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We've got a two-page spread

We've got a two-page spread showing off the school district's showing on the accordance of the second newest elementary.

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Friday night fever is here

The Novi Wildcats football team will be kicking their season off in style with a home game as they host the Chelsea Bulldogs tomorrow night with a slated tomorrow night whin a start time set at 6:55 p.m.

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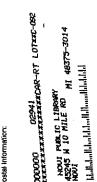
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ly moves on parks, rec plan

More than a year in the making and 138 pages long, Novi's parks and recreation plan calls for spending \$1.57 million on capital improvements each of the next improvements each of the heat live years, but there appears to be little support to raise taxes or issue bonds to support the effort. Still, Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission

Forestry

Chairman David Paul said he was heartened by Novi City Council's manimous vote to move the plan

City Council got its first look at the document during a joint meet-ing with the seven-member com-mission Aug. 19.

The city has been without a parks and recreation plan since

That means Novi has been ineligible for state and federal grants for parks and recreation for nearly

five years.

Parks and Recreation Director
Randy Auler said he first learned the city was without a plan when he took over his post in November 2001. He said since the city's last parks and recreation plan was approved by city council in 1992.

he decided to "start from scratch." In the decade ending with the 2000 census, Novi's population increased 44 percent, topping 47,000. Novi's population recent-ly passed the 50,000 mark and

ly passed the 50,000 mark and according to estimates from the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments, it's expected to top 72,000 by 2020.

That, according to National Recreation and Park Association standards will leave the city short somewhere between 80 and 100 acres of parkland. acres of parkland.

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Food available for lowincome families

By Phil Foley STAFF WRITER

With an average annual family income of \$72,000, it wouldn't

seem that poverty is much of a concern in Novi.

However, the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency expects to serve at least 48 families at its emergency food assistance program next month and according to agency spokesman Trudy Long, "I know ve have not saturated the market.

According to the 2000 Census, which includes family income which includes faithly income data for 1999, 5 percent of Novi's families earned less than \$24,999 that year. According to the agency, a family of four earning \$23,920 annually is eligible for the emergency food assistance

program. "We're a community of affluwe re a community of afflu-ent people, you wouldn't think there are people who are strug-gling, but there are," said Jan. McAlpine, manager of Novi's sprior conter. senior center

The 2000 census listed 128 Novi families earning less than \$10,000 annually; 63 families in the \$10,000 to \$14,999 range and 430 families in the \$15,000 to \$24,999 range.

For more information on income eligibility or other Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency programs, call the agency's Community ad Family Services
Department in Pontiac at (248) 209-2658 or (800)

According to Long, individuals under the age of 59 can earn up to 130 percent of the poverty level and individuals 60 and old can earn up to 160 percent of the poverty level and be eligible. That, she said, means an individ-That, she said, means an individual younger than 59 can earn up to \$11,674 annually and an individual 60 or older can earn up to \$14,368 annually.

Long explained that income difference is a result of the increased medications most seniors must nurchase.

iors must purchase. McAlpine said she believes most of Novi's low-income residents are senior citizens. She said she expects no more than three or four of the families at the food distribution not to be seniors.
"There are a lot of people who make do on \$560 a month," she

The human service agency The human service agency, said Long, has been conducting food distributions in March, June, September and December for years. Novi's next food distribution will be from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Sept. 9 at the Novi Senior Center at Meadowbrook. Commons, 25075 Meadowbrook. Long said the foods distributed.

Long said the foods distributed are always different, but a family of four gets enough to eat for four days. The September distribution will include two pounds of almonds, six pounds for flour, four cans of asparagus and two cans each of salmon, tuna, beef stew, chicken, peaches, pears and apricots.

Anyone who meets the income

guidelines, but has not registered for the program, can sign up and receive food the day of individuals must button. To do so, individuals must bring social security cards for all family members, verification of nousehold income and photo identification.

McAlpine added the city's

Faith Community Presbyterian Church and Holy Family Catholic Church also have food distribution programs.

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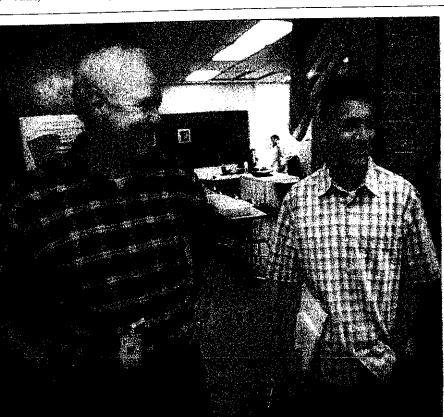


Photo by John Heider

Back to the books

Novi High School 9th grade math teacher Bob Hubbert talks with student Jon Ansara moments before their class began Monday afternoon during Novi's first day of school.

Albanian teens help during blackout

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Albania has been the site of many civil uprisings in the past, which meant citizens often had to go for days without electricity or

So, when three Albanian teenagers who work at Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks, a retirement community in Novi, were asked to work overtime during the Blackout of 2003, they were well prepared for the crisis.

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Colleen DeBard, administrator, asked the three boys—
Ermal Caushaj, Redon Merdani
and Ilir Foto— if they would and Ilir Foto — if they would stay through the night so they could check on the residents. Normally, they only work from

about 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., serving residents their evening meal at 5 p.m. But when the power went off just after 4 p.m. Aug. 14, the

care for the senior citizens.

"They were wonderful during the blackout — from the moment we lost power until 7 a.m. the next morning they were up and down the halls monitoring the residents. They said the power outage reminded them of similar crises in their country," DeBard said.

The retirement community assigned three residents to each staff member during the black-

WHERE TO PARK:

out. "They would report back fre-

out. "They would report back "residents were doing and if they needed anything." DeBard said.

Emergency lights were on in the hallways for a few hours, but they eventually went out about 3 a.m. when the batteries died. "Fortunately, by that time most of our residents were asleen." residents were asleep, DeBard said.

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Three parking lots open for use at Novi High School

By Ramez Khuri

Friday, night will officially mark the start of high school football season and with it comes many questions about Novi High's ability to cater to so many fans with all the construction going on. One major issue is park-ing, but according to Carol Diglio, dean of student attendance and

dean of student attendance and building operations, it shouldn't be an issue at all.

"People shouldn't be concerned about parking," she said. "We have all three lots up and running. They are open and lined."

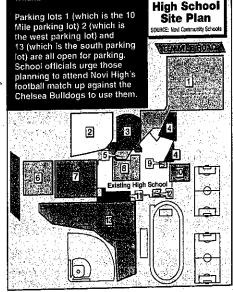
The South Lot off of Taft road, should be the one to fill up first. Those traveling north on Taft coming from Nine Mile Road will encounter this lot first. The coming from Nine Mile Road will encounter this lot first. The

ince on the right hand side is staff parking and the bus turnaround, which also will be available, and the 10 Mile lot will be open as well.

Those parking lots should provide adequate parking and we would prefer that everyone use the lots for the Friday night football game," Diglio said.

One aspect for those parking in the staff and bus turnaround parkthe stair and ous turnaround park-ing lot is that to get to the stadium, fans must walk around the con-struction by moving down to Taft road and then south to the stadi-

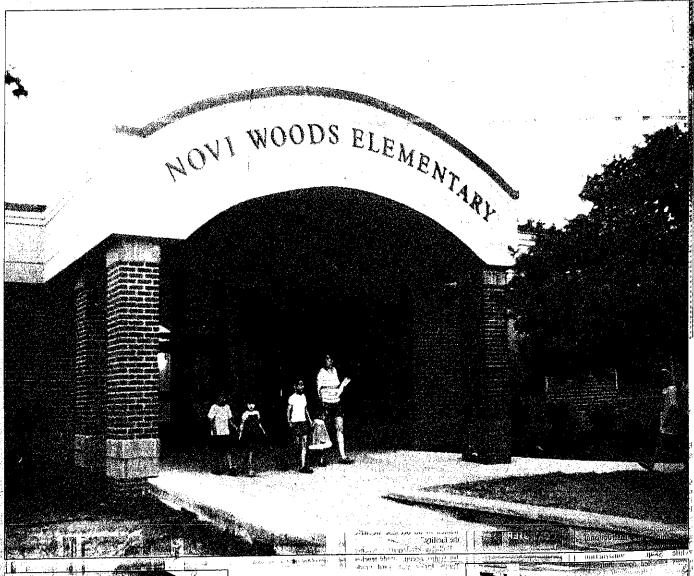
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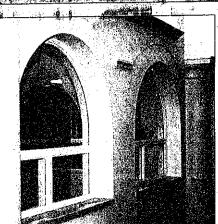


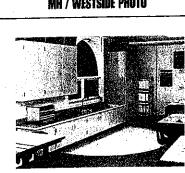
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Higher learning takes

Novi Woods Elementary opens its doors for the 2003 school year



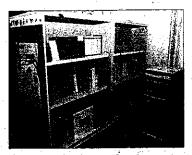




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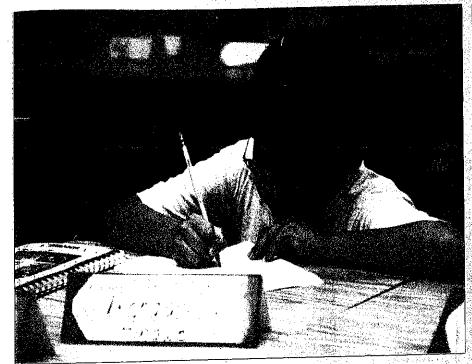






place at Novi Woods

and invites students, families to come in and explore the hallways





Staff finally moves into new building

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between 10 and 11 Mile Roads, on the same site of the old faciliy. An open house was held last Thursday so students and parents could look around and get equainted with their new school. The general theme of the

night was that everyone enjoyed their new surroundings.

"Because it is a new facility we wanted kids to have an idea of where they are going when they enter school instead of just walking into this brand new place and not even knowing where they were supposed to go," Quitiquit said, "Now they can look at their teachers faces e the facility and what it to see the facility and what R looks like and where their kids are going to be at school." Quitiquit explained that the

new facility is better than the



Elementary School etween 10 and 11 Mile Road

Size: 26,000 square feet

30 square feet bigger than what they were before and kinder-garten classrooms are over 1,000

garten classrooms are over 1,000 square feet in size.

"Before, the media center was a really small space, so just having that addition there will make it better." Quitiquit said. "As far as technology is concerned, the kids will be able to do a lot more with that as well."

with that as well."

The new trend in elementary schools is having sliding walls which divide the different classrooms. Each teacher at Novi Woods has a team member so ferently is going to make a sig-nificant difference because the

that they can teach together.

"Just being able to have those

facility is great. We will be able to do a lot more of the things we wanted to do because we have

teacher Nancy Bain all agree that their new school building is a wonderful place for kids to learn. "I just think that this building is a beautiful learning facility," Walro said. "Everyone here is just excited and the morale is very high, Everybody is ready to get back in and teach."

The Novi Woods staff reconly took a retreat to the Marriott.

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Hotel in Livonia to work on the school's new philosophy and its vision statement: "We talked a lot about what we believe the kids should learn, how we're the the school of the scho going to teach them, different philosophies and different types

puttosopates and unterent types of programming that are going to be going on between the different classrooms." Walro said.
"The open house was such an exciting night," Walro added.
"Parents haven't been in to see the building yet, so it was their first time."

Jones is also enjoying her new workplace and thought that all the moving around was well worth it to be in a state of the art

space and the teachers will have that learning center and kids will be able to move from center to center," Quitiquit said, "All the research tells you that is good for

wanted to do occasion the facility."
Full-day kindergarten teacher.
Jill Walro, second grade teacher.
Tanya Jones and third grade teacher Nancy Bain all agree that

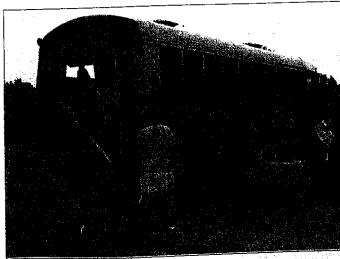
racitity.
"I guess it's kind of annoying to pack up everything you own in a classroom and then unpack it and to pack it up again at the end of the year to unpacking it again this year. But just looking around this room, all of that inconven-

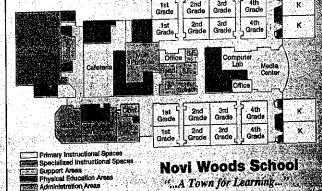


because there isn't all that chalk dust everywhere. The actual rooms are brighter with the bigger windows, and the ventilation system is better too. I think the teachers' moods are going to be better with the brightness because when you have darker

much better place."

Bain believes that because the walls, which were built to be eas-





POLICE REPORT

Four too many

Officer Brian Tillman stopped a Ford Escort on Novi Road near Crescent Drive at 12:21 a.m. Aug. 22. The driver, a 24-year-old Westland woman, said she had consumed four beers, but after failing field sobriety tests she regisred a blood alcohol content of ing under the influence of liquor.

Top young to drink

Officer Leonard Lowen stopped a Ford Van on Nine Mile Road near Novi Road at 2:47 a.m. Aug. 22, after he said it ran a red light at the intersection. The driver, a 19-year-old Plymouth man, was charged with minor in possession after he registered a blood alcohol content of .12. His three companions, all under the age of 21, were released. The youth was released after posting a \$100 bond.

Officer Paul VanPelt charged a 26-year-old Wixom man with operating under the influence of liquor following a traffic stop on 12 Mile Road east of Novi Road at 2:40 a.m. Aug. 24. According to VanPelt, the man made an illegal left turn. After failing a field sobriety test, the man reportedly regisered a blood alcohol content of

Posted bond

Officer Leonard Lowen charged 33-year-old Novi woman with operating under the influence of liquor following a traffic stop on Novi Road near Mystic Road at 1:17 a.m. Aug. 21. The woman reportedly registered a blood alcohol content of .15 after failing a series of field sobriety tests. She was later released after posting a \$100 bond.

Officer Keith Wuotinen stopped a 2001 Lincoln on I-96 near I-275 after clocking it traveling between 75-77 mph in a 70 mph zone. The driver, a 21-year-old Redford man, was charged with operating under the influence of liquor after failing field sobriety tests and registered a blood alcohol content of .173.

anywhere, but Novi motorists won't be stuck behind

dumptrucks working for Road Commission for Oakland County. The commission's managing

director, Brent Bair, announced

Tuesday that all RCOC road and

bridge construction projects will

be suspended at 3 p.m. on Friday, for the Labor Day holiday week-

end. Work will resume after 6 a.m.

of obstructions as possible during this period because of the

increased holiday traffic we typi-

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"The Road Commission wants ensure that its roads are as free

on Tuesday, Sept. 2.

ing a traffic stop on Old Novi Road near the 13 Mile and South Lake Drive intersection at 11:24 a.m. Aug. 21. According to reports, the man's 2001 Chevrolet Blazer was traveling 35 mph in a 25 mph zone. The man relented and agreed to taking a blood alcohol content test an hour after being taken into custody. He was charged with operating under the influence of fiquor after registering a blood alcohol content of .13 and .14 in tests taken two minutes apart.

Loss prevention officers at T.J. Maxx told Officer Thomas Orlowski that a woman driving a Ford Econoline van stole a Marino Orlandi purse, worth \$129. Store security watched on video monitors as the woman stuffed her blue denim purse inside the Marino Orlandi and then clip off the security tag. They chased her into the parking lot, where she dropped her purse. A loss prevention officer recovered that purse, which later proved to contain her identification. Before driving off with two men in the van, the woman stopped long enough to demand her purse

Canadian toss down

A 24-year-old Orehard Lake man told Officers Timothy Farrell and Eric Lindblade that he had had "a couple of beers in Windsor," before they stopped his 1994 Saturn on Novi Road near 10 Mile Road after he failed to stop for the red flashing light on the westbound 1-96 exit at Novi Road at 2:19 a.m. Aug. 19. He was charged with operating under the influence of liquor after he failed field subriety tests and registered a blood alcohocontent of .13. The man was later released after posting a \$100.

Paint pump pilfered A 31-year-old Howell man told Officer Louis Bigliardi that his construction trailer was burglarized near the corner of Beck Road and Bellagio Drive sometime before 7:05 a.m. Aug. 19. He said a paint spray pump worth an esti-mated \$1,000 was taken.

holiday travel for motorists in Oakland County."

Bair also prohibited the hauling

of earth-moving equipment and

other large contractor equipmen on county roads during the holi-day. Many lane closures will be eliminated for the weekend."

Road commission projects

iac Trail between Book

Center

underway in Novi include resur-

12 Mile Road between Novi and

Meadowhrook Roads: and replacing the CSX Railroad Bridge on Grand River Avenue.

facing Pontiac Trail betw and Walled Lake roads;

Cell phone lost

A 20-year-old Brighton woman told Officer Scott Tewes Aug . 19 Better late than never A 438-year-old Novi man was at 11:18 a.m. that she accidentally taken into custody by Officer Eric left her cell phone at Ruby Zinser after he refused to take a Tuesdays and when she returned to blood alcohol content test follow- retrieve it, it was gone. She esti-

County suspends road

work for holiday weekend

The orange barrels aren't going cally see on the Lubor Day week-nywhere, but Novi motorists end," Bair stated, "That should on't be stuck behind help to ensure safe and convenient

mated her loss at \$211.99.

Semi burglary

A 44-year-old Dearborn Heights man told Officer Mark Stone that a semi-trailer being used for storage was Westpark Contracting on Westpark Drive was burglarized sometime before 1:59 p.m. Aug.

Identity stolen

A 73-year-old Novi man told Officer Michael Marchetti that T-Mobile had informed him that someone had opened an account in his name. The account has been

A 25-year-old Walled Lake man told Officer Brian Tillman that she had had a few drinks before midnight, but her friends had awakened her and insisted on being taken home shortly before Officer Tillman stopped her 2001 Chevrolet Prism on Westpark Drive near 12 Mile Road at 4:21 a.m. Aug. 18. The woman was charged with operating under the influence of liquor after failing a series of field sobriety tests and registering a blood alcohol content of .174.

Bench boosted

A 53-year-old Novi woman told Officer Louis Bigliardi at 6:55 a.m. Aug. 18 that someone had stolen a purple handmade Shaker bench off the front porch of her home near

A 33-year-old Novi man told Officer Mark Stone that someone ook a Craftsman lawnmower and unlocked shed at his Rousseau

A spokesman for Suburban Jeep-Chrysler on Haggerty told Officer Thomas Orlowski at 2:31 p.m. Aug. 18 that someone stole the spare tire and wheels from two new Jeep Libertys in the dealer-ship's storage for sometime in the previous 10 days.

Compiled by Phil Foley

Ad

City moves on parks and recreation plan

Local community activist

commission members he thinks that number may be substantially larger. He noted that while SEMthe city's own building and planning officials place the estimate 2,000 higher. Mutch said that with recent changes to the city's regime more than must be number is zoning maps, the number is "probably closer to 80,000."

Mutch noted that while Novi active recreation that can be

Despite calls from the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission for increased staffing, improvements to the department's organizationa structure and a sustained capital improvement plan, Mutch and others argued the commission's plan doesn't go far enough and lacks specificity.

While calling the plan a "tremendous project," City Council member Lou Csordas said he was concerned that the commission used only four focus group had only 28 members and one person sat on three of the

Lorenzo also said she's "not con-

groups where composed of vol-unteers who responded to the 200 user fees are more popular than

"User fees may not be very popular, but user fees are more popular than taxes or bond issues.

Laura Lorenzo Novi City Council member

to 250 invitations the city mailed taxes or bond issues." out. Commission Chairman David Mutch noted that while Novi has more total parkland than nearby Canton and Farmington Hills, much of it is regulated well- lands which limits the amount of active recreation that can be available at the parks and recreation that can be ation counter at the civic center.

the creation of a parks and recreber of parks departments across

groups and that out of a city population of 50,000 people, each cus groups.
Council Member Laura

fident I know what the communi-Auler explained the focus raised taxes to fund parks. "User

Declaring herself "a numbers person," Lorenzo said funding of police, fire and roads would have to come first and "parks and rec comes after that. That's just the way it is." Currently Novi generates 32

percent of its parks and rec budge et from fees and charges while He said he plans to have the results of that survey in and tabulated by Oct. 1 in time for the nearby Canton collects 61 percent of its parks and rec budget that way. ssion's Oct. 9 meeting. A major feature of the city's recreation plans, if approved by city council later this year, will be Fornier con Bob Shaw noted that places like

Troy and Canton, which generate a higher percentage of their budget from fees, also have ation foundation to accept donathings that Novi lacks, such as municipally-owned golf courses, aquatic centers and community tions. Auler said a growing numthe nation are creating foundacenters that can be rented out for tions. Part of the reason for that is \$45 trillion is going to change hands in the next 20 years." events such as weddings. The city's Parks, Recreation nd Forestry Commission

manos in the next 20 years."

He said with on-going state and federal budget cuts to local governments, many parks departments are turning to estate and composite donations to find and composite donations to find and to the city council with the composite donations to find and to the city council with the city council composite donations to find and to the city council composite donations to find and to the city council counci completed by the end of its Oct. 9 meeting and to the city council by November.

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Three Albanian students, who have lived in the Metro Detroit area for several years and work at Waltonwood At Twelve Oaks retirement community, worked all night during the recent power outage. Pictured, from left, are Redon Merdani; Ilir Foto; Colleen DeBard, administrator; Ermal Caushaj; and Richard Wort, director of food services.

Albanian teens help during Blackout '03

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Power outages won't be a prob lem for the retirement community in the future. "The new building that's being constructed will have a generator that will accommo-date both buildings," she noted. Richard Wort, manager of food services at Waltonwood, said the three teenagers were able to noti-fy their family members that they were remaining at the facility overnight, "flir's father called me at home," he said.

at home," he said.
"We bought about 30 cases of bottled water. Family members and the owners also brought in water and food," Wort said.

Since there are no windows in the kitchen, and Wort knew that Livingston County had power, he ordered 30 pizzas from Cottage Inn in Brighton for the residents

on Friday evening.
"There was only one pizza left at the end of the night," Wort said.
"The residents said they felt safe and thanked us for staying, Caushaj said.
"We talked to some of the resi-

dents, brought them water and opened the windows for them," Foto said. 'We had fun that night,"

Merdani said.
Caushaj, 17, and Foto, 19, have been in the U.S. for about four years. They were able to come to the U.S. when their families won

an application, and the lottery for a green card takes place once a year," he said. Caushaj's father, Gezim, also recently joined the staff at Waltonwood.

Merdani, 18, said his father, Meleq, came to the U.S. as a busi-nessman and lived in New York for five years before moving to the Detroit area about three years ago. "Some of my cousins were living here. He decided to move here because it's less expensive, Merdani said.

Merdani said.
All three boys attended Walled
Lake Western High School and
plan to go to college. Merdani will
attend Oakland Community College and wants to become a mechanic. Caushaj will also go to OCC, and Merdani s undecided about his choice of schools. Merdani was recently promote

to dining room manager at the retirement home.

"I like the people, it feels like family here," Foto said, "I miss my grandparents, so sometimes I just give the residents here a hug."
"These boys do more than just serve food," DeBard said. "They

bring the residents smiles and happiness. It's that resident inter-action that's so important. They make a difference in people's

Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be years. They were able to come to the U.S. when their families won a lottery in Albania. "You fill out pfleming@ht.homecomm.net."

LIBRARY LINES

Novi Public Library

The Novi Public Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library is closed on Sunday during the summer Sunday have the summer Sunday have the summer Sunday have summer mer; Sunday hours resume September 7 We are located at 45245 W. 10 Mile Road ist east of Taft Road. For more informa-AB (248) 349-0720.

Mastering the mouse for seniors

A hands-on class designed to introduce s to using the computer mouse will

he held Thursday, September 4, from 10-11 a.m. We will complete a self-guided online tutorial, learning and practicing all of the basic functions of the mouse. If you've never used a mouse, this class is definitely for you! Please register in advance for all net classes in person or by calling the

Intra to the Internet for seniors

Learn the basics of the Internet in a relaxed, supportive environment on Wednesday, September 10, from 1-3 p.m. You will discover how the Internet works practice using a web browser, and learn about using search engines to find informa-

Adult book discussion group Our September selection is "Bee

Board meeting The Novi Library Board of Directors mets Monday, September 8, at 7 p.m. in the east side of the library meeting room.
Community members are welcome to

Season" by Myla Goldberg. The group meets Monday, September 8, at 7 p.m. in

the west side of library meeting room.

Senior book discussion group Senior booklovers are reading "Girl in Hyacinth Blue" by Susan Vreeland for

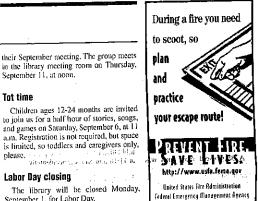
Children ages 12-24 months are invited to join us for a half hour of stories, songs, and games on Saturday, September 6, at 11 a.m. Registration is not required, but space is limited, so toddlers and caregivers only

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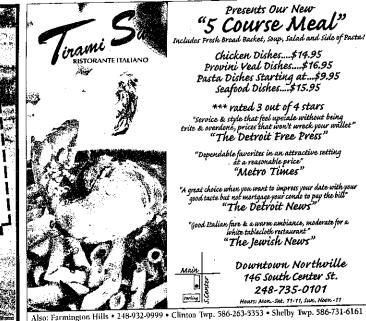
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Novi City Briefs

A breather on summer taxes Novi taxpayers an extra two days to 2003 Summer Taxes are due Aug 31, but since that's a Sunday and the

following day is Lubor Day, pay-ments will be accepted without penalty through Sept. 2.

After that Novi property owners will be charged a 4-percent penalty for being late, "There's no leeway. We just can't be nice," said Assistant City Treasurer Bey Valente.

Last year, 87 percent of the city's summer property taxes were paid on time. By the time the March dead line for paying property taxes tolled around, all but 5 percent of the city's mxes had been collected. That 5 pc) cent is paid by the county, which in turn puts the delinquent taxes into

collections. This summet, said Valente, the erty will be sending out bills for \$80 million in summer property taxes. A second billing will be due Leb. 14 Next summer, noted Amolsch, Aug. 31 will fall on a Tuesday and

summer taxes will be due that day. Novi taxpayers can used the chopbox located at the curb behind the Civic Center for tax/water and sewer payments, Call (248) 347-0440.

Play ball --- later Novi's 10- and 11-year-olds are soing to have a much nicer place to play baseball at Community Sports Park, but the first crack of the hat is more than a year away. Novi City Council voted unanimously to award a \$113,255 contract to Clinton Township's D&J Lawn and Snow Inc. at its Aug. 25 meeting. The contract for Field #2 includes the two proporties. grading, seeding, an irrigation sysdugouts and fencing. Randy Auler, the city's director of parks, recreation and forestry, told city council dugous and renoup, Runny Adret, the city's director of parks, recre-tation and forestry, told city council members that while the work will published its list road rosp for the begin this fall, the field won't be ready for use until spring 2005. He said that's because a newly-seeded

License movina

Waterford entrepreneur linity Smith took another step toward opening the doors to his Gus O'Connor's Public House when the Novi City Council voted 6-0 to approve moving a Class C liquor sistematic fiers in Southfield from the lor-mer Golden Mushroom restaurant, convert the map to a digital format.

which closed earlier this year, to Smith's site on Good River Avenue in what was once Vi 5 Market. Council members also granted Smith a new entertainment permit for what he is billing as no authentic hish pub. Smith told council mem-bers he expects food to account for 70 percent of broades

John Thompson has joined the eity's Park, Recression and Forestty. Department as Novi's newest forestry teeli. Willy a decade of arboreultural experience and a lorestry degree from Michigan State. Hompson will help in the afford to remove dead and soony ash trees from city-owned property. He will also be working out to relating and integrated post training parent.

Going, going...

The one fine Ti, up on Glass Building's day on Grand Rayer are minibered. City Connect coxed 6.0 to pay Denoit's Farnow Group \$16,900 to remove the building. which has become a storage, stellall for various city departments. City Manager Rick Helving told connect members that the building har "become an evesor, and cost pro-hibitive." The 357 acres the build-ing sits on, plus an additional 285 acre parcel behind it, were acquired. by the city for the never completed. Crescent Boulevard Extension. Helwig said the building should be gone within the a month. Since it now appears ordified, that the Croscent Bonlevard Extension will ever be built. Council Alember

Finding your visy

begin this fall, the field won't be ready for use until spring 2005. He said that's because a newly-seeded athletic field needs a full year to spokesman Criss Review, developers have been paying an inversed of 20 miles of subdivise or read animally. For anomeran, no longer free, Citing tising costs and declining

> new maps will cost 51 Bryson said the commiprinted 40,000 maps at a cost of

revenues, the commit significanting

Novi City Clerk Maryanno Cornelius said the city will not be marking up that cost when it starts selling the maps later next month. "We're just doing this as a service to the community," she said. Cornelius added. her office has ordered 200 maps and will begin selling them as soon as they arrive from the road commission. For those who can't wait, the maps are available at the road commission's administrative offices in Beverly Hills and Waterford Township.

Manager hired

Novi has a new senior financial manager, Jeffrey D. Hall went on the city payroll Aug. If coming from Riverview where he had been assistant finance director. A University of Michigan-Dearborn graduate with a bachelor of busines administration degree. Hall is a cer-tified public accountant with more than five years experience in goverimental accounting and auditing. Before joining the city of Riverview's staff, he was a member of the audit staff at Plante & Moran.

Compiled by Phil Foley

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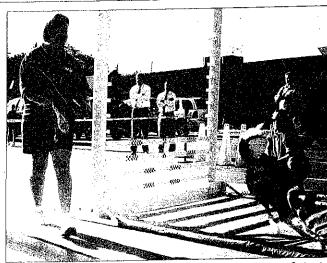
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Pins for Pets Novi Bowl & Recreation on Novi Road between Eight Mile and Nine Mile roads was the site of a Pins for Pets 30-hour Radiothon/Bowlathon Aug. 21-22 benefiting the Michigan Humane Society. The fundraiser grossed almost \$50,000 for the nonprofit organization. The event concluded with animal agility, flyball and high-jumpnonstrations Friday at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. by Rude Dogs Flybali and RPM Dogs Sports Team.

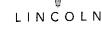


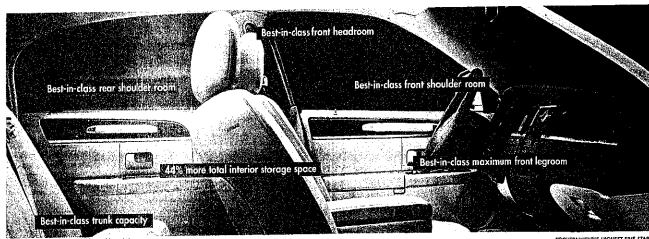
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Residents encouraged to give gift of life

By Pam Fleming

Blood supplies are at a critical low this time of year. So, the American Red Cross customages which is completely sale and ster-all area residents to try to find time in their basy schedules to lyseparates and collects the most make a donation.

The Red Cross came to the Royl Civic Center last week, but 200 movies, listen to music, read only about 20 pints were collect- or just relax in a comfy recliner

"People are busy," said Red Cross nurse Debbie Lyons, R.N., who works at the Novi donation Regular blood donations can "Summer is the worst time-especially August," said Joann Lindquist of Howell, the new experience each time they make a

American Red Cross representa-tive for the Novi area, who just started her new job in June. Those who missed the Aug. 20 blood drive at the Novi Civic and to prevent low blood pressure.

Center, however, can make an appointment or drop in at the Novi donation center located on . Avoid coffee and tea the day the north side of Ten Mile Road won donate as these act as a itust east of Meadowbrook Road.

Hours are Monday and lose more fluid than the drinks
Thursday from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. provide. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The nonprofit organization plans to have another blood drive at the Novi Civic Center early

Avoid fatty foods, such as

next year.

The Red Cross has a special offer for those who donate twice during the American Red Cross blood for several hours and can blood for several hours and can be seen to be seen t Save a Life Tour, which ends Dec.
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Debble Lyons, R.N., an American Red Cross nurse, assists Joann Lindquist of Howell during a blood drive Center, Lindquist is the merican Red Cross representative for the Novi area ed about 20 donors. Blood supplies are extremely low during the summer





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Walled Lake fire fighters offering free, smoking hot pizzas



Walled Lake Fire Chief Ken Van Sparrentak (left), along with fire fighters Jason Gonzalez and John Shepp, gather with Larry Labigne and Joe Maritno from Jet's Pizza, Jim Melvin and Suzi Scobie from Melvin's Hardware and Louie Weiss from Home Depot to kick-off "Did You Check." For the next 12 weeks one Walled Lake homeowner will get a free fire inspection along with their pizza and either a free pizza

Tonight some Walled Lake homeowner is going to be sur-prised to find a fire truck parked behind their pizza delivery person. There's nothing to be concerned about; it will just be the kicking off it's "Did You Check?"

seking off it's "Did You Check" will be a lake, like many off the surrounding communities, requires hard-wired smoke alarms t's Pizza delivery driver to a in all new construction. However, Lake firefighters will follow a Jet's Pizza delivery driver to a home someplace in the city and

check their smoke alarms.
Fire Chief Ken Van Sparrentak said if the smoke alarm works, the omeowner will get a free pizza. If not, they'll get brand new smoke alarms with 10-year lithi-Home Depot store in Commerce

Township.

Chief Van Sparrentak said he tried the idea – which he got from a New Hampshire fire fighter while attending the National Fire Academy - for the first time last year in Ferndale where he was serving as fire marshall. Of the nine homes inspected there, only three got free pizza.

Noting that 2,670 people died in home fires nationwide last year, Chief Van Sparrentak observed, in home fires nationwide last year,
Chief Van Sparrentak observed, "
Our first line of defense in the
event of a fire is the smoke

Chief Van Sparrentak said he'd

like to see every homeowner in Walled Lake switch to smoke alarms equipped with 10-year lithium batteries. Built with both Protection Association, every 19 seconds a fire department responds to a fire somewhere in the United States and someone photo electric and ionization sen-

and his partner offer to back the

dies in a tire every two hours. The association estimates that having operating smoke alarms in the home cuts the odds of dying from home cuts the odds of dying from alarms, which cost between \$20 and \$30, and Home Depot donated another 15.
"When I first heard of the idea;

home cuts the odds of dying from in a home fire by half. While it's believed that between 85-90 percent of homes have a smoke alarm, it's likely a third of them are not properly maintained or I thought it was a great way to promote safety in the communi-ty," said Jim Melvin, the familyoperating.
Chief Van Sparrentak noted that in an new construction. However, there are many homes that were built long before smoke alarms were required. He said the recent tragic death of a pregnant Pontiac woman and her five children sim-"We think it's a great thing,"

said Louie Weiss, general manag-er of the Commerce Township Home Depot. He said he sees the ply underscored the importance of having working smoke alarms in smoke alarms with 10-year lithi-um batteries donated by Walled Lake's Melvin's Hardware or the Home Denty Hardware or the Home. partner Larry Lavigne owns the Walled Lake Jet's location, said his partner "jumped all over it," when the chief approached them

year his store has donated smoke alarms to the Walled Lake Fire Department. "We really want to help out and make sure the company is safer," he said. Chief Van Sparrentak, who took

when the chief approached them about participating.

"From my own experience," said Martino, "I don't check my own snioke alarms as often as I should." While Chief Van Sparrentak started out to recruit several pizza restaurants, Martino and his ornter offer to back the over as Walled Lake's top fire fighter last month, said "Did You Check?" is just the first in a series to the community to highlight the importance of fire prevention.

the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 108 or at

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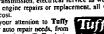
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BUSINESS

Jimmy John's sandwich shop caters to a new generation

Novi location every two years," Tomey said. Current franchise-wide earnings are opens at Pheasant Run shopping center

Students at college campuses across the country have been enjoy-ing the sandwiches at Jimmy John wiches. They went there is for 20 years. Now residents of Novi can sample the shop that claims to of the shops and liked it." have the world's greatest gournet

three weeks ago at the Pheasant Run shopping center on the south "I can serve the new generation," Run shopping center on the south side of Grand River Avenue, just the said. "This is our future."

bread for only 45 cents each.

The story of Jimmy John's sandwich shops began on Jan. 18, 1983, after 19-year-old Jimmy John Liautaud from Charleston, Ill., packaged items, "Tomey said.

The brothers want to have two tables with six to eight chairs in front of the store so a few diners can about \$75 million a year.

Tomey said the idea to open the shop with his brother as partner sit outside. "We have to get this approved by the Novi Zoning Board of Appeals," Tomey said. So what did the new sandwich came from his children.

For more information about the menu, delivery or catering, call Jimmy John's in Novi at (248) 442-

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came from his children.
"One of my sons, Anthony, grad-uated from Eastern Michigan University and also attended University of Michigan. My daughter, Christine, goes to Michigan State University. They were always talking about Jimmy John's sand-wiches. They went there a lot with their friends," he said, "I visited one

Since the shops seem to attract a indwiches. Individues a sound investment of the business was a sound investment of the business

side of Grand River Avenue, just west of Haggerty Road.

Co-owners and brothers Fawzi obsession with fresh, quality products and high-speed execution. hatives of Lebanon who have lived Meat for local Jimmy John's shops. m the U.S. 32 years and 20 years respectively, have teamed to bring Novi-area residents a fresh approach to sandwiches, including bread baked daily.

The yeven sell loaves of day-old bread for orly 45 cents each.

The story of Free Story of capicola — dry-cured, lean, bone-less pork butt.

Tuna salad is also available. All

Liautaud from Charleston, III., decided that college was for suckers and opened a sandwich shop in a modest, converted garage near the campus of Eastern Illinois club, served on thick-sliced sevential bread or fresh-baked French

campus of Eastern Illinois cultiversity.

After selling sandwiches for nine months, he decided that college wasn't for suckers after all. It's for smart kids who know a good sandwich when they see one.

In 1985, Jimmy John opened his second store in Macomb, Ill., home of Western Illinois University. In 1984 But Cardina bearing the first on the menu at \$7.

second store in Macomb, III., home of Western Illinois University. In 1994, Paul Gerding became the first franchisee by opening a store in Normal, III., near the campus of Illinois State University.

Today there are Jimmy John's shops in 20 states, plus Guatemala and El Salvador. The 200th store opening a lay in Elgin, III., whereal of creating in 1987, it have 300 shops by the first quarter of 2004 and 800 shops by 2005.

"Students at the University of Michigan, Western Michigan University and Central Michigan University and Salvador. The sandwinder shop also delivers from Meadowbrook to Halstad and from Nine Mile to Twelve Mile," Tomey said. "And, we'll go further opening jobs," he sai



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Jimmy John's, a new gourmet sandwich shop, just opened a few weeks ago at Pheasant Run shopping center in Novl. Customer Chris Bolton, right, of Oxford, an employee at Weingartz in Novl, is shown with staff, from left, Brandon Snavely, and co-owners and brothers Tony Tohme and Fawzi Tomey.



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"Kroger was phenomenal. I went over on Friday about 5 p.m. our employees. They gave me all they had at no charge. They put it in bags and said, 'Take it,'' Weipen

We heard about potential price other retailers for supporting their

Lincoln LS owners help Children's Hospital

Members of the Lincoln LS Owners Club, who were in Novi recently for the club's annual rally, donated \$1,000 for Children's Hospital of Michigan of Detroit.

Club members raised the donations through a special raffle at the uet that took place July 30 at the Hotel Baronette. Raffle tickets were sold for \$20, with about 60 people attending the ban-quet. The raffle was for a special framed photo of a Lincoln 18 framed photo of a Lincoln LS signed by George Lucas, director Scott Clouston of Greeley, Colo.

Petland Inc. recognized the Petland store at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi and its owner, Bob Thome,

The national retailer selected the Novi store out of 105 stores across the United States The retailer recognized Thome

community service, mentoring and Pet Product News also recently named Thome "Retailer of the Year

for Best Community Service." The publication recognized Thorne for his two-year-old com-munity service program in which he went out into the community to h children the fundamentals of of elire and pet ownership. Thorne

assisted living facilities as well as schools for physically- and emo-tionally-challenged children.

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known land-use planner, site designer, author, lecturer and an advocate of conservation planning, will provide the keynote address, "Preserving Countywide Open Space," as well as a session on rein-venting highway commercial strips for community redevelopment. Baithazar Korab, Troy-based

world-renowned photographer of historical landscapes and struc-tures, will present a session on his work. His "Presidential Gift" traveling display will be on view.

Registration for the day-long event is \$65 before Sept. 5. For a brochure and registration, call (248) 858-5437 or visit

www.co.oakland.mi.us/peds/calen-dar/pedconference.html. Sign-in and registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with opening remarks at 9 a.m. The conference a luncheon and will conclude at

3:30 p.m. with a networking recep-

The conference is sponsored by Detroit Edison Economic Development Services, T&C Federal Credit Union and the Oakland County Planning & Economic Development Services with special thanks to the Village of

Chamber surveys blackout

Detroit Regional Chamber small business members experienced outage-related losses ranging from \$100 to \$125,000 during the bet eare and pet ownership. Home has presented his 45-minute program on "The ABC's of Pet Care" to more than 3,000 children in the Metro Detroit area to date.

He also received Petland's focused on members in the retail

and food service industries. The

As a result of these findings, the Funding

ated with the blackout.

The Chamber is coordinating the business community, including loss of sales, inventory, wages, etc., and what, if any, relief will become available. The Chamber's Research & Information Center is working to and large businesses in the entire Southeast Michigan region.

Chamber Alliance to help deter mine business needs across the affected region.

Companies that want to share information to assist the Chamber's research should call 1-866-MBR-LINE.

Seasonally unadjusted unemployment rates increased in 10 of Michigan's 12 major labor marke areas in July, according to John Palmer, deputy director for Workforce Programs, Michigan

the state's major areas.

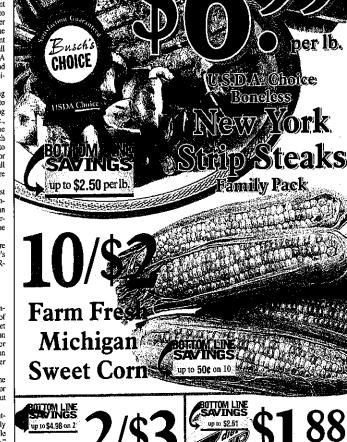
downs in the auto industry in July due to retooling caused sizable short-term layoffs in many areas,"

with a median advance of .6 of a

percentage point.

From July 2002 to July 2003, unemployment rates rose in all 12 of the state's major labor markets, with increases ranging from .3 to 2.1 percentage points. Jobless rates in nine major areas increased by more than a full percentage point in

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Better Business Bureau serves as consumer advocate

Database keeps tabs on customer complaints

By Pam Fleming

Almost everyone has heard of the Better Business Bureau. But how many actually know

what the organization does and how it assists area consumers? "What the Bureau likes to promote is that if you are considering doing business with a company, call us first," said Tim Burns, spokesperson for the Eastern Michigan Better Business Bureau, headquartered in Southfield, and one of only two Better Business

Bureaus in the state. "Consumers can also come to use for our Dispute Resolution Program," he said. In this pro-gram, staff at the Bureau act as a mediator to help work out problems between businesses and con-

umers.
"As a nonprofit organization we can mediate a dispute between a business and a customer, and we do have quite a bit of success with that. If we have a situation in which a business is not cooperating with us, consumers can go through Small Claims Court," Burns said. Burns noted that If a business is

Bureau and is not willing to cooperate in trying to resolve a dispute with a customer, the business toses its membership in the organ-

"That's why it's a good idea to once the owner has been served see if a business is a member court papers, a consumer can 105, or by e-mail before doing business with them," obtain a default judgment from pflenning@hu.homecomm.net.

The Bureau does more than just try to resolve disputes between businesses and consumers, how-

ever.
"Many people think of the Bureau as just a place to lodge a complaint. But the Bureau also provides consumer education services. We have tips on numerour business issues, and we have a sumer can file a motion with the customer service history on more than 35,000 area businesses," Burns said.

The Bureau also has a Web site, www.easternnichiganbbb.org.
"We have an interactive database. Consumers can look up a business

database. And, we don't give preference to a business just because they're a member," he added. The Bureau's reporting period covers the last three years.

Burns said if a consumer can't resolve a problem with a business and decides to seek legal action, the customer must file a claim at the District Court located closest Burns said.

Burns noted that If a business is a member of the Better Business

Then, you can either serve court

papers to the business yourself, you can hire someone to serve the papers or send them by certified mail," Burns said. If the business fails to respond

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owe the money," Burns said.
Finally, if the business in question still doesn't respond, the concourt to have a lien placed on the

ness, if the company tries to self the business or refinance the business or property, it won't be able to without first paying off the

by name, address or phone num-ber, Burns said.
"We report on both member and nonmember businesses in our He noted that when consumers file a complaint with the Better Business Bureau against a compa-

ny, it must be in writing.
"Consumers can either have us mail them a complaint form or obtain one online. This just insures that we have all the facts from the consumer," Burns said. The Better Business Bureau is only effective, Burns noted, if it's

"Our system revolves around community interaction. If some-one has a complaint and doesn't log it with us, we have no record of any problems with a business,"

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World's largest authentic Irish pub coming to Novi

By Pam Fleming

Gus O'Connors Public House, an thentic Irish pub and the latest ddition planned at the Main Street Novi project, will feature a new look for the front of the building.

Members of the Novi Planning

Commission last month approved a facade that will include a wood overlay on the front of the brick structure. The Commission granted a facade waiver so the pub could feature a look of authenticity.

Construction at the pub, which will be located

> $Vic\ s$ Market, began Ed Smith, pro-

at 42875 Grand

E. Smith prictor, Opening is slated for early November, and construction is on schedule,
The \$1.4 million pub with two levels and just over 9,000 square feet will feature wood shipped all levels and just over 9,000 square feet will feature wood shipped all the way from Ireland as well as trish Bloomfield Hills is the general conbartenders and wait staff.

Irish pub in the world," Smith said

including one named Gus Ireland. O'Consors in the county of Clare.

Ireland, in 1997 and later in have been built in freland and Chicago.

Shipped here — from the wooden

in Rochester for about eight years places and a few "snugs" or

and sold that business in September 2002 so he could open Gus O'Connors. Before that, he was a sales rep for Xerox right out of college. The Michigan State University Ireland.

graduate has a degree in business and grew up in the Waterford/Clarkston area. "I'm an Irish Catholic boy who

for me," Smith said. His visit to the Gus O'Connors pub in Ireland, which bassno affilia-tion to Smith's new venture, was

most memorable. "I staved at a bed-and-breakfast

'Gus O'Connors,' I had such a great time. I'll never forget it,' he said. 'As they would say in Ireland, 'They were spot on,' They're known

for their authentic, live music. The Novi counterpart will feature eight beers on tap, plus a host of others, and, of course, authentic Irish beer such as Guinness and Harp Lager.
Smith recently attended an opera-

tion management course with Guinness in Ireland, The Guinness operation covers 6.5 acres in down-town Dublin.

A full Irish menu will also be

served, including lunch, dinner and late-night offerings.
Outdoor seating will be able to accommodate 40 to 50 people on

the west side of the building. "I'm very excited about the whole area," Smith said, "The city has been great to work with and has been very supportive." He's also not concerned about the

connetition with the newly-opened Post Bar right next door.
"I think we will complement each other extremely well," Smith said. "I'm optimistic about the future of

artenders and wait staff.

"They're extremely friendly peoe," Smith said.

"This will be the largest authentic

Smith is leasing.
Billy O'Sullivan is the builder on The idea for the new pub began after Smith visited pubs in Ireland, the pub being built in Waterford,

Chicago.

"I saw a concept in Chicago a couple of years ago, and decided I had to do it." Smith said.

He owned Main Street Billiards

The pub will feature three fire-

enclosed booths with a swinging door.
"These originated back in the sales representative for a medical 1700s when it was frowned upon for

women to be seen in pubs," Smith said.
"They're still quite popular in The Victorian Terrace, a private

room on the upper level, will also be available for parties. "Tin an Irish Catholic boy who graduated from Our Lady of the Lakes High School, so opening an Irish pub was a natural progression lrish pub was a natural progression of the control of t

Pain Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News, She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-



Lovely locks

Salon Head West In Novi collected 20 ponytalls Monday during its hair drive for Locks of Love, a nonprofit organization that collects hair to make into wigs for children who suffer from medical-related hair loss.

Pictured at the drive (front row, from left) are Emily Fava of Dearborn, Maria Haugen (who dropped her ponytail) and Kristen Haugen of Novi, Margaux Zanetti of Northville and Sarah Mower of Novi; (back row, from left) Liz Evans, stylist, of Ferndale; Timothy Goodrich of Okemos; Rosie Marchesotti, stylist, of South Lyon; and Amy Keller, stylist, of Redford, Steve & Rocky's Restaurant in Novi donated food. Novi Fine Wine provided bev erages, and Windsor Beauty Supply contributed hair care products for the event.





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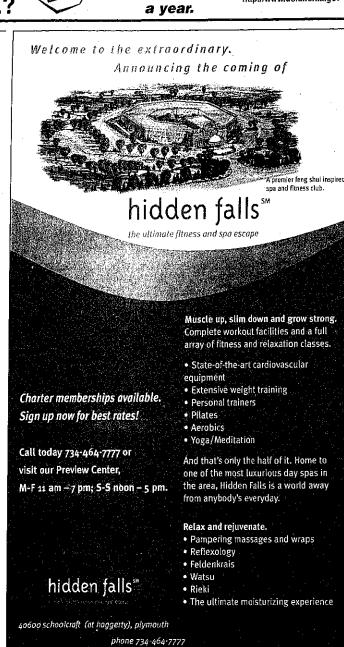
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CALENDAR

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DATE: Monday, Sept. 8 TIME: 9 a.m., shotgun start LOCATION: Beacon Hill Golf Clab and Banquet Center, 6011 Majestic Oaks, Commerce

DETAILS: \$85/Goffer, awards. advanced prepaid reservations

PHONE: Chamber of Commerce office, (248) 624-2892.

Cancer Charity Golf Classic: Doug Schaeffer, Honorary Chair, Police Chief of Novi, Cancer Survivor

DATE: Thursday, Sept. 18. TIME:11:30 a.m. registration, 12:30 p.m. shotgun start LOCATION: Links of Novi. 50395 Ten Mile Rd., Novi. DETAILS: golf packages avail-

able. Charity benefits Beaumont Pediatric Unit and Breast Cancer Research and Michael and Rose Assarian Cancer Center and PHONE: (248) 252-8212 Yorl Concert Band Performance

DATE: Friday, Sept. 19 TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: St. John's Church 23255 Gill Rd., Farmington Hills. DETAILS: Free concert, military tribute to Veterans included PHONE: St. John's Church, (248) 474-0584

Resource Recovery and Recycline Authority of Southwest Dakland County Recycling Collection-Novi DATE: Saturday, Sept. 20

TIME: 9 a.m. 2 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center. 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi PHONE: For more informa call Recycling Coordinator, Kathy Cencer, (248) 208-2270.

Fall fashion show / dinner DATE: Monday, Sept. 22

TIME: 6 p.m. LOCATION: Wyndam Garden Hotel, 42100 Crescent Boulevard, DETAILS: This is the Nov

Newcomers' Dinner and Fashion Show benefiting Teens Aiding the Cancer Community. Come out and come for encouragement, help, oin us for a fun evening benefiting a great cause.
PHONE: For information and

reservations, please contact Kim Love at (248)305-8775 or visit

Card Exchange DATE: Thursday, Sept. 25

TIME: 5 p.m.-7 p.m. LOCATION: Emagine Theators. 44425 W. 12 Mile Rd., Novi DETAILS: cash bar, hors d'oeuvies provided, advance paid reservations \$10, day of event \$15.
PHONE: Novi Chamber of

Commerce, (248) 349-3743.

Providence Hospital and Novi

Nov. 11,ADHD.

ON-GOING

Community Credit Binion library series

DATES: Sept. 25, Hypertension Oct. 15, Chronic Pain & Arthritis;

TIME: 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m

LOCATION: Novi Library, 45245 Ten Mile Rd., Novi.

DETAILS: Due to limited space.

please call to reserve a seat, light dinner is provided. PHONE: (248) 349-0720.

Providence Center for the Healing Arts

"Tuesdays at Assarian"

DATE: every Tuesday night
TIME: 5 p.m.-8 p.m.

LOCATION: Assarian Cancer

Center, 47601 Grand River, Novi. DETAILS: Variety of activities

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DATE: ongoing until Aug.3t TIME: Monday thru Friday, 8

u.m.-5:30 p.m. LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River

cer survivor Tomoko Ogawa

DATE: every Saturday TIME: 9-10:30 a.m. LOCATION: Harvest Fellowship Church, 49329 Pontiac

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Grand River Rd.)
DETAILS: We are a not for profit, non-denominational group that brings adoptive families together. Our twice a month meetings pro-vide families with the opportunity to share play and conversation. During the summer, we meet at specially designated times and

Rd, between 10 Mile Rd, and

PHONE: For more information contact Michelle Pergeau (248) 887-4955 or Sandra Noonan (248) 960-3257.

Business referrals

DATE: every Wed, ongoing LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Rd. TIME: 7 - 8:30 a.m. DETAILS: Meeting of local professionals and business looking to increase word-of-mouth referral business. Various classifications open and eager to bring you qualified business leads.

PHONE: (734) 462-6460

DATE: first and third Tuesdays of the month
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, TIME: 7-8:45 p.m.

DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your communi-cation skills, voice your opinion. polish your presentations and prac-PHONE: For more information, call Colleen at (248) 685-9226.

Breast Cancer Support Group

DATES: second and fourth
Tuesdays of the month
LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, Commerce, Classroom C on the ground floor of the hospital.

TIME: 10 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.

DETAILS: There is no need to call ahead and register. PHONE: If you have any questions, call (248) 937-5017.

Oakland County Health Division

Expectant Parent Classes DATE: ongoing series
LOCATION: Oakland County Health Division, 1010 East West Manle, Walled Lake

TIME: 7-9 p.m.
DETAILS: Classes will be taught by Public Health Nurses. Topics will include childbirth preparation, labor and delivery, care of the newborn baby, breastfeeding, bottle-feeding, information about keeping children safe, and caring for them when they are ill. Cost is \$25.

PHONE: (248) 858-4003, or TIME: 10 a.m.
LOCATION: Holy Family
Catholic Church (on Meadowbrook (888) 350-0900 ext. 84003

lew TOPS chapter in Novi LOCATION: Meadowbrook Meadowbrook Rd., Novi. TIME: 11 a.m. weigh in, 11:30 DETAILS: \$20/yearly memberSend calendar items to Cal Stone, Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48168 or e-mail to

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UBITUARIES

Wendall Thomas Mayer

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Evelyn S.; two sons. Dennis (Ann) Mayer and Brian Mayer; one daughter, Sandra (Leonard) Griffard; two grandsons, Timothy and Robert Mayer; two step-grandchildren, Scott (Maria) Griffard and Lynn Griffard; and two great-granddaughters Kimberly and Kaitlyn. A funeral service was held

August 27 at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, South Lyon with Rev. Ferry Nelson officia-ing. Interment will be at Glen

Arrangements were made by Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home.

BIRTH

ENGAGEMENT

Page & Lockwood

Steven and Jeanine Page of

to Brooke Ashlee

Novi announce the engagement of their son, Steven Matthew James



Makvala Jones Wixom, formerly of Novi, announce the birth of their daugh-ter, Makayla Christine, born May 5, 2003 at Sinai Huron Valley Hospital in Commerce. She weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and measured 20 I/2 inches at birth.

Makayla is the sister of Makenzie and Andrew. Grandparents are Ron and Fay Jones of Novi, and Google and Suc Pryor of Laurel, N.J.

The bride-elect is a 2000 gradu-are of Wheaton College. She Fairgrove, Mich. Great-grandparents are Arthur Wickstrom of Laurium, Mich. and Glenna Pryor of Caro, Mich.

WEDDING

Wendall Mayer of Novi died August 24, 2003. He was 80, Mr. Mayer was born November 24 1922 in Highland Park, Mich He had been employed by the Detroit News as a pressman and was a member of the American Legion Post, Novi



Ronald and Fay Jones of Novi announce the engagement of their son, Bradley Jones, to Marissa Starl, January of Drs. Richard and Mary Kalamazoo, Mary Ann Stark The preom elect is a 1990 grad-

nate of Novi High School and a 1998 graduate of Wayne State University, He currently resides in Wynnewood, Pa. and is employed by Ford Motor Company in Mt.

taught high school Spanish in Brentwood, Tenn. A November wedding planned.

A Sweenler wedding planned.

Michigan, Ann Arbor.



Lawrence Taggart were married November 23, 2002 at St. John's Chapel in Plymouth, Deacor Lawrence Maag officiated the ceremony. Deacon Maag is the groom's grandfather.

Eden Memorial Park, Livonia. and is a graduate of Central Hub and Carol Elfring of Novi. Memorius may be made to Cross of Christ Lutheran Church employed by Hunters Ridge Golf High School and a 2002 graduate of the University of Notre Dame. The bride elect graduated from She is employed by Nissan, The Fenton High School in 1994 and groom is the son of Theresa Maag also is a graduate of Central Michigan University. She is Taggart of Hamilton, Ohio, He is employed by the Palace of Auburn Hills. a graduate of the University of Notre Dame, carning his Bachelor of Arts degree in 2001 and his Master of Science degree in 2002.

He is employed by KPMG. Carole Wineman, Leigh Moreno. Lindsay Wing and Natasha

IN THE SERVICE

Support Group, Naval Air Station

Wash.
Novi resident Beth A. Rice has graduated from the Army ROTC National Advanced Leadership Camp at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash. She is the daughter of Jay and Sharon Rice of Novi. Beth

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	10 a.m
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Elfring-Taggart

12:30 p.m. Sara Kimberly Effring and John

The bride is the daughter of

Kiley Elfring, the bride's sister, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Kristin Tyll,

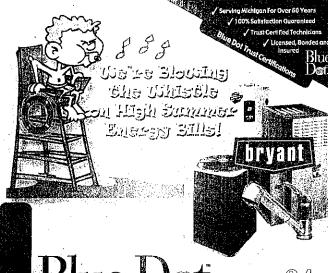
Larry Burchett served as best man. Groomsmen were Michael Brown, Alex Vidergar, Brett Keck. James Pharr and Jordon Harlan. A reception was held at Lovett Greenfield Village, Dearborn. The couple honey mooned on a Caribbean Cruise.

Marine Corps Pfc, Frank J. Reinbold recently reported for duty at Marine Aviation Training Whidbey Island, Oak Harbor,

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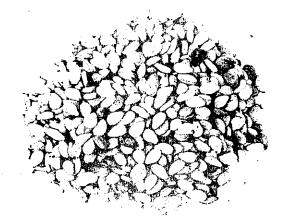


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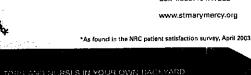
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CLASS NOTES

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Students and faculty at Novi High School had to yacate the building for about 20 minutes on Tuesday as the fire alarm sounded. According to Principal John Lawrence, even though it was not a scheduled fire drill, it was determined that there was no fire and it was a

"With all the construction going on at the school right now, this probably won't be the last time this happens," he said

Lake's top tech

Ave Maria's loss is Wall has been named director of technology for the Walled Lake Consolidated School District,

Zimmerman is currently the for Maria

of experi

Zimmerman educator nology manager have included four as director of corporate information services at Lason

lne,, in Troy and six with the

Smith Group, Inc. in Detroit. 'Joel's rare combination of information technology expert-ise, educational leadership, background in teaching and outstanding communication acumen will be invaluable as he serves the students, staff and parents of the nearly 15,000-student Walled Lake School

graduate of Jacksonville State University in Alabama with a bachelor's degree in computer science, Zimmerman also holds a master's degree from Wichita State University and is pursuing a doctorate from the University of Illinois n Urbana. Zimmerman has also served as an adjunct professor at four different institutions over the past 15 years.

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REFRANCE

No Child Left Behind and Education Yes programs force Novi Schools to update methods of teaching

The Novi Community School
District is going to be operating a
little differently in the 2003-04
Community School District did as the theme r the Future" will be in effect. Federal and state mandates have forced the district to adopt this theme, which Superintendent Emmett Lippe believes should have been in

effect anyway.
"What we were trying to conto be an emphasis on student achievement," Lippe said, "Wehave already emphasized student achievement but this time it's a little bit different because we're looking at not only student achievement, but it's going to be per desegregated use as well as just the top students. We're going to have to say that not only the top students will reach adoquate year ly progress, but that all the stu-dents have to get their annual increase and they're going to measure those for adequate yearly increase. They're going to measure those groups to see if they're making progress as well as the

high performance groups. Lippe explained that there are lum." two major aspects to reframing for the future: Achieving adequate for the future: Achieving adequate yearly progress and making sure that what is taught is aligned with what will be assessed by the state what will be assessed by the state. what will be assessed by the state of Michigan. At the same time. teachers can't put all the emphasis on student achievement because they also have to worry about pro viding a caring, learning environ-

ment and climate. "We have to make sure that the kids achieve, but we also have to make sure we have a climate that's comfortable for them." Lippe said. "We can't forget about that component. When we talk about reframing the picture, it's not going to be a snapshot of the high performance groups, it's going to be a snapshot of the whole student body performance. The picture we are going to take.

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to be comprehensive in nature and

we're going to do if every so often

not receive MEAP test scores

back from the state, which was given to students last spring. As a

result, school administrators are in the process of generating an in-

house, user-friendly type of assessment system so they can get instant feedback on how students

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are doing based on progress towards the standard benchmarks. Benchmarks. In other words, if a social studies teacher is teaching

not. They're going to get the feed-back, so when they take the MEAP the chances of all kids, top-performers and low performers, to

assessment is going to make up their classroom assessment. They can no longer ignore the fact that there may be four or five students who may not understand the

material.

"All of a sudden, I have to figure out why those students didn't understand the material and what understand the material and what can I do to get them to understand." Lippe explained. "I have to make it so you're anxious to learn because you can't win if the course with the students test scores if Novi is to make Adequate Yearly Progress."
"That is different than it has, to before." he said, "We have

fowards the standard benchmarks.

"If you're a classroom teacher, vor're gring to get this feedback," Lippe said. "You're going to get this snapshot every so often as to the progress your kids are making. So when kids take the MEAP, students who take the test may be knowledgeable in it. but MEAP test scores the progress your kids are making. So when kids take the MEAP, students who it won't reveal that.

"If you align the curriculum to teach the things that someone comfortable environment for the students to learn is something that all school employment. They're oning to get the feedand you assess on those, the likeand you assess on those, the likesomething that all school employ-ees must participate in, from bus drivers all the way through the administrators.

"If a bus driver is cranky in the morning, it may affect me as a learner," Lippe said, "But, if the performers and low performers, to performers and we're talking about when we say the word reframing. It's not going to be a total renovation. It's just reframing on how we take assessment and how we teach the curriculation. The performers are performers and low when they are going to test us on. According to Lippe, reframing also means that teachers can no have to contribute. We have to one performers it that the performers and every-body else—have to contribute. We have to every large their classes while

the curriculant, so when we do get these snapshots and get the final it. MEAP test, our kids will have the right attitude and they will also and have the right scores. We have to start now on laying the foundation in on creating the right climate."

Lippe said that as the notch

been before," he said, "We have bright kids, and every year we can count on this material? We just have to find the niche that turns each student on."

Lippe also said that making a better, more comfortable environment for the student. improve every year, and that's not just the bright kids. If the bottomend students scores stay the same, but some of the more just brighter students' scores go up

change all stems from the state of Michigan's Education Yes program and the Federal Government's No Child Left that's still not adequate according to the state. In the past if one class had a 92 percentile and the following year it gets a 92 percentile again, that was great. Now we have to say, gee, our kids got the same score and that's not good enough. They have to be at 94 we're facing in education today, how can we do a great job with "One of the challenges we are percent this year and the bottom-kids, which were not measured before, also have to show

who love teaching and who are joyful teachers. Now we are sayreached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at rkhuri@ht.homecomm.net.

M. Banks

By Ramez Khuri

his 10 years on the job, was asked

ing, I'm sorry, but now you must do this and it must be done by this date, then we have to measure the outcomes. Teachers are now feel-When former teacher Murray Banks, who won the teacher of the year award in Vermont during ing the pressure of that and the fact that they have to get students ready for tests. Where is the joy in by the Novi Community School District to come and speak to their teachers, he jumped at the chance. teaching in that? Is their intensity to get their objectives accom-plished overcoming the joy of

He had spoken to Novi teachers in __teaching? the past about the relationship between the quality of their life and the quality of their work and Banks spoke about the intensity that leachers should possess to accomplish their objectives, but had only positive memories of the he also said it's possible to also retain their joy for teaching in the The first time around, which process.

"We can do both," he said. "It's was two years ago, Banks spoke about how being happy, rested, joyful and focused, people's lives will be full and it will help with their jobs as well. This well. This pressure. In Novi, which is different than many school districts I work with, there is additional time, howevpressure from the community. They have very high expectations wasn't a lec-ture on the stress of for the children in this community. More children in this community go to college than in many other communities that I go to and change, or how difficult that means there is a very subtle pressure from the community and, in turn, that puts some pressure on it is. This

Banks explained that the focus of his presentation was to utilize a lot of humor and stories because so many times in staff development, the focus of a presentation is you must do this and you must do that. His part is to say, let's look at this a little more lightly. facing in education is accountability and standards for both students and teachers. We want to be able to measure the outcomes and

what happens is we have teachers accomplish these goals?"
who love teaching and who are "No Child Left Behind is a fed-

The following are points Murray Banks touched on during his ores

MURRAY BANKS-ISMS

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Thions Don't Always Turn Out As Planned

What did we learn? Are we closer to where we need to be?

Use The Richter Scale Of Stress The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing!"

"Is this a 10 or a 2?" Persona Is Still The Key

"Who you are may be more important than what you know."
Your life comes to school with joy and leaks out all day.

"You are going to live about 80 years...but you are going to be dead

When you are tired & stressed, humor is the first thing to go.

on to the Michigan mandate, Novi." Banks said, "That's why which was added on to the normal use the quote, 'Nobody could expectations of a community of mandate us to work harder than

on." It was very clear in my That was not the purpose of my escutation. The numose was to ay, given what we have to do, we am still bring joy to the job and

Banks took a leave of absence from teaching when he was in his late 30s to be a professional ath-lete. He went to the world championship in triathlon and was very successful in swimming, bikin and running, but it wasn't until he got a call from a local college asking if he could speak to the students about his athletic experiences that his speaking career took off.

"I didn't leave teaching to make money," he said. "I was pushing 40 and my window of opportunity was very small to be an athlete. I did that presentation to students and started doing a lot more while

I was training. That led to giving more presentations to teachers on staff developing. Banks spoke at a big convention with about 500 teachers and when he was done, received a standing ovation. "I didn't plan to do this," he said, "It evolved slowly, and for five or six years now I keep saying to my wife, 'Next year I'm going back to teaching.' I think it's kind of fun right now,

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giving speeches, but next year l'Il go back to teaching. But this is

Court offers probate

slide into their golden years. some are considering what to do with any gold that may be left over. Guardianships and conservatorships, trusts and wills are concepts most of them have only passing famil-

iarity.
The Oakland County
Circuit and Probate Courts' Citizens' Alliance will be bringing its "Removing The Mysteries of Probate Court" program to Novi on Monday, Oct. 27. The free seminar will be offered from 1-3 p.m. at

the Novi Senior Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road. Attorney Jill Koney Daily, chief of probate, estates and mental health for Oakland County, will lead a panel of trust officers from local banks and private practice attorneys specializing in wills and estate planning in a discus-sion of the advantages and disadvantages of avoiding

Additional seminars will be offered from 7 to 9 p.m. Sept. 15 at the William M. Costick Activities Center, 28600 Eleven Mile Road, to noon Dec. 8 at the Orion Senior Center, 21 East

Church Street, Orion.
To register for the Novi
seminar, call (248) 347-0421.

For the Farmington event, call (248) 473-1830. To register in Orion, call (248) 693-2066. Oakland County Probate Court has been offering the semmar series for a dozen years and is planning another series for the spring. Organizations interested in hosting a seminar should call. Karen MacKenzie at (248)

NOTICE OF HEARING TO REVIEW SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL #165 CITY OF NOVI COUNTY OF OAKLAND, MICHIGAN

improvement.

TO THE OWNERS OF ALL THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROP-ERTY ABUTTING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED IMPROVEMENT: ERTY ABUTTING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED IMPROVEMENT:
The construction of approximately 2,050 feet of 8" water main in Section 34 which will provide a direct benefit to the sixteen parcels in Connemara Hills Subdivision Number 1 along a portion of Galway Drive and Bryne Drive and all of Kilrush Drive.
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he said special assessment roll is on file for public examination with the City Clerk and any comments to said special assessment roll may be made in writing prior to the close of the hearing to review said special

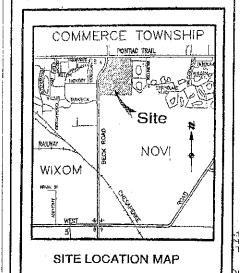
assessment roll.

ARE FURTHER NOTICE that the City Council and the City Assessor will meet at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile. Novi, Michigan, at 1:30 o'clock P.M. Prevailing Eastern Time, on MONDAY, SEPTEM ERE, 2003, for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment of TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at such heart appearance and protest at such heart appearance. ARE PUHLHAR NOLINE and appearance and protest as accurran-ing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the State Tax Tribunal. An appearance and protest may be made by an appearance at the hearing to protest the special assessment or by filing an appearance and protest by letter. THIS NOTICE is given by order of the City Council of the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan.

CITY CLERK (248-347-0456)

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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may t heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Mi 48375 until 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, September 3, 2003.

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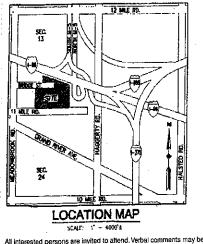
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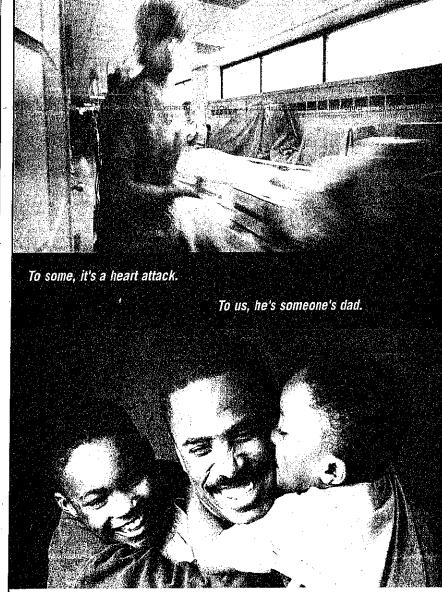
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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the home towns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

We work hard, so rest a while

and orange are peeking out from frees around town. Sure, of many be a steamy 85 degrees, but the days are get-ring shorter, and Mother Nature's annual color show

back and soak up one last gasp of summer before we cusp of summer before we need to unpack the sweaters and boots from the closet. Labor Day's offical purpose

is to recognize and reward the often than not, the question "What's your name?" is almost always followed up with "What do you do?" The tasks we take on have molded and shaped the United States

nto what it is today.

The collective efforts of the workforce have done cross workforce nave done gust sit back and watern to exerything from build roads to feach students to harvesting waving goodbye before to wry eyes. We've got the microchips, We are a nation of days left to really enjoy it.

The bad news; hims of red and orange are peeking out trees around town. Sure, molded, shaped and re-shaped

Nature's annual color show wall be starting up soon enough.

The good news; we can kick back and soak up one last were either nonexistent or required drop-down, drag-it we've come so quickly. Not so long ago, communication encouraged, but the absence of it places an almost crippling strain on a business productivity.

But enough about waxing philosophic. Fire up the bar-becue, go for one last swim, enjoy a game of baseball or just sit back and watch the

etions of the American laboret. Our work, our jobs...these things help define us. More only is communication

fireflies at sunset. Summer is waving goodbye before our

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

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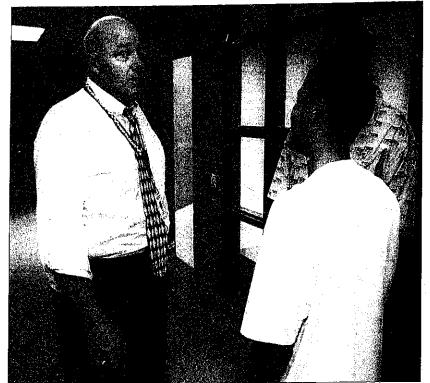
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OPINION



care coverage for abortion

Get in tune, U.A.W. leadership - no health

Two stores in contrast

The big blackout spelled what can be

expected of neighbors and businesses.

Busch's on Six Mile, Newburg Plaza, was

like a neighbor in Mr. Roger's Neighborhood.

The lights went out and the water stopped flowing in Livonia, but employees at Busch's

were right there helping. As customers lined

up outside its doors, employees assisted cus-tomers two or three at a time to make pur-

chases. Customers were led down aisles b

employees with flashlights. Purchases were tallied up on a calculator. Checks were accepted unverified. Seniors were given extra help (employees would gather the purchases

rather than have seniors walk the aisles).

Those who waited outside the doors were

erved fruit and graciousness. CVS Drugs, Ten Mile and Beck. The lights

went out and employees stayed behind locker

doors. A 17-year-old, who had the misfortune to be caught in the traffic gridlock also had the transmission in his car blow up 10 feet from

the CVS driveway. Unable to contact his par-

ents, he stayed with the car for two and 1/2 hours. He approached the CVS Store and noticed someone leaving the store and

requested a bottle of water. He had the dollar

in his hand. He was told "no," the store was

Which one would you choose for a neigh-

Mary Braddock

Mario Nesr Fundarski

Candidate for U.S. Congress 11th District

First day Novi High School principal John Lawrence stops to talk to a pair of pupils in the hallway Monday afternoon on his first official day leading its students and faculty.

LETTERS

Great job, let's improve

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In the aftermath of Novi's recent power and water outages, many high performers stand out. Novi's Emergency Response Plan worked well and City employees, led by Assistant City Manager Clay Pearson in the city,manager's absence, went the extra mile to assure needed emergency water and temporary bathroom facilities for the community. Communications were provided to residents and businesses under the most challenging circumstances including problems with complex telephone and computer synergies. In Mayor Clark's absence, I participated on the Emergency Response team. It was gratifying to see professional and caring behavior on the part of everyone on the City staff and from sidents and the business community a everyone did their level best to provide need-

ed services and assistance. onstructive lessons about how we can improve the City's performance in future emergencies. Among them were the need to acquire an emergency power generator for Meadowbrook Senior Center and a new genretator for Fire Station No. 1 (# 1's generator went out during the outages). In addition, certain sanitary sewer lift stations were without emergency power and generators were tem-porarily provided for these facilities. At the final team meeting, I volunteered to sponsor a budget amendment to bring these items before City Council and requested City Manager Helwig and his staff to research the specifica-tions and costs needed to bring these purchas-es forward with support of the City Council.

Our water outage also brings to mind the need for a City Council assessment of Novi's water delivery system. There is an important opportunity for Council, the City administration, residents, businesses, Detroit WSD and other stakeholders to provide input to create other statements to provide input to cleane short and long term plans to address our recurring low water pressure problems, cur-rent water storage potential and even the possibility of an auxiliary water supply. Putting off the decisions that need to be made will simply result in ever-higher escalating capital improvement costs and dissatisfied Novi number of water service customers in developing areas of Novi continues to increase the burden on our water system. It's time to decide how our water delivery system can be improved, as we get ever closer to Novi build out. I will bring forward this item for discus-sion on the September 8th City Council Agenda under Matters for Mayor and

Michelle J. Bononi, Mayor Pro Tem

Job well done

Thank you to everyone at City Hall for performing so professionally during our last emergency, the Great Blackout 2003. It seems that something extraordinary is happening more often than not lately.

Doug Shaeffer, Al Rasmussen and Art Langaken have to be commended for direct-

Lenaghan have to be commended for directing our police and fire departments so admirably during this time of need and uncer-

tainty. Job well done!!

There are many other people to thank including Clay Pearson who stood in for our city manager while he was away. Also, Benny McCusker delivered when we needed him most. A SPECIAL THANK YOU to all the men and women who daily put their lives on the line, driving through our dark subs keep-ing our homes and property safe from evil. It is a very comfortable feeling knowing that you're out there! On behalf of all the citizens, THANK YOU.

Powerless thoughts

Novi News about all the help that was given by the city during last weeks blackout. It would have been even nicer had the residents actually known that these comfort stations were available. The patrol officers that were out knocking on doors and passing out fliers must have missed Willowbrook Drive. Or must have missed Willowbrook Drive. Or maybe we couldn't hear them at our doors due to all of the noise caused by the heavy equipt-ment being used to rebuild our street. Oh, I

forgot, that hasn't started yet either.

Lou Csordas, ever the polotician, writes how pleased he was to see the city come through with flying colors. Lou, the next time you run for re-election, I'd like you to explain to the residents of the Willowbrook to the residents of the Willowbrook Subdivision what you have ever done for us.

Dave Shingler

U.A.W. wrong in insurance coverage

My former U.A.W. brothers and sisters could they possibly seek health care coverage growth of union membership will be detered demand for abortion coverage.

I do not believe that the vast majority of U.A.W. membership support this demand. It was probably conceived by the socialist, left wing liberals, like Carl Levin, Sander Levin, David Bonior, and Ralph Nader! My U.A.W. brother and sisters, the Big Three automakers desire that we purchase

There are laws that are higher than the U.S.

There are laws that are higher than the U.S.

This was done under the loving direction of Three will become the Little Three!!

Supreme Court, that is God's law!!

Life must be protected as a gift from God!

My loving wife died on July 11, 2003. She was rushed to the hospital on July 3rd. She

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I can politically support health care coverpolice and fire departments so age for abortion in the case of the mothers

The power of caring

We the senior residents of Meadowbrook Commons extend a heartfelt thank you for all and nullified if the U.A.W. refuses to drop its the help provided us during the power outage and in its wake. Our thanks go to the City of Novi officials,

staff of Department of Parks and Recreation and staff of our management company.

They looked after residents as if they were family - providing emergency portable facili-ties; water in abundance, some being hand delivered to rooms; and checking up, espetheir products. I can assure the public, if this cially on those with special needs such as demand is granted in the upcoming contract negotiating, it may well occur that the Big

The residents of Meadowbrook

Share vour 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

Think about the current state of organized labor hair flaming even in the dim light cast by the gray-green fluorescent lamp, Reuther talked about social justice, railed against racial discrimination, urged a fair deal for the workingman. He was truly an inspiring figure. families show a certain animosity toward organized labor. One guy I know brought home his SUB check ("Supplemental Unemployment Benefit", which pays 95 percent of wages when a UAW member is laid off) and call "Look what GM gave me!"

parade marching down Woodward Avenue in Detroit

Traditionally, the parade kicked inspiring figure.

Afterward I watched G.
Mennen Williams as he campaigned for governor at the plant it was always it was always "Ford's," never "the Ford Motor Company". off the political season, especially for Democrats. I watched a Labor Day parade way back, I think, in 1956 when Adlai Stevenson was

running for President against Dwight Dwigat Eisenhower. In my with jam-with flagwaving workers, marching labor

dates making "V"

ers and grin- Phil Power

ras.

No longer. There will be a the workers, and organized labor about getting your tires slashed if according to the Michigan State elected and re-elected Williams to the governor's office six times.

The color and terminates of any solid with the lold days, you had to worry about getting your tires slashed if you parked a Japanese-made car at Solidarity House. But even after the content of the color and the color an parade — of sorts — later on, according to the Michigan State AFL-CIO, but it won't be anything like the old days. Which got me to musing about the state of organized labor in Michigan nearly 50 years after I first watched a

Labor Day parade.

Certainly, organized labor is no longer the dominating force in the economy that it used to be. Other than public employees and teachers, the percentage of the labor force represented by unions has plummeted over the past decade. Even here in Michigan, the UAW has lost membership as auto plants have closed and much of the parts supply chain has spun out of the Big Three, Public oninvance of labor unions, even one soccer game to another ...
they never talk about where the

It wasn't always thus. I remem-ber sitting on a hard brown steel chair in a union hall, listening to Walter Reuther, then the United

and living our lives by the dictates

of the sun, rather than the TV Guide.

To be sure, it
was annoying and
it affected vast
numbers of
Americans and
Canadians. But

make no mistake, as natural disas-

ters go, it was a walk in the park.

your house. Look

money comes from.

"What the kids get in school, from the newspapers, from the TV

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"What the kids get in school, for this column either at (734) ... it's all negative about labor

Prepare - there will be a next time Welcome to the 18th century.
Weekend before last many of us
found ourselves cooking over an
open fire; eating by candlelight;
and fiving our lives by the dictates.

It invoctant to remember that

something that happens far away, it's important to remember that major disaster declarations between 1972 and

2000 with a total of 18. It's not a questime will come. If you found yourself scurry-ing from conven-

Lup and down your street. Can you -see any real difference? Are they chipping the -remains of trees? Are any of your (alekhoer) house pricing? neighbors' houses missing? We got lucky.

the fridge so long we weren't quite sure what they were anyway and to take a three-day weekend. In January 1998, an ice storm swept across parts of Ontario and

dark in its wake. Most of them stayed that way for a week or more. The ice piled up so thick it sent 1,000 wooden utility poles crashing to the ground. Nearly 20 percent of the country's work force found it. force found it difficult, if not your house. Damages were estimated at \$1 bil-ger than you can comfortably carry by yourself and fit easily into your vehicle. Pick a garrish

That pales in comparison to 1992's Hurricane Andrew. That ill color so you won't be tempted to wind blew out of the Bahamas, slashed across South Florida and spent itself in Louisiana on the 28th of August. In its wake, it left 23 dead and \$26.5 billion in damages. Many South Florida families and medications. The last thing ages. Many South Florida families and medications. The last thing week or more. When the lights finally did come on, many of them didn't have a wall socket to plug thio because the storm had ground more than 23,000 homes to rubble and severly damaged more than 120000 etc. severly damaged more than

Make a Difference RE**G**YC

Pointe, most people will forget something important.

Do you have a battery-operated So far this year alone, the something import Federal Emergency Management Agency has dealt with 35 major radio? Sitting in a comfortable air

see the golf-shirted anchors, you weren't effected. If you battery-operated radio. Michigan ranked to use it? If you don't have one, 16th for FEMA get one, It doesn't have to be anyget one. It doesn't have to be any-thing hugely fancy, but one with weather band would be nice. Store

Three, especially since labor costs for the domestic manufacturers are substantially higher than for

to be faced and adapted to instead of merely standing against change of any sort. "We're not even urg-

9/11 when we could have talked it was to support it, we didn't."

What most troubled my friend

was the slow, sad diminution of

the UAW from a broad force for social and economic justice to just

another economic interest group. "We should be talking, loud and

I venture to say my friend is not

Phil Power is the Chairman of

the Board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would

Company". are substantially higher than for Williams was a big man, at least 6 in the South. "The workers in the South." The workers in the South.

big flan, at least of the standing and he straddled over the stair railover the stair rail-

ings shaking poor people look at rich people."

hands with both International trade and global-

of his big paws as
the tidal wave of
workers surged in the tidal wave of
merican manufacturing, according to my friend, but realities have

drew an enthusias-

nostalgia, regret and a sad, stinmering anger at what had happened to a once-shining institution.

"We should be talking, loud and
clear, about the good things, the
bad things, the hopes, the dreams.
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clear, about the good things, the
bad things, the hopes, the dreams
any more." My friend paused,
then burst out, "And it hurts my
what it differ our But these days
the bad things, the body the good things, the
bad things, the poduling my more." My friend paused,
then burst out, "And it hurts my
heart, what's going on."

The UAW's agenda in those days was very broad and socially inclu-

sive. Last week, I had a conversation

with a long-time friend, now retired after a career in UAW lead-ership. Our talk was mingled with

nostalgia, regret and a sad, sim-

what it did for us. But these days, when both parents are working, often on different shifts, they are so rushed in getting the kids from

> it in your go-box and store a week's worth of batteries in a tion of will there and wreck the radio before you be a next time; it's only a question of when the next begin thinking about making a gobox. Area stores will be soon switching from summer to fall merchandise. That means camp-

ing gear will be going on sale convenience store looking for batteries and bottled water, you might want to consider getting yourself prepared for the inevitable next time. inevitable next time.

In another life, I spent several years in hurricane country. Every year on June 1, the beginning of the season, I and many of my neighbors would check our gobox—a plastic snap-lid container with enough provisions to last for a few days. grill, but if you try to use it inside during an ice storm, odds are you will not survive. Get a nice little propane model. They aren't that expensive and nothing tastes worse than cold canned beef stew. While you're thinking about

questions, your local fire depart ment will happy to help you out First, the box should be no bigand even check for no

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A few gallons of bottled water and some oriental noodles in a

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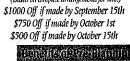


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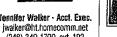


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Mr. & Mrs. Donald William Kumpula of South Lyon would like to announce the marriage of their daughter, Kelly Marie, to Glenn Allen Pinneo, son of Mr. & Mrs. Lee Pinneo.

Kelly is a 1997 graduate of Livonia Stevenson, as well as a graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn where she earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree with distinction in 2001. Kelly is currently attending the College of William & Mary-School of Law in Williamsburg, Virginia. She will be graduat-

ing this May with her Juris Doctorate.

Glenn is a 1995 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. He is also the former co-owner of J & G Landscaping of Livonia. Glenn is currently in management with the Home Depot Corporation in Newport News, Virginia.

Glenn & Kelly were wed on August 8, 2003 at St. John's Chapel. The reception followed in the Atrium at St. John's Golf & Conference Center, Don and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following people for making our daughter's wedding a truly memorable event.



To David McKnight and the entire staff at Emerald City Designs in Farmington Hills who acted as our wedding planners, coordinators, florists and designers: Thank you for using your creativity, artistry and professionalism to create a spectacular setting for a perfect wedding. From the candelabras, roses, linens and chair covers, to hanging candles, bouquets. and alter rose topiaries-every detail was perfect. The event was perfectly paced thanks to your wedding coordinator, Nicole Beaudoin. She had all of us in the right place at the right time so we never missed a moment. Also thank you for providing us with hair and makeup through **Sadi Sant**. She was a wonderful addition to the wedding day. We cannot say enough positive things about Emerald City Designs. You made the entire pre-wedding process stress-free for us because we knew that we were in your capable hands. Thank you for allowing us to fully enjoy and appreciate the wedding while you took care of all the details.



To Julie's Bridal of Plymouth: Thank you for making every aspect of selecting, fitting and picking up Kelly's gown, as well as my own, a wonderful experience. Shopping for a wedding dress was a very special time for Kelly and I and I want to thank you for making it even more special because of your incredible staff. Your staff was kind, understanding and very supportive of us at every visit. Thank You, Lorraine, Nina, Scott, Annette.



To Eddie Hakim of Happy Hour **D.J.:** Thank you for keeping our guests happy and dancing until the end. You were very professional and played a wonderful selection of music.



To Paul Kubek of Kubek Photography in Dearborn Heights: Thank you for capturing all the special moments throughout the wedding day. Looking at the pictures, it is apparent that you never missed a moment, but at the same time, you were never obtrusive. In fact, it was easy to forget that you were even there. By viewing the quality of our photographs, it is clear that you are truly an artist.



To Mark and the rest of the staff of Video Magic Productions of Plymouth: Thank you for capturing the special day with motion and sound. We are so excited to see the very helpful, professional and friendly.

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well as superior service







To Conclude, planning this wedding has been a joy due to the fact that we met so many wonderful people. We feel as though we have developed iriendships with our event coordinators! We would like to especially thank **David McKnight** for referring us to only the nicest vendors. The wedding was a dream come true for not only Kelly and Glenn. but also for Don & I. Love, Susan Kumpula

Congratulations Kelly &

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

As a young child, one of my time with my grandparents. Three out of four of

Мy cooks. grandfather Smith didn't cook but truly enjoyed eatenjoyed eating. When we lived in Buffalo, I spend week-

ends at the Smith house. Later. after moving to Michigan, mainly summer vacations were the times spent with them. These days were spent leisurely reading, napping

some. Breakfast was always the same. Two soft boiled eggs, toast with butter, grapefruit juice and

This meal had been the ritual for 75 years. My grandfather's mother cooked the same breakfast when he was a youngster. The only thing that ever changed was hot versus cold cereal and the variety of loast and jams. Lunch was often a fried egg sandwich or two.

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ever go over the recommended weight charts. As a colonel in the to, "avoid eggs because of the negative effects they cause". Could it be, maybe, that it isn't the eggs but all the other garbage

food by comparing the amounts of nutrients it contains against the number of calories it provides.

Finally, eggs are a bargain when it comes to the food budget.

Finally, eggs are a bargain when it comes to the food budget.

Next in line for protein economy is beef liver, followed by peanut

comparison, an alcoholic drink containing the same amount of calories is virtually devoid of any essential nutrients. Thus the milk nutrient dense while the alcohol

We have a "calorie budget" for each day. The food choices that we make as we "spend" this budget must supply nutrients as well as fuel. The trick is to choose foods that are low in calories but high in-nutrients before using up your allotment of calories.

This situation presents a "eatch 22" dilemma for modern people; eat more food and you risk obesity, eat less and you risk nutritional deficits. Thus the food eaten must be more nutrient dense.

nutrional errors, designed as a total life support system for the developing chick. One serving of two large eggs provides 160 calo-ries and 9 percent of the daily requirement for protein, vitamin A, riboflavin, iron, vitamin D, and phosphorous needed by the aver-age woman. It provides this using age woman. It provides this using less than 10 percent of the daily

egg sandwich or two.

My grandfather was extremely weight conscious. Never did he ever go over the recommended nearly every nutrient known to be contain. essential to humans. Eggs contain army for three wars, he was versed in restraint and self-control. He died in 1977 at the age of 92 after a short illness. I remember everyone marveling at how he ate two eggs or more a day, butter, milk, cream and ice cream and here he lived to be healthy all of his 92 years. Today, all we hear is are called complete proteins.

An egg contains all of its fat (6 grams) and cholesterol (265 milligrams) in the yolk. This is where we load into our systems?

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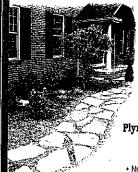
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"Marci X" is a Paramount Pictures release and rated R for language and sexual content.

Jackie Chan stars in supernat-

SCREEN BEAT

By Brian Renner

urally-themed action/cop thriller "The Medallion" as a Chinese immigration officer who finds himself imbued with amazing supernatural abilities after an incident in which he thought he died. While still learning how to use them, he's challenged to fight the bad guys. "The Medallion" is a Screen Gems release and rated PG-13 for action violence and some double

and Terence Stamp star in this comedy about a young man who agrees to watch his employer's house for the weekend, intending to use the opportunity to woo the boss's daughter, but instead, the weekend turns into a series of crazy incidents which appear likely to threaten his employment. "My Boss's Daughter" is a Dimension Films release and rated PG-13 for crude and sex-related humor drug content and language.

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Dancers win first overall at nationals

Special Edition, a 16-member dance team based at Gayle's DancePhase in Wixom won first overall at the Stars of Tomorrow National dance competition in Myrtle Beach this July. The winning tap routine "Cotton Eye Joe" was choreographed by Gayle Winnie of Gayle's DancePhase.

More winners

• Alyssa Winnie, age 5, of White Lake, was crowned Miss' Petite. Alyssa won performing a solo routine titled "Storybook Ballet". This piece was choreographed by Lyndsey Birdsong age 14, a student assistant at Gayle's DancePhase. Alyssa also won the photogenic award. Alyssa told her family that she couldn't believe the judges picked her and it was the best day of

picked her and it was the best day of her life.

Sarah Benish, age 20, of Northville, won third overall for 13-and-over solos. Her winning routine "Roxanne" was choreographed by Tina Bishop, a director at Gayle's DancePhase. Miss Benish made the top three out of over 100 solos, allowing her to advance to the "Dance Off" with the top 37 acts of the entire event. Surah plans to teach dance this fall at Gayle's DancePhase.

DancePhase.

• Kaitlyn Maybee, age 11. of West Bloomfield, won third overall for 12-and-under solos. Her winning routine, "Baby I"m A Star", was choroographed by Erin Bunker, Kaitlyn's instructor at Gayle's DancePhase. Miss Maybee made the top three out of over 100 solos, allowing her to advance to the

"Dance Off" with the top 37 acts of the entire event. Kaitlyn hopes to be a performer in the future.

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• Spectrum, a five-member dance team, won fourth overall. The winning Hip Hop routine "Nod Your Head" was choreographed by Kerri Walega of Gayle's DancePhase. The team members range in age from 8 to 12. This team also won a Gold Award for "I Want You Back," a tap dance. These young men work one evening a week on dance and they feel it makes them better athletes. These boys split their time between dance and sports that include travel lockey, travel soccer, travel baseball and football.

The 86-member production of Scooby won second overall grand champion. Tina Bishop lead a team of choreographers from Gayle's DancelPhase who created this routine. Dancers range in age from 3 to 20. This was the end to an excellent season which produced many awards for this group. The regional awards included Platinum and the "Odyssey Award" from Starquest in Livonia, first overall production from K.A.R. in Grand Rapids and first place platinum from Hall of Pame in Macomb. All the dancers are students at Gayle's DancePhase. Most participate on other dance teams at Gayle's DancePhase.

 Ali Evasic of Novi and Kelly Kakaley of Redford were selected out of over 300 dancers and awarded the Dance Carwam/Myrtle Beach Ballet Scholarships. Both girls currently study at Gayle's DancePhase in Wixom. This scholarship will allow both to attend a Professional Dance Teachers Association region-

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Special Edition team members range in age from nine to 13 and include: Novi-Patricia Anthony, Shannon Boyle, Kelli Jo Cesarz, Stephanie DeClerk, Lauren Evasic, Nicole Lang, Samantha Mattscheck and Alyssa Murray. Farmington Hills- Jennifer Bock and Madelyn Evasic. South Lyon- Maggie White and Stephanie Carson. Milan-Lauren Birdsong. Wixom- Ashley Burton. Milford- Mackenzie Zondlak. New Hudson-Naomi Nakamure.

al or national workshop to study with outstanding dance profession-

als.

• Adam Crain, age 18, of South Lyon was awarded the "Danny & Betty Hoctor Achievement Award". Adam was selected out of over 400

students participating on the advanced student level. Adam then traveled to Los Angeles to study with Paula Morgan at her intensive workshop. Crain won the only award given at the internediate level. This scholarship will allow

Adam to return to L.A. next summer to continue his training. Adam has been studying dance at Gayle's DancPhase in Wixom for the past 10 years. This fall Adam will be attending Western Michigan University on adance scholarship.

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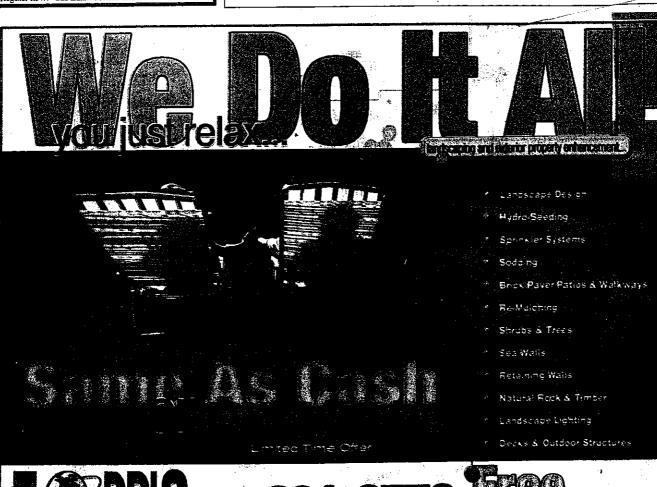
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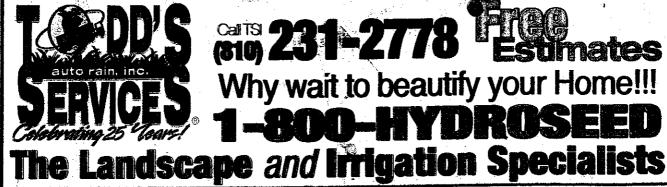
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Simpson crushes Chargers

Wildcat senior scores on kick-off to start second half

By Sam Eggleston

Talk about demoralizing a team with a single kick. The Novi Wildcats boys' soc-

The Novi Wildcats boys' soc-cer team started the season off on the right foot with a 41 vic-tory over non-conference for Livonia Churchill August 22. Leading 2-1 aft after the first half, the Wildcats were well aware that they needed to come up with something to shut the Chargers out for good — and that something came off the foot of senior Brad Simpson. "The most unusual thing hap-

"The most unusual thing hap-pened to start the second half," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "It was something I have never seen in my 10 years of coaching high school soccer.

Simpson and the 'Cats lined for the kickoff to start the second half, and when the referce blew the whistle to start the action the Churchill goalie was about 10 yards in front of the

A.W. Stanck tapped the ball back to Simpson, who fired a 60-yard shot right over the top of the Charger goalie's head and into the net. Needless to say, the goalie was not only surprised, he was shocked - as

was the rest of the team.
"That tok a lot of the fight out
of Churchill and demoralized
their spirits," O'Leary said. "Up until that point, the game was very even."

In fact, both teams had a slew

of chances to score in the first half. The Chargers were the first team to get on the board as they notched a goal halfway through the first half on an excellent set play for a corner kick, but the Wildeats wouldn't let their lead last long. Five minutes later, Colin Goldsmith tied the game as he took a short

"It was something I have never seen in my 10 vears of coaching high school soccer."

> Brian O'Leary Novi soccer coach

pass from Neil Kocan at the 45yard line and dribbled his way to the 20 and then blasted a low.

hard shot to the opposite post.
"It was great patience on
Colin's part to continue to possess the ball while defenders overplaying him to pass the "O'Leary said. "And, it was a perfectly placed shot.

Just three minutes later, the Wildcats took the lead in the game and never bothered to look back Hiroki Yamada took the ball and managed to draw defenders towards him before one-timing it to Matt Nickels, who blasted the shot home for the

who blasted the shot home for the 2-1 lead before the half.

"Hiroki did a good job of set-tling down our midfield when he came into the game as a sub," O'Leary said. "Up until his sub-stitution, we were not possessing the ball yery well." the ball very well.

The Wildcats iced the game on a final goal as Trey Love made a run with the ball from his defen-sive position to draw in a Churchill defender, A quick pass to Matt Simpson found the Wildcat one-on-one with the Charger goalie and Simpson managed to tuck the shot into the net

for the 4-1 victory.

Though the Wildeats 10-7 in the first half and 11-2 in the sec-

ond, it wasn't all victories for the soccer squad.

"Their size gave us a lot of trouble and every time they had a long throw-in into the box or a corner kick, they had a good opportunity to score," O'Leary said, "We are definitely going to have to improve that area of our game, defending against set plays close to our goal. Other than that, it was

a good first game for us,"

The Wildcats soccer team will be back in action today at 7 p.m. when they visit their Kensington Valley Conference rivals in the Howell Highlanders before hosting the Lakeland Eagles Sept, 4 at 7 p.m. in another KVC match-up.

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Will the Wildcats get a win?

MICROFILM WIP

Holy smokes — Friday night fever is here again. The Novi Wildcuts football team

will be kicking their season off in style with a home game as they host the Chelsea Bulldogs tomorrow night with a slated start time set at 6:55

As with any Novi sporting event, if you want a good seat, you bet-ter show up early. This year, the park ng situation is going to be a little different

Eggleston

as the school finds itself under construction in an expansion effort to help ease some of the conjection. What does that mean for you and me? Well, we're going to be walking a bit further to see our 'Cats play, that's all. If you want to know where to park, check out our related story by Ramez Khuri (See FRONT PAGE, A1). He made all kinds of calls and got the scoop on where your wheels should be come morrow night.

As far as the game goes, I'm expecting this one to be a barn burner. The Novi Wildcats find themselves in a situation where they have an outstanding quarter-back, a stellar backfield and an offensive line that is eager to sho they can handle the rushing tide of

Chelsea's blitzing linebackers.
The defense the Wildcats will bring to the game is going to be as tough as they come. With some depletion on the defensive front due to graduation, the Wildcats have revamped and reorganized the athletes they have in order to optimize their potential. Some dif-ferences that may be noted by the followers of the green in white include the once-linebacker Trenton Sisson will be taking a slot on the defensive line. Not to worry, Sisson, like all the Wildcats, is an athlete and will come out prepared and ready to

play.

Though most everyone who reads this column during the seasons knows that if I'm writing about it, I'm going to pick the Wildcats to win it. This column course, is no exception to that rule. I feel the Novi gridders have what it takes to earn a win in this con-test, and I'm not afraid to tell you why. Last year, the Bulldogs pulled out a victory in the expiring moments of the game thanks to their condition and determination. This year, Novi has prepped for that, and will be bringing one of the most conditioned squads they have ever had to the field. This year, the Wildcats sport some of their same old option that the Bulldogs have been prepping for based on what they played against in 2002, but the difference this year is when Novi wants to throw, they can throw and do it well.

I am expecting this game to be as tough as they come for both squads. Chelsea is a playoff participant practically every year, and they don't want 2003 to be any different. Novi, on the other hand, has the sweentess of last year's success still in their mouths and will be looking to repeat it — and that starts with some early victo-

So, basically, I'm putting it all on the line and calling the Wildcats the early winners in game. Now, don't expect Ch is going to read this and just forfeit the contest - the Novi football team is definitely going to have to work for their accolades. But, I have a gut feeling that none of the guys on the squad want to let me down and will come out ready to send some Bulldogs packing.

Novi 29. Chelsea 20

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



Heat won't slow 'Cats

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

Let's just start off by saying that it was plenty warm out for the Novi Wildcats August

In the beating afternoon sun, the Wildcats boys' cross country team took to their first competition of the year by competing in a scrimmage against the Northville against the Mustangs at

Boys' Cross "It's real-Country

y warm ut," Novi coach Bob Smith said after the event

"We've been practicing in the morning, so to switch to the afternoon like this was a small challenge for the guys." challenging indeed. The Wildcats found themselves running through the hilly course that the beautiful Cass

Benton provides with blue Benton provides with blue skies overhead and not a cloud to be seen. Not a bad day for a pienie, but a sizzling day for a 15-20 minute run.

"I think the guys did a good job today," Smith said. "I didn't know what to expect out of them with this being their first

them with this being their first

afternoon run, but they lived up to any expectations there In fact, the trio that looks to be the leaders of the Novi with the exact same times though they all timed their runs perfectly. Eric Joseph, who is quickly becoming a premier runner with Novi, and juniors Mark Moore and Amol Huprikar all finished their runs in 17 minutes, 35 seconds — not bad for their first time out in the sun.

Justin Namm was next in line, finishing the run in 18:12, while Scott Bergeson, a senior, ran to an 18:56. Eric Tingwall had a nice showing, finishing up the course in 19:04, while Nate Ouav

recorded a 20:37 on the day.

Freshman Mike Wheat ran
to a 21:15 finish, not too far ahead of teammate Darin Styles. Brad Spisich finished in 21:55, while Scott Wagner recorded a 22:02. Alex Prasad and Ricky Manza, both freshn, finished just two s is apart with a 22:06 an 22:08, respectively. Pat Carroll ran a 22:14 for the

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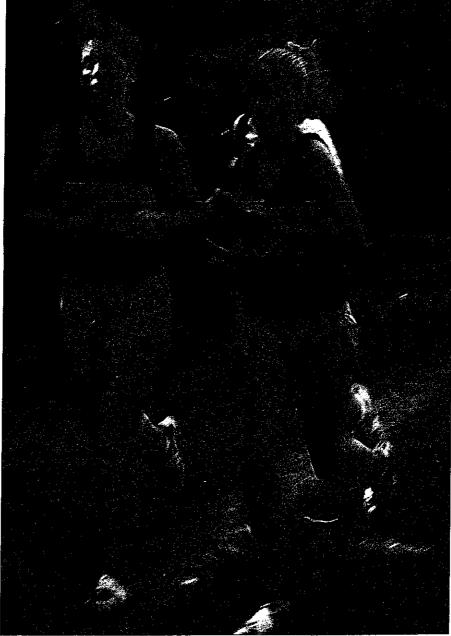


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The Novi girls' cross country team ran a good race in their scrimmage against Northville and Livonia Stevenson

They're setting the pace

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

Running against a tough team in your squad's scrimmage is always a good idea.

Yeah, maybe you don't always eam the most impressive finishing places, but when you go against tough teams like Northville and Livonia Stevenson, you're bound to

prove. The Novi Wildcats girls' cross country team took to the course at Cass Benton Park in order to do just that --- improve. And, the only way to measure how much needs to be done for a program is to measure it against competi-

Overall, the Wildcats fared well as they ran against two of the most promising programs from the Western Lakes Activities Association: Patti Ramos led the way for her squad, finishing the run in 21 minutes, 11 seconds to finish in third for the 'Cats. Laine Williams wasn't far behind her either as she run a 22-flat race

for seventh place. Taking eighth overall and fin-ishing in 22:08 was Laura Brunner, while Lauren Kava took ninth with a 22:11. Shannon Wagner came out strong, running a 22:44 for 12th place, while Lauren Perlin recorded a

either, as she ran a 22-flat race

The Wildcats found Katie Koss earning a 23:28 and an 18th place for her efforts, while Michelle Buelow finished in 23:40 for 19th and Andrea Kramer ran a 23:40 for 20th.

Taking 23rd for Novi was Julie Johnston, who completed the race in 23:54, while Sara Schmitt ran a 23:55 for 24th. Meghan Bannatz was 28th with a 24:20, and Melanic Burchard ran a 24:21 for 29th place to round out the top 30 finishers for Novi.

Also running in the scrim-mage were; Allie Sisson (24:27), Megan Stec (24:44), Erin Haynes (24:52), Erica Howard (24:52), Mandy Hawley (25:40),

Bielski (26:14), Katilin Zerio (26:14), Rose Xie (26:29), Danielle Styles (26:38), Julie Danielle Styles (26:38), Julie Thomson (26:41), Carla Morabito (26:44), Emily Barton (26:45), Leah Rice (26:49), Katie Harris (27:35), Allison Gilchrist (27:35), Cynthia Kazanis (28:30), Sammité Murilidhar (28:30), Denise Rowe (28:34), Katie Flanagan (30:21) and Emily Grzybowski (DNE).

The Wildcats return to action when they visit Howell September 4 at 4:30 p.m. before hosting Lakeland September 9 at 4:30 p.m. Both are Kensington Valley Conference meets. **.** \$

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Novi Football Golf Outing

The Novi Football team will have a fund-raising golf outing Sunday, Sept. 14 at the Links of Novi in order to help cover the costs of maintaining the football

Program.

The cost for the event is \$100. and includes golf, a cart, lunch, a dinner buffer and prizes. Participants will have plenty of chances for winning, including an exciting hole-in-one contest. For more information or to reg-

Fall Fast Pitch Instructional Softball League

For girls in 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th grades. Players will be placed on clearn by random selection and will be coached by the 2002-2003 varsity softball team. high school coaches, and club coaches. The season will consist of an instructional clinic, games and an end of season tournament All games will be played at Hillside Middle School or Northville High School on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings beginning Sept.13. Cost is \$85 per plave sept. 13. Cost is 36.1 per pa and will include a shirt. Registration will be held at Northville High School at the west end of the building, on Sept 5 from 4-6 p.m. and Sept. 6 from 10 a.m. to noon. Please call Coach Taryn at (248) 924-2482 or Dawn Mueller at (248) 449-4255 if you can't be at registration. Numbers are limited so call now!

Girls softball clinic

The Northville High School Varsity Soltball Program will be conducting a clinic for all 6th. 7th, 8th and 9th grade girls. The clinic will include stations focusing on hitting, fielding drills, throwing bunting, base

running/sliding and catching. Cost is \$20.

It will be held on Sept. 13 from 9 a.m. to noon at Northville High School, Registration will be held at Northville High School at the west end of the building on Sept.

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5 from 4-6 p.m. and Sept. 6 from 10 a.m. to noon. For more information, please call Coach Taryn at (248) 924-2482 or Dawn

Mueller at (248) 449-4255. **Novi Heat tryouts**

The Novi Heat travel baseball club is a division of Novi Youth baseball and are slated to organize 16U and 18U. The cost for the players is \$500-600 per player for

the season. Fund raising and sponsors may subsidize team expenses. Addition expense may secur if private instruction is used.

The teams will be holding try-outs Sept. 7 from 1-4 p.m. at Community Sports Park, which is located at Eight Mile Road and Nanier Road, Additional try-out sessions are to be decided

U10 Baseball try outs

The following are the dates for the U10 baseball teams are for both the A-team and the B-Team. For more information, call either Todd Williams (248-305-7282) or Mike Putman (248-347-0118) for

 Sept. 5 at 6 p.m. at Community Park #6 . Sept. 6 at noon at Henningsen . Sent. 7 at noon, at Community Park #6

Travel baseball tryouts

The Northville Baseball and Softball Association has announced its 2004 travel team tryout schedule. Below, the age for the players, the name of the coach, the number to call and the times and location are listed, All umbers are 248 area code unless

of 12/31/03 for girls and as of 7/31/04 for boys. Call the above

Boys Teams Joe Peraino (734-420-3995), try-

· 9-year-olds team, coached by

out is spring 2004 and the forma is House League plus

11-year-olds, coached by Scott Baldwin (348-1828) at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 5, 5 p.m. Sept. 6 and 4 m. Sept. 7 at Millenium Park 12-year-olds A team coached y Terry Mills (449-7425) at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 21 and Aug. 22 at Millenium Park

 12-vear-olds B team coached by Tom Close (348-7409) at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 21 and 22 at Millenium

 12-year-olds coached by Mark Fisher (347-3619) at 6 p.m. Aug. 22, 10 a.m. August 23 and 6 p.m. August 24 at Fish Hatchery

14-year-olds A team coached by Dominick Mitchell (734-420-5755) at 6 p.m. Aug. 23 and 2 p.m. August 24 at Millenium Park 14-year-olds B team coached by Tom Close (348-7409) at 6 p.m. August 23 and 2 p.m. August 24 at Millenium Park

 15-year-olds coached by Vince Marsico (734-464-6588), please call for information; 16 year olds coached by Carl Patterson (349-4973), please call for information: 18 year olds coached by Max Richl (380-9885), please call for information

Girls Teams
• 10-year-olds coached by Scott Combs (347-8914), please call for information

· 12-year-olds coached by David Cooke (734-420-1042) at 3 p.m. Sept. 7, 6:30 p.m. Sept. 10 and 1 p.m. Sept. 14 at

Community Park #6
• 14-year-olds coached by Mary Cicala (347-4598) at 2 p.m Sept. 7, 6 p.m. Sept. 11 and 2 p.m. Sept. 14 at Henningsen Park 16-year-olds coached by Stacey Badeen (380-2712), please call for information

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Get all your Wildcat sports action in the pages of the Novi News! Check back next week for football's opening game against the Chelsea Bulldogs and basketball's new start under coach Bill Kelp as the girls take on the always-tough Canton Chiefs!

Of Course! WILDCAT CALENDAR TUESDAY WEDNESDAY Pre-KVC course doesn't help teams keep strokes down as conference tries to figure out who's top dog

By Sam Egglestor

The way everyone sees it this year, the Kensington Valley Conference is as tight as it has ever been in golf. But, no matter the meet or the

tournament, there has to be just one victor, and for the Pre-KVC ournament, that victor

The Mayericks shot an impres sive 301 at the Preserve Golf Course — which is definitely not an easy task. The Preserve boasts design and plenty of traps for the

insuspecting golfer.

The traps and difficulty were evident in the final scores though. Brighton took second in the tournament with a 307, while the Novi Wildcats notehed third with 311. Hartland collected a 326 to finish in the middle of the pack. Howell and Pinckney tied with and South Lyon carded a 342.
"We played well on a very tough course, but Milford is hot

at the moment," Novi coach Brad Huss said. "We can beat any of these teams, but Milford and

"We can beat any of these teams, but Milford and Brighton are very good teams."

some of the toughest greens in the area, an incredibly difficult carded a 71 on the day. Brandon carded a 71 on the day. Brandon Cigna, Novi's top golfer, shot a 73 on the always-difficult course, team in the standard of the course, the course of the co while Brighton's Matt Lapham shot a 74. Kevin Erickson recorded a 75 for the Highlanders, while Novi's Eric Aytes notched a 76 to help the Wildcats to finish third

than we were last year and we 331, while Lakeland shot a 332 can still win the league," Huss

The other Wildcats that were essential in the third-place finish were Mark Eberline, who shot an 80. Brett Jaussi with an 82, Mike

willing to step up and produce when the need arises. "I was proud of Eric Aytes,"

Brad Huss Huss said. "A 76 in an excellent Novi golf coach score for the Preserve. And no matter where they play, Novi expects to be able to dig deep and pull out some com-

nitely been applaud worthy and

ows that he isn't missing a beat

Hoss said that though his

"I think we have the deepes team in the state," Huss said.
"We have six players who can shoot in the 70s."

The Wildcats will return to action when they visit Howell September 7 in a Kensington Valley Conference match-up on the day.

"We are still in better shape with a slated start time of 3:30 are the start of the of 3:30 are the start of the of 3:30 are the start of the start p.m. Following that meet, the Novi link squad will host Lakeland September 11 at 3:30

Matinez with an 82 and R.J.
Makoski, who carded an 83.

Makoski, who carded an 83. reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at Brighton are very good teams." Makoski, who carded an 83. reached at (248) 349-1700.

The Maverick's Tony Mango shot a 70 to lead all individuals past live tournaments have defisegleston@ht.homecomm.net.

p.m. in another KVC contest

win districts again

Warriors

Warriors base hall team spon sored by Marcucc Construction o

from last season to this one. He has shot a 73, 75, 73, 73 and a 71 over the last five tourneys he has participated in as a Wildcat. Wixom won the district champisquad looks to Cigna to lead them, other Wildcats are always onship for the & 16 year olds

They are #1 of 4 teams left competing for the state championship in Bay City Team members, left to right, Coach Tom Marcucci, Tony Marcucci, Herbie Herr, John Parvin, Sam Prentice, Pat Wemyss, Kevin Preville, Nick Coram, Pat Lackowicz, Nick Richard, Garett Peyton, Dan Wingblad, Steve Germond, Scott Payton, Coach Phi Peyton, Coach Doug Parvin.

10U Madness finishes 9th in nation

The 10U Novi Motor City Madness Fast went 5-2 in at the USSSA The teams overall seasor record was

feated in their league

30-6 and they

The members of the team are: Miranda Cleary, Deanna Wagner, Laine Farley, Leah The members of the team are, whatild clearly, bearing wagner, Earlie (are), bearing wagner, Earlie (are), bearing wagner, Frincis Copen, Katle Enright, Becky Reynolds, Heather Schramm, Erin Uhrlck, Danielle Valade, Meredith Williams, Francie Zoroya, Heidi Schmidt, Coach Phyllis Wagner, Alyssa Wagner, Deanie Cleary, Greg Sorrentino and Lindsey Sorrentino.

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Playing with the best around

■ Novi tennis team takes third in Okemos Invitational when they host Northville today

By Sam Eggleston

have to play the best. The Novi Wildcats girls' tennis team is well aware that the better the competition, the better you become by playing tha

competition. And, sometimes on the road to self-improvement, you don't finish first. The 'Cats took that in stride when they competed in the Okemos Invitational Tennis Tournament August 22 and tied for third place with a total of 15 points. Taking first in the

tournament was the Girls' Tennis Results always-strong Forest Hills North squad

North squad with a total of 17 points, while Midland Dow took second with Tying the Wildcats was Okemos, while Mattawan was Okemos, while Mattawan was fifth with 14 points, Holt was sixth with 10 and Brighton was eventh with five, Rounding out the teams participating was Flint Carman-Ainsworth with three points.

The Wildcats knew going into the contest that it wasn't going to be easy to come away with the win, and though they didn't earn the top spot, they had some impressive showings nonethe-

The fourth doubles duo o Amanda Cassidy and Kaylan Pustover took their flight cham-pionship by beatin, Forest Hills in a three-set match, 6-1, 6-4, 4-In two doubles, Diana Ticu and Lauren Vaughn earned their and Lauren Vaughn earned their championship as well as they topped Mattawan 6-3, 6-4. The one doubles team of Colene Brockman and Emily

Holt took third in their respec-tive flight by topping Holt 6-1, 6-4 in their final game, while Lauren Carosio took fourth in the two singles flight. Taking fifth was Ayana Nakamura in the fourth-singles flight, while the third doubles team of Lauren Thomas and Becky Thomson also earned a fifthplace finish.

Rounding out the Wildcat finishes were Ashley Glover and Anna Switzer, Both Wildcats finished sixth, with Glover com peting at one singles and Switzer playing at three singles. The Wildcats return to action



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Sam Eggleston is the sport

Jaguar Boys Win First Division

The U11 Novi Jaguars Green Boys finished an outstanding season in First Place in the Western Suburban Soccer League First Division. To add to that list of accomplishments, they finished in first place for their age group in the Northwest Ohio Soccer Tournament last August and the Global Soccer Tournament last September. Also, they were Indoor Regional Champions and finalists in the Novi Jaguar's Mother's Day Tournament

Mother's Day Tournament.

The team, from left to right, includes:Front row: Andrew Lumley, Michael Case, Cole
Borland, Ricky McCarthy, Michael MacDonald, Doug McGinn, Anthony Capatina,
Max McHugh and Kevin Zack. Second row: Coach Paul Tinnion, Jimmy Pitcher,
Max McHugh and Kevin Zack. wax menugn and Kevin Zack, Second row: Coach Paul Tinnon, Jiminy Pitcher, Chris Slack, Anuj Rama, Brandon Cameron, Jordan Jabborl, Nick Bowser, Ricky Enright, Nicholas Lewin and Coach Dave York.

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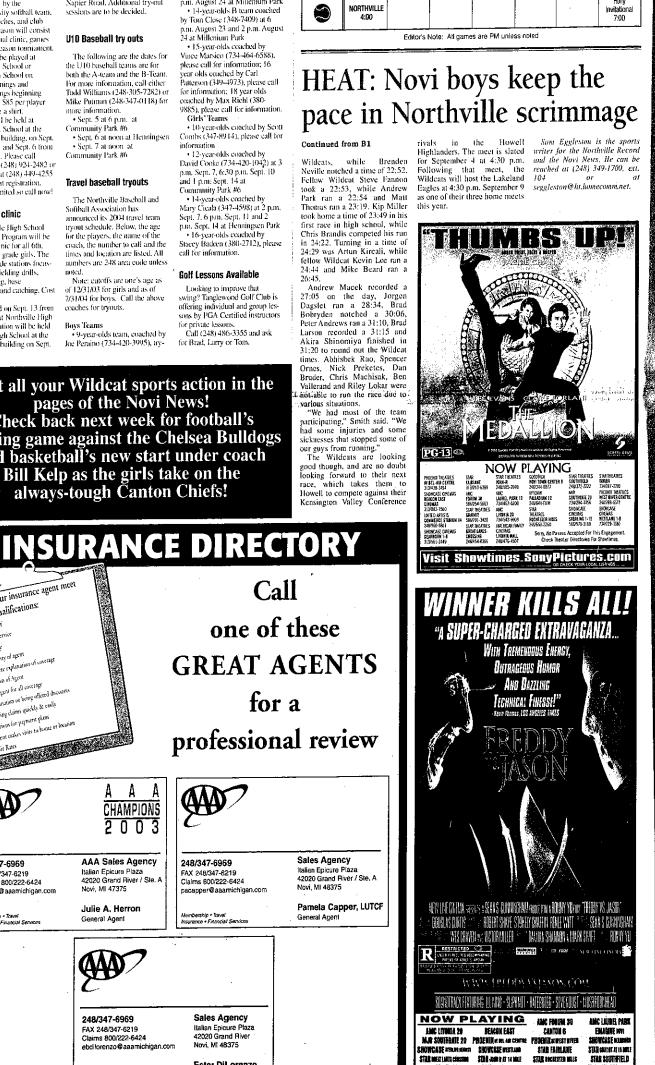
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HOME & GARDEN

Photos by Tom Wallace/Minneapois-St. Paul Star Tribune
Joseph Saavedra and Mark Michelson have spent hundreds of hours working the terraces and rolling landscape of their yard to devel-

Rebuilding gardens of the

Old World

Practicing techniques of ancient gardening in modern times reveals hidden treasures

house and buy what we like and bring it home." he said.
"We just followed the flow of the land and it told us
where the paths and plants would go."
Garden design may have come naturally to them, but

creating the gardens was grueling work. "There was not a hosta, fern or flower in this yard." Sawedra said. That first spring, they due up overgrown shrubs, trees and tons of buckthorn and discovered the lime-

stone. But the gardening had to wait.

First they had to had in truckloads of black dirt to fill

First they had to had in truckfoods of flacks of its fill in and raise the back yard, which sloped into a gully. The next project was a grand patio from which to view the even grander garden they would have someday. A landscape architect installed the striking three-circle brick design in the patio and showed the landscape novices how to rebuild the limestone walls.

"It was trial and error and more work than we har-

"It was trial and error and more work than we bar-

vt for," Saavedra said, "Watching HGTV helped,"

and woodland gardens to fuzzy-headed monarda in a summy plot. Their garden beds are so dense with plants, weeds don't stand a chance.

They never bothered with charting plants and drawing designs for their "screndipity garden," said Michelson. "We would go scronging in the green-boxes and buy what we like and brine it hours." he said readed and impatient and readers and the said that the transport of the many size of the said that the said the said that the said that the said the said that the said the s

During the yard renovation. Saavedra had a pond the garden has been here for 20 years."

open, sloping back yard of part sun, part shade, they were ready to plant. The inexperienced and impatient gardeners' only plan was to visit many nurseries and

blooming at the time and added plants all summer long." Michelson said. "That's how we learned what blooms when."

blooms when."

Today, their English-style perennial garden boasts dahlias, delphiniums, lilies, campanula, plume poppies, foxglove, Siberian irises, lamb's ears and artemista, which creates a combination of color and texture. And

they are experts at growing hostas (60 varieties) and

rns (12 varieties).

When he started buying plants, Michelson followed

people around at garden centers to see what they had.

The garden has that "fived-in look" they sought. "Our biggest compliment is when people ask if it was here when we moved in." Saavedra said. "They think

Garden Tips

let it grow in size slowly.

and have extras,

Joseph Saavedra and Mark Michelso

are some of the secrets to their garder

ing kit. For a successful garden, you need

■ Start small. Don't try to do a large gar den all at once. Start with a small space and

■ Get plant donations from gardening friends. People are always dividing plants

■ Plant closer together than the tags tell

no time. If areas get overcrowded, you can move plants, It keeps the weeds down, too.

■ Appreciate the texture and variety of

erns and iris leaves.

Recycle materials when you can. They

used bluestone from the old patio for a

walkway through the shade garden.

green folioge in the garden, such as hostas

a. You'll have a mature-looking garden in

lave your soil tested or buy a soil test-

Now people follow me around," he said.

"We went to garden centers and bought what was

FOR YOUR BOOKSHELF

Home, garden books can help scratch an itch

By Steve Edwards

NICHORAGE DAILY NEWS
When the sun starts shining, most gardeners start itching to get outside and get a bit dirty. For those stuck inside — or for those who pre-fer to do some planning before tackling big

projects — some reading material might help.
Here are some new offerings this year. Most are available at local bookstores or online.

"Breaking Ground: Garden Design Solutions From Ten Contemporary Masters."

Solutions From Ten Contemporary Masters," by Page Dickey; photographs by Erica Lennard (Artisan, \$24.95)
Dickey and Lennard take readers on a stunning trip around the United States and portions of Europe, looking at the handlwork of 10 of the top garden designers whose works span the globe, from the deserts around Phoenix, Ariz., to the rugged coast of Maine, to French gardens in Normandy and the famous Tuilteries in Paris.

Throughout the book, the gardeners share their ideas, goals and perspectives. While the

Throughout the book, the gardeners since their ideas, goals and perspectives. While the photographs throughout are stunning, this is not merely a coffee table book. As the designers discuss their favorite gardens — oftentimes their own — the reader gets the opportunes. tunity to explore and tap into years of experi

ence.

"The Art of Romantic Living: Simple Touches to Enhance Everyday Life" by Susan Wales (Thomas Nelson Publishers, \$19.99) wates (Thomas Neson) running a 1927/ touches on romanee in many aspects of life—including planting a romantic garden and choosing fabrics that enhance the aura of

In the chapter "Planning and Planting a Romantic Garden," Wales writes about her own experiences in the garden: "... As we indulged in the perfumed scent of the rose, he said, 'Years from now when we smell a rose, Thope it will remind us of the love we feel for

one another tonight."

■ "Slug Bread & Beheaded Thistles Amusing and Useful Techniques for Nontoxic Housekeeping and Gardening," by Ellen Sandbeck (Broadway Books, \$10.95)

Many homeowners and gardeners use toxic chemicals to get rid of odors or bugs. Sandbeck shares all-natural alternatives that are easy and effective. The book offers gardening tips on lawn care, healthy flowers. mulch, soil building and using recycled water Housekeeping tips include getting rid of pests like mosquitoes, laundry, alternative uses for kitchen ingredients and good houseplants.



How Does Your Garden Grow?

Gardens come in all shapes, sizes and styles, from simple rectangular flowerbeds to prawling areas overflowing with greenery.

Like our homes, our clothing or our vehi cles, gardens can be a way of expressing our-selves or showcasing our style. With a little thought and planning, anyone can create a garden that's a perfect match for his or her

personality.
Greg Georgakalis owns several Massachusetts garden centers, including Goldstar Nurseries, which caters to landscapers and developers. He offers the following advice for those wishing to design a unique

and beautiful garden:

Visualize. A good first step in designing your garden is to just take the time visualize the sorts of things you like. Imagine that you're painting a picture with the colors of

plants and flowers, and get some pleasing mental images in your head.

Get ideas. Another good plan is to start looking at other gardens for ideas. Check out ome books or magazines that showcase gar den photography or design and start figuring out what really appeals to you, or what might look good given the land you have to work

■ Purpose and uses. Spend some time thinking about what you want to use your garden for. Do you want a tranquil silting not, or do you want to create a pretty border for a lawn or play area? Do you want a cut-ting garden so you can always have fresh cut ers for the house, or would you prefer a vegetable garden for cooking? To properly atch form with function, you should kno your garden's purpose before you start

esigning it.

Express yourself. Georgakalis says the single most important thing to remember is that your garden should say something about you. Everyone's garden should be her own, so like the look of pink flowers side by side with purple, then go for it. It's your garden, so

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Harry Lauder's Walking Stick is a tree with a split personality.

Its summer persona is rather plain

By Lynn Underwood

MINNEAPOLIS ST. PAUL STAR THIBUNE
Joseph Saavedra and Mark Michelson wanted a gar-den that looked like it had existed for ages — and they

den that tooked like it had existed for ages — and mey wanted it now.

So in just three summers, they carved out a fern hill, a hosta glade, a pond with waterfalls, a serene Japanese garden and lush perennial beds on their 1-acre lot in Minneapolis.

But the ambitious, multi-tiered gardens might never have taken shape if the two hadn't uncovered "treasure" — piles of aged limestone in the overgrown back yard. "The old enumbling linestone walls made us realize-

"The old, crumbling limestone walls made us realize we could get that settled, aged look," Michelson said.

They fashioned a new garden with bones from the

old by rebuilding the limestone terraced beds along one

side of the back yard, planting shovelfuls of ground cover sedum to sprout between the cracks and putting in dozens of plants — any old plant — donated by

'Our motto is 'More is better,' not 'Less is more,'

joked Saavedra.

With that attitude, they've designed a free-form gar-

den that naturally flows from miniature weeping trees (evergreen, mulberry and pea) in the shaded Japanese

How their garden

Joseph Saavedra and Mark Michelson put plenty of sweat equity into creating their multi-tiered garden. Here's how their garden stacks up:

Amount of buckthorn

vi: two (mekload

20 bags each of compo

Soil needed to level the yard and build the patio: five truckloads

Annuals planted each spring:

• Perennials planted the first

How often perennials are

ransplanted: Constantly.

How often they weed the gar-

iment each spring:

stacks up

Soil amer

Clothed in limp, slightly crumpled leaves, it's a plant you'd walk by withpot and hide it among other plants for

But come December, winter strips the plant of its dowdy summer garb to reveal a twisted jumble of branches with gray-hown bark. In March, es of bright yellow catkins up to 8 inches long hang from the bare branches. This sight alone is worth liv-

A section of rebuilt wall made from salvaged limestone.

"Contorta" was discovered in the mid-1800s growing in a hedgerow in England. It is related to the European filbert, though it doesn't normally produce nuts. The plant gets its common had a collection of walking sticks made from unusually shaped tree

"As the plant ages, the branches become more intertwined, and it looks like a reflection of itself," said Warren corkscrew hazels now come grafted

Walking Stick is a tree with a split personality ing with the plant's common appearance for half the year.

Also called contorted filbert, con-

ance for half the year.

Also called contorted filbert, contorted hazel and corkscrew hazel, spreads up to 5 feet across. Classified wants rich soil and demands regular

It is typically grafted onto another rootstock, so suckering — shoots coming up from the rootstock — is a problem. The suckers are easily distinmished from the main plant by their straight stems. They need to be cut or they will overtake the plant. Some superintendent of the on a rootstock that does not sucker.



Lauder's Walking Stick. Photo by

MONEY

Fashion victims

Author exposes fad-driven industry

By Robert Trigaux

When Michelle K. Lee graduated six years ago from the University of South Florida, she dreamed of becoming a fashion editor at Vogue magazine in New York. She was soon on her way, with Big Apple

stints as an intern at Glamour, part of the original unch team at Cosmo Girl, a senior editor at Mademoiselle and other magazines.

But something happened along the way. Lee

quickly realized fashion journalism was anything but glitzy. And the fashion world she covered, while remarkable in its allure, increasingly was becoming a mass-market narcotic for the faddriven American consumer. Lee's career detoured when she decided to

Lee's career detoured when she decided to write an amusing and insightful expose of the fashion scene. Her book, "Fashion Victim: Our Love-Hate Relationship With Dressing, Shopping and the Cost of Style" (Broadway Books, \$24.95), is as much a spirited commentary on the American obsession with clothes shopping and trend chasting as it is a note at the hopping and trend chasing as it is a poke at the ashion world.

fashion world.

"We're a society hooked on — and bombarded with — fashion," Lee writes. Case in point:
once-pricey designer Mossimo's exclusive deal
with Target, which sold \$1-billion of his clothes
over the next three years. It's just one example of
the new mass marketing that Lee dubs
"MA-Fashion". "McFashion." Lee also takes cynical aim at fashion's tenden

cy to compress the cycle of what's hot and what's not. Style can change in months and, sometimes, in weeks (all aided by new manufacturing technology), she says, a turnover pace she calls 'speed chic."

Just who and what is a fashion victim? Lee's

definition is broad. Someone, she says, who "follows trends slavishly, a person who is not neces-sarily captivated by the beauty of a new garment so much as the mere novelty of it and the social

standing it conveys."

Sounds like a clotheshorse-meets-shopaholic.
It is, and more. It's the Hollywood startet dressed by Donatelia Versace and the small-town sales girl hopping on every fad at JCPenney, she says. It's the hipster with Prada sneakers and Hermes bag and the soccer morn with the faux-snakeskin pants and a bad Fendi knockoff.

And, lest any of us think we can evade the "fashion victim" label, it's "anyone who has ever looked back at old pictures and cringed."

FV's 10 COMMANDMENTS

Michelle Lee's "The Fashion Victim's Ten Commandments" are the ridicu-lous, yet compelling rules that, "with-out so much as a raised eyebrow," many people let rule their wardrobes. purchases, desires and "our own sense of self-worth." They include:

Thou shalt pay more to appear poor. You'll pay more for clothes that have that worn look. Writes Lee: "We buy easant blouses at faux-boho Anthropologie because we want to look like we churn butter on a farm in

Thou shalt covet useless utility. Who needs shirts with hoods, sleeveless polar fleece, the multitude of cargo pants pockets and extra buckles, zip-pers, Velcro closures, straps and

Thou shalt own minutely differing variations of the same thing. Doesn't everyone need a pair of sneakers for running, a pair for walking, a pair for shopping, a pair for going out, a pair for jeans and a pair for shorts?

Thou shalt believe submissively in the fashion label's reach. Buy the label, adopt the branded lifestyle. Do you prefer the world of Ralph Lauren, Calvin Klein, Donna Karan, Liz Claiborne, Nautica or Versace

Thou shalt require validation of thine own stylishness. If the people who see you don't ooh and aah, it could be time for a new wardrobe.

Thou shalt dress vicariously through Thou shalt dress vicarously university children and pets. As we dress to excess, so do many of our kids. And, increasingly, our pets. Hernes, Louis Vuitton, Prada, Salvatore Ferragamo and Gucci have lines of pet products.

Thou shalt feign athleticism. Most of our lives may take place between the kitchen, TV and work cubicle, but boy, do we want to dress like athletes and pro sports stars!

Thou shalt be a walking billboard. From the Polo emblem to the Nike swoosh, logornania dominates current fashions as a proud badge of

Thou shalt care about Paris Hilton's Gauitier micromini, Who's Paris Hilton? She (and sister Nicky) are part of the Junior Jet-set young socialities fashionista magazines.

Thou shalt want without seeing. Sell fashions by priching ads that don't show the product. Get it? Fashion ads, once strange enough, are getting more bizzare. But the same rule holds: Sex sells. Just close your eyes and baw. and buy.

With a Web site and a new book, Cheryl Demas connects with moms whose office is the family room

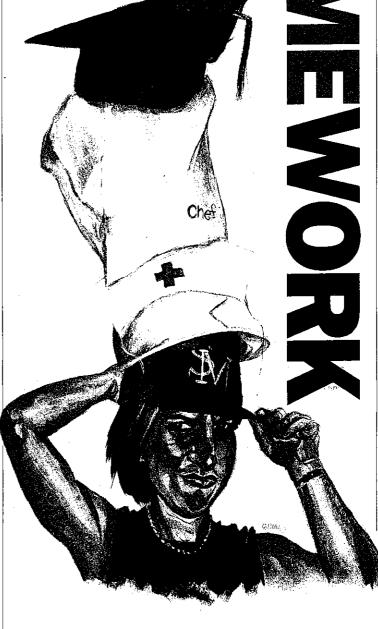


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peddling everything from crafts to

design skills to online content and

is an easy thing. If a mom gets a cor-ner office, it's likely in the crowded

corner of a family room, possibly in full view of the dirty dishes in the

Genuine balance is hard to find,

even for the most disciplined of work-at-home mons. The whole scene is a wondrous

description is essentially this to empower other women in work-at-home jobs.

When she started down this road, way back in

1994, it was out of pure necessity: Her youngest daughter, Dani, was born just three days after her older daughter, Nicki, was diagnosed with diabetes.

It was time to stay home. It was also time for an

"I was so used to being a student, and a (software) engineer, and all those things," Demas said. "I loved being a mom. But I'd always liked working, and I'd

always liked making money."

Not that life as an entrepremother

mercials where the woman is on a conference call to

By Don Bosley

Europe, and she's in her bunny slippers, and her tod-dler's playing quietly by her side," Demas says. "Everything looks so perfect, and it just wasn't the A flying purple gorilla is threatening to bring down Cheryl Demas' entire operation. And if you've ever had your operation threatened by a flying purple gorilla, you know how serious this can be. reality for me.
"The reality? Oh, the dog is barking, the baby is crying, the house is a wreck. Maybe there are people who have the bunny slippers and everybody's quiet, but I haven't heard from any of those people on the

gorilla, you know how serious this can be.

The little stuffed toy keeps buzzing Demas' work space, undoubtedly launched by one daughter and aimed at the other. Trouble is, the atiming mechanism is clearly faulty, so the little furry projectile keeps zipping past Demas' head and chair and keyboard in a corner of the family room.

Demas retrieves the gorilla each time and pitches it casually hack into the eignele nit. all the while talking and the standard of the standard of

Demas retrieves the gorne control that while talking opment or consulting. What's more, Demas estimates of Web site design and entrepreneuring nuances.

that roughly half of the WAHMs she sees have

"Mom's have

to be able to

multi-task."

Cheryl Demas.

of Web site design and entrepreneuring nuances.

In the exploding sisterhood of the WAHM, or Work-At-Home Mom, these are what you call mad job skill: individed attention to divided respon sibilities. No wonder Demas is con "I used to have the office back in

the bedroom," says Demas, a Folsom, Calif., mother of two and founder of WAHM.com, "But I found it's so much easier to be out here, in the

tion.
"Moms have to be able to multitask. I'm going to be interrupted any-way, so I might as well be out here so I can (handle it delight to Demas, whose own work-at-home job

ickly) and go back to work." Buoyed largely by the Internet, moms everywhere are finding new and sometimes lucrative ways to be at home with their children and still be in the work-

At last check, Demas says, her site was pulling At last check, Definas says, not are war painted down 3 million hits a month. Questions pour in from moms who want to know about everything from busi-ness marketing to potty-training, to business marketporty-training. It's one reason that Demas sed her book, "It's a Jungle Out There and a Zoo in Here" (Warner, \$14.95), for moms looking to identify, manage and balance their home business.

"The thing that really bothers me are the TV com

Trading down

Swapping annuities risks drawbacks

By Helen Huntley

If you own an annuity and are thinking about swapping it for a better one, watch out.

Many annuity salespeople promote what is known as a "1035 exchange." This is a provision of the tax code that makes it possible to swap one annuity for another or to trade a life insurance policy for an expunity without having to nay income icy for an annuity without having to pay income

But the fact that a transaction is tax-free does But the fact that a transaction is tax-rice does not automatically make it a good deal. Since annuities vary, the new product might be better or worse than the one you have. Even if it is better, it may not be enough of an improvement to justify the drawbacks of switching.

Read the fine print yourself or get help evaluation the suited from a more objective source than

ing the switch from a more objective source than the annuity salesperson. Remember that the per-son selling an annuity earns a commission. (And while you're at it, ask how much the commission

Also ask yourself whether you really need or want the touted benefits of the new annuity and whether they are worth the costs involved. Here are three points on which to compare the

Here are three points on which to compare the old and new annuities:

Surrender penalties. Will the exchange trigger a surrender penalty on your old annuity? What kind of surrender penalty does the new annuity have? By exchanging will you be locking up your money far longer than you would by retaining the old annuity? If it is a fixed annuity, does the surrender penalty last longer than the interest-rate render penalty last longer than the interest-rate

guarantee?

Fees and expenses. "Bonus" interest rates and other special features of the new annuity may be offset by higher costs.

Death benefit. Some variable annuities guarantee the initial numbase.

antee a death benefit based on the initial purchase price or on a higher market value attained after purchase. With the decline in the stock market, these annuities often have a death benefit higher than their contract value. If you exchange at the contract value, you give away the higher death

Don't count on regulators to protect you Although the Securities and Exchange Commission and the National Association of Securities Dealers are concerned about abuses in the sale of variable annuities, they usually step it after the damage has been done.

Smart rules for financial planners

By Loretta Kalb

The financial planning field is filled with wisdom and guidance for practitioners about performing honestly and in the best interests of

Reputable planners take such values serious-ty, holding to principles like those espoused by the Financial Planning Association.

Among them are integrity, competence, confidentiality and so on. But there are other standards that don't make the rounds of the professional Web sites or meeting rooms — the rules acquired in the course of many years of business. And these guideposts, acknowledged by the best with little fanfare, look like this:

Avoid working with drug users or dealers. You won't know where their money comes from. They won't stay the course when it

comes to long-term planning.

And they are nervous, even squirmy. It's hard for them to answer questions in a forthright

manner.

If your client is wealthy and wants to open an vestment account in order to hide assets from Uncle Sam, don't try to accommodate him

You needn't sever the relationship. Just wave the client off. After all, everybody makes mis-takes. And that's what professional guidance is all about, helping individuals keep the right course.

If the would-be client brings in a large

away.

There's a good chance you, as a financial plan. ner, will have to cope with the anti-money-laur

dering requirements of the Patriot Act, passed after Sept. 11, 2001. That act requires you to tell authorities when gobs of cash come in that are not easily traced.

Professional planners stress that unethical or illegal proposals are rare. Yet any one could prove disastrous if the planner doesn't invoke common

Several planners, for example, reported that they have been asked to manage offshore

said Steven De Jong, a certified financial planner in Sacramento, Calif. "As far as tax avoidance goes, we do nothing that gets close to tax evasion."

In fact, tax evasion seems to dominate instances in which a practitioner is asked to cross the legal

"There are times when people are trying to avoid taxes by not reporting something," said Carol Van Bruggen, a Sacramento CFP. "That is, if they take money out of an individual retirement ıave a (tax) penalty.

"Of course, I laugh and say, 'If I did that, how well would you trust me in handling the rest of your affairs? Then they laugh and chuckle, 'Yeah,

HEALTH & FITNESS

Michael Nguyen, age 1, offers a piece of chalk to Erik Keil, 8, as he and his twin sister Ashlyn Keil

Classic sidewalk games kids play could cut down on obesity, experts say

Story By Janet Simons ■ Photos By Ellen Jaskol ■ Scripps Howard News Service

sidewalk games, says spokeswoman Alaina Green.
"Sometimes no one thinks of these games because there's no ad campaign for four-square."

Green said, "But this isn't about fancy, expensive

dozen" toy list, agrees that parents should teach children basic recreational skills they can use throughout their

lives.
"It's a parent's responsibility to go

outside with their children and teach them how to play," Silver said, "Skate with them. Play ball with them. The

sidewalk chalk to draw a hopscotch

grid doesn't cost very much, but money doesn't buy fun and it doesn't buy coor-

lination. Only time and attention can

Parents may need to help children

properties program for cardiology at Children's

Hospital of Denver. "Children need to spend lots of time playing, and

return to old-fastioned, fun, inexpensive games such as four-square, hopscrotch, sidewalk games, says spokeswoman Alaimi Green. acks and jumping rope might help reverse trend toward childhood inactivity that's triggering huge increases in pediatric obe-sity and type 2 diabetes, say recreation and fitness

experts.

Blame it on a shortage of sidewalks, busy parents. or reluctance to let children roam freely, but home-schooled children aren't the only ones not learning how

aren't the only ones not learning how to play traditional sidewalk games.

Physical education teacher Shelly Rammer, president of the Colorado Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, says that two years ago, when an elementary school opened in Douglas County, Colo., only one child in any pointy, the property of the control of the color of the of her classes knew how to play hop-scotch, and only about a quarter of the children had played four-square. "It's a shame, because these games

find playmates once they have the basics down, says Marilyn Day, co-director of the are all great for children," Raemer said. Hopscotch builds core strength and balance. minutes that it would take 30 minutes of running to burn. Even racks belos kids with strategy, physical parents aren't likely to be able to keep them comconfidence and eve-hand coordination." pant;" Day said, "But no child is going to go out to the front sidewalk alone, draw a grid and play hop-scotch for hours. Adults may be OK jumping rope or running by themselves for exercise, but children

The Children's Museum of Denver offers out-door classes with old-fashioned games as a way to promote gross motor skills, teamwork and cognitive thinking abilities. By encouraging parents to play the games they played as children with their own

Thomson, 16, The Children's Museum of Denver, jumps rope with Amy Cheney and her





"It's too bad that so few children live in neighborhoods where children can get together in the front yards and play for hours," Day said. "If you live in a neighborhood like that, do your best to get the children together. If you don't, find a day camp or a recreation center or a YMCA where your child can play with other children."

toys, It's about sharing traditions and spending quality time together."

Jim Silver, eo-publisher of Toy Wishes magazine, which is known for its "hot

Raemer says it's most important for children to learn to think of exercise as fun.

"My greatest hope is that in 15 or 20 years, my children in the children i students will choose to be physically active because they enjoy it. Parents should be hoping for the same thing for their children.

Sidewalk sports

Hopscotch: Using a playing grid marked in squares, players take turns tossing markers into the squares and jumping through the pattern, then back

 Jacks: Players take turns tossing a small rubb ball into the air and scooping up jacks one at a time until all are picked up, then progressing to two at a time and continuing until all 15 jacks are grabbed in a time holden.

● Four-square: Four players take turns bouncil
ball to one another while standing on a square co divided into four squares. Although four squares in a 6-foot-by-6-foot court is optimal, the game also can he played with two people facing each other on side

• Jump-rope: While two players at each end of a rope turn it between them, one or more players take

Evans, 9, keeps the moving

around his



Photo by Cliff Grassmick/Scripps Howard News Service Kim Stubbs of Thornton, Colo., watches her new

Big rooms for the smallest patients

By Lisa Marshall PPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

It had been less than 24 hours since Lant Jacobs-Banner had given birth to ber son, Andrew, and mother and child were any-

hing but comfortable. Andrew, born with a brain disorder that causes seizures, lay Andrew, born with a brain disorder that causes seizures, lay alone in an isolette in a Denver neonatal intensive care unit, surrounded by white walls, beeping medical equipment and crying babies. His mom spent the night across the street from the hospital, tossing and turning at a boarding home for parents with sick children.

"When you are just postnatal, that feels like a really long walk," says Jacobs-Banner, 28, "It would have been nice if moms like us had a place to rest."

Come fall, they will.

When it opens in September, the new Boulder (Colo.)

Community Foothills Hospital will be the first hospital in the ation to replace its ward-style neonatal intensive care unit with a wing of private suites that new mothers can share with their special-needs infants. The sprawling accommodations come with a queen-sized bed and hot tub for Morn and an adjacent room full of state-of-the-art medical equipment for the baby. Once the mother is discharged as a maternity patient, she stays free as long as the baby is sick.

The moons signal a move away from the large, brightly lit rooms that have for decades been standard housing for premature or ill newborns. Research has shown that providing a quiet, priof it includents, a consideration and child to rest together can go a long way to promote bonding and increase the chances of normal brain development in the child. It also can help reduce medical errors by involving parents in the care early on, experts say.

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Hospital designers are slowly beginning to respond.

"This is the only place left in medicine where this old-style ward is still standard," says Laure Liske, director of women and family services at the current Boulder Community Hospital, "It's

this way because the babies can't speak up for themselves."

The new \$75 million hospital will feature six suites where a mother can lie in her bed and look over at her newborn, sit next to him in privacy, or - if she's tired - shut the door and ask the

nurse to keep watch.

The new hospital also will include 16 postpartum rooms for new moms and well babies, complete with queen-sized beds, views of the mountains and DVD players; a second emergency room, an eight-bed pediatric unit decorated in a summer-camp motif; and an office building housing most of the pediatricians

and ob/gyns in the county.

Beverly Johnson, president of Maryland-based non-profit
Institute for Family Centered Care, says that while the Boulder hospital is one of the first to provide such accommodations for sick newborns, more are soon to follow. "Of all of the changes occurring in health care design, the most dramatic is in newborn intensive care," she says, "Thank heavens."

Measuring brave new world of inheritance

By Kathleen Pender AN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

A California state legislator has introduced a bill that would give many children conceived and born in the state after a parent has died — thanks to fozen sperm or eggs — the same inheritance rights as other children.

Assemblyman Tom Harman, R- Huntington Beach, is taking a go-slow approach to give people plenty of time to think through the implications of his bill. The measure would, under certain me impreations of ins bill. The measure would, under certain conditions, give so-called posthumously conceived children the right to receive Social Security survivor benefits, says Warner Sinsheimer, an estate lawyer who helped draft the legislation. It also could prevent an estate from being distributed for up to two years if the nerson who died left "negation wasterfall" and mile.

two years if the person who died left "genetic material" and evi dence saying he or she would like the material to be used to produce a child who could be an heir.

The number of posthumously conceived children has been growing, and so has the debate over their inheritance rights. In at least four states, lawsuits have been filed seeking to collect Social Security survivor benefits for children conceived and born after the death of a parent.

The debate took on greater urgency amid reports that soldiers and sailors were freezing their sperm before shipping out to Iraq. Most said they wanted to be able to father children if a chemical attack left them sterile. But one 20-year-old military wife was quoted as saying, "I want my husband's legacy to carry on even if he doesn't come back."

If the doesn't come back.

Inheritance rights are determined by state laws. The Social
Security Administration looks to these laws to see if posthumously conceived children will receive the survivor benefits that go to children who lose a parent. Such kids get them in some

We've allowed benefits in four cases involving six children. and seven cases have been denied," says Mark Hinkle, an SSA

"The law right now in California says that in order to be treated as a child of a decedent, you have to be born-within 300 days of that person's death," says Sinsheimer. "There also has to be proof that you were the offspring of the deceased."

Under that law, a posthumously conceived child probably would not qualify for Social Security survivor benefits in California, Sinsheimer says, If Harman's bill became law, the child could, under certain conditions, qualify for survivor benefits and enjoy the same inheritance rights as other children.

Sinsheimer says he could envision scenarios where the pro-posed law would create an economic incentive to produce a child. "Let's assume my grandmother died 40 years ago and left a \$1 tes on my death and goes to my children. billion dust. It certains so in ny ceant and goes to my chaden. I die, and I don't have any children. But I have some sperm on deposit. My wife might want to use that sperm to have a child and be guardian of that \$1 billion-dollar inheritance for 18 years instead of having it go to my evil uncle or grandmother's favorite

Food

Charcoal vs. Gas grills

Americans love to barbecue outdoors, and there seem to be as many kinds of grills as there are foods to cook on them. Everybody has an opinion on what kind of grill is best, and most of these opinions center on the age-old battle between charcoal purists and propane gas enthusiasts. Is one really better than the

up in Mississippi and now works as a salesman at Barbecues Galore in Los Angeles, Here he offers his own opinions on charcoal vs. gas debate:

the charcoal vs. gas debate:

Flavor. There's no doubt that the classic American barbecue is one that heats the food with charcoal briquettes. Long before modern gas grills began to dominate the market, people were using charcoal to grill, and Pope still talks to customers who believe that the only way to get great barbecue flavor is by using charcoal can't deny that charcoal delivers fantastic Pope can't deny that charcoa derivers tantastic flavor, but he believes that you can do just as well with gas by using a medium to low heat.

Convenience. If, as Pope believes, you

can get the same flavor by using either char-coal or gas, then the next thing to consider is convenience. In this category, Pope thinks, gas grills are the clear winner. Compared to charcoal, gas grills are easier to start and easier to clean. They also deliver a consistent, reliable heat source that requires little maintenance to

deliver great results every time you cook.

Style and fun. Pope is clearly a champion of gas grills over charcoal, but the important thing is to have fun cooking and prepare great tasting food. Whether you're a traditionalist who loves to watch those briquettes get white hot or a fan of convenient modern technology, choose a grill to suit your style.

Pope also has some basic meat grilling tips:

Preheat. According to Pope, the first step in proper barbecue technique is to preheat your grill to between 350 and 400 degrees. ■ Sear steak. If you've got nice, 1-1/2-inch-thick steaks, you'll want to sear them on each side for about a minute and a half. This will

serve to seal in the meat's natural juices. Cook off flame. After scaring, move the steaks to the edge of the grill and cook over indirect heat. The heat that circulates inside your grill will cook the meat better than the direct flame will.

Chicken tips. Pope advises against searing chicken. Chicken needs to cook through and through until it's no longer pink inside. Searing will burn the skin and prevent the center from

long as you want before you put it on the grill, but if you want to use barbecue sauce while you cook, you should wait until the meat is almost done. Sauces tend to burn and turn black when cooked too long, so wait until the very end to brush on the sauce and just let i

■ Barbecues Galore; www.bbqgalore-online.com

■ The BBO Forum: www.rbib.com/rbib/rbjbboard/

Eatymologies

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To learn more

Those of you who are worth your salt are always ready to undertake a journey into the origin of common food expressions.

Read on for some comy expressions that you may find anter fishy. To which we say, "Baloney."

"Happy as a clam": The original phrase was "happy as a clam at high tide." Clams like to settle the may the dispute of a clam at high tide." into the mud; diggers can only get at them in low

"The proof is in the pudding": An abbreviated version of "the proof of the pudding is in the eating," i.e., the quality of a dessert is in the tast-.ng.
■ "To lay an egg": An egg's shape resembles a

zero. To lay an egg thus means to be scoreless.

"Just deserts": Notice there is only one "s" in

ing to deserve.

"To cut the mustard": A mispronunciation of the word "muster." To cut the muster is to pass ar

The big cheese": Derived in the U.S. via Britain circa 1890, The Urdu word for "thing" is "chiz." The British brought home the expression "the cheese" for the main, or best, thing.
""High on the hog". The best and most expensive cuts of ham come from the upper part of a

The Big Apple": Jazz musicians' slang for

an engagement was an "apple." Thus, a New York
City gig was "the big apple."

"Sour grapes": In one of Aesop's Fables, the fox can't reach the grapes high above him. He tell others they are sour to deny others the pleasure of

■ "A square meal": On Navy ships long ago, sailors were served meals on a square plate. The plates also had a raised edge called a "fiddle," so if the plate was overfilled, it was "on the fiddle."

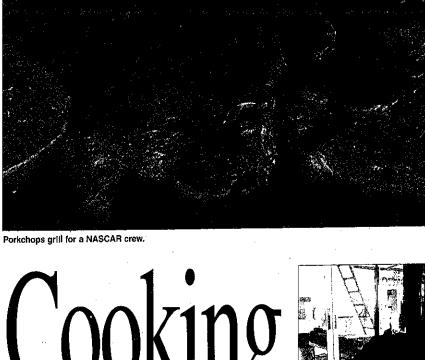
"Chew the fat": The limit used to chew on places of place by the fifthe number nass the time

pieces of whale blubber like gum to pass the time while in conversation. Other cultures used bacor The world is your oyster": Oysters have a

tough shell that seems impeneurable, but which actually opens quite easily once a muscle is severed, often to reveal a pearl. Thus this expression husted cars to the weather. for getting something of great value with ease.

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Sheila Lumpkin cooks for Evernham Motorsports' No. 9 and

NASCAR chefs keep racing teams fueled

STORY BY RUPEN FOFARIA 🖪 PHOTOS BY MICHAEL MCLOONE 📆 RALEIGH NEWS & OBSERVER her team craved. The on-track preparation

checking on some baking potatoes. Arvis
Zimbelmann saw the
rush of activity from the corner of his eye.

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About 20 yards away, 10 men were
hurtling his way, pushing a 750-horsepower crumpled heap of sheet metal.

Without flinching, he showed the meat
to the side of the grill, secured all the loose
items and heaved it to the side. Then he
threw off his oven mitts and rushed carride
to lend a helping hand on the No. 40
Decks berguid driven by NASCAR star

Dodge Intrepid driven by NASCAR star Sterling Marlin. All in a 13-hour day's work, he says. Zimbelmann and his colleagues don't have just any culinary gig — this is cook-ing in the fast lane. Pushing 3,000-pound vehicles, toting 100-pound tools, spending four hours banging fenders with other

And it's NASCAR's band of cooks one employed by almost every team on the circuit — who have the difficult duty of

fueling big-time stock car racing.
It takes speed, It takes mobility, It takes creativity. And it takes that insatiable

nunger to teed.
"Nobody's going to say they re starving around me," Zimbelmann said.
The time commitment alone makes this an ardunus job. Winston Cup racing takes up about 40 out of 52 weeks a year. And

race teams are always on the move — only twice is the series in the same location for a two-week period.

Add to that the fact that a crewman or race car driver needs his hot dog or pork tenderloin the instant he shows up at the grill - lest he be late for getting a car to technical inspection or to run qualifying laps - and the task becomes even more

daunting.
"I think it's challenging — which is what I like about it," said Lisa Marie Freeman, NASCAR's executive chef. No matter whom they're feeding, the NASCAR cooks can handle the curves from teams raiding the garage area with

busted cars to the weather.

During a recent race weekend, Sheila Lumpkin, who cooks for Evernham Motorsports, fought gusting winds and pelting rain to create the culinary delights

her team craved. The on-track preparation for a Sunday race was temporarily halted by rain, but the race teams were still at work — and working up appetites. "They don't stop," she said. "They're always on the go, so the food has to be ready, no matter what."

For Lumpkin, Zimbelmann and the rest, the price workend extrally begins on

For Lumpkin, Zumbelmann and the rest, the race weekend actually begins on Wednesday with a trip to the grocery store. Budget isn't usually their biggest concern; they spend upward of \$400, depending on how many people they need to feed.

Their real concern is the quality of the products they purchase. Food poisoning would be disastrous for them and their teams so that show at ladgest they tries!

teams, so they shop at places they trust.

On Thursdays, the food is loaded onto the team hauler and transported to the racetrack. For a typical race weekend, which starts on Friday with morning prac-

tices and runs through Sunday's afternoon race, the job begins at 6 a.m. sharp, when drivers and servicing race cars in less than the racetrack's garage opens. About 7 a.m., Zimbelmann fires up his customized grill. As his bacon sizzles, Zimbelmann cleans the inside of the team hauler. By about 8 a.m., his drivers and

crewmen are stopping by for breakfast. Once everyone has finished eating, he cleans the grill, gets the food out for lunch and goes right back to cooking.

"Something's always on the grill," he said. "It's never off, and it's never empty. Saturdays are about the same. Sunday race days start carlier and end even later.

Lumpkin and Freeman have similar

weekends. Lumpkin uses some of that time to see what other cooks are preparing and to ask for recipes.
"We're all friends," Zimbelmann said.

"We're a traveling circus. If somebody runs out of something this week, I'll help them. I run out of something next week, they'll help me. We have some fun with each other, but we help out."

While the team cooks usually have only

grills for their meals, Freeman's NASCAR hauler is equipped with almost a full There Freeman, a culinary school grad

uate who specializes in preparing wild game, makes more than 500 meals a weekend. And they're low-fat. She prides herself on using lean, fresh cuts of meat and keeping lots of fruits and veggies on hand. She consults a nutritionist before each race to create a healthy menu that will take advantage of local food specialties.

"We work together," she said of the about what we're doing. I'm still learning. I don't think I'll ever stop learning.



Arvis Zimbelmann works on the grill for NASCAR star Sterling Marlin's team.

Pit Stop Recipes

GRILLED PORK TENDERLOIN

2 cups fresh mandarin orange segments 2 pork tenderloins (about 3 pounds total) 2 lablespoons extra virgin olive oil

Salt and pepper

Salt and papper
2 tablespoons fresh thyme, chopped fine, or 1
tablespoon dried thyme
Carve away peel and pith of oranges and slice
oranges into segments, leaving behind the membrane in between. Squeeze juices of the pulp into
a bowl. Drop squeezed segments into bowl. 100.
Set astide

Rinse tenderloins in cold water and pat dry. Remove any excess fat. Rub tenderloins with olive oil. Lightly season with salt and pepper and put into non-reactive dish or scalable plastic bag. Pour reserved orange segments and juice on top of tenderloins. Sprinkle on thyme, Let marinate

for at least 8 hours.

(You can prepare the recipe ahead up to this point and store in a zipper-tip plastic bag. Place on ice until you're ready to cook.)
Remove, add a little more salt and pepper, if desired, and grill over medium-high beat until desired doneness, 25 to 30 minutes for an inter-nal temperature of 165 degrees. Turn meat often so that it doesn't dry out like leather, using tongs to prevent losing all the wonderful juices. Remove from grill and let rest about 5 minutes

before slicing into about 1/4-inch thick slices Serve warm or chill and use for delicious sand-

Variation: Adventurous cooks can substitute wild boar for pork tenderloin.

Lisa Marie Freeman recommends using fresh mandarin oranges, but says you can use a good quality of canned mandarin oranges if your time

SOURCE: NASCAR EXECUTIVE CHEF LISA MARIE

SHEILA'S SPECIAL TENDERLOINS 2/3 cup light soy sauce

2 teaspoons dry mustard 2 teaspoons ginger 2 pork tenderloins (about 4 pounds total) In a sealable plastic bag, combine soy sauce,

oil, molasses, mustard and ginger. Add tenderloins and refrigerate in marinade overnight.

Remove from marinade and cook over low heat for approximately 45 minutes

Sheila Lumpkin usually cooks 28 tenderloins SOURCE: SHEILA LUMPKIN OF EVERNHAM

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Tips for turning down your volume of spam

Spam. It's the informal word for Unsolicited Commercial E-mail (UCE), the formal term for the junk that drowns out normal Internet discourse.

The word has a strong foothold in the popular lexicon. When I asked five coworkers recently to tell me the first word that popped into their heads when I said "sparm," four of them said e-mail or pop ups. Even a loyal SPAM fan said she thought of junk e-mail and cet the mest

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According to a recent online poll by CBS.Market/Watch.com, 74 percent of consumers surveyed said they want a do not e-mail list moduled after the De Not CO. eled after the Do Not Call registry. But experts say that a do not e-mail list won't solve the problem of sparn because of two reasons: the majority of spammers are deceptive and they likely wouldn't com-ply with the list and secondly, it's very difficult to track down the companies that violate the list. Some bulk e-mail spammers. according to Consumer Reports magazine, use proxy servers based in places like the Ukraine, Singapore and China to hide their

How are spammers getting our e-mail addresses? According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), spammers use special computer programs called "harvesting soft-ware" to search chal rooms, Internet pages, newsgroups, resumes and a host of other Web forums. Anything that contains the "@" is fair game.

What you can do

le the junk e-mail filters offered by your Internet Service Providers (ISP) should be first in your spam blocking line of defense, there are proactive steps you can take to protect your e-mail address from harvesting programs.

Here are some ideas from the FTC:

Use a separate screen name for

chatting. If you use Internet chat rooms, create a screen name that's not associated with your e-mail address and use only that name.

 Sct up two e-mail addresses. Give one to your friends and family and use the other for everything else. SparnMotel.com enables you to set up free disposable forwarding addresses you can use for Internet purchases, chat rooms and for posting on public Web pages. When a sparnmer sends e-mail to your disposable address, the message is forwarded to your actual e-mail address along with information like when the address was created, how many e-mails you've received from that sender and the date the sender last sent you email. You can go in at any time and delete the address.

 Use a unique e-mail address like jim2jackson47@...com. Spammers often use "dictionary" attacks. This is the practice of sending messages to many address-es using various letter and number combinations, such as Jack1 or Jack2, etc. And unless you know the sender, don't reply to their offer to take you off their list; it's just a

ploy to see if your address is valid. In addition to employing these strategies, Consumer Reports advises consumers not to disclose their address to any site without first reviewing its privacy policy. And don't forget to uncheck "check boxes" that grant the site or its partners permission to send you information on products or services you didn't request. One more thing, try to avoid forwarding chain letters, petitions, personal accounts from people you don't know or warnings, thes ploy by spammers to get your

In the meantime, what can you do about the spam in your e-mail box? Forward it to your ISP, says the FTC. Often your ISP's e-mail abuse address is abuse@yourisp-name.com or postmaster@yourispname.com. Include a copy of the spam, along with the full e-mail header, and at the top of your mes sage state that you're complaining about being spammed. Also report spam to the FTC at uce@ftc.gov. The FTC uses e-mails in this database to pursue legal enforcement action against fraudulent spam-

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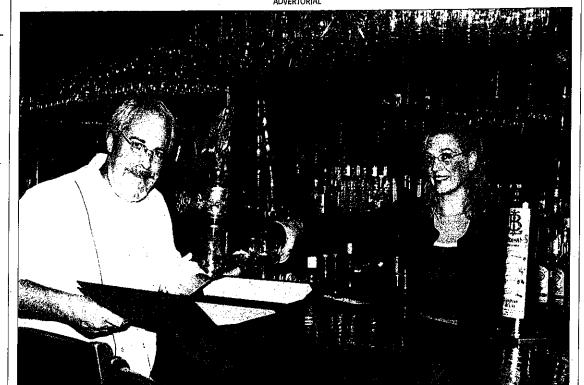


Photo by Jim Farkas

Michelle Flanagan, hostess and bartender, pours a refreshing glass of wine for chef/owner Tom Mackinnon.

Dine exquisitely at one of Northville's oldest eateries

By Jim Farkas

Those who live in and around Northville are familiar with Mackinnon's Restaurant and Catering, located amongst the quaint little shops on Main Street. Twenty-two years at the same location makes same location makes Mackinnon's one of Northville's oldest eateries.

Tom Mackinnon, chef and owner, says he knew at a very early age that food preparation and, ultimately, restaurateur were to be his destiny. Mackinnon was born and

raised in Farmington Hills and following high school, attend-ed The Culinary Arts Program at Schoolcraft College with additional studies perfecting his art in Belgium and France at five-star restaurants and

at the state and a safe pastry shops.

A part of his working experience included "cooking for a king, a president and a long list of celebrities," said Mackinnon. He has been referred to as The Rock-n-Roll Caterer, associating with referred to as The Rock-n-Rou Caterer, associating with names such as Paul McCartney, Rod Stewart, Bob Seger and hosting elegant din-

Kobe beef filet mignon and Mackinnon's house salad are complemented by a bottle of fine red wine.

ners for President Clinton's Town Hall Event, Governor Engler's Inaugural Host Party and the cast from N.Y.P.D. Blue, to name a few.

When Mackinnon was ready to set down roots, he turned to his friend and established restaurateur Joe Muir for guidance and advice for what was to become Mackinnon's Restaurant and Catering of Northville.

After his first successful year in the restaurant business, being the innovator that he is, Mackinnon brought his knowledge, training and experience to local Detroit television with featured culinary programs during the '80s and '90s such as "The No Nonsense Chef"

as "The No Nonsense Chei" and "Gournet On-The-Go." Today, one can find Mackinnon on Thursday afternoons on Fox 2 Detroit's show "Mackinnon's Menu," presenting enlightening culinary tips and exceptional recipes to try at home in one's own kitchen. Mackingon has surrounded

Mackinnon has surrounded himself with personable and talented people, including his son, Ian, who has earned his way to head chef under dad's expert tutelage and guidance. Of his 30 staff members, some have been with him for as long have been within for as not say. Ken Mackinnon attends col-lege and assists part-time while the youngest son, Dan, is still in grade school. "He wants to be a soccer star," said Mackinnon.

The many awards for recognition include being featured in Conde Nast Traveler Magazine as One of the Top 250 Restaurants in America ne Top 10 Michigan, and One of the

according Magazine. Mackinnon said his restaurant and will also be featured in this fall's issue of Midwest Living Magazine.

Upon entering, one discovers the ambiance to be distinctly European in nature.

Low lighting, dark woods, candlelit tables with stained glass hanging lamps above. The cozy bar has high-backed stools for comfort and relax-

When asked, do you have a Happy Hour? "We're always happy," said Mackinnon. All-in-all, one finds an air of casu-

m-all, one linds an air of casu-al elegance.

On these warm summer evenings you may choose to dine on the back patio amongst coconuts and palm trees and enjoy live entertainment.

For one's dining pleasure, Mackinnon's offers a broad, esclectic menu of favorites and

eclectic menu of favorites and house specialties, including mouth-watering kobe tender-loin steak, organically raised, piedmont beef, live Maine lobster or the house specialty, Mackinnon's Blown-up Duck. (Try it, you'll like it.)

The list of unique tasting experiences is endless and

designed to fulfill any appetite. All entrees include soup or salad and a bread basket. Enjoy a glass of your favorite imported red wine with your steak. Appetizers and desserts are a must. Take the time to treat your taste-buds; your palate will thank

you. Every Mackinnon's features a \$35per-person, full-course wine dinner which includes 11 dif-10 ferent wine tasting samples.
igan, "An exceptional value," said

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For a quick, lite lunch on the run, there is the special salad, sandwich and entree menu to select from. Oh, by the way, Mackinnon's even accepts reservations.

Another important facet of Mackinnon's is the extensive catering services they can procatering services they can pro-vide for any occasion from small birthday parties and weddings to large corporate banquets, luncheons and for-mal dinners. Mackinnon tells of the 2,000 people from the University of Michigan Alumni banquet and a home-owners association dinner for 5,000 neonle they have previ-5,000 people they have previ-ously catered for. They can even provide decorations, themes and, of course, wait

So whether it's a delicious Inncheon, a catered event or a romantic evening dinner, you can expect to be treated like a ence you won't quickly forget.

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