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Visions Spa Salon hairdresser

Kristýn Kerr, left, performs her magic on the hair of customer Patty Less last Friday morning in

Visions' brand-new location on Beck Rd. south of Grand River

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### Hospitals still at odds over bed transfers **GREEN SHEET**

Long court fight expected

#### By Phil Foley STAFF WRITER

It could be a couple of weeks, it could be a couple of months, but Courto de la courte of months, ou one thing's for certain – no matter how an Ingham County Circuit Court judge rules on the consitu-tionality of legislation passed last year that would allow St. Johns Health System to transform its Providence Hospital and Medical Centers Novi Campus into a full-Providence Hospital and Medical Centers Novi Campus into a full-service hospital, both sides will be headed back to court. Lawyers for St. Johns and the Heary Ford Health System

schared off against lawyers repre-

Saginaw; Farmington's Botsford General Hospital; and Mt. Hospital; and Mt. Clemens General Hospital in front of

Judge James Gidding in Lansing last Thursday for about and hour and a half. St. Johns and Henry Ford have been at odds with the other hospital groups since last December when the state legislature passed a law drawn up by State Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) that would have allowed Providence, Henry Ford and the Detroit Medical Center to move beds from their linancially-



Hospital. Attorneys for the hospital groups opposed to these plays contend that Cassis' legislation is an unconstitutional end run around the state's 30-year-old cer-

tificate of need process. Spokesmen for St. Johns and Henry Ford counter that their

use the process to block competi-tion in the lucrative suburban

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market. On Oct. 7 the state's Certificate of Need Commission voted 7-4 to not set standards for moving beds within the state's hospital dis-tricts, a move some say would have made moot last Thursday's

hearing in front of Judge Giddings. While unhappy with the com-mission's lack of action, Cassis said she still believes in the CON process. She noted that while total deregulation "works in theory, in reality there are a lot of prob-lems." She pointed to the massive blackout this summer and this winter's expected rise in natural gas prices as examples of deregu-

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#### Fashionable fund-raising

Young models dance at the end of the first fashion show Sunday afternoon for the "American Girl Fashlon Show' fund-raiser at the Novi Civic Center. The show, to raise funds for Type I Diabetes insulin pump programs at William Beaumont Hospital, featured local young girls wearing fashions from the American Girl line. In addition to funds collected at the door, and rafiles throughout the day, American Girl pledged 5 percent of sales of their clothing line purchased by show-goers to the William Beaumont program.



School District is dealing with the district's new "Reframing for the Future" theme. Deerfield Elementary was chosen this week.

Reframing for the future, according to Novi Schools Superintendent Emmett Lippe, involves:

realigning curriculum to fit with what is assessed on the MEAP test;

• making sure each and every child in every school under-stands the material being taught: and

making sure that the children are learning in a comfort-able environment. Deerfield Principal Richard

Njus believes that's all fine and dandy, but he does have one major concern with it. He hopes that while his school is reframing, that he and his staff stay focused on the task at hand. He wants his teachers to keep per-spective and not just to try to graduate a brain out of Deerfield, but to try to graduate whole child.

Since day one, Deerfield has worked very hard on keeping in line with goals and objectives and benchmarks for the state and incorrelation with Novi's curriculum. The school's cur-riculum is the same as the rest of Novi's, so it is very much in line with what it's doing as a district in addressing "No Child Left Behind, the standards and expectations that go along with that and "Education Yes" for the

state. "We're looking at how our

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# MDOT set to award contract for Beck Road bridge replacement

#### By Phil Foley FE WRITER

Work on the long awaited Beck

Note that the the second parameter of the second begin before the snow files, but just barely. The Michigan Department of Transportation opened bids for the first phase of the project Oct 3. Prince Bridge & Marine LTD of was the apparent low bidder at \$4.76 million. That was 8.51 percent below the state engineering estimate of 5.2 million and \$1.22 million below the high bidder, Williamstonbased Midwest Bridge Company, which came in at \$5.98 million. Work on the deck portion of the eck Road Bridge over I-96, said Beck an MDOT spokesman, is supposed to be completed just shy of a year from now. That is expected to be followed by ramp contsruction. "This is very good news for us," said Blair Bowman, president of the Novi Expo Center. Bowman's firm plans to be in front of the Novi Planning Commission early Novi Expo Center and plans for a new Novi Expo Center and plans to have it open by spring 2005. Plans to replace the aging

when Gov. Jennifer Granholm canceled 34 road projects across the state, including the replace-ment of the Beck and Wixom Road bridges over 1-96, that had been originally approved as part of former Gov. John Engler's Build

