three of the van's tires had been slashed and several party poppers had been exploded inside the van. Officer Stone sug- and Haggerty Road. An anonygested the theft might be the mous caller reported the doctor's work of joyriders, noting a 1991 Chevrolet Blazer was "all Hummer was taken from the over the road." When stopped, same subdivision a month ago the doctor reportedly admitted to and recovered a short time later

A 41-year-old construction vorker told Officer Scott Tewes that someone stole his heavy duty Milwaukee drill and his boss' air compressor from a hotel construction site at 12 Mile Road and Cabaret Drive. The man told Officer Tewes the value of the equipment matched the amount in dispute between himself and

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Lauria soon found himself break in the case.

In less than a week more, his conference in the case. involved in an investigation that spanned three countries and included a half-dozen countries and included a half-dozen were in custody and police had agencies and scores of investigators, recovered nearly \$500,000 of the The investigation led them to two Detroit brothers, their two cousins beleives investigators recovered as much as they did, because the thieves' orginal hauf "far exceeded what they expected." He noted that getting rid of stolen items is far more difficult than it would appear. Jerome Edwin Montegomery, 38: his brother, Reginald Eugene Montegomery, 30: their constits. LaShawn Montegomery, 30, and Yolanda Lee-Nancy Price, 36, are

loss prevention at Sterling Jewelers Corp, Jared's parent company, nom-inated him for the award, "There were a lot of people who should be recognized." The 15-year veteran of law enforcement said "This was too large and complex a case for me to solve all on my own."

Phil Foley is a staff writer for the

off with roughly \$1 million in jewel- robbery three days after the Novi incident, Lauria said it was a crucial

> at 13 Mile Road and M-5. Lauria said that while the head of

He said the award was "totally unexpected," adding that he was "really humbled" by the experience.

Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 108 or at pfostemming from an earlier jewelry lev@ht.homecomm.net.

A 38-year-old Novi woman told Officer Scott Woodley July 23 that her ex-husband e-mailed

CD player snatched

Officer David Martino charged

stolen while he was eating at Panera Bread in Livonia. The

man told Officer Leslie that later

The residents of a home on Borehart Street told Officer Scott Baetens that someone slammed into their 1995 Chevrolet while it was parked in front of their house the van was later found near the and drove off without stopping.

Doctor charged

Officer Jason Meier charged a 56-year-old Sandford doctor with OUIL following a traffic stop near Grand River Avenue having two drinks a couple of hours earlier, but register a pre-liminary BAC of .254. After the doctor reportedly refused a second breathalyzer test during booking, officers obtained a search warrant and had blood samples drawn at Providence

A 21-year-old Novi woman told Officer David Martino July 23 that someone took \$200 worth of personal property from her unlocked 1987 Chrysler LaBaron

July 27 that a 60-year-old man told him his wallet had been Rocket scientist?

Officer Andrew Hudecheck July 23 that someone broke into a 1994 Dodge Caravan at the busi Truck burglarized ness and took a Sony CD player Too much party

Officer Kristie Gruenwald

traffie stop near Beck Road and Grand River Avenue. Office Gruenwald reported spotting the woman's 1990 Chevrolet station wagon headed north from 10 Mile road at speeds between 10 and 12 mph in a 40 mph zone. The woman admitted to having three or four vodkas before leav ing her boyfriend's birthday party and after failing a field sobriety test, she registered a BAC of ,17.

Racing bag pilfered

A 42-year-old man told Officer Mark Kohls July 22 that someone burglarized his 2002 Cadillac Escalade while he was at Lifetime Fitness in Novi. He said a Jaguar racing bag contain-ing a Dell laptop and a Franklin planner were taken. He estimated his loss, including damages to

A Novi man told Officer Vere Wirwille July 22 that someone took his wife's golf clubs from the garage of their Emerald Forest home sometime between July 2 and July 4.

Beams boosted

Kohls that thieves apparently jumped the seven-foot wall at the while it was parked outside her Tower Court home.

POLICE REPORT

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company's storage yard and made off with 20 8-inch by 12-foot aluminum beams sometime between 5 p.m. July 18 and 9:18 a.m. July 22. The beams, which weighed a BAC of .11 the driver, a 30-yearmore than 100-pounds each, were worth more than \$2,000. Thieves also did an estimated \$400 damater posting a \$100 bond. age to the company's landscaping,

A clerk at Collex Collision on Novi Road told Officer Mark Kohls that thieves made off with \$1,750 worth of stereo equipment and CDs from a 1999 Dodge Ram parked at the busi-

Light fingers

Officer Mark Stone charged and 18-year-old Carleton girl with retail fraud after loss prevention officers at Lord & Taylor told hin she took a \$22 bracelet from the store without paying for it. The teen was later released on a \$100

Home vandalized

A Novi man told Officer Paul VanPelt July 22 that vandals dumped a 5-gallon can of paint down the basement stainwell of a home under construction on Sterling Street and then walked through the mess.

Speedy drunk

Officer Brian Woloski reported July 22 clocking a 1994 GMC Yukon hitting speeds of 51 to 56 mph on northbound Novi Road. After catching up to the vehicle at

Party leads to arrests

A loud party on Ladene Street ended July 22 with three out-ofown teëns in jail.

Officer Kevin Rhea charged a

19-year-old Canton woman, an 18-year-old Southgate boy and an 18-year-old Altoona, Fl., boy with minors in possession. The Canton woman was also charged with holding an open house party.

All three were later released after posting \$100 bonds. Two other teens were released without

The young woman, said Officer Rhea, told him she was at the house dog watching for a co-worker. The homeowner told Officer Rhea that no one except the Canton woman had permission to be in his house and he had not given her permission to hold a

party.

During booking at Novi Police
Headquarters, Officer Rhea said
he conficated fraudulent identification cards from the two 18-yearindicated he was 21 and the Florida teen had a Florida identity ard listing him as 27-years-old

Novi family escapes harm as burglar roams house

A 44-year-old Novi woman had a close encounter of the burglar kind at her Galway Street home July 22.

The woman told Officer Paul

Leslie that she went to her handi-capped son's first-floor bedroom about 1 a.m. to check on the boy and decided to stay in his room, leaving her husband asleep in their second-floor bedroom.

About an hour later the woman awoke hearing a male voice in the foyer 10 feet from where she was sleeping. The woman said she saw a flashlight beam, but thought it was her husband and went back to clean. sleep.
At 7:30 a.m. the woman discov-

ered her laptop computer was missing from the kitchen and she called her husband at work to see if he had taken it. After he told he he had not taken the computer with him and had not gotten up in the middle of the night, the woman discovered the television an their living room had been moved and she called police.

someone had made \$778.49 in charges at stores in Novi and Livonia.

someone vandalized the solar-power landscape lights at her Clark line, told Officer had stopped for eigarettes, Officer Woloski said the driver admitted

to having three to four drinks at JW's Sports Club. After failing a field sobriety test and registering

A 56-year-old employee at Tom Holzer Ford told Officer Mark Kohlis July 21 that someone stole Township waman with retail a set of rims and tires from a 2003 Ford Explorer being stored at

Lights out

that she apparently lost her credit card at the Speedway gas station card at the Speedway gas station at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads about 9:30 a.m. However, by noon told Officer Paul Leslie that

Fast charging

A 30-year-old woman told

Officer Andrew Hudechek July 21

And marijuana too

Belanger Inc. on Heslip Drive.
The rims and tires were latter recovered at a Novi teen's home.

The rims and tires were latter recovered at a Novi teen's home.

The rims and tires were latter took jewelry from the store without paying for it. During questioning, Officer Stemplen discovered the woman also had six grams of marijuana in her purse and

An employee at Lawrence M. Clark Inc. told Officer Eric Lindblade July 21 that someone cut the wires on a Cat Escavator at a construction site on the south-west corner of 14 Mile and Haggerty roads.

A 49-year-old Novi man told Officer Kristie Gruenwald that someone stole his daughter's bicycle while she was at a friend's home on Broadmoorpark Lane.

Officer Jeremy Stempion charged a 49-year-old Detroit woman with possession of stolen vehicle, possession of stolen firearms, carrying a conand felony possession of firea following a traffic stop at the West Oaks II shopping center. Stempien recovered a 2001 Chevrolet Impala and a Taurus .38 Special that had been reported stolen in Detroit May 27. He also seized a Winchester Model 94-30 rifle. The woman claimed the



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H. Patton III, founder of Wixom firm Acromag, dies

engineer."

(Ludwig) Brabetz of Lehre-Flechtorf, Germany; nine grand-

Streed of Palatine, Ill, and Doris Streed of Palatine, III, and Doris O'Kcefe of Streator, III.; three nephews and one niece.

Gene was preceded in death by son Paul at age 14 in 1977; and brother-in-law James O'Keefe in

Gene had been a resident of Dexter Township for 12 years, moving from Novi, where she

resided for 34 years and was a middle school teacher/librarian. In addition to Gene's love of fam-

ed," Greenfield noted, Patton was involved in communi-ty activities and was well-known by Wixom city officials, Greenfield

"He even took pictures of the city's new fire station when it opened and shared the photos with

the firefighters," he said.

Patton was a longtime member of the Instrumentation Society of America and recently served as treasurer for the local Detroit chan r. He was a strong supporter of the niversity of Michigan-Dearborn's College of Engineering program. He received the Distinguished Education Program Advocate aware from the university in May.

An avid photographer and classi-cal music lover, Patton collected cameras and pianos. He kept his prized Steinway concert grand piano in the Acromag facility, where he often hosted meetings for the local chapter of the Piano Tuner's

A native of Portsmouth, Va., Patton was the eldest son of Henry W. Patton, M.D., of Jonesborough, Tenn., and Osborne P. Morris Patton of Knoxville, Tenn.

At the time of Henry's birth, Dr. Patton was on the staff of the Portsmouth Naval Hospital. As the Navy assigned Dr. Patton to various duty stations, Herry moved with the family, crisscrossing the U.S. many times. His mother died in 1935 while the family was living on the Great Lakes Naval Training Station

OBITUARY

Gene Louise O'Neal

Gene Louise O'Neal, age 78.

passed away July 16, 2003 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She was born March 5,

Arbor. She was born March 5, 1925, in Chicago, Ill., the daughter of Jensine (Olsen) and LeRoy Lindgren. Gene held degrees from the University of Chicago and the University of Michigan and taught at Slauson Junior High School in Ann Arbor in the late 1940s and early 1950s.

brilliant man and an excellent

Robert Greenfield

Sometime later, Dr. Patton mar-ried Alta Lee of Bremerton, Wash, who raised Henry II and his younger brother, David. During World War II, the family lived in San Diego, Calif. Henry II was accepted into the Naval Officer Training Program and served his enlistment at the served his enlistment at the University of Colorado in Boulder until the end of the war. Dr. Patton died in June 1945 oversens while his

son was in college.

Patton was discharged from the Navy and remained at the University of Colorado, where he Patton is survived by his bother David, of Wichita, Kan.
Interment took place at Old
Jonesborough Cemetery in carned a bachelor's degree in elecearned a hachelor's degree in elec-trical engineering.

When his stepmother, Alta Lee
Patton, remarried and moved to
Lansing in 1946, Patton started
working at the Board of Electric,
Light and Power in Lansing.

He also worked for the Baldwin
Can in Cincinnett Aircrac in

Those who would like to send a condolence card or menorial contribution in Patton's behalf can mail Funeral Home, 122 West Lake St.

Recognized as a corporate leader, Patton was asked to participate in an educational program for young entrepreneurs at Harvard University. He was featured in a Time magazine article about the program during this

Wixom in 1965, Patton lived in Novi. During the late 1970s, Patton tried to diversify the business and purchased the Viking Clock Co. in Foley, Ala, He lived in Foley for sev-

eral years, attempting to turn Viking into a successful company. However, a major hurricane destroyed both the market and the community infrastructure when Viking sold its products along the Gulf Coast. Patton remained in Foley until Acromag could sell the clock business, then moved to Lyon Township so he could focus on th resident of Lyon Township until h

Co. in Cincinnati, Airpac in Baltimore and the Collins Radio Co. Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News and the Northville Record, She can be reached at (248) in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. With the support of some of his fellow engi-349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail of neers at Collins and others, Patton

Gem and Mineral Society. She was a charter member and current officer of the Michigan

and also especially enjoyed her work with the Argus Camera Muscum in Ann Arbor. An active member of the Washtenaw

County Genealogical Society, her extensive family research brough

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Wixom zoning changes approved

property's value's declining as a residential area, Kathy has lived in the house at 27047 Wixom Road for about 10 years. She and Alan have lived together as a cou-ple in the house for about three and a half years, "She's been a lifelong resident of Novi," Bond

about to come to an end," Alan-Bond said in addressing Commission members. "We are finding that properly

values aren't there anymore. can't imagine anyone purchasing these homes with all of the com-mercial development going up around us," he said, "We need to sell our homes and move elsebecause of this develop-And, we'd like to move somewhere else in this wonderful

recoup the value lost if the property is commercial," Bond said, "We don't think it's the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, but we believe that it will have more value if it's rezoned."

Commissioner Lynn Kocan noted that with the traffic becoming heavier on Wixom Road, more retail establishments are

"I don't have a problem with retail being there," Kocan said,
"We don't have a developer requesting anything at this point but we would like your property to be more compatible with the surrounding area," she told the

"The Master Plan & Zoning Committee has batted around the idea of rezoning this area to commercial use many times," said

Commissioner David Ruyle. Bond noted that the building of Catholic Central High School will have a major impact on the area. "I think this area has to go com-

mercial. We need to bring our master plan in line and change it. I think this is the appropriate way to go in this area," Ruyle said,
"We were looking at things like
a daycare center and other types
of businesses that are lacking in

this area going up with the Island Lakes of Novi development being constructed nearby," said Toni Nagy, planning commission "With 1,000 new residents

moving into the Island Lake area, we need 'I'm on my way home and I need to get this or that' types of developments," Nagy said, "I

In the Service

in the army in 1982, serving 10 years. In M. Hamilton 1992 he was in

member of the 1775th M.P. Co that was deployed into active duteventually sent to Wis., then in May (Mothers Day weekend) was sent to Kuwait. It Kuwait (Arifjan) the 1775th M.P. troups that are on their way home Mutthew has a wife, Lisa, and two children, Thomas and

19), the home of the U.S. M. Shapiro Navy's 7th

Fleet, recently participated in the largest joint military exercise in the Western Pacific. Shapiro par-ticipated in the two-week exercise, along with over 250 service members from all branches of the

Novi resident Brittany L. Sass the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Spring, Colo. She is the daughter of Timothy and Pamela Sass and a 2003 graduate of Novi



Photo by Pam Fleming

leaning to commercial use of this commissioner. Lynne Paul. "I structurant sounds nice, but it could be a Coney Island with stools. I'm really in favor of B-1 zoning. That would at least climinate the danger of a gas station going in there."

Commissioner. Commissioner. Commissioner of a gas station going in there. "Commissioner of a gas station going in there."

Leaning to commercial use of this property is going to those teenage boys coming from Catholic Central, their Slurpee M machines would go dry." he said. "Whoever develops this property is going to the commands." The commissioner of a gas station going in there."

Commissioner Lynne Paul. "I leaning to commercial use of this property is going to the community decide what would it best there, but I think B-2 is the right application for this parcel." Alan and Kathy Bond stand in their front yard at their home on the west side of Wixom Road just south of Grand River Ave. The property used to have a rural feel, but their view now features the Novi Promenade Shopping Center and will soon include Catholic Central High School.

think B-2 seems to be the most flexible alternative."
"I'm also in favor of the commercial zoning." said support OS-1 and B-1. A sitedown mercial zoning," said Commissioner Larry Papp, "We

need more small businesses in the The new Target department Wixom Road just south of Grand going in there.

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store is located on the east side of Wixom Road just south of Grand going in there." "We should not rule out a Commissioner John Avdoulos and the could see why the city is

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LIBRARY LINES

The Novi Public Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday-Saterday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library is closed on Sunday during the summer. We are located at 45245 . 10 Mile Road, just east of Taft Road. For more informa-tion, call (248) 349-0720.

Ice cream sundae party

Readers of all ages are invited to join us for ice cream sunnoon to 3 p.m. No registration is necessary for this free event.

Our August selection is "A Walk in the Woods" by Bill Bryson. The group meets Monday, August 4, at 7 p.m. in

the library meeting room.

group

Adult book discussion

The Novi Library Board of Directors meets Monday, August 11, at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room, Community members are wel-

Senior book discussion

group ing "Eddie's Bastard" by William Kowalski for their room on Thursday, August 14

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BUSINESS

Post Bar opens as newest place-to-be in City of Novi

Novi for a while

By Pam Fleming

The Post Bar Detroit at 408 W. abeen a landmark in downtown Detroit for more than 50 years.

the legacy continues,

The bar/restaurant logo features an elephant holding a broken-off goost in its trunk. So, where does years ago.

Now, the new Novi Post Bar white appears on Wednesday

Wheeler, owner of the Post Bar downtown since 1978, painted elephant footprints from his bar to the front door of COBO when the Republican National Convention

"That was it, The promotion hit newspapers all over the nation," said the late Wheeler's son, Steve, co-owner of the Post Bar chain along with his sister, Jennifer

The elephant theme stuck and now graces all locations of the family business, which include Ferndale, Mount Clemens, Auburn Hills and another Detroit location near Grosse Pointe Park. Wheeler said he is thrilled to be

the original Post Bar downtown, features American and Swiss cheese, onions and ham on a tainment scene since the family has been trying to find a spot in

"We tried to buy Country Epicure a few years ago, but the deal fell through," Wheeler said. "I talked to the people at Local Color, and Peter Paisley told me I should talk to Tom Celani, who owned this property," Wheeler

and Sunday nights and a DJ Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. The bar/restaurant also

open," Wheeler said.

Even though Vic's Market and includes a dance floor and 22 telthe former Fatoosh Restaurant "I'm real excited. We're tying to push our food business," Wheeler said. "We've got great variety, reasonable prices and great daily specials."

"I never had any doubts," he said, "There's nothing like us out Choices include everything from sandwiches and burgers to salads, pizza, pasta dishes, ribs and steaks. Menu items include Beer Cheese Soup, Saganaki (flaming cheese), Jambalaya, Post

Sliders, BBQ Chicken Pizza and Post Bar clothing, such as base-ball caps, T-shirts and sweat-Cobb Salad. The Frank Burger, an old stand-

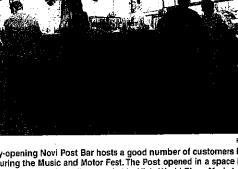
The Wheelers had special wall-

paper made for the bar that fea-tures the old Post Bar and familiar seenes of downtown Detroit. Happy hour prices include half off on all appetizers and \$1.50 bottled beer specials from 4 to 7 p.m. The full bar has 20 different

The site had been vacant after neers and frozen drinks. The 11,000-square-foot building offers outdoor dining as well.
"Three-fourths of the outdoor area is covered and the rest is

> which used to be located on the upper level of the building, both went belly-up. Wheeler didn't feel opening the new bar was a

here, so I thought our night business would be a no-brainer. People were lined up outside the door our first Friday and Saturday nights."
Patrons can also purchase The



The recently-opening Novi Post Bar hosts a good number of customers last Friday afternoon during the Music and Motor Fest. The Post opened in a space in Novi's Main Street development formally occupied by Vic's World Class Market. The "palm

focusing on their new Novi location Sundays. For more informa-

Wheeler noted that the family's next—bar/restaurant. The Post Broadway, will open next summer till around to see it all."

The Post Bar is open from 11

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Towar retiring as HCN's vice president of editorial; Lessenberry her successor

Journalist and educator Jack these are the future of journal-lessenberry has been named vice president of editorial for HomeTown Communications by HomeTown Communications.

These are the future of journalism, he said, referring to the community newspapers published by HomeTown Communications. Network, the parent company of HomeTown Newspapers and the homeTown Newspapers and the journalism faculty at Wayne

He replaces Jeanne Towar, who announced her retirement Monday. Lessenberry's appointment is effective Sept. 15. "It is a very exciting opportuni-y," said Lessenberry. "Papers like

the journatism faculty at wayie State University and has been a writer for many national and regional publications, including Vanity Fair, Esquire, George, the New York Times, the Washington

Post and the Boston Globe.

Locally, he is a contributing

editor and columnist for Hour Detroit Magazine, the Metro Times, the Traverse-City Record Eagle and the Toledo (Ohio) Blade. He also was a columnist for the Oakland Press. He holds a master's decree He holds a master's degree from the University of Michigan.

His wife, Karen Lessenberry, teachers history at Groves High School in the Birmingham School

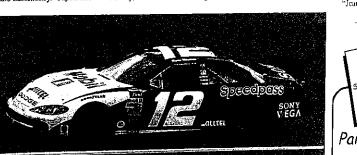
District. They live in Huntington

"I intend to be a strong advocate for editorial." Lessenberry said of his new position.

Towar is retiring after seven years of working with HoneTown Communications Network Inc. Most recently she has been serving as publisher of the Birmingham Eccentric and as advertising manager of the all management. She came to our move on to be next stage of my

advertising manager of the Mirror newspapers, in addition to her duties as vice president of editorial.

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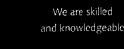
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The Shadow Box offers eclectic mix of old, new

Antiques, gift shop opens in Walled Lake's Historic District

By Pain Fleming

After working for 22 years in corporate America, Connie Godfrey was ready for a change. But she didn't know what to do.

(1)

Then, after much thought, she finally landed on something.

She and her husband, Steve. decided to open an antiques and gift shop - The Shadow Box - at 123 E. Walfed Lake Drive in the Walled Lake Historic Lakefront

Connie, who spent the last 14 years as an event planner for a travel company, decided to quit her job last October. "It was a great ride, but I was

tiring of traveling, she said, "I spent the winter thinking 'What can I do?' I really wanted to open a bed-and-breakfast, But I'd need my husband's helfp full time to do

foreman for sheetmetal workers a R.W. Mead & Sons Engineering

with," she said. "My initial thought was that I knew that my wife could do just about anything she put her mind to. We knew that it was time for her to do something different. She chose this, which was a blessing in a way, because it's what I like,

"It's fun and it gets your adrenaline going because you're doing something new. Eventually, I'll have to retire from my job, so we'll both be working in the store someday," he said.
"We're also trying to help out

the historic district," he added. "We felt the city needed an antiques gift store, and it's the kind of place that you can come back every few weeks and see omething different. You never know what you're going to find

here," he noted.

The shop, which houses everything from antiques to candles and greeting cards, has an eclectic assortment of items.

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"When I decided to open an antiques store, my sister (Jill Smith, of Chelsea) suggested that Hook at one in Holly. She thought the name of the store was The Shadow Box. But when we got there, that wasn't the name, a graced be where she came in with

as to what else was here. We've heard that it was a drugstore once heard that it was a drugstore once Contrie noted that her interests in the history of Walled Lake has grown since they opened the

good at estimating the value of their finds herself, "I had an

our store," she said.

She probably has 50 hooks on for the Novi News, She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, each of the store by e-mail

mere, that wasn't the name, I asked her where she came up with that name, and she didn't know, she explained.

The building, which the Godfreys have been told is more than 100 years old, was home to an interior decorating business and then a mortgage company before they acquired the building.

"Everyone has different ideas as to what else was here with a many large with those when the standard of the standard o

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in Fraser.

"So, this is what I came up Steve and Connie Godfrey in their Walled Lake store "The Shadow Box" which specializes in antiques and penny candy.

> eral store with our bay window, hardwood floors and built-in shadow boxes on the walls," she

Lace curtains adorn the windows, and some of the antique furniture dates from as early as the 1860s, A dining table is set in

the store with antique china, silver ver, brass, copper, dolls, knickknacks, antique books, jewelry boxes and collectibles. Crafts from local vendors include haby afghans, embroidered tablecloths,

dresser scarves and table runners. Other novelties include garden items: silk flowers; lamp oils; scented lotions; potpourri; kitchen

the Beach (a

resort in Port Austin she owns with two

others) and in Florida. She is

five adult chil-

They even have Barbie dolls, stuffed animals made from fur garments, and some very rare

Popeye hand puppers.

"It's a mixture of old and new,"
she said. "I'm a grandmother now,
so I'm planning to offer more baby items."
The Godfreys live in Waterford

but both grew up in Walled Lake. "When we first started looking Wall displays are filled with silfor a store, we thought about locating in the historical lakefront area," she said.

"We were driving by one Sunday afternoon and saw that this store was vacant," she recalled. "The minute we walked into the store we just looked at each other. It clicked."

scented lotions; potpourri; kitchen items; gourmet coffees and teas; and cultivary oils, glazes and Clerk even before they found the

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J. Lessenberry dren, grand-mother to nine and great-grandmother to four children. J. Towar



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attract a talentrial experience including his teaching abilities will greatly assist the corporation as we strive to put our the best dann community newspa-





CLASS NOTES

Work on schedule for Novi school improvements

Construction at Novi High School and the brand new Novi Woods Elementary School building is moving right along as scheduled, and in a few cases, ahead of schedule.

ording to Arthur Eckert, project engineer for Skanska Construction, when students return to the high school in late August, they will find that the first course of asphalt will be placed on the Ten Mile parking lot, the south parking lot off Taft Road and the bus loop just west of the cafeteria. They should also expect to see the structural steel up and some masonry walls starting to come out of the ground on the new two-story addition.

"The front office area should also be completed and there will be some temporary protec-tion put in until November when we start doing the new atrium area between the cafete-ria and the existing school, We are actually ahead of schedule

next summer, but we saw an opportunity and we jumped on it."

Eckert explained that the reason why only the first course of asphalt will be placed by the time school starts is because of the continuing construction which will be done next summer.

"Everything is on schedule with the packing lots" he said. "In the front office area, with the packing lots" he said. "In the front office area, which will be the new main.

courts will be done and, in November, we will be starting up on the atrium and cafeteria renovations. We will start interior renovation next summer as

by one year on the Ten Mile course. Concrete will follow parking lot. Originally it was after underground utilities are not supposed to be done until in place and water main work next summer, but we saw an has started in that facility as

"Everything is on schedule with the parking lots," he said.

"Next summer the new stadium "The south parking lot off of Taft Road is the new, very done, the loading dock area large parking lot just north of the baseball field," Eckert said.

well."

For the two-story structural steel is right on course. Concrete will follow teachers move in by August II after underground utilities are in place and water main work fire marshall inspection probabilities. fire marshall inspection proba-bly August 6. Basically all we are doing now is hanging a few

which will be the new main office, finishes are going in there right now. The athletic

handful of rooms and special entry ways left to be painted. "The entry ways will be painted with multi-colored paint which actually mixes in the spray gun," Olszewski said. Superintendent Bill Olszewski is in charge of the new Novi Woods school, Like Eekert, he also said the building will be ready once students return.
"We are on schedule," he said.
"We are scheduled to let the

They should be starting that this week too. We are meeting with the architect here shortly to go over our final check list. I have a few windows which I have to set yet, but on the

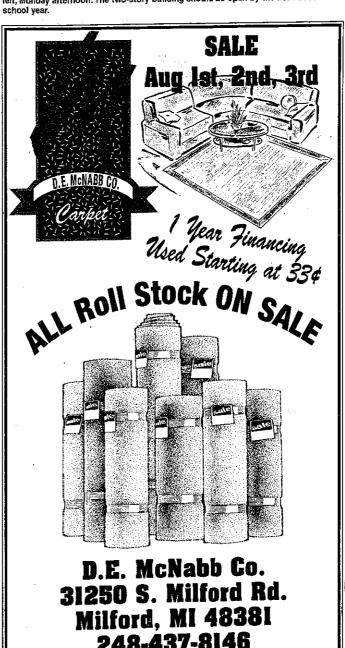
lights, doing some painting and finishing up some floor work."

The construction crew is now in the process of setting up to refinish the main corridor of the school. There are also rkhuri@ht.homecomm.net. Budde wins Merit Scholarship Steven Budde, a Novi resident who just graduated from Detroit Catholic Central High School, has won a Merit Scholarship for college. He will be attending Miami

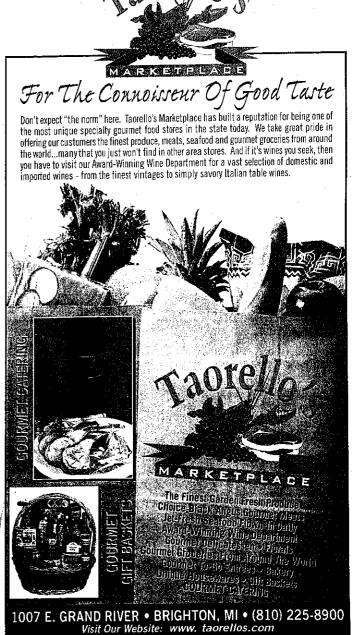
University in Oxford, Ohio in the Budde attended St. Mikes for grade school before moving on to Catholic Central, "I'm planning on going into pre-law," he said, "I'm not sure what major I'll declare yet maybe political science or history. I'm pretty happy to win the scholar-ship, but Miami gave me some

more general scholarships and I go an honors scholarship because I'r going into the honors college. The school has a pretty good reputation. for the Novi News, He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at like the campus a lot, it's a really good school and I really like the campus a lot, it's very nice down there." like the campus a lot, It's very nice down there."





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Two Novi residents act as student ambassadors during Australian trip

■ Group learns about wildlife in the land down under

By Ramez Khuri

Dan Coleman and Laura Brudzenski, both of Novi, participated in a 20 day long trip to Australia earlier this month as a part of the People to People Student Ambassador Program out Snokane Washington Chosen for their good academic standings, both students, who will be in 10th grade this fall, went through a extensive interviewing process he fore they were granted permission to go on the trip. Coleman attends. Novi High School and Brudzynski attends Mercy High

School in Farmington Hills, According to the program's website, former United States President Dwight D. Eisenhower founded People to People during the exploring of their own, his administration and eight U.S. "I thought the trip was go presidents have since served as Honorary Chairman, People to weeks during the summer learn, share and represent their

immitties and schools Novi's two ambasadors to Australia braved two 25 hour air-plane rides back and forth, but to hold koalas and feed the kangaeconling to them, it was well roos. There was one area where orth the wait to get there. "The - we staved that had wild wallabies flight was really long," Coleman everywhere, It was preity coul,"

said, "We were on the trip for 20 days and I had a great time. When I look back at the stuff we did there it seemed like the purpose was more of a save the world and ecosystem type thing. We did a lot of things where we looked at wildlife. I thought that the whole purpose was to make us more aware of the wildlife and how to help it.

The trip included visits to Sydney, Coffs Harbour, South Stradbroke Island, Sonshine Coast, Rockhampton Home Stay, Yeppoon, Airlie Beach, Charters Towers Farm Stay and Cairns. The students were given the chance to meet and greet the people of Australia, witness and touch animals which are only native to the country and do a lit-

"I thought the trip was going to be more about the facts of Australia, but it was more relaxed Student Ambassadors then I thought it would be," overseas for two to three Brudzynski said. "It was a lot more fun then I expected it to be too. The people there were really friendly to us and we saw animals

the trip and according to Brudzynski it was well worth started this to establish a friendship between continents, countries and people of different cul-tures and races to try to bring peace to the world," she said, "We were over there as student ambassadors, so we were showing them how Americans live and correct-ing any stereotypes they may have had. We were over there representing what we really are and we got to learn about Australia. We shared our cultures.

The students learned man new facts about Australia which they didn't know before. Both thought that the city of Sydney was bigger than they expected. "Most of Sydney is spread out and there aren't a lot of subdivisions like there are around here." Coleman said, "The kangaroos for them are like deer to us. There were a ton of spoken words we didn't understand because they have different words for things then we do."

Brudzynski agreed, "I didn't understand what tuckers were until I found out it meant food," lot of big cities like New York or



Novi residents Dan Coleman and Laura Brudzynski pose for a snap shot during their Australian Adventure. Both Ambassador Program this summer

Chicago, but it seemed safer. It see how they live." didn't seem like there was a lot of crime. It seemed like a happy place. I didn't really know about aborigines either. They are native people of Australia, kind of like people of Australia, kind of like Native Americans and we went to a place where we got to meet said. "I found that kind of for a place where we got to meet them. I thought that they were going to be these wild people, but they were pretty cool. We got to trip is to Spain, Germany and

say they would be up for another adventure. "I would do it again in Coleman found it fascinating that Steve Irwin the "Crocodile a second," Brudzynski said, "If I could I would want to go to could I would want to go to Europe, That would be great." Hunter," who is a famous Australian, is not well liked in his

said. "I found that kind of for the Novi News. He can be strange."

Next year's People to People to 110 ur by e-mail at the control of the Novi News. He can be rearrhed at 2481 349-1700, ext.

A list of Australian words

Bathers or togs — swim

Chemist — pharmacist

· Chips — French fries

Corroboree — Aboriginal

• Dinkum — genuine or true

• Never never — the outback

Nipper — small child

No worries — that's OK

Station — ranch or farm.

Track -- country road

and their English translation

Biscuit — cookie

Daks — trousers

Loo — toileis

Lolly — candy
Mad — crazy

Male — friend

Tucker — food

It's a dirty job, but somebody's...

Entrepreneurs open new blind to operate the equipment," Clients include both resident tial and commercial accounts. When the mobile business "We're just getting starter."

By Pam Fleming

If you have blinds on your windows at home or work, cleaning them is a chore that's akin to removing the dust from underneath your refrigerator.
It's something you can always
put off until tomorrow.

But a new mobile business that just opened in May in this rea – Dirtyblinds.com of Novi simplifies this daunting task. Entrepreneurs Dave Kenney and Phil Cirka of Novi have partnered in the new business. They will be on hand at the Sidewalk Sale, Shoppin' Jubilee

and Health Fair in downtown

and Health Pair in downlown Said. "Ultrasonics is just in its Northville Saturday to pass out information on their high-tech, blind-cleaning machine. "We thought this idea would be a good venure. There isn't lifting away. And if you look at another business like this in the Novi-Northville area," Kenney

"We clean all types of blinds with an ultrasonic device. It has a six-foot tank that's divided. We put about six to 10 inches of filled with a cleaning agent and water. The other side is for rins and includes a drying

We are trained and certified longer to dry, Cirka said.

comes to a home or business, cleaning business

Dirtyblinds.com workers remove the blind with the head-rail still attached.

"We pull the cord, close it, take it to our truck, then open the blind six to eight inches and put the entire blind into the ultrasonic tank," Cirka explained.

"Be of minutes, the own open it will be coming to us," Cirka is starting to catch on. "Right now, people are finding out about us through word of mouth. But we're starting to the area," he said.

"We have set cleaning times for different types of blinds," he said, "It's usually a minute to a minute and a half. The maxi-mum for any type of blind

"lt's like when you get your ring cleaned at the jeweler's. It's the same basic principle, just on a larger scale," Cirka said. "Ultrasonics is just in its infancy. There's a lot of applica-

cleaning is about two minutes,"

Cirka said

lifting away. And if you look at your hands while they're in the water, it even cleans the dirt and oil from your hands," he said.

In the trailer, they take the

blinds and stand them up sideways to drain the water off. Then they carry them into the house and put them back up. In 15 to 20 minutes, they're completely dry. Some material

"We're just getting started. This is an ideal service for hospitals, aursing homes, restau-rants, offices or any business or

cedure, and it also lubricates the mechanical parts of the blind,

according to the partners.

"We clean most types of blinds, including steel venetian blinds, mini-blinds, honeycomb blinds, wood blinds, woven and others," Cirka noted.

"We charge by the linear foot using the width of the blind only," Kenney added, "And we also give free estimates."

For more information about Dirtyblinds.com. Kenney or Cirka at (248) 449-8215 or visit their Web site at www.dirtyblinds.com.

reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at pflem ing@ht.homecomm.nct.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Novi chef henored Mary Brady, executive chef and co-owner of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro of Novi at Novi Town Center and president of Mary Brady's Custom Catering, has been named to the Business Direct

The list, that appears in the July 2003 issue, profiles 30 of the state's most prominent female professionals. A selection committee comprised of female judges from around the state chose the women. for Thought." She is a member of the Michigan

Restaurant Association, the National Restaurant Association, Women's Chef and Restaurateurs, American Culinary Federation, and Michigan Chefs de Cuisino

Program, which raises funds for the 4 C's, an agency that provides child care for low-income families.

Arbonne launches new skin

introduced a new anti-aging skin care line called NutriMinC Re9. The U.S. and Swiss patent-pending skin care system includes nine result-oriented elements to combat

result signs of aging.

The company launched the new product line in April 2003 at a national meeting in Nashville, Tenn.

luncheon at Oakland Hills Country Locally, Arbonne has more than 200 independent consultants. including Carol Bowdell, a national vice president, of South Lyon Meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at the Novi Civic Center.

Besides anti-aging products, Arbonne has anti-acne line; baby line; men's line; hair care line; contract nutritional line, including a natural,

caffeine-free weight-management product; and a longevity line that includes products for a healthy heart and a natural progesterone

Novi firm vies for real estate award

The Detroit chapter Commercial Real Estate Women Bridga also serves as a board (CREW-Detroit) has name Telcom member for the Woman's Caring Credit Union's main office in Nov as one of five finalists for its Real Estate Excellence Award in the 'new construction" category.

Two finalists were named in the

"redevelopment" category. The award recognizes two southeast Michigan commercial property developments that signifi-cantly impact their surrounding

Campbell/Manix, Inc., submitted the credit union for consideration in the competition. A panel of eight judges from the

commercial real estate industry will select one winner in each cate gory on July 30. CREW-Detroit will present the award at a Sept. 25 finalists' entries will be on display For more information, contac-Donna Hanson at (248) 375-7239 www.crewdetroit.org/awards/html

ATC Associates wins GSA

ATC Associates Inc. in Novi was recently awarded the General Services Administration (GSA) Environmental Services Contract. This award is for five years with three five-year renewal periods for a total of 20 years. The contract will allow ATC to

provide service in areas associated with huildings, products, technology, environment, engineering and other essential needs of government agencies. ATC can also compete for any federal agency oppor-tunity as a pre-qualified vendor

with approved rates. For more information, call (248)

June jobless rate hits all markets

market areas in June, according to John Palmer, deputy director for Workforce Programs, Michigan Department of Career Development.

Employment advanced in nine areas, while labor force levels increased seasonally in 11 major

90 Novi kids gather for a night of games, fun and partying at Teen Center Lock-In

Party at Novi Middle School lasted from Thursday night to Friday morning

By Ramez Khuri

Novi Middle School was rocking last Thursday night as close to 100 Lock-In event. Youngsters arrived at 8 p.m. on Thursday and didn't leave

"The Lock-In is kind of a culmination of what we do for the whole year," Matt Topper said, who is a supervisor/coordinator at the Teen and to the Holocaust Memorial of the Holocaust Memorial or the Holocau board game tournaments, sports and one of my friends brings in 10 Providence Hospital, they did an linked computers and they play ames like Starcraft. We have little they had groups come in to teach games that we play, like we will take thern outside at 3 a.m. and play this game where they have to dunk for apple and then stick their faces in

Topper described the event as a big field trip that doesn't go any-where. Kids in attendance watched novies, and had 25 pizza's sent to the school at midnight, "We went around getting donations from all the local area businesses and at about 7 a.m. on Friday we handed out prizes for the kids," he said.

The Lock-hi represents the secand-to-last week of the Teen Center. Kids who participated were instructed to register back in June, when 200 did, but through word of mouth and the Teen Center's success, about 50 kids have registered since then. "Some of the kids register just to go to the Lock-In," Topper said, "It's great. The whole Teen Center is just an awesome thing and with this Lock-In, the parents think the kids Novi kids gathered for the annual Novi Youth Assistance Teen Center everyone to bring a sleeping bag,

until 8 a.m. on Friday, They are - June 23 at Novi Middle School, has offered field trips, new programs and danked for apples in the all and as always, a fun place for kids night event.

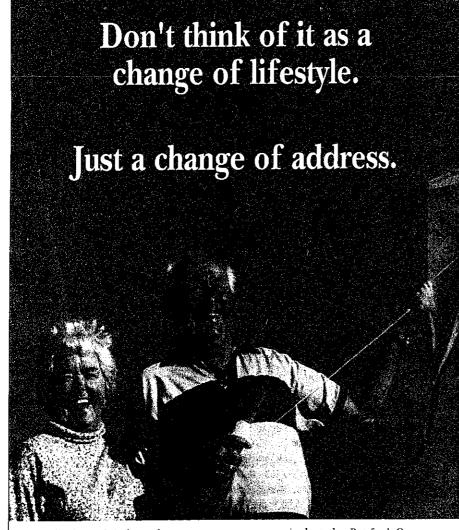
to hang out and have fun all summer long. This summer the kids went to Center, "We have lots of fun with - Center, Kids also painted tiles and earyings for the cancer center of them how to do hip hop and self defense. The Novi Police

ics, all in a six week span. "I have been working here for six Topper said. "It's what everybody looks forward to. For our little sum mer group, this is just like the high school senior all night party. Some kids go on vacation and some peo ple plan their vacations around the

for some of them. We have kids Ramez Khuri is a staff writer for ranging from sixth grade to ninth grade, or 11-14 year olds, so it's at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by efrom a free scoon of ice cream at for some of them. We have kids

Local student participates in summer youth programs

Wolverine Lake's Brittany Funni, a minth grader, recently attend ed the Women in Engineering Workshop at Michigan Technological University in Houghton. The workshop is a weeklong investigation of engineering that allows high school women who are talented in math and science to find opportunities in engineering careers as well as careers in related fields, such as mathematics, engineering technology, technical writing and computer



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■ Small Town Residents were invited to meet with the students in April to offer feedback on students' first draft of

Design Initiative offers new look for community

By Pam Fleming

It's always a good idea to find a fresh approach when embarking Walled Lake city planners

recently got some advice from landscape architect design stu-dents from Michigan State University (MSU) in East In the university's Small Town Design Initiative program, stu-

dents are asked to tour a city, take nictores, and invent new design oncepts for possible use. ning and development for the City
Students visited Walled Lake in of Walled Lake, also attended the

13 various design concepts of the city. Students then incorporated citizens' comments in the final images presented to the commu-

nity recently.

Members of the community had a chance to see the fifth-year students' final designs at a specia gathering on the evening of July 14 at Lakes Baptist Church in

Walled Lake. Warren Rauhe, a landscape architect who serves as an associate professor and director of the Landscape Architect Program at MSU, presented an overview of the students' ideas

Casey Ambrose, chairman of the Walled Lake Downtown Development Authority, and Leslie Meyers, director of plan-

January, taking a tour of the city and later developed several ideas.

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Looking to get out on the road and enjoy the weather? Let Community Federal put you in the driver's seat of

journey," Rauhe told the audience. Rauhe said the goal of the Small Town Design Initiative is to formalize the university's rela-tionship with small communities and for the students to be able to help towns by finding solutions to problem areas.

Walled Lake residents view MSU students' ideas for city

"Their goal is to turn words into images. But it's not a consulting service. It's more of a starting point," he said. "It's also a way to put our stu-

dents in touch with communities."
"Their ideas will be put into a final report, and we will give the city digital images as well,"
Rauhe noted,
"We should have a product that

will be useful in a lot of ways. It's a 'here's-what-it-could-look-like' approach."

The area in question included

Pontiac Trail from E, Walled Lake

Road to E. West Maple Road. Major design elements includresentation. ed entry elements to the city that "This is the final meeting in the are eye-catching; Pontiac Trail

Rates as low as

Metro Detroit area."

up very strong, according to Rauhe.

the past, Walled Lake was a

a tree-lined boulevard and pedes-trian amenities; and an Historic

Walking District that is pedestri-

an-friendly and showcases its location along the waterfront. Students felt a marketplace

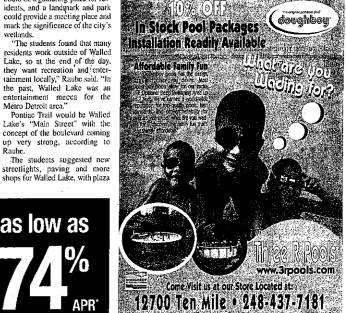
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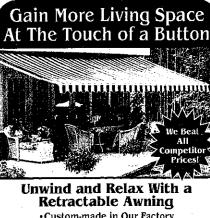
could be a gathering place for res

Lake's "Main Street" with the concept of the boulevard coming

The students suggested new

"The area has to be thought of more as a whole," Rauhe said. "We want people to be able to enjoy walking around the com-





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SWOCC's Marhsa Droze interviews Lee Murdock, a Chicago-base folks singer, at the cable commission's Farmington studio as part of his Michigan Week appearence in Novi. Murdock's coming back to Novi Aug. 7 to perform in Novi Parks, Recreation and

Novi concert series sets sail into history

Admittedly, with only one take and a handful of streams, Novihasn't got much of a maritime tra-dition. However, the inland seas that surround Michigan con-tributed much more to the state

than just a license plate motto.

From Cornish miners clawing copper from the Upper Peninsulas rocks to iron men on wooden decks, much of the region's past is preserved in its folksongs. Chicago-based folk singer Lee Murdock will return to Novi at 7

Funded by the Novi Historical Commission, it is the next-to-last concert in the 2003 summer concert series organized by the Novi-Parks, Recreation and Forestry

Murdock has been a featured guest on Detroit's WDET and other PBS radio stations through-

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Canadian radio stations, Singing both traditional and organil songs, Murdock has been a frequent per-former at events sponsored by the Michigan and Illinois councils for the humanties over the past two

decades.

Murdock has nearly a dozen. recordings to his credit, and last year he collaborated with Detroit Free Press editor Jue Grimm on Commission is pleas "Windjammers, Songs of the Great Lakes Suilors," According Novi Historical Commission Chairperson Kathy Mutch, it is an award-winning reference book p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 7 to explore that past in a free concert on the lawn of the Novi Civic Center,

and others who sang them.

White Mutch knew of Murdock's reputation and had heard his music several times on Public Radio, she met him for the Department, but the last concert at the Civic Center location.

A noted musician, songwriter and Great Lakes balladeer.

We promuting their book. She was so impressed she booked him

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he introduced his 11th CD, "Standing at the Wheel," a collection of 14 songs depicting life on the Great Lakes.

Mutch noted that one Novi par-

ent was so impressed by the per-formance, she brought Murdock back a few weeks later to perform for her daughter's class at Village

"The Novi Historical Commission is pleased to be able to bring this fine performer back to Novi and to offer this concert to our community. It is a great way to enjoy the history, music and folklore of Michigan in a very informal and comfortable setting. Everyone can count on having a great time!" said Mutch.

The concert is one of three major projects for the commission

this year, the others being the sixth annual Fuerst Farm Family Day, slated for Sept. 14, and the creation of a children's book exploring the city's agricultural roots.

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

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Can you explain this to me? If I'm being notched out of my fair Social curity share. I want it back. Thanks for clearing this up Notched Senior

You're not being "notched," I promise! Over the years there's been a lot of confusing misinformation out there about notch babies but the truth of the matter is that you are probably being treated fairly and are getting your fair share of Social Security benefits that Congress

ntended. Let me explain. etween 1917 and 1921 who receive ising a different formula than people horn before or after that time. The reason for the Notch Baby

yndrome began back in 1972 wher Congress enacted changes to the Social Security law that established annual cost-of-living (COLA) increases in Social Security benefits. The formula that was set by law was flawed and actually paid too much to beneficiaries, and if this wasn't

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calculated using the incorrect for-mula. Congress, in a compassionate move, opted not to take anything away from those retirees, therefore those people are receiving additional money. Congress, in another compassionate move, was also concerned about the impact of this change on people about to retire, so a special "transition" formula was created for people who were within

There are three "classes" of Social Security beneficiaries. . Benefits for people born before "Notch Babies" are people born 1917 are calculated under the incorrect 1972 formula, so they are actu-ally getting a windfall (additional money), compared to the original

five years of retirement age when

the law was channed

intent of Congress.

• People born between 1917 and 1921 are paid the benefits calculated using either correct 1977 formula or the transition formula, whichever is

higher.

• The rest of us! People born after 1921, who have their benefits calculated using the correct 1977 formu-www.ssu.gov.

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Dear Savvy Sentor,
I am 83-years-old and want to know about this noteb haby thing. I was changed in 1977 to lix the formation about this noteb haby thing. I was changed in 1977 to lix the formation think its fair that people born between the years of 1917 and 1921 get less Social Security than others.

An one exhalin this to me? (If m. can you exhalin this to me? was paid into Social Security, the higher the benefits will be. So, someone born in 1916 with a high income would have a significantly larger benefit than a low-income beneficiary born in 1917. There are some phony fund rais-

ing groups that solicit funds from people (whom they call victims) born during the 1917-1921 period. They want your money to help fix the problem, but remember, there's to problem to be fixed, so don't seno

a Notch Baby you're not being cheated out of your Social Security benefits which is figured by the cor-rect Social Security formula. The people who are actually getting the ncorrect Social Security amount ar the folks born between 1910 and 1916. But since it's more than Uncle Sam intended to give them, they aren't complaining. But then again







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Most of us have no idea how nuch work and effort goes into a four-day event like that.
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Take some time and think of planning - and, for the most part, it's all done by vol-

That's just one example, zations. Look at all the great service organizations, churches, schools and non-profits that depend on yolunteers – mates www.michigan.gov/mesc and and females, adults and fill out a nomination form.

volunteers, but it s a great place because of them.

Well, here's a perfect opportunity available for recognizing these folks. It's called the Governor's Service to the fine volunteers give to oper community.

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the world around us," Governor Jennifer Granholm otice them. "The Governor's Service Take last week's Music & Awards are just one small

It takes, literally, a full year. Take some time and think of planning and, for the about the volunteers in this community, whether they be individuals, groups or organi-

youths - to succeed.

Novi might be a good place to live, work and visit without and honorable mention recipcolunteers, but it's a great lients will earn special recog

OPINION



Swingin' Terri Loiselle, left, helps her daughter Caroline, 5, enjoy a tire-swing at the Novi Community Sports Park on Eight Mile road last Wednesday afternoon. Terri Loiselle and her family recently moved to Novi from Alabam as her husband is in the Coast Guard and he's been stationed in Detroit

COVERNMENT

Per reader request, we have compiled a list so you can get in touch with your local and regional senators and representatives. Their acces sibility allows you as readers to voice your concerns directly and allows them to better represent their districts. If you feel we have missed anyone, contact us at (248) 349-1700, ext. 113.

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Two different views of our nation's ailing economy

drove to Wisconsin to attend her 40th high school reunion. The people who sent their kils to Clinton High School were mainly family farmers who worked the beautiful, deep black soil of southern Wisconsin. Their heritage lives

on in the magnificently well-kept farms that dot the gently rolling landscape. As she socialized with her classmates at the Milwaukee Grill in Janesville, 1 got a chance to learn about how things are going in small town America. Not particularly well, it someof

Although almost everybody I

met came from a farming background, only a few carried on family farming. "Doesn't pay any more," said one, "and it's too expensive to buy the land outright if you don't inherit it." Phil Power Big, corporate farms are increasingly the norm here, with a smattering of

So what did people do when they quit farming? For a time, they went to work in manufacturing plants, where the wages were good enough to support a family and leave a little bit left over for extras. And what happened to the manufacturing jobs? Mostly all gone by now, The big local employer was the Beloit Corporation, which for a time led the world in

come home to work their 100 acres as the sun

It was a happy evening, but behind the smiles and warm greetings of decent people, you could see eyes that were a little tight and hopes that had worn more than a little thin. Then last Thursday, President George W.

Bush was in Michigan, raising a reported \$2 million at a \$2,000-a-plate fund raiser at the Ritz Carleton in Dearborn, and speaking at the Beaver Aerospace & Defense company in Livonia. There, he touted his \$330-billion tax cut over the next 10 years as a boost for jobs and the economy: "The more money people have in their pockets, the more they demand goods and services. And the more they demand goods and services, the more

His comments lie at the core of our present economic predicament. By all "sundowners," folks who have a day job but rights, the macroeconomic stimuli already in place — a federal budget deficit now estimated \$450 billion, repeated enormous tax cuts, interest rates at 40-year lows - should by now have produced a terrific boom. But no boom is

So what's going on here?
Kathy's classmates in Wisconsin understand a hig part of it. All over the country, what were once solid jobs in manufacturing have simply evaporated. Companies have gone bust, unable to compete with cheaper foreign labor; jobs

how to apply for this vacancy or about the City Council interview and appointment

process are directed to contact the City Clerk's office.

There will be a souvenir of Novi's histori-

Last week, I experienced two very different part of weekend, my wife. Kathy, and I is Over the weekend, my wife. Kathy, and I is Over the weekend, my wife. Kathy, and I is Over the weekend, my wife. Kathy, and I is Over the weekend, my wife. Kathy, and I is Over the weekend, my wife. Kathy, and I is Over the weekend, my wife. Kathy, and I is Over the weekend, my wife. Kathy, and I is Over the weekend, my wife. Kathy, and I is Over the weekend, my wife, Kathy, and I is Over the weekend. enormous pool of well educated English-speaking people are willing to work for what we would regard as pennics.

The other part of the no-jobs puzzle emerges

from dry data provided by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics. Enormous productivity gains stemming in very large part from the invest-ments made in information technology over the past decade are enabling businesses to displace labor while maintaining output. And with top line sales stubbornly flat or even negative, busi-nesses have no choice but to lay off workers to

maintain profit margins.

Both these factors — the evaporation of our manufacturing base and the productivity revolution — lie at the heart of the puzzling phenomenon of the "jobless recovery." In Michigan, for example, the current jobless rate is 7.2 percent, the highest since 1992. And since President Bush entered office, Michigan has lost 140,000 someone is willing to produce goods and services." manufacturing jobs, h's hard for me to see how tax cuts alone address the fundamental changes in the labor market that have led to so much p

> If I had to choose between Kathy's classmates in rural Wisconsin who have lost their roots in farming and their good jobs in manufacturing or President Bush, who thinks that there is no economic problem a tax cut cannot cure, I'd pick her classmates. At least they know there's no free lunch. And if they have to, they'll grit their teeth and make do on a day job and sundown

Corporation, which for a time led the world in manufacturing enormous papermaking machines. But the company went bast about a decade ago, and the firms that make papermaking machinery these days are in Japan and

Historically speaking

Commission - David Lussier, Kathy Mutch. Maggie Pringlemeier and Tom Swope - would like to thank the Novi News for the recent article on the work being done at the Historic article highlighted the Commission's plans arter inguigined the commission's plans for upcoming projects and events. Everything that the Commission does is intended to pro-mote public knowledge about the history of our community and about Novi's contribu-

tions to the history of our state.

Novi Historical Commission members will be at the Civic Center for the Lee Murdock concert on August 7th and will be pleased to talk with anyone interested in learning more about Novi history or the work of the Commission. We also want Novi residents to know that there is currently a vacancy on the

eal past for those attending the Lee Murdock article on the work being done at the Historic Concert. We hope to see all of you at the Civic Township Hall. We also appreciate that the Center on Thursday, August 7th! Kathy Mutch, Chair

LETTE

reasoning

The letter ("Judgeship blocking wrong") from state Rep. Craig DeRoche brings a few

Did all four Michigan seats on the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals become vacant since George W. Bush took over the presidency, or are some holdovers from the Clinton admi

Are some of the "vacancies held hostage by political maneuvers" from the stalling and blocking tactics of the Republicans in Congress during the eight Clinton years? It has been reported that after taking office George W. withdrew all pending indicial nominations and replaced them with his own

Questions DeRoche's If we are truly in a crisis of our judicial system, perhaps President Bush in a truly bipar-tisan act could renominate some of former President Clintons choices and clear this backlog.

Chuck Tindall

Share your opinions: We welcome your letters to the editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask that your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content.

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OTHER OPINIONS

A musician's nightmare

was totaled by me). It's not as exciting as a lot of other cars, but it's perfect for some-

body whose as particular about the Passat made it NEARLY impossible to lock the keys in this car. Cal Stone You have to really think about and

Music & Motor Fest Sunday, my ment than reasonable thinking.

At least she to pay our singer a bit more out of my gig money because he came all the way from Grand Rapids. That, coupled with the repair bill waited until the end of our set to tell me - right after my upright

over and darnaged.

We summoned

Phyllis has jumped through the true feelings show. Scenes of

think about and purposely try to do it.
Unless, of course, you're my wife.
While my band was playing the WW's master key at our house, but that seemed more like punishment than reasonable thinking.

I love German engineering. It's well-thought-out, precise and incredibly reliable, and Take, for instance, my new large of the love of the Volkswagen Passat (which I just purchased my VW Becte which I just purchased my VW Becte which I just purchased my VW Becte which I just purchased which I just purchased it. Which I just purchased which I just purchased it. Which I just purchased which

> that I'll be getting for my bass and bass got knocked the car fiasco, left me in the hole Now you know why we're called struggling musicians.
> Regardless, I had a blast play-

Novi's finest, but ing the festival and working at the beer tent Thursday night, It's great unable to open the door with a slim town" Novi. I think the new Post jim. I give him an

Bar is a great addition, as well.

A for effort, I hope my band gets asked I hope my band gets asked to play again next year. That's if I can afford it.

Cal Stone is the editor of the

Baghdad residents dragging the statue's head through the streets and beating it with shoes may have been tremendous PR for

Washington, but there's no deny ing that the joy of those riding

steel cranium was genuine. That freedom — the freedom to stand

up and say "This is what I believe" — is something we often

take for granted in this country

but it's a precious, precious right and it's one whose defense ofter comes with a big price tag.

of the game, don't ever be ashamed to speak your convic-

tions. Just understand that the

To Phyllis: speak your mind

The world comes to 8 Mile

necessary hoops to have her voice heard, folks. She's got a view-point, and whether you agree with

her polities or not, in the United

States of America (of which

Northville is part, last time I checked a map) you have the right

you raise that stink in accor-

dance with feder-

all state and local

..no, check that -- one finger — the number of times I've ever written a column dealing with issues letter-writers bring to the to the editor sacred. That's the with. If they want to lob bullets in my direction, hey — take your best shot and fire to raise a stink when something gets under your skin. Provided you raise that

away. But there are every rule, and that laissez-faire approach to 1-is going to take a vacation this week, mostly because I believe one of the nearest and dearest rights to us all is under

That person is
Phyllis Clancy, and in case you haven't driven on Eight Mile near Novi the right

Ing posters advocating peace in them back and invited them to thing else, (If you've already written write a letter in opposition or to stage a demonstration of their own. Both approaches would from readers who wonder two things. First, they ask why a woman who "isn" even from Northville' (NEWS FLASH: she is from Northville') is getting covered in the Decord of the Agreed with the stage and invited them to them to the work of the work ered in the Record, and second, down a statue of Saddam Hussein, mission to engage in the demon-stration (NEWS FLASH: she has received permission to engage in the demonstration.) long time, citizens were able to voice their opinions and let their

laws, petitioning the government for a redress of grievances is and provided you follow the rules allowable. Phyllis' right to speak out against the war in Iraq and sometimes that grease gets doesn't put her dumped, rather than applied in

have their voices heard, too. If the

that moment took on special meaning for the Iraqi people because for the first time in a very

speak out against the war in Iraq and sometimes that growed doesn't put her inside a bubble, inside a bubble, those who those who the speak out against the war in Iraq and sometimes that growed in gentle drops.

To Phyllis' opponents: she's not become who can carry a piece. don't appreciate the only one who can carry a piece of cardboard. Got a beef? Write the right — the same right — to me, or get out there and have a late, you probably haven't seen her and her husband, Michael, standing on the traffic island holding posters advocating peace in

we're still here, stronger than ever.

the Northville Record. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. voice their opinions and let their 114 or chavis@ln homecomm ne

GUEST COLUMN

Focus on children's vision

Besides researching the proper daycare or school to enroll your child in, parents also have to fit in all the medical appointments that control(CDC) put vision loss high all the medical appointments that control(CDC) put vision loss high all the medical appointments that control(CDC) put vision loss high all the medical appointments that control(CDC) put vision loss high all the medical appointments that control(CDC) put vision loss high all the medical appointments that control control condition. seed to be made before the back- on its agenda and identified ter to-school rush. Many schools require sports physicals and then there is the trip to the dentist and

Most parents are unsure about when to take their child for an eye exam with an optometrist. Many assume that screening tests done by the pediatrician or school are an adequate substitute for a full eye examination. Most parents tance vision, without testing for deficits in close vision or visual processing. The vision test done in a pediatrician's office is just a mall part of a comprehensive medical evaluation and in school ettings the children may have 11 years, it can be successfully

Concern for the effectiveness of vision screenings has been highin such settings miss a vision defect in one out of six children. depends on the function of the visual system. Vision problems can affect a child's scholastic, ath-

half over, and letic and social performance if examination by an eyecare spealready parents are getting bombarded with back-to-school lists.

Besides researching the proper

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vision objectives relating to chil-dren. They recognize vision disor-ders as the leading cause of handthe pediatrician. But what about jour child's vision and eye health? with amblyopia being the most common pediatric eye disease. Amblyopia is a permanent loss of vision in one eye due to improper eye muscle alignment (lazy eye) or a large uncorrected difference in eyeglass prescription between the two eyes. When children are believe that if their child passes a young and their visual system is vision screening that it must be developing, if either of these two conditions are present, the brain could "ignore" the weaker eye and vision screenings. The testing pri-marily focuses on evaluating diseye doctor at an early age, it can be treated with either glasses or by wearing an eye patch to help the weak eye develop. Thus, although amblyopia is permanent loss of vision in children older than 10 or

treated at younger ages.
One of the saddest things I have to do is tell a parent that their child is too old be treated for amblyopia, when if I had seen that same child when they were four or

five, I could have helped them. This is a big concern when 80 percent of everything a child learns

meet the cost of their child's eye care? There are many programs including the local Lion's clubs as well as a nationwide program by the American Optometric Association called VISION USA VISION USA is a year-round pro-gram that offers free examinations donated by local optometrists for the working poor. Earlier this year I had the opportunity to examine family of three children throug this program. The oldest child had ambivonia, but the younger girl tion. Early intervention makes all the difference in the world for child's visual development. It is a leaving so many children with nermanent vision loss when it is

your child's vision has been prop-erly examined.

vate practice at Town & Country Eyecare in Novi. If you have ques-Eyecate in Nov. 13 you have ques-tions on eyecare for children or adults call her at 248-347-7800, For more information on the VISION USA program call (800)





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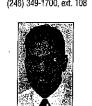
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The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Vehicle Wash Contract according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the office of the Purchasing Director.

Sealed bids will be received until 3:00 P.M. prevailing Eastern Time, Wednesday, August 13, 2003, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Novi Summer Concert Series

p.m.; community concerts 7:45 to 8:45 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center (unless otherwise stated)
DETAILS: July 31, Chris Lynn
The Illusionist, and The Gratitude Steel Band; August 7, Lee Murdock 7 to 9 p.m., sponsored by Novi Historical Commission; August 14, Funny Puppet Guy/Rosco the Clown, and Novi oncert Band (on the Providence

Widowed Friends Movie Night

DATE: Saturday, July 26
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
LOCATION: AMC Theater, Haggerty Road between 7 Mile and 8 Mile roads PHONE: (248) 349-9145

Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital Bloom

DATE: Monday, July 28 LOCATION: Conference Center, I William Carls Dr., Commerce DETAILS: Appts. encouraged,

walk-ins welcome. Process takes a little more than an hour. Must be 17, iver 110 pounds, good general health. PHONE: (248) 937-3316.

Walled Lake Summer Concerts DATE: Monday, July 28 TIME: 7:30-9 p.m. LOCATION: Riley Park

DETAILS: McCullers, swing and Mucs PHONE: (248) 624-4847

Arthur and DW's Dance Party DATE: Wednesday, July 30 TIME: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Fountain Walk Shopping Center, I-96 and Novi Road DETAILS: Family dancing, free

party favors and treats for all party guests. Special craft item for chil-dren to take home. PHONE: (248) 348-8769

DATE: Friday-Sunday, Aug. 1-3 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center State, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road DETAILS: Novi Theatres pres-ents The Princess & the Pea; The Golden Hairs; and The Elves and PHONE: (248) 347-0400

Lakes Baptist Church Vacation Bible

DATE: Aug. 4-8 TIME: 9 s.m.-noon LOCATION: 309 Decker Rd.,

Walled Lake.

DETAILS: No charge, parents invited to special free lunch on Friday. Theme "Patriotic Fever".

PHONE: Cindy Hammond, 0249-0342-0000 (248) 624-2900.

Walled Lake Summer Concerts DATE: Monday, Aug. 4 TIME: 7:30-9 p.m. LOCATION: Walled Lake Villa

country PHONE: (248) 624-4847

Under the Sea Night DATE: Wednesday, Aug. 6 TIME: 6:30-8:30 P.M. LOCATION: Fountain Walk Shopping Center, I-96 and Novi

DETAILS: Children can hang out with their favorite underwater characters like the Little Mermaid. Free ice cream, bubbles, beach balls and seaside craft item to take home. PHONE: (248) 348-8769

Movie-In-The-Park
DATE: Thursday, Aug TIME: gates open at 8:30 p.m.; show at 9:30 LOCATION: Gilbert Willis Park

(Off Loon Lake Rd) DETAILS: Bring your blanket, lawn chairs and enjoy a drive-in-like movie experience. Watch Spiderman shoot his webs on a 16' x 24' screen. Concessions available. Fee is \$1 per person. PHONE: (248) 624-2850

Magic at the Fountain

DATE: Wednesday, Aug. 13
TIME: 6:30-8:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Fountain Walk
Shopping Center, 1-96 and Novi
Road DETAILS: Magical night of

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princesses and magicians. Free hot-dogs, chips and pop to the first 1,000 visitors. Children can make their own crown or tiara. PHONE: (248) 348-8762

Healthcare Provider Appreciation

Weekend
DATE: Aug. 14-15
LOCATION: Borders Books & Music, Novi Town Center DETAILS: Borders wants to thank all of the healthcare professionals who dedicate themselves to the care of others. Those involved in

between August 15-17, will receive ply by showing their professional PHONE: (248) 347-0780

Alpha Omega Publications Workshop DATE: Thursday, Aug. 21 TIME: 6 p.m.-9 p.m. LOCATION: Double Tree Hotel,

27000 Sheraton Dr., Novi. DETAILS: Free workshop, Learn about the opportunities of home education, view our CD-ROM curriculum, and inquire about other PHONE: 1-800-682-7391 or c-

Walled Lake Summer Concerts DATE: Sunday, Aug. 24 TIME: 7:30-9 p.m. LOCATION: The Boathouse

DETAILS: Paul Ramos, rock PHONE: (248) 624-4847 Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Dakland

County Recycling Collection-Novi DATE: Saturday, Sept. 20 TIME: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Cente 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi PHONE: For more information, call Recycling Coordinator, Kathy Cencer, (248) 208-2270.

Providence Center for the Healing Arts-Art Show

DATE: ongoing until August 31 2003 TIME: Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave.,Novi.

DETAILS: "Echo of a Ripple", show of original paintings and three-dimensional artwork by can-cer survivor Tornoko Ogawa. PHONE: Lori Taylor, (248) 465

Women's Prayer Support

DATE: every Saturday TIME: 9-10:30 a.m. LOCATION: Harvest Fellowship Church, 49329 Pontiae Trail, Wixon (Parking is behind the church) DETAILS: You are welcome to come for encouragement, help hope and prayer as you face life's problems, issues and frustrations.
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE: first and third Fridays o

ne monus TIME: 10 a.m. LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church (on Meadowbrook Rd. between 10 Mile Rd. and Grand River Rd.)
DETAILS: We are a not for prof-

it, non-denominational group that brings adoptive families together, Our twice a mouth meetings provide families with the opportunity to share play and conversation. During the summer, we meet at specially designated times and boxations. PHONE: For more information contact Michelle Pergeau (248) 887-4955 or Sandru Noonan (248) 960-3257. share play and conversa

American Business Women's

DATE: third Mondays TIME: 6:30 p.m. LOCATION: Wyndham Garden

Women's Association (ABWA) brings together working women of diverse occupations and provide opportunities for them to help themopportunities and others grow professional-ly and personally through network-ing support, education, leadership, & national recognition. Meetings are \$16, which includes full dinner. Future dates for the Novi Oaks

Charter Chapter include May 19, June 16 and July 21. PHONE: Chris Struwe by phone call ahead and register. PHONE: If you have any ques (248) 269-2035 or e-mail tions, call (248) 937-5017. Christina.struwe@huntington.com

Dakland County Health Division Expectant Parent Classes DATE: every Wed. ongoing LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, DATE: ongoing series LOCATION: Oakland County Health Division, 1010 East West Maple, Walled Lake 45175 10 Mile Rd

TIME: 7 - 8:30 a.m.
DETAILS: Meeting of local pro TIME: 7-9 p.m. DETAILS: Classes will be taught by Public Health Nurses. Topics will include childbirth preparation, labor fessionals and business looking to increase word-of-mouth referral business. Various classifications open and eager to bring you quali-fied business leads. 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 \$25,00. PHONE: (734) 462-6460

PHONE: (248) 858-4003, or

New members welcome.

Send calendar items to Cal Stone Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville,

Mi 48168 or e-mail to

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Novi Toastmasters
DATE: First and third Tuesdays (888) 350-0900 ext. 84003 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center,

ctivities room TIME: 7-8:45 p.m. DETAILS: Toastmasters will LOCATION: Meadowbrook help you improve your communica-tion skills, voice your opinion, pol-TIME: 11 a.m. weigh in, 11:30 ish your presentations and practice PHONE: For more information, DETAILS: \$20/yearly member-ship registration, includes hand-book, \$1/meeting.

Breast Cancer Support Group

DATES: second and fourth Juesdays of the month LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, Commerce, Classroom C on the ground floor of the hospital, TIME: 10 a.m., - 11:30 a.m.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 20, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45176 W. Ten Mile Rd, Novi, MI to consider ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT 99-18.192:

An Ordinance to amend Zoning Ordinance Subsections 303.2, 303.2a. (1) (6), 303.2a. (1) (6), of Ordinance No. 97-18, as amended, the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance, and to add Subsections 300.2a. (1) (e) and 303.2a. (1) (1) to said Ordinance, to modify the standards for Single-Family Detached Appearance Variation to also include the rear building elevations of single-family bonnes. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the

All interested persons are invited to attend. The proposed ordinance is available for review at the Planning Department. Verbal comments will be heard at the public hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45.175 W. Ten Mide Rd., Novi, MI 48375, until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 20, 2003.

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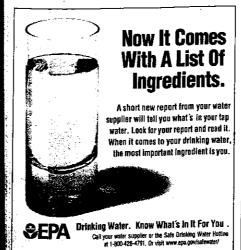
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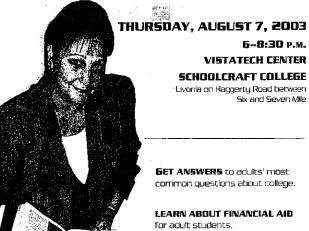


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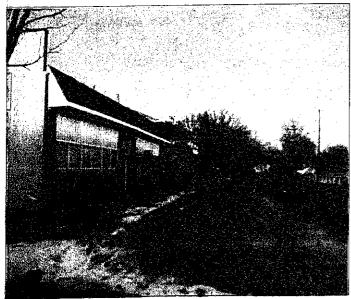
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MSU students design future

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"The city needs more color and some anchor facilities," Rauhe said.

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ings, creating attractive pedes-trian walkways.

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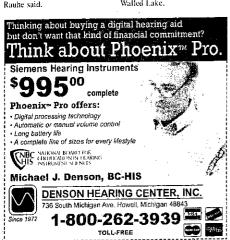
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Residents interested in learning more about the MSU stu-

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Pam Fleming is a staff writer

for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at pfleming@ht.homecomm.net.





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Broncos meet tough teams in 2003 NABF World Series

By Sam Eggleston

When you face some of the best competition in the country, it comes as no surprise when you end up

as no surprise when you end up notching losses along the way. The Northville Broncos U-16 baseball team was well aware that they were going to be facing the possibility of losses when they looked over the teams coming to the 2003 NABF World Series, which was hosted in Northville. Unfortunately for the Broncos, they weren't expecting to go 0-4 for the

That doesn't mean they didn't do what they could to earn wins — but it does mean that even the smallest mental errors can lead to a loss for a small.

In their final game of the tournament, the Broncos took on the St. Louis Red Birds and came out with a vengeance but ended up taking a tournal to the state of the state of the state of the tournal to the state of the state o

through.

The Broncos were the first to get on the score board, earning a single run in the first inning before jumping to a 3-1 lead by the end of the second limiting.

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In the top of the third, it appeared the Broncos had a firm grip on the situation as they rounded the bases for another run and a 4-1 lead. The bottom of the inning found the Red Birds putting together the offense they were looking for though—and it didn't help the Broncos cause that three critical errors were committed as St. Louis took a 5-4 lead off of one hit and three errors before pitcher Andrew Smith managed to throw his way out of the sticky situation and end the threat.

In both the fourth and fifth innings of the contest, defense when he mane of the game. Northville's Jim Cicala had some flashes of intense defensive play through both innings, and catcher Ryan Desjardins made some critical plays to keep the Broncos alive—including holding off his teammates as a long bunt climbed onto the grass before slightly curving and the motiling foul three-quarters of the way to the third-base bag.

In the sixth inning, the Broncos bowed out of their offensive stand in five batters before the Red Birds were threatening again. After a walk on the first batter of the inning, St. Louis managed to advance him with two straight hits and then an aggressive move across home plate for a 6-4 lead.

and then an aggressive move across home plate for a 6-4 lead. As the next runner headed for home on the ensuing hit, Cicalascooped up the ball, looked to first as though the were about to throw and then fired home where Desjardins was covering the plate

for the tag out.

The St. Louis threat was ended as third basemen Rick Birdsall made an impressive defensive play as he secoped up a ground ball and turned to tag the baseruner coming off of second base. The rumer tired to avoid Birdsall's tag, which turned into a diving attempt, and was called out for leaving the base rath.

In the top of the seventh, the Broncos made their final stand of the game. Brian Tellish, a World Series veteran, smacked a deep double to open the hitting but was

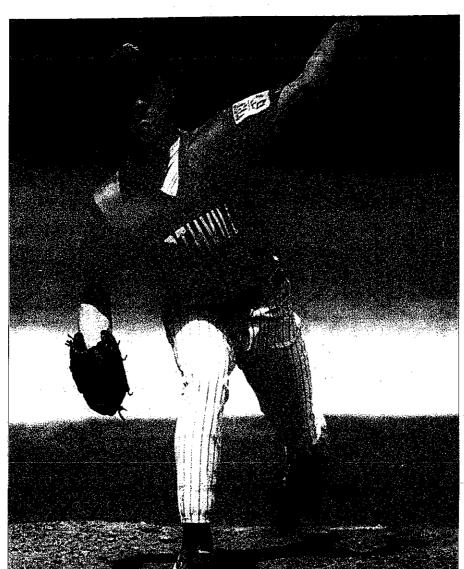


Photo by John Heider

Bronco Bobby Henderson pitches during Northville's Friday game against the Copperheads.

called out at second base as he hook slid to the bag to avoid the tag. Questioning the second-base umpire's decision on the call, Tellish soon found himself ejected from the contest and wasn't able to

watch as his squad rallied.

Josh Szatkowski got on base with a hard liner to right field that stayed just inside the line before advancing to second on a wild pitch. Rob Richl took the bag on a walk before both runners were driven home on a powerful two-run single by Andrew Gonyea to tie the

But, that was all the offense the Broncos could muster, and they found themselves taking the loss after the first St. Louis batter was hit by the pitch and then advanced on a særifice hunt. He took third on an error two batters later and then trotted home on a deep gap-hit with two outs and a full count against the Red Bird batter.

Huntington 8, Northville 0

In their first contest of the series, the Northyille Broncos found themselves on the wrong end of a blowout as the Huntington Hawks flew away with a 8-0 victory.

The Broncos committed only two errors in the contest but couldn't put together the offensive surge needed to beat a tough team like the Hawks. Leading the offensive charge for Northville was Birdsall, who went 2-for-3 on the day while Bobby Henderson went 1-for-2 and

Desjardins went 1-for-3.

Taking the brunt of the loss from the mound was Rob Moffat, who threw 81 pitches for a 7.00 ERA on

the day. He stuck out one and allowed 11 hits.

Youngstown 4, Northville 1

It was a much closer game in the second contest of the series for the Northville Broncos, but it still wasn't the result they were looking for as they took on and fell to the Youngstown Astro Falcons 4-1.

Youngstown Astro Falcons 4-1.
On the offensive end of the game, the Broncos found Szatkowski going 1-for-3 on the day to lead his team, while Gonyea and Cicala each went 1-for-4 in the losing effort. Cicala had the RBI for the Broncos, which drove in Gonyea for the score.

Tennessee 14, Northville 7

In what was their best offensive

and their worst defensive showing combined into a single game, the Broncos found themselves taking on and losing to the Worth Copperheads, 14-7. Northville had some nice show-

Northville had some nice showings on the offensive side of the ball as Van Horn went. 3-for-4 with three singles and an RBI, while Szatkowski, Smith and Cicala all went 2-for-4 on the day. Cicala earned an RBI and a dou-

Cicala carned an RBI and a double, while Szatkowski earned an RBI as well.

Birdsall went 1-for-3 in the losing effort, while Cory Patterson went 1-for-1 with an RBI and Gonyea went 1-for-5 with an RBI.

Henderson threw 3 1/3 innings with 72 pitches, one strike out and eight hits allowed as he took the loss on the day.

East sneaks by West in All-Star game

By Sam Egglestor

It may not have been the score-fest that some fans would have liked, but the 2003 Michigan High School Football Coaches Association All-Star Football game had plenty of talent that was contained by plenty of defense.

In the end, it was the defense that prevailed at Spartan Stadium in East Lansing as the East's squad — headed up by Novi's own Chase Chandler — held the West scoreless for three quarters before earning the 12-6 victory for the third East victory in a

"I felt I did pretty well as a whole," Chandler said, and then added that it was the entire corps that held the West. "Our defense shut them down and we managed to hold them scoreless for three quarters. Overall, I thought we did pretty well."

The East didn't have the stellar offensive capabilities that one might expect from an All-Star

team, but, then again, they only had a week to practice.

"It takes a lot longer than a week to put together an entire offense," Chandler noted. "I thought that as a team we went out there and did what we were told."

Chandler also noted that he felt the West squad may not have had their entire team on the same

"To tell you the truth, I thought they were kind of off," he said, "They were a bit out of sync and dropped a couple of

And it didn't help that the West was forced to make some last-minute adjustments. The defensive ends for the squad were not able to play so the team was forced to move players like Mendon's Jared Dell, a fullback,

to the end slot.

And, the East defense wasn't about to let things go off without a hitch either. They recorded two sacks in the contest to stymic the West squad's efforts. The West had Lowell's Mark Catlin, who

threw a state-record 411 yards against Birmingham Brother Rice and is known for his scrambling ability. Well, 'Callin didn't look like the quanterback of old, especially after a vicious hamering that looked as though it nearly decapitated the stellar

quarterback.

The East's offense seemed to rotate around Belleville kicker David Chudzinski, who used his strong foot to lead the Tigers to the playoffs this season. He booted 32- and 39-yard field goals to give the East six points on the day. The only other score came on a four yard pass from Wynn Michalak to Josh Powell, after with the two-point conversion

attempt failed.

The West made a last-minute rally, scoring a touchdown with less that five minutes left on the clock as Catin landed a pass to Ionia's Garret Bushong from 16 yards out to pull the score to 12-6 — but that was all the offense either team could muster.

"Our kicker did pretty well, and we did what we had to do to get the win," Chandler said,
"Overall, everything worked out
the way we wanted it to."
Though the West ended up

the way we wanted it to."
Though the West ended up outgaining the East in total yardage by 236-218 margin, the defensive pressure Chandler and his fellow defenders put on was enough to shut down most of the second threats.

scoring threats.
In the first half, West Ottawa quarterback C.J. Van Wieren led the West to the East's 21-yard line before a sack forced a punt. In the third quarter, Catlin had the West offense moving before a sack stopped the drive.

As time was expiring, the West had a final chance to get the ball back — which could have been a threat thanks to Callin's surge in the final quarter and the West's defense starting to hold strong. But, West punter Chris Smith of Holf fumbled the snap on the punt, which gave the East the ball at their opponent's 20-yard

Though he was unable to play, Milford's lim Presley came to the first day of practice and then stood on the sidelines during the contest to cheer his squad to vic-

"He seemed bummed about not being able to play," Chandler

For Chandler and the other players who will be competing at the collegiate level this fall, the All-Star game was a good way to measure up ability and the pace of the game at the next level.

"It was definitely worth it,"
Chandler said. "These guys are all big and all really fast, and it gives you a chance to see the kind of talent you'll be playing in

And that's not the only reason to play either.

"You meet a lot of good people and have a lot of fun," Chandler noted. "It was just a great experience overall."

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It's that time of year again

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Well, it's just about that time of year again, isn't it? It seems like just about the

It seems like just about the time you are getting into the swing of dealing with

swing of dealing with the ob-so-slow season we like to call summer, things get right back into the frenzy of fall sports.

Sam Eggleston

girls basketball, boys soccer, boys golf, girls tennis, cross country and swimming it's all coming to a start August 11th with a brand-new season and some brand-new faces. I'm excited, as I am sure all the fans of both Northville and Novi athletics are, to gear up for this new season. And what's the best way for a newspaper to do that? With

for a newspaper to do thail: With a preview section, of course.

This year, we are slated to present our previews for the edition of August 21 – which will give us exactly a week to put together coach comments, the pp players, who is going to be the toughest teams on the schedule and so-on-and-so-forth. It's always a challenge to put together a quality preview in such a short amount of time, but I am definitely confident that we will be able to live up to the expectations of the readership who eaperly awaits it.

expectations of the readership who eagerly awaits it.

This year, I am going to have my hands full with all of the quality programs that will be taking it to the competition in the form of Wildcats and Mustangs. Not that I'm complaining — at least I know I'll have plenty of material to fill the sports pages each and every week until next summer.

week until next summer.

Sometimes, I wonder how I am going to make it all work. With all of the sports going on around me and all of the things I have to report on, I have to sit back and try to figure out where all of the flow of information is going to be and how I am going to assemble all of it in time for my early-morning deadline on

Well, I can safely tell you exactly how this process is a success – the coaches and the parents. Every week, I speak to the coaches either directly after a contest or via the phone to put together an informative and detailed story based on the statistics of a contest. Sometimes, and it's rare, coaches and I don't connect and things start to get a little scarce in the way of information – and that's where parents and players usually come

in.

It's nice to know that I can pick up the phone and call up any number of players on a particular team and expect to get quality quotes as well as on-the-dot information regarding points and stats to put in a story. That's a credit to the informative nature of our coaches in this area and the job they do of passing on the numbers to their team.

I want to thank all of my coaches, players and parents in advance of this fall season as I gear up to start collecting all the data I need to make things work around here. I know that if I get in a rough spot, you'll be there to give me a hand.
I'm looking forward to yet another successful fall cam-

another successful fall campaign by each and every one of my teams, and I wish all of the players the best when it comes to tryouts August 11. Remember that heart plays as much of a role as anything else when it comes to being noticed by a coach. I always looked at tryouts and practices like this: You practice how you play, and that means putting it all out there each and every time. Give it your all, and most of the time it will work out for you in the end.

Though making a sports team is one of those things that some readers out there would just shrug their shoulders at and wonder what the big deal is if someone doesn't make it, it should be understood that for many kids out there, this is their dream. They want to play, they want to compete and they want to wear their school colors proudly. It's not easy for a coach to decide who stays and who goes, but it has to be done. And, unfortunately, sometimes it's those who want it the most that are left behind.

Let's hope that this year, and for years to come, that isn't the case. Hopefully, there's room for everyone.

And, if there's not, let's just applaud everyone who had the courage and desire to try out for our varsity sports teams.

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lar season title and was the run-ner-up at the Mid-Con Tournament, where Rzepka was named a member of the Mid-Con

A team captain last season as a sophomore, Rzepka will again be in that role in 2003. A mem-

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All-Tournament team.

Two Novi players selected to Olympic development program

It's an amazing accomplishment to be selected to an all-star team or a conference team, but it's even more so to be considered one of the best in the entire Midwest. Novi freshmen Emily Esbrook and Kelli Corless have managed to accomplish just that as both

were recently selected to the United States Youth Soccer Region II Girls' Olympic Development Program Pool Team

in their age group.

The selection for the team, which includes the top 30 players from 14 Midwestern states, tool place at a regional camp held in DeKalb, Illinois.

The competition was fierce, there's no question about that. The best 18 players from each of the 14 states — a whopping 252 players — showcased their talents, skills and dedication to the game of soccer in front of regional and national coaches who took the liberty of scrutinizing every little letail before making their decisions. After the smoke cleared, only 30 players were left standing of them were Corless and

the Region II administrator for the seggleston@h.homecomm.net.

Olympic Development Program, being selected to the regional pool is a major accomplish She went on to say that Esbrook and Corless will be observed now National Team.

"Some of these (players) have

gone on to win Olympic Gold Medals in 1996 and are represent-ed on the Women's World Cup and National Teams," Jimenez Recently, more players who have once graced the rosters of an Olympic Development Program Pool Team made some noise in the national scene. Some players played on the inaugural U-19 World Cup team in Canada that

finished first over the other counmembers of the Michigan Hawks '89 soccer team which is coached by Jim Kimble, Corless' parents are Rick and Linda Corless. Esbrook's parents are Jim and

and the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at



Kelli Corless, a Novi High School freshman, was also

NEXT LEVEL ATHLETES

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Recently,

Rzepka was selected as the 2002-03 Mid-Continent Conference Make Student-Athlete of the Year. The award is the most prestigious individual honor given by the league and Rzepka is just the sec-ond student athlete from Oakland to be selected for the honor, joinng Myke Thom (1999-00 men's

Rzepka turned into one of the top defensive players in the Mid-Con Certification Fiscal Integrity last season, helping to lead the Golden Grizzlies to both the

Scott Kortlandt, a graduate of Novi High School and the son of George Kortlandt and son of George Kortlandt and Patricia Kortlandt of Novi, has their time at the mext level.

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> Northville High School and the son of George Moroz and Dominique Moroz of Northville has been named to the Michigan Intercollegiate Association's Academic Honor Roll for the 2002-03 year. Moroz is a member of the men's cross country and track and field

ber of the Dean's List every semester he had been at Oakland, the finance major posted a 3.9 GPA at the end of the 2002-03 school year and earned the OU Athletic Department's Excellence in Academic Honor Roll recognition, which covers 18 varsity sports plus athletic training.

An individual making the league's Academic Honor Roll must have enged a variety letter.

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U-12 Novi Heat wins tourney

The U-12 Novi Heat Trave Baseball team went undefeated in the South Farmington Blues nvitational tournament

ecently. pers include (Left to Right): Bottom Row: Jake Walker, Pat Biondi. Danny Kilger, Garrett Green, Trevor O'Connoi Brady Rodriguez; Top Row: Steve Claypool. Michael Place, Coach Rick Green, Lucas Luke Eibler, Brett Smith, Coach O'Connor and Kris



Novi JV Pom Pon takes Grand Champion at camp

Mid American Pom Pon held the first of three four-Northwood University in Midland recently. There, the Champion with first-place votes in speed learning, original routine and kick-

Two members of the squad illian Angelocci and Laurel Kline, were also selected to Feam, wheih performs at and a Detroit Pistons game They will also perform on a cruise during the winter. The 20 member squad ncludes: Captain Jillian ngelocci and Nicole Minghine, Aubree Bixman, Kat Elrod, Khristen Flennoy, Colleen Fraser, Kaitlyn



Hoen, Stephanie Jaussi, Kohls, Caty McCarthy, Jenna McCarty, Nicola Olkowski, Sarah Reichel.

The squad is coached by who comes to Novi from

Motor City Madness goes 6-0 at tournament

The Motor City Madness U-10 Fast Pitch Softball Team won first place at the P/C Pride Invitational June 27-29. The team blev everyone away by going 6-0 over the weekend. Miranda Cleary pitched the championship game against the Adrian Lookouts and came away vith a no-hitter and a 10-0 shutout, Cleary also was very effective on the offensive end of th game, crushing the ball with a .706 average while hitting four doubles and

Katie Enright also left her mark by batting .750 in the tournament with two ubles and a triple as well as driving in 10 runs. Leah Topper drove in bles and a .636 average



while Laine Farley drove bles and a hearty .571

average. Deanna Wagner batted .471 with three doubles pitched a no-hit 16-0 Erin Uhrlck hit the team's only home run and did a great job behind the plate The squad headed to the USSSA World Series In Rowlett Texas July 21st.

Left to Right): Front: Deanna Wagner, Meredit Williams, Katie Enright, Danielle Valade, Erin Uhrick: Middle: Miranda Cleary, Leah Topper, Heather Schramm, Laine Farley; Back: Coaches Alvssa Wagner, Phyllis and Deanie Cleary. Not ctured: Coach Lindsey Sorrentino, Becky Reynolds and Francie

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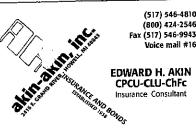
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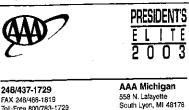
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Shiver me timbers!

Johnny Depp's performance as Captain Jack Sparrow alone is worth the price of admission to 'Pirates of the Caribbean'

By Sam Eggleston

or ourselves a pirate movie

The first thing I have to say is ever head to the theater to watch ride and expect to come out satis-fied. Really, the laws of nature are against any such movie evenand there are plenty of reasons.

Director Gore Verhinski ball hand gestures that emphasizes each phrase he delivers, roducer Jerry Bruckheimer ffer up Johnny Depp as a pirate finest. I have to admit that I've producer Jerry Bruckheimer offer up Johnny Depp as a pirate known as Caplaitt Jack Sparrow, as well as swashbuckling hero Orlando Bloom (Legolas from "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy). sinister pirate Geoffrey Rush ("Quills") and the oh-so-eye-catching Keira Knightley ("Bend it like Beekham") in a story that is full of curses, treasure and crossed swords on the high seas

of the Caribbean. When all is said and done, and his an adventure movie that manquite amazingly, a movie goer can actually leave the theater and he satisfied that they watched an ind a good one at that.

The story pretty much revolves Jack Sparrow's obsession with getting that particular ship back under his command and Will Turner's (played by Bloom) rays of the moon's light obsession with saving his true

been impressed by Depp in near-Somehow, in the haze of the cannon smoke and swashbuckling. Depp manages to be completely convincing and completely overthe-top at the same time -

quite amazingly, a movie goer can actually leave the theater and be satisfied that they watched an honest-to-goodness pirate movie ure is complicated but never falls to pieces even in the face of some mistaken identity and a pesky The story pretty much revolves amount three things: A cursed Sparrow getting in the way. The pirate ship and her crew, Captain visual effects are right on, high-

love (Knightley). Despite his hatred for pirates, Turner joins forces with the strange, yet bril-

Caribbean" weren't making enough noise in the box-office on the first time fractions as sectionage notes in the world has a movie-goer should never, ever head to the theater to watch choose hased on a Disney World Depp in action. His hair tumbles from a mess of scarves and beads, while his always-twin-kling and mischievous eyes are highlighted by a thick smear of against any such movie even of any good yet Pirates of Caribbean: Curse of the lightlighted by a thick smear or the lack Pearl' is doing just fine the control of reasons.

which is applaud worthy.

When all is said and done, "Pirates" is a rare movie indeed.

Sparrow getting in the way. The visual effects are right on, highyighted by some anazing work on the cursed erow that is shown in their truly cursed form in the rays of the moon's light.

To add to the fun of the film,



Johnny Depp plays Captain Jack Sparrow and does a fine job of doing it as fellow star Orlando Bloom looks on in the back ground

those in charge decided it would be a blast to let the audience try to figure out the actual ties to the ride. Well, I'll spoil it by pointing out the prisoners trying to continue the prisoners tryi and, of course, romance. Quite possibly, "Pirates" is the best, and not to mention most original,

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Disney Theatrical Productions is

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"Young Simba" and "Young Nala." Casting directors are seeking children who can sing, dance

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SCREEN BEAT

Coming to theaters this weekend is Crime-comedy "Gigli" starring Ben Affleck, as a hit man in Los Angeles, whose latest in Los Angeles, whose latest scheme is the kidnapping of the mentally challenged brother (Justin Bartha) of a powerful dis-trict attorney. After successfully kidnapping the brother. Gigli teams up with a woman (Jennifer Lopez) he presumes to be in the crime business as well., the film asks, "is she and will Gigli get away with this?" "Gigli" is a Sony Pictures release and rated R for sexual content, pervasive lan-guage and brief strong violence.

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The outrageously loveable characters embraced by audiences all over the world in "American Pie" and "American and "America

East Great Falls High now just a memory, the kids have grown into young adults ready to wreak havoe with a new rite of passage . Jim (Jason Biggs) and Michelle (Alyson Hannigan) are getting married! According to writer/producer Adam Herz, he approached the third-installment of "American Pic" with care and thoughtful planning, "I wasn't so much afraid of 'topping' the first two, because I didn't think of it that way. I just came at it asking. Is what follows a natural progression in the lives of these characters? Is it real? And obviously and all-importantly, 'Is it funny?" "American Wedding" is a

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health bene- Chef Mary fits and the Brady

tion. As can be imagined, from its name, salt is one of their major

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dren salt for Christmas, enough to last the year. She is a member of soybeans fermented in salt, also known as lactic acid fermenta-tion. The beans are covered with approximately their weight in cream. salt, allowed to "brew" between 64 and 71 degrees. As the beans begin to rot, the sugars break down and produce lactic acid, which acts as a preservative.
Unlike the Chinese, the Roman's
used salt crystals to directly flavor their food. The most common to us was on salad greens. The term salad is derived from their

The ancient Egyptians worshipped dead bodies believing goods. them to be a vessel connecting the world's oldest commodities is was ideal to have the body perinteresting and intricate. The ear- manently preserved. Egyptian burial sites have been found that duction dates back to 800 BC in China. The technique used was with flesh and skin intact. The China. The technique used was with flesh and skin intact. The simple but reliable: boil ocean dry salty desert sand protected water in clay vessels until them and this natural phenomeroduced to pots of salt crystals. The Chinese rarely sprinkled salt on their food, it was too expensions the oldest uses of salt.

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salt was the major way to pre-serve fish; anchovies and salmon, (graylox), are some examples cod remains one of life's true pleasures. There is nothing that de more the Provencial dish of salt

sliced cured salmon on garlic croutes with capers and thinly sliced red onions. Other salted foods include hams: Italian Proscuitto, French Bayonne, Germany's Westphalian and Virginia's Smithfield, aged cheeses, olives, corned beef and an incredible array of pickled products. The famous chou-croute, or pickled cabbage, had its beginnings in China and later, the Germans and French developed their own styles. Earliest condiments included garum, a fish and sah sauce that surfaced in Greece in 900 AD. A cousin is

refrigeration became the norm. Although difficult to find, salt compares to the famous brandade

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developed by the English, was made from a base of anchovies. The name is derived from an Indonesian fish and soy sauce ketchap ikan. Ketchup, as we know it today, is truly American Iomato.

A 1920's booklet written by

cod, olive oil, garlie, milk and cream.

Another favorite is thinly uses for table salt. In reality, the figure quoted by the modern salt industry sites 14,000 uses. Salt is not only just valuable as a preservative and for flavoring. It melts ice, is used in gunpowder (salt-peter), as a cure in poultices and salt baths, in glass making and textile manufacturing and in the chlorine form as liquid bleach. Chlorine was the "mustard gas" that was used during WWI.

Salt's most important role is the maintenance of life. Sodium, in the form of sodium chloride plays an important part in many bodily functions. It activates the first enzyme present in the mouth, salivary amylase, pronuoc nam. Vietnamese fish sauce. Not to be missed are the famous Worcestershire and Tabasco sauces, mustard and imperative for respiratory famous imperative for respiratory famous. ketchup. The original ketchup, tion and transmits nerve impulse

and moves muscle tissue includ- Fresh ingredients don't require ing the heart. The bottom line is, we could not survive without salt.
Granted, there are some people who need to restrict their intake and should do so. The average human body contains 250 grams

functions and must be replaced. I am especially conscious of salt use at Diamond Jim Brady's mozzarella drizzled with olive oil Bistro. One of the first things that I do upon entering our restaurant I do upon entering our restaurant is to try the soups, chilles, accompaniments and sauces. Anything that is prepared ahead of time gets the taste test. Mostly, what I am looking for is good flavor. I want natural flavors to shine and to do so requires the addition of salt. We do not use table salt but testher. It is corrse grained and a magnesium, calcium and kosher. It is coarse grained and as magnesium, ealcium and does not contain any additives. I also think that a lesser amount produces the same effect as the must really love me.

fine-grained refined salt. We don't depend on salt exclu sively for flavor, it is an enhancer

sprinkle there. Reduced sauces are intense enough for just a pinch. Often time with soups, I'll substitute a dash of lemon juice for some of the salt, and at home of salt (four shakers worth), to maintain these functions. It is always being lost through bodily

One of my favorite, favorite to the favorite favorite favorite. meals is just picked baby lettuce and a touch of Celtic sea salt.
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HOME & GARDEN

Nailing Down New Roles

The 'lady of the house' gets more involved in repairs, improvements

Story By Gretchen McKay ■ Illustration By Daniel Marsula ■ Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

The 75-year-old house Twyla Boyer ended up buying nearly two years ago was, to put it mildly, a doozy of a fiver-upper.

The kitchen was dated, the roof leaked, and not just bee there were holes in the Pepto-Bismol-pink walls and the basement spouted a waterfall every time it rained. About the only thing the house in Bethel Park, Pa., a suburb of

Pittsburgh, had going for it was a nice lay-

It was, however, all the first-year student at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary could afford. So she bought it — and quickly set about doing most of the repair work herself. In addition to patching and painting the walls, the 35-year-old finished the drywall

another fill of all trades. Over the past 20 years she's tackled not only traditional decorating projects such as painting and wall-

That includes rewiring lighting fixtures.

hands dirty.

How much! An Ace Hardware survey reported that 62 percent of women who own homes are tackling home improvement projects and repairs on their own. And a study by Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse found that four out of 10 women believe they do more home

A growing number of women are trying and hand hand improvement and repair, and not just because they can't find a handyman. We actually enjoy getting our an additional state of the control of the following states of the Matieral Societion of Controls single women now comprise the Realtors, single women now comprise the second-largest group of home buyers — 15 percent — just behind married couples. And nearly 90 percent of all women will at some point live alone because they never





highly trained groundskeeping crews, but there's no reason why the expertise of these can't help you make

Roger Baird is the head groundskeeper of Wrigley summer. Here he offers his expert tips for maintain-

Baird, all you have to do is step on the grass, then move your foot and examine the spot you stepped on.

soaking once a week. It works far better, he finds, an watering every day.

■ Mowing: Make sure your lawn mover has a very

possible before the onset of winter.

■ Scotts: www.scotts.com

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TECHNOLOGY

Corn is not just

for food and gas

You've enten it, sipped it in soft drinks and burned it in your gas tank. Now, you can sleep on it and, seem, wear it on your back,

Thanks to breakthrough technology, the first annually renewable raw material that can replace

n selling food in clear containers made from

corn-based resin.

Leading this new trend are chemists at Cargill

Dow, who have invented a process they hope will revolutionize the way the world makes fabries, food packaging and handreds of other products. Cargill Dow's patented com resin is a form of

plastic that can be spun into fibers. The technolo-

gy was developed by agricultural processing giant Cargill Inc. and petrochemical producer Dow

Chemical Co. in a joint venture that began in

Products made from corn resin can decompose in composting landfilts within 50 days and could dramatically reduce pollution as well as the

world's reliance on enide oil to make polyesters. plastics and other products, said Patrick Gruber, vice president of Cargill Dow. "We really can displace petrochemicals," he

said. "We can make products that work. We can

reduce the overall environmental footprint. We

can make it more clean and green and more eco-nomical. We can do all of that with the technolo-

gy we have today. That's pretty exciting."

Many government and industrial leaders are watching. Cargill Dow's process is "lugely significant." said Brent Erickson, vice president of

industrial and environmental biotechnology at the

Biotechnology Industry Organization in Washington, D.C. This is the leading edge of a

Cargill Dow and its competitors are taking

industrial biotechnology into various manufactur-ing sectors and are creating a market that could exceed \$280 billion by 2010, Erickson said.

"This is part of what is called the 'third wave

It's an industry born in the Midwest that will

spread across rural areas worldwide, boosting

economic development and providing new mar-kets for farmers, Gruber said. The market poten-tial is huge. Each year, 150 million tons of fibers

and 140 million tons of plastic are sold globally,

and Hot filmfor folio of paste are so geometry, said Michael O'Brien, a Cargill Dow spokesman. More than two-thirds of the \$1.5 trillion global market for industrial chemicals and plastics poten-

tially could be served by these renewable materi

als, said Jim Stoppert, senior director for industri-al bioproducts development at Cargill Inc.

Cargill Dow recently announced alliances with

87 partners worldwide to help produce and sell the

new corn fiber under the brand Ingeo. A combina-tion of Latin and English, the word Ingeo (pro-nounced in-gee-oh) means "ingredients from the

earth." Each company has agreed to use environ-mentally sound practices in production.

Ingeo is the first manmade fiber derived com-pletely from raw materials that can be grown

every year. Cargill Dow said. It represents a new

era of meeting the world's textile needs while lim-iting the impact on natural resources, Gruber said.

duction that would use renewable energy - from

plants wind and sun — to fuel its manufacturing

plants rather than coal and natural gas, Gruber

The ability to use renewable crops to displace

oil has political implications, too, Just look around offices and homes to see all of the petroleum-

based plastics — packaging materials, clothing, carpeting, bedding — derived from imported oil.

Cargill Dow is moving toward s

To learn more

in biotechnology, the blooming of industrial technology beyond health care to make consumer

revolution that we're seeing in biotechnology

1997. Cargill Dow is a stand-alone company.

petrochemicals in fiber and plastics. Biodegradable, fire-resistant corn fiber is now available in competitively priced bedding prod-ucts, it's scheduled to hit the U.S. fashion markets by next fall or spring 2004. And soon grocers and delicatessens will follow Japan and Europe's lead

anymore

By Joy Powell AINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL STAR TRIBUNE

By Lawrence Walsh ITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE
Want to be the victim of an unscrupulous con-

tractor? Here's how:

Hire the first "contractor" who comes to your door to point out a "problem" with your home o have materials "left over" from another job or just

Start your search

for a competent

contractor early

"happens" to be in the neighborhood.

Don't check with your state's consumer protection office, Better Business Bureau or court clerk's office to see if any complaints, criminal charges, law-suits, judgments or liens have been filed against the

■ Succumb to the high-pressure spiel of a "contractor" whose sales tactics include a "today only spe cial" or a "limited price" offer.

Don't ask for references.

Don't bother with a written contract

■ Sign a blank contract or one that doesn't include

■ Don't check with your homeowner's insurance policy to see if it covers the repairs that have to be ■ Pay the contractor, in full, before he or she starts

the job. Sounds ridiculous? Of course.

Sources influences? Of course.

But you might be surprised how many homeowners fail to protect themselves and their bank accounts when they hire a "he seemed so nice" contractor to do everything from sealing the driveway to building a search of the course of the cours

Fortunately, most contractors are reputable and tal ented craftsmen and women who take pride in their work, return calls promptly, show up when they say they will and pay their employees and suppliers on

But less than reputable contractors are out and about trying to make your money their money. All too

But "Many of these unserupulous contractors can be put out of business if consumers learn how to pro-tect themselves," says Pennsylvania Attorney General Mike Fisher, whose office includes the state's consumer protection bureau. Here's how:

early — at least a year in advance for major work. Consult with family members, friends and co-workers who have firsthand — not word of mouth experience with the contractor they recommend. Ask the contractor for at least three references

■ Start your search for a competent contracto

relating to the kind of work you want done, call each one and ask if you can see the work. No references? ■ Insist that the contract include: A complete

description of the work to be done; the type, quality and warranty of materials to be used; a start and fin-ish date; a penalty clause for failure to complete the work on time; all the financial terms and payment schedules; a guarantee that old materials will be removed and a three-day, right-of-cancellation notice.

• Also insist that the contractor: Secure all the

proper permits; has liability and workers compensi ion insurance and keeps the job site clean and safe

for the duration of the work.

If you have questions about the quality of the work, contact your local building codes officer. ■ Make a reasonable down payment. Don't make

the final payment until you are completely satisfied with the work. No exceptions, Money is the ultimate leverage.

But, when it's time to pay up, do it.

Field of green

grass, and few patches of turf are more inspiring, or more carefully tended, than professional baseball fields. Of course, ballparks have the advantage of

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Field, one of the oldest and most famous parks in baseball and home of the Chicago Cubs. In a world full of Astroturf, Baird uses his green thumb to keep the natural grass field looking tip-top for the boys of

■ Spring: In the spring, he suggests giving the lawn a good raking to get rid of the dead material that has accumulated over the winter. This will allow the grass

beautiful as the ones that the pros play baseball on,

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first week, the average number of visitors a day changed from five and 10 to nearly 200,000. ... Thankfully, things have calmed

Living in a surveillance society

Story By Mait Sebastian 🔳 Illustration by Paul Aiken and Joe Prentice 🔳 Scripps Howard News Service

Forget 1984. George Orwell would a snooping culture, but civil liberties activists say they may not be the biggest threat. Rather, it's the government that worries privacy advocates. Companies worries privacy advocates. Companies

ment's post-9/11 efforts to aid law

enforcement's pursuit of terrorists -

namely the 2001 USA Patriot Act —

"After Sept. 11, we as society decid-

that has some people truly frightened.

ed that national security was a much

more important value than privacy." Keating says. "So, on a number of levels, civil liberties have taken a back

The Patriot Act expanded police

powers to help facilitate the tracking of

terrorists, allowing broader surveil-

lance of suspected terrorists and the detainment — for an unspecified amount of time — of foreigners under

Richard Collins, a professor of con-

stitutional law at the University of Colorado, agrees that some of the measures in the Patriot Act surely raise

concerns about civil liberties. But, he

says, there hasn't been any demonstra-

tion that the government has abused its powers. There are all kinds of govern-

ment databases, but they're mostly quite abstract. I don't know of any immediate effects."

One of the Patriot Act's more talked-

about provisions is the federal govern-

ment's newfound ability to obtain war-

rants to search suspected terrorists' library records — without the patron

ever knowing. The law specifically bars

librarians not only from informing patrons of the federal searches, but even confirming that they took place.

A University of Illinois study of 1,020 public libraries conducted in

and February 2002 revealed that 85 libraries, mostly in large urban areas, had been asked by federal or

investigation.

remains free, with expenses defrayed by be inside (prison) than it is to be outside

Def Jam Vendetta Genre: Fighling Platform: Playstation 2, Gamecub ***1 Developer: EA Big

ESRB Rating: T for Teen Pro-wrestling and hip-hop aren't exactly what you'd call a natural match. Nevertheless, DMX, Method Man, Redman and a slew of others in the Def Jam crew add pro wrestling to their hip-hop-heavy resumes in Def Jum Vendetta, an excellent wrestling game that has no need for a gimmick but has one anyway.

There's not much intrigue in the game's story mode, where you take a no-name wrestler through a series of "Fight Club"-like underground brawls for the chance to grapple with mem-bers of the Def Jam crew. Nor are there player modes, including battle, surviva and tag team.

But as thin as the game is in modes and plot, it's deep in gameplay. Like other top fighting titles, Def Jam's controls are simple to pick up and play but still leave you with much to master. They feature a stunning array of moves that players who are familiar with other wrestling titles like "No Mercy" and the Wrestlemania series should feel right at home with.

The attention to visual detail is

extraordinary, particularly in the player models. Adding to the game's street cred are 12 grimy locations, which include a junkyard, a warehouse and a number of other back alley locations. It also helps that the rappers lend their voices and a number of exclusive

tracks to the game.

And if amid all that mano-a-mano brawling you suffer a case of testos-terone overload, women fight, too. As you improve your skills, you'll attract women who must then fend off rivals in the ring to be your girlfriend.



Winning Eleven 6 International

Genre: Sports Platform: Playstation 2 ****

Developer: Konami
ESRB Rating: E for Everyone
For anyone who hought FIFA was
the end-all-be-all of soccer games,
here's a reality check. The Winning
Eleven series has long been the bestselling soccer game abroad. With
Konami's release of World Soccer
Winning Elevan 6 International those

Winning Eleven 6 International, those in the States can finally see why.

It doesn't have FIFA's polished presentation; Winning Eleven's greatest liability is its repetitive commentary and average graphics. But if you're not impressed with the visuals, just watch the bouncing ball. The ball physics are the most realistic in any soccer game and the same is true of the player ani-

"It's the way information is collected and stored and matched with other information that's used to profile indiand acts like real soccer, with controls that allow you to do just about anything local agents for information about patrons in connection with the Sept. II investigation.

Now, the Justice Department is that, But what if that video became part of the second section of the second including a variety of shots, passes and

dribbling options that include faints, loop shots and heel passes. That depth continues into the game's primary mode, the Master League. where you start as a third-division team and work your way to championship form by beating the game's nearly 100 national and club teams. Unfortunately Winning Eleven doesn't have the license to have the real teams and play-

just passing the ball to each other instead of charging to the goal, you might be at a loss here. Otherwise, for to be, nothing beats Winning Eleven.

SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE



ideas from these green thumbs

By Cassandra Hinojosa PPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Now's the time to get going if you've been itching to add some trendy pizzazz Here are some favorites to spruce

They're just both so colorful; they're knock-out colors," says Jan Shannon, master gardener and first vice president of the Corpus Christi (Texas) Rose



■ Water fountains or ponds. Heighten salvia with new gold the sense of sound in the garden with an inground fountain, an increasingly popuway to add water to the landscape

They're a great water source for wildlife, too, says John Watson, who things up:

New rose varieties, If you're tired of garden-variety roses, look for two new blooms this season: Hot Cocoa and Eureka.

wildlife, too, says John Masson, who built the rose garden fountain at the Corpus Christi Botanical Garden. Watson has built fountains from clay pottery and statues to add interest. Be pottery and statues to add interest. Be sure to stock your birdfeeders for those

new garden guests.

Painted wooden benches. Handpainted garden scenes can turn a plain wooden bench into a work of art.

Hot Cocoa is a smoky chocolate-orange color and Eureka can range from butter yellow to apricot gold. Both need at least six hours of direct sunlight to

■ Potted mini-gardens. Blooming garden pots are an excit-ing way to brighten landscapes during spring months, says Debbie Pinkerton,

nations for sunny environments: Antigua marigolds with Dalberg daisies; gerani-

marigold and prosdening. Add plants to wildlife — in this

case, butterilies. Their favorite plants vine, butterfly weed and flowers with landing pads such as daisies and pentas, planted in sunny areas. Muddy puddles provide male butterfly with essential minerals needed for mating.

minerals needed for mating.
"If you plant for butterflies, you shouldn't spray (pesticides) for caterpillars," said Jane Deisler-Seno, who helped develop an outdoor butterfly garden at the Corpus Christi Museum of Natural History, "In return, you get the beautiful butterflies in your yard. You'll

have to tolerate a little bit of leaf chew-■ Aluminum and copper décor. The copper dragonfly with blue metal mesh wings in Art Babbitt's yard will last a long time. "More people are doing outdoor art that wift survive in Texas than they were both hefer it is a warm look," Douglas says. ing."

■ Aluminum and copper décor. The ver have before," said Babbitt, co-



Christi. "We have a very highly corrosive

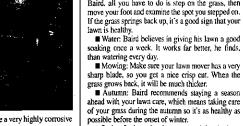
place to live."

Babbitt says people are buying more free-standing or wall-hanging cast alu-minum fish, birds and seahorses and cast resin signs that read, "Welcome to my

Rock designs. A three-foot high rock wall and a terraced walkway are just a few additions that Nancy Douglas has added to the landscape of her Padn

"It gives (my home) a cozy cottage look — a warm look," Douglas says. "I've brought rocks back from all over





www.cargilldow.com www.ingeofibers.com Internet allows for ex-cons to get back in touch with former cellmates

o breathe and grow.

• Weeds: A good healthy lawn will keep weeds from developing, but if your lawn is weak, it's going to have weeds. So make sure to take care of your lawn so it stays thick and healthy and looks as green and

Have you found yourself musing lately about the guys back on the cellblock, about stamping out license plates and even about the prison guards growling "Lights out!" as inon-barred doors clang shut for the night?

Is parallel and all the medical transfer of the state o Is parole not all it's cracked up to be? Do

Well, fire up the computer, log on to the Convicts Reunited Web site and you might even find your old cellmate surfing the

ns of the big house?

r day, more than 50,000 purported ex-cons down a little now.

be scared to leave his house in 2003.

ernment databases to corporations that track what you buy and who you e-mail, Big Brother is seemingly every-

Take a trip to the grocery store. Drive too fast, or run a red light, and you might be photographed. Once inside

the store, there's a good chance you'll

be caught on camera again.

And when you check out, that discount card you hand the cashier allows

the store to record everything you've

just bought - and compare that to past

purchases in order to market new prod-

ucts toward you.

Stop in at the office to check your e-

mail, and beware your snooping bosses

they can legally read your most intimale messages and track what Internet

Duck into your local library to check

out a book. But remember, the government can now keep tabs on what you're

reading, thanks to recent anti-terrorism

The combination of rapidly advanc-ing technology and strict anti-terror measures adopted after the Sept. 11,

2001, attacks on America have created

a society, some fear, where everyone is being watched. The rush to prevent the

next terrorist catastrophe or prevent

routine crime has put Americans' civil

But as more and more corporations

collect customer information, privacy

advocates worry that such data ulti-

mately will be absorbed into govern-

ment databases that already track such

"All of this information that's col-

lected has to go somewhere," says Stephen Keating, executive director of

The power to monitor individuals in

the hands of just a few can lead to dis-

the Denver-based Privacy Foundation

intimate information as fingerprints

liberties at risk, others argue.

where these days.

sites you've visited.

There's such a plethora of more seriously intentioned "reunited" Web sites — associated with such interest groups as friends, grad-uates, relatives, comrades-in-arms, even

"We set up a spoof," Harvey said. "In the online sales of T-shirts bearing the site's logo

most widespread indicator of today's they're found to be supporting groups

The irony doesn't escape the pair, who

Their site, once tongue-in-check, has taken on the mantle of reality, thanks to ex-cons and understanding from others like me."

confess their own brushes with the law are limited to being "chased out of more than one apple orchard as kids."

questions posted on the site. One, signed on as "Maria," said she was parolled from the Utah State Prison 14 months ago. She found

on the mantle of reality, thanks to exceed logging on from keyboards worldwide.

So, Harvey and Breach made the Convicts So, Harvey and Breach made the Convicts clime? "No way," Mana replied, though she clime? "No way," Mana replied, though

are increasingly using databases to

learn more about their customers' buy-

ing habits. One of the most common examples is the discount card used by

grocery stores.

Store officials insist the data collect

ed by these cards aren't sold or even

personally identifiable. It simply helps better gauge demand for products and

better gauge demand for products and how best to stock stores. It also allows

the grocery chains to directly target certain discounts to customers based on what they've previously purchased.

Companies that track their cus

tomers' buying habits may also be forced to divulge such information under court order. Internet-service provider America Online, for example,

turns over the names of its users to

investigators armed with search war-

rants.

At the same time, companies' ability

to track data also greatly benefits cus-

tomers. Banks, for example, might

automatically freeze an account if uncharacteristic charges suddenly are

Keating, head of the Privacy Foundation, worries that such private Foundation, worries that such private databases ultimately will merge with

government-controlled information. It

already goes the other way. Private

agencies and combine them into one

"The real power of the surveillance

made on the check card.

easy to use format.

preparing new anti-terror legislation of a file that the government kept on that would, among other things, allow us? You might have some real problems

ers, but that's easy to overlook once the action starts.

Impressive as it is. Winning Eleven still may not be everyone's choice. It's tailored for aficienados - accordingly. the game assumes a lot of knowledge If you watch a soccer match and won der why the players spend all that time

- Jonathan Boho,

MONEY

Fundraisers that pay off

By Kayce T. Atalyero

After 10 years of participating in fundrasers at her sons' school, New York writer Jean Jonelian decided to write a can be a some on how to effectively can be usoney too their child's school.

Her book, "Beyond the Bake Sale: The 1 Itimate School Fund-Raising Book Giriffin Trade Paperback, \$13,95), is a step by step manual on how to make the

most of elloits to raise money for school Here she shares some thoughts and in making fundraisers work Q: What advice can you give to paren also are trying to establish a fundraising

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Bake Sale

The Ultimate

Fund Rations

Jean C. Jagebin

Whatever you have today is had yesterday Budget to spend half and save half, or you won't be able to enough Don't be

Beyond the T E & F mistakes and ny new things

if takes a couple of years to work out the kinks. Be open to listen to everyone; you never know where a good idea is going to come from: And, importantly, laugh and have a good time and be creative Q: What are some of the best ways to case funds for a school?

A: There are all kinds of different ways that full into three categories; the smaller-but-fun fundraiser like, say, Friday night pizza and a movie at the school. We did that in the winter, and after 2-1/2 month g raised \$4,000 and grew into a regular find her er. Then there is the big event, like, say, a street fair or an auction. They returne a lot more preparation, planning and un-front money, but they raise a lot of money. The third category is the corporate fundraiser. It's not much fun, but it is a lot

less labor-intensive.

less falsor-intensive.

Q: What can parents and schools do to engaging participation in an event?

A: If the people who are working on it have a sense of fun and community, then con have an event. Building fun is the nggest thing. If it's not fun, people are not going to come. It's important to make everyone feel welcome. Someone who contributes something small should feel a mant as someone contributing some hing hig. And don't be bossy. Nothing drives people away more than a micro managing fundraiser. If you drive people uns, they won't come back and you will

Leaving corporate life

Corporate jobs offer money, benefits and security, but for many people they can eem creatively and spiritually stilling. If you've ever thought of burning your busi-ness suits or throwing away your briefcase. you may be ready to exit the corporate life and strike out on a new path of your own

Richard Ross spent many years building successful corporate career in Texas while his future wife Diane was selling watches in a knosk in Boston. Now they are ers of The Silly Goose, a toy store

FINE both LIVING perfect toys and games. They offer the fol

how in advice and encouragement for hose thinking of leaving corporate life;

Give up the rat race, When he decided to quit the corporate life. Ross didn't tocus on the fact that he was sacrificing im miserable, like logging 150,000 air

miles a year and spending all of his time away from his friends and family. Giving up the rat race can offer a particularly sati sing kind of freedom. Expect resistance. Striking out on a

new path is risky, and those close to you might worry, or wonder what's making you ake that risk. Expect some friends a amily members to show initial resistance Redefine success. Ross is convinced

that what he has gained far outweighs what he gave up, but it took a shift in his mindet to reach this conclusion. He no longer measures success in terms of dollars earned but by his family's and his ability to control their own destinies.

Re-think your values. At first, Ross found it damaging to his ego to think that he had given up a high position to run a toy store. But as he realized how much he preformal his new life, he began to understand that he was now outside of the game and no stood that he was now leading a worth hite and successful life. Enjoy your life. The ultimate point of

giving up the corporate game, according to Ross, is to spend more time doing the things you love and being with the people you love. So follow your passions, do what makes you happy and enjoy living rather than staying unhappy just to amass money



Jobunfairs

Few job seekers expect quick results anymore

By Amy Martinez HALEIGH NEWS & OBSÉRVER

he first thought that comes to Mike Boyd's mind when he hears about a job fair is "dead

The 61-year-old father of two has been to six job fairs since getting laid off a year ago and has not once landed so much as an interview. Now he just doesn't go.

despite needing a job.
Carlos Taylor takes a more positive view. He's also been to six job fairs in the past year, and although he's still out of work, he is hopeful it

rentually will pay off.

Taylor recently attended a job fair at Wake Technical Community College in Raleigh, N.C., where he randed his resume to a dozen poten-

tial employers.
"Hopefully, I'll avoid File 13. That's the trash can," he said good-

naturedly.

Love them or hate them, job fairs are still happening. But they're difterent from during the boom times a few years back, when all you had to do was show up with a resume and a pleasant enough personality and expect to walk away with a job.

Now, you're probably not going to get hired on the spot, and if your background is in telecommunications, information technology or mother weak sector of the economy ou're likely to be shut out. Many fields such as health care, which typnever go away," she said. cally require specialized training

Kudos Information, became disenchanted with job fairs after meeting with several technology employers, only to be told there were no more

openings but to go ahead and submi his resume.
"Sometimes they take your resume, sometimes they don't," said Boyd, who lives in Cary, N.C.

"It's often a situation where you stand in line for 20 minutes to shake hands and then that's it." Still, job fairs have benefits if you go with realistic expectations: You can make important contacts, maybe set up an interview, get your foot in

the door, put a face to a name. Durham Technical Community College in Durham, N.C., recently hosted job fairs for nurses, respiratory therapists, denture makers and pharmacy technicians, "There's a multitude of jobs for these folks," said Tom Russo, the college's career

services director. Responding to critics such as Boyd. Betsy Wadington, a Virginia Beach, Va., consultant, said employers are too money-conscious to send a recruiter to a job fair and pay the

registration fee, only to collect "Every company there has openings and wants to hire," she said Plus, job fairs are a good place to network, she said, adding there is no substitute for meeting face to face with an employer, "You have the chance to make a good impression

Even so, job fairs are only as good

Going to a job fair? Betsy Wadington, a Virginia Beach, Va., consultant who helps organize lob fairs, offers these tips for increasing your chances of getting hired, or at least landing an interview:

■ Take your resume and plenty of copies. It's not enough to simply hand out your calling card. "If an employer has a chance to look a a piece of paper that summarizes your back ground, it just makes it so much easier to get a conversation going," Wadington says. Plus,

Dress professionally. This doesn't mean a suit and tie, but it does mean something nicer than Jeans and a T-shirt. Wadington recompressed pair of pants or skirt with a nice shirt or blouse. Also, don't eat or smoke while

meeting with employers. ■ Practice introducing yourself. You need to be concise. Two minutes or less is all the time you might have to tell an employer what

■ Smile and be interested. It will give you an edge over job seekers who are less enthusi-astic. Also, don't let recent disappointments or you're not going to get hired, that's going to transfer to the employer," Wadington says.

Try to get the most out of every convexsation ious you don't fit an emal needs, say so and move on. But first ask whether he knows of another employer lookare really good about passing along other opportunities," Wadington says.

Hijacked eBay account reminds about need for vigilance

By Dave Gussow

The e-mails set off an alarm as soon as

read them.

One "verified" that the password change on my eBay account had been successful. A second reported that the "hint" question to recover my password also had been switched at the giant online

hijacked my eBay account.

Over the next 15 days, I would be informed that I had bought an 18.1-inch LCD monitor (\$459) and that I was watching bids on a \$99 office computer

watching hids on a 399 office computer desk with keyboard tray. I immediately reported each of these begus moves to eBay, Its responses were neither swift no reassuring. Automated form e-mails thanked me

for reporting the problems. Finding a human to talk to at eBay was almost impossible. Trying to figure out what, if And it reinforced the lesson for those

who think they've taken all necessary security precautions: The people who pull these schemes are relentless and have a lot of tools at their disposal.

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"We began noticing the practice last year," Bay spokesman Kevin Pursglove said. "We think the perpetrators have undertaken a number of different methods." to get cBay user information."

That includes spam e-mail. An eBay

user responds, inadvertently giving away some account information. Or a buyer or seller may share information with a third

"gaming" software. They'll go to a site such as eBay, find a subscriber's name, then use the software to test various pass-word combinations to crack an account. And sometimes users will get an e-mail

that appears to come from eBay and has a link to a Web site that mimics eBay. But it's a fraud, too, trying to get you to reveal personal information. (Other sites have een victimized this way, too, including

PayPal, according to a recent report.)

Note of the e-mails I received asked for personal information, and I did not respond to them. Nor did I warm the would-be sellers who thought they were dealing with me, not knowing whether they were legitimate. I used, or attempted to use, eBay's much-touted Safe Harbo ystem for reporting problems.

However, I found it to be an almost

impenetrable maze. It was difficult to figure out exactly where to go to report this kind of problem

search and found that the account had

been suspended — finally.

Pursglove said it shouldn't have taken that long for my problem to be handled,

and I should have gotten some official

response after the account was suspended.
"In most instances, we will work with
the authorized registrant and clarify the

situation and try to rectify it within that

business day," he said. "It's possible that something slipped through the cracks." He also said eBay is working to

improve Safe Harbor to make it easier for

aps people can use: I was correct in going directly to eBay and not responding to the

e-mail or sellers, Pursglove said. He also

suggests that people make regular checks of their accounts, maybe weekly, to make

in my case, the account was one I had

long forgotten. Dormani accounts should

be closed, Pursglove said. If people have

to send an e-mail to spam@ebay.com.

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EBay also has an unlisted phone number, and none posted on its site, making it even more frustrating. When I did get a number and called, I got nowhere. The omplaints have to be sent online.

More than a week after my first complaint, someone from eBay called to veri-

y my phone number, but refused to leave callback number. The only hint I had that something was being done came 15 days after the first bogus e-mail. I received a blank message from eBay with the word "suspension" in the address. I went to eBay, did a member

The good news is that middle-aged people are on the upswing in terms of life experience and wisdom, she said. The medical term for middle-aged

impairment."

A more advanced stage is mild cog-nitive impairment (MCI), followed by various levels of dementia, said Amy Kieswetter, a geriatric psychiatrist at the Medical College of Ohio.

idividual's mental state, said rologist, neuropsychologist or a gen atric psychiatrist for an evaluation, she

Memory books often recommend that people imagine mental pictures as memory aids, but there are several techniques, experts said.
On the other hand, a little forgetful-

ness may not be such a bad thing.

HEALTH & FITNESS

Forgetting to remember Baby boomers face another hurdle --

memory loss By Tahree Lane

OLEDO BLADE -As baby boomers march through their middle years (40 is the old age o youth, 50 is the youth of old age), they're likely to notice an increase in memory burps. Most ("Why did I walk into this room?", for example) are

But such slippage may cause a body to wonder if they're experiencing "Oldtimer's Disease" — a precursor to the dreaded Alzheimer's disease.

Experts agree that memory seems to lose some power in the mid-years, but it's usually not a portent of dementia. As early as one's 20s, mental speed begins to decline. "We just don't notice it until sometime in our 40s," said Robin West, a professor of psychology spe-cializing in memory and aging at the University of Florida. Memory loss is different from

absent-mindedness, which is often a lack of paying attention, she said.

On the whole, women don't seem to lose memory more quickly than men do, said West, but estrogen does appear

o have an effect. "Clearly, estrogen plays some kind of role in helping us to think, recall facts and preserve mental function," wrote

Marianne Legato and Carol Colman in "What Women Need to Know" (Olmstead Press, 2000). Studies have found that older women on homone replacement therapy (HRT) were less likely to develop Alzheimer's disease than those who were not taking hormones, the book states. Other studies have shown that young women do better on memory tests when they are in the first half of their menstrual cycle and their estrogen

level is higher.

Among possible explanations for why "senior moments" increase in the middle years is that the crush of responsibilities — children, "aging parents; jobs, households — can make people feel as if they're not as sharp as they

Certainly, life is more complex, technical and detail-oriented than just a few generations ago. Not only is there more to forget, the sheer volume of words and es that we see and hear every day is From a scientific perspective, the

rrom a scientific perspective, the middle-aged brain loses some cells, said Molly Wagster, program director for neuropsychology of aging research at the National Institute on Aging in Rethasch, Md. Bethesda, Md.

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Moreover, there may be subtle changes in the workings of cells.

Researchers are studying changes in cell membranes that may cause the cell to "fire" more slowly and may require a longer "rest" period between functions, said Wagster.

The institute's research has not

shown positive findings about gingko as a memory booster, she said. But show-ing promise in tests on rodents and dogs s an increase of anti-oxidants, she said

memory loss is "benign senescent for fulness" or "age-associated memory pairment,"

Medical College of Ohio.

When memory lapses interfere with
daily activities, people should see their
doctor, who can ask them a series of
questions to get a general idea of an Kieswetter. The physician might refer the patient to a specialist such as a neu-



By David Barton

ENTO BEE he idea of "baby yoga" has an instant appeal. What could be cuter than an infant executing the one-legged

"tree" pose?
But a weekday morning visit to the
Sacramento (Calif.) Yoga Center's
"moms and babies" yoga class is going to disappoint anyone expecting to see babies doing "the plow," "down-facing dog" or other advanced yoga positions.

Like most babies, these infants, ranging from 1 to 6 months old, are little bundles of potential who can't even

stand up yet, let alone do the complex balanc-ing moves of yoga.

But Judy Giadahupe presses on, leading a class with a dozen moms whose attention is necessarily intermittent. Faced with a group that is doing everything from yoga to nursing to changing diapers at any given moment, Guadalupe maintains calm. And she recognizes that yoga for Mom and

baby is mostly just for Mon month-old Rhia, who watches the room us

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is a yoga class for moms and babies is an indi-cation that yoga — once an exotic curiosity of the counterculture — is quite mainstream.

cal system are still strong, yoga is being adapted to modern lifestyles and contempo-

An informal survey of yoga participants and instructors in Sacramento indicates that yoga is, above all, seen as yet another way to

> "Yoga is alive. It's meant to evolve; you take the basics and add your own thing."

chase the relatively recent American ideal of getting in shape.
Studios are popping up with increasing fre-

Sometimes we of mare with an easily and a state of the calling for that, says days that don't offer some sort of yoga class-for a mother of three—including 4-month-old Rhia, who watches the room as "it's growing by leaps and bounds; I think the call the c

whatever form, is a net gain.
"Yoga is alive," Dunn says. "It's meant to you take the basics and add your own

thing. I take full liberty with that."

Adding a baby to a yoga workout may seem contrary to the search for inner peace, but the moms-and-babies class instructor, Guadalune, says that as chaotic as the classes may be, they can still benefit the mothers That's because the babies can perform a valuable vogic function, even though they don't

actually do much yoga.

"They're just there, they're so present," she says. "In any practice, the intention is to bring ourselves to the present moment. We don't have to go to someplace to attain enlighten-ment; we just have to become present. That's their gift to us. We get to join in that enlight-

ened moment. They are our teachers." This attitude -- familiar to anyone who has sed the myriad distractions in a momsand-babies yoga class — has a flexibility born

of necessity. of necessity.

Anyone accustomed to a more focused yoga class would find mom-and-baby yoga to be a frustrating experience. But it's practical

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much we want to bring it into modern life, we ing of yoga as just another group exercise has drained it of some of its spiritual significance,

Brain protein influences how people cope with extreme stress

By Edie Lau

SACRAMENTO BEE
There is no single reason that some people deal with intense stress better than others, but
Recently scientists delving into the biology of coping

believe they've identified one biochemical ple whose NF that helps make a difference.

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HEALTH

Research at the center has shown that people whose NPY levels soar during traumatic

that helps make a difference.
It goes by the prosaic name neuropeptide Y, or NPY. Researchers say this neurotransmitter is probably the most abundant peptide, or small protein, in the human brain. It is found sleewhere in the body, as well.

A jack-of-all-trades, NPY helps regulate appetite, circadian rhythms, blood pressure and anxiety. And possibly more.

"If we could somehow bottle this!" said Dr. Charles "Andy" Morgan, a psychiatry professor at Yale University and a neurosciences festor at Yale University and a neuroscience steacher at the National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

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ing survival training. The first was done at the JFK Special Warfare Training Center and School in Fort experiences are more apt to bounce back with Bragg, N.C., and involved 70 men in a pris- least trauma had something else in common

The military's interest has enabled Morgan to conduct a series of studies over the past five years on natural NPY levels in troops underwhereas NPY levels returned to baseline in those who recovered easily.

they were Green Berets — special forces sol-diers trained for the most dangerous missions

Holly Rollins, a performer in Cirque du Soleil, stretches

Cirque du

SOFE LESS
By Susan Ascriff
ST. PETERSBURG TIMES
Night after right, in city after city, leotard, a blood-red tear in the fabric evoking her broken heart, spin and wrap and dangle her body from a

suspended hoop.

The aerial dance is about loss in the tale of disentranchisement told in the Cirque du Soleil show

The audiences see only poetry But sheer physical strength keeps Holly Rollins aloft. If her arms give out she will use her legs to grasp the hoop so she does not crash to the stage 25 feet below, Rollins and "Quidam's" 55 other

performers train until excruciating physical moves become so pro grammed in their bodies they can give their psyches to the drama. "The very best part," Rollins says,

"is when I go very close to the peo-ple in the front row, and I can see their faces."

They are entranced. The physical Most of the Quidam performers would put the title "actor" before "athlete" to describe their calling.

Yet they invest offstage hours in pushing, then coddling, the bodies they use each day to tumble, climb, swing, lift and pirouette. Physical therapists Bromwyn Claassen and Nathalie Chartier trav el with the troupe, working stressed muscles and sprained joints with hands smeared in oil. They find physicians at each tour stop, should they be needed. They remind per-

"Yesterday I had to find a doctor for one of our artists who fractured his fool at the last stop," says Claassen, 36. "He's a flyer. The

lyer is someone who gets thrown The artist, tossed aloft by teammates, turned a flip before landing fect-first on the shoulders of a man

tanding atop two others —only to Most of the medicine Claasser administers is for sore muscles and sprains, says the former dancer. She previously toured as physical thera-pist with Australia's production of

Performers range in age from about 12 to 52. The majority are in their 20s, culled from circuses in Europe or award-winning gymnasics teams and other sports clubs. They train for three to four months at Cirque du Soleil's Montreal home before being offered a contract with

ne of Cirque's eight shows. Rollins, a dancer and gymnast heard about Cirque du Soleil when she was teaching guests how to swing on a trapeze at a Club Med in the Bahamas. "I loved being in the

air," she says.
"Quidam" performers, says
Rollins, must pace themselves for
the brutal demands of 10 shows a eek and life on the road. You have to find ways to stay fit

"you have to tind ways to stay in but not tire yourself for the show. Some days I'll do some light jogging in the morning," says Rollins, 30, a vegetarian. "Some days I feel tired and decide my body is telling me it need to say I feel tired and decide my body is telling. me it needs more sleep." Training is often about building upper-body strength and maintain-ing flexibility. "Quidam" coach Matthew Sparks, 32, says the goal is not to see how much more you can curl, but to support one's own body weight, for long periods, in

ochistic positions Performers take saunas and soak hot tubs. They attend in-house

Pilates classes.

Therapy, says Claassen, often includes "bilateral work" to compensate for overuse of one side:
"They're always spinning their body
one way — I want them to spin in
the other" she isles:

he other," she jokes. As athletes, the performers must merimes be reminded that injuries exhaustion demand a retreat to

"I understand the mentality of 'I don't care how much it hurts, I have to do it," Classen says. "The hard part is to convince (someone who's injured) that it is going to take 10 days to heal."

They want to be back on the their tale. Without a net.

Boyd, who a year ago lost his job designing instructional programs for as the job market. Q&A: Librarian putting his love of figures into action

By Donald I. Hammonds Scott Pyle, a reference librarian for the

Carnegie Business Library in Pittsburgh, has an interesting sideline: designing col-lectible, super hero miniature figures and selling them to aficionados. Pyle designed the action figures, which are produced by his partner in the venture, Old Glory Corp. in Calumet, Pa.

The figures, typically 1-1/2 to 3 inches tall, sell for \$2.95 to \$6.95 and can be purchased through the Web site, www.oldglo-Q: How did the idea occur to you?

A: It's just an outgrowth of a hobby for

the last six or seven years. I'm passionate

the ideas for the initial 10, passed them to a from Marvel sculptor with no artwork and he did a very good job of capturing what I wanted. The These are all way this whole thing works is that you get home-grown figa sculpture made out of epoxy putty, then a ures. I also wrote master mold is cast and then a production mold is made. It's a three-step process for me, and the company doing the casting. Q: What kind of varieties do you have in can actual-

aliens, stuff like that. I try to be inclusive in

superheroes, super villains,

about it, and it tied into my lifelong love of my design, and I try to include a represenagainst house and the whole idea of super tative number of women and characters play a table top skinnish game with them. Q: How do you do this — go from an go for a lot of diversity in my line. These aren't just familiar superhero clones — I A: I design the figures myself. I wrote up don't have a license to produce characters

a set of rules to go along with the fig-

O: Do you have any advice for anyone

A: The key is to plan. And use resources that are available to you like those at the Carnegie Business Library that can help you out and answer your questions. Also, it's good to have a little money saved up. It's tough to get a bank to finance some-

Q: Is there really any money to be made loing this sort of thing?

A: I recovered my initial investment in the two years that I've done this. It's not

something that I will get rich from, but

d I am making a modest profit

it's a nice sideline, something I love to

tht want to start a small business?

REGIONAL MARKETPLACE

NFIB UPDATE

Union Disclosures: The Big

The year 1959 doesn't stand out in the annals of American history as particularly interesting, but a handful of occurrences back then left their mark. Alaska became the 49th state, Fidel Castro seized power in Cuba and Congress created a law designed to end union cor-

ruption.

Back when like was president and cars had fins, there was agreement on Capitol Hill that some-thing had to be done to thwart ille-gal union activity. Lawmakers, both Democrats and Republicans, approved the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act. which included form LM-2, requir ing unions to report expenses. But according to recent testimony by the National Legal and Policy Center, the forms aren't very helpful in shedding light on union

spending. Georgia Representative Charlie Norwood, in a statement before the se Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, said the reporting and disclosure provisions of the act are failures because the nearly half-century old LM-2 form only requires that expenses be list-ed in broad categories, thereby allowing for illegal or questionable

But U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao has decided to turn up the heat and add some light for the little guys. Recently, she launched a formal effort to revise the LM-2 form so that, for the first time, union members will be able to examine financial transactions of joint trusts and subsidies managed by their unions.

Secretary Chao's proposed update would not only give union members more detailed information about the financial activities of their unions, but do it in an easily understood format that would be made public on the Labor Department Web site. And in a move that must certainly frighten union bosses, she's offering to give them, free of charge, new reporting

You can imagine their initial reaction. Chill out, they said. All that reporting and disclosure stuff would create an undue burden on unions, what with baving to actually fess up to cash outlays. It's enough to make a small-business owner chuckle. These regulatory changes would be a walk in the park compared to the heavy load of paperwork and massive red tape faced by Main Street businesses.

When did disclosing the way you spend your members' dues money become an undue burden? When you're afraid they might learn that you're spending it in ways they oppose. Not only will this improved dis-

closure process help union mem-bers exercise their democratic rights, but it will aid them in detecting financial misconduct by their bosses-something Secretary Chao's agency knows about. Investigations of union financial

fraud bring an average of 11 crimi-nal convictions a month-more than 640 convictions during the past five Congress should add a little fuel

to this fire too. Labor unions can't remain frozen in time. The message to union bosses should be clear: 1959 is history and so are those who laugh at the laws of the

Jack Faris is the president of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB). He can be reached at (202) 554-9000.



Completely redesigned, the Rhino Dance Pub, at 26800 Pontiac Trail, is a place where friends gather in a comfortable and fun setting. New finished wood bars, tables and stools and even leather couches provide an engaging pub atmosphere mixed with great music for dancing

Rhino Dance Pub provides a comfort zone

By Elizabeth Heer

A pub is a place to hang out with friends and enjoy good times. South Lyon's newest, the Rhino Dance Pub, aims for just that kind of ambience. Owner Aaron Ormanian has taken his experiences and lessons learned in the bar, music and construction industries to create an inviting and innova-tive bar where friends can meet up and enjoy an evening

out.
"I wanted a neighborhood "I wanted a neignbormood place where people can just go and be comfortable," Ormanian said. "In the long run, I try to run a safe party," adding that his staff at Rhino Dance Pub is highly trained in testate's liquor laws.

It took Ormanian seven poorties to eraposte the build-

It took Ormanian seven months to renovate the build-

ing and create the pub environ-ment he was seeking.
"It actually took a lot longer than expected to finally get it sight" he said.

right," he said. What Ormanian was going for with Rhino's renovation encompasses three design ele-ments – an Irish pub with the

décor of a lounge and centered with a small dancing area. Once the Rhino concept was down, his background and experience kicked in and pro-

vided the inspiration.
"I've worked with my father,
Thomas Ormanian, who is a
builder and owns Wellbuilt
Homes, and I've done architectural drawings and designs for homes and renovations," said Ormanian. "I have an uncle in the upholstery business that I've worked for since I got a driver's license."

Charles Haynes' Custom Upholstering in Taylor has been in business for 50 years.

"He is 72 years old and still doing upholstery," said Ormanian, "He taught me how

ornaman, rie taught hie flow to do furniture and my dat taught me construction." Previously, Ormanian had designed, built and owned Bullfrog Bar and Grill.

"So with the upholstery, construction and bar experiences, I put all three together into what I call the 'Sofa King Cuita' The call Suite'," he said.

Watching sitcoms, a favorite pastime while growing up, gave Ormanian his ultimate

gave Ormanian ins utilinate inspiration.

"My favorite is Friends. All the siteoms; from The Cosby Show, Third Rock from the Sun, back to Happy Days—they always have a sofa that they gather around. And I found there's no place to go and he like you're in the sitand be like you're in the sitcoms. Everyone grows up and lives around a sofa - from the little toddler whose first steps are grabbing on to that sofa to the couch potato watching the sitcoms. I wanted to bring that out into the pub.

Several comfy sofas invite patrons (0 kick Ormanian took the sofa theme one step further, however. He raised them up two steps to reach bar stool height and added attached coffee tables to recreate that familiar and friendly atmosphere in Rhino

Ormanian was careful to

Ormanian was careful to avoid a typical bar stereotype while designing the interior. "In an effort to keep it simple, I removed the symbols of the typical bar – such as the beer banners and neon lights. A local pub, to me, is more about being a gathering place,"

To that end, in the tastefully appointed pub the dance floor is centered as a small, con-tained area where the acoustics don't interfere with conversa-

"If I can't talk in one of the seating areas, I'll tell the DJ and let him know it's too

With careful placement of overhead speakers, however, dancers can still feel the beat

of the music. "The design was to maintain the chatter, talk, and laughter all around the room while still

allowing dancers to enjoy the music," Ormanian added. The popular mix of dance-able music – from the '70s, '80s, and '90s as well as top

40 favorites - starts spinning at 9 p.m. Thursday through Sunday evenings. Local art is another design element that will be utilized at the Rhino. A cabled hanging system was built on all the walls to create an impromptu

exhibit space. exhibit space.

"From time to time we would like to feature the work of local artists. Artists are welcome to give me a call and we can arrange an exhibit," he

said.

Keeping it simple is the game plan – from pricing for drinks and appetizers and pool tables rented by the hour, to maintaining a fun and safe room for all to enjoy. During the 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. happy hour, pool tables and popcorn are free and there is a flat dollar off everything. In fact, all lar off everything. In fact, all

DETAILS

Rhino Dance Pub is a friendly neighborhood place to go and be comfortable. Open daily from 3 p.m. to 2 a.m., drink specials are offered during Happy Hour. from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Dance to the top 40s and music from various decades from 9 p.m. till close on Thursday . through Sunday evenings. Rhino Dance Pub is located at 26800 Pontiac Trail, one half mile north of Eleven Mile Road, South Lvon, Call (248) 485-8472 for more informa-

chips and house-made salsa, and popcorn are available up to closing time.

"And in that effort to keeping it simple we don't accept credit cards, running tabs, or over serving.

Ormanian says that his goals are just as simple. "When you can get a diverse group of people, where everyone is getting along and they are feeling good about themselves and in a good mood - that's when there is an exciting feeling about the place. That's the best that a pub can provide. It's a comfort zone."

As a new business owner, he

appreciates the welcome and help from the South Lyon community, especially the building and police depart-ments and the South Lyon Hotel and Bistro.

Everyone has welcomed us rices are kept to the dollar, and shown a rea Chicken strips, cheese sticks, munity. It's great!"



Photo by DAN DOUGLAS

From DJs mixing music from the 70s through today's Top-40 to local music artists and bands, the Rhino Dance Pub offers great music for dancing. The pub is open from 3 p.m. to 2 a.m.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Tuckey appointed officer at Republic Bank

Thomas Tuckey has been appointed Mortgage Loan Officer at the South Lyon branch of Republic Bank. He brings with him more than 14 years experience in banking and has been with Republic since 1997, He his bachelor's of science degree in economics from Michigan State University and his masters degree in finance from Walsh College.