Michigan III program. The move outraged Novi city



competitors are simply trying to

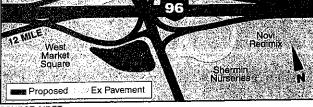
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bridge ground to a halt last spring

officials, who had urged city vot-ers in 2002 to approve \$18 million in road bonds, a third of which was earmarked to help fund the project. It also upset officials at the Road Commission for Oakland County, who complained they had been pressured by state road officials to move up their time table for improvements to Grand River Avenue between Beck and Wixom roads in order to facilitate the bridge project.

In July, after months of acrimo-In July, after months of acrimo-ny between the governor's office and Novi's legislative delegation, Gov. Granholm announced she was putting 16 of the 34 projects she had originally cancelled, including the Beck Road bridge, back in the pipeline.

MDOT spokesman Rob Morosi said that while some work could begin before the end of this year's construction season, "I don't foresee any monumental groundbreak-



SOURCE: MDOT

ing." MDOT isn't expected to offi-cially award the contract until the end of the month, and with the onset of freezing temperatures, all road contruction is expected to road contruction is expected to grind to a halt by Thanksgiving. Still, State Sen. Nancy Cassis

said she's pleased the project finally move forward. "People finally move forward. "People have been waiting more than 10

years for this. I can hardly wait for

it to begin." Sen. Cassis added she's pleased the project came in under budget. "I always applaud things that come in under estimates."

Contstuction of the bridge deck Construction of the bridge deck over I-96 is not expected to ham-per traffic on Beck Road. However, once construction begins on the interchange, traffic is expected to be diverted to Wixom Road. Work on the inter-change is expected to take eight months to complete, once the bridge deck is finished.

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#### Hospitals still at odds | Prevent fires – follow these tips over transfer of beds By Arthur R. Lenaghan home fire safety.

process, "you take a risk - and if The "Great Chicago Fire" you make a bad decision, you live with it." burned out of control for three days on Peg Reihmer, vice president of planning marketing and d velop-ment at Botsford, countered that it's consumers who live with the result of bad decisions. She noted October 7, 8



of dust and cobwebs. The detector will usually emit short beeps when batteries begin to lose power. Replace dead batteries claimed another 800 lives. Both fires recorded our largest loss of lives in fire history. immediately.

tragedies, we From these 2. Practice EDITH - Exit Drills In The Home learned the need for fire prevention. President Woodrow Wilson declared the day of these firce Fire Prevention Day. In 1922 Fire Design an escape plan for the family. Make sure special provi-sions are made for infants, elderly and barefuenced assesses. A larger Prevention Week was proclaimed by President Warren Hardiog. and handicapped persons. Always always to be observed during the week in which Oct. 9 falls. Being safe from fire in the have two ways out of any room, including basements, in case smoke or flames make one way unusable. Be sure that everyone knows where to go when they get home is no easy job. It takes a conscious effort on the part of all members of the family, from the youngest to the oldest. To help out of the house. Pick a place for everyone to meet. Never go back into a building that is on fire. In an apartment building, use only the youngest to the oldest. To help your family work at fire safety in the home, the Maria the home, the Novi Fire Department has these tips for stairs as an exit, never an elevator.

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grease catches fire, place a lid over the pan to smother the fire; 3. A match is a tool Matches and lighters are tools for adults. Keep them where chil-dren cannot reach them. Teach turn off the burner. Never throw 1. Install and maintain smoke water or anything else onto a grease fire. Make sure pot handles are turned inward so that they detectors Install at least one smoke detecchildren to give matches and lighters to adults. tor on every level of your home; can't be accidentally tipped over. this includes the basement. There

> the flames. Cover your face with your hands to protect the face. Practice this with young children

5. Crawł tow in smoke Snucke is hot from the tire. This will make it rise to the highest part of your house, around the ceiling. That is why you crawl low in smoke. The cleanest air is

6. Smokers need watchers

4. Stop, drop and roll

5. Crawl low in smoke

regularly.

near the floor.

should be one outside each sleep-ing area. In apartment buildings, there should be a smoke detector

In each apartment. Install, test and maintain smoke detectors according to the manu-facturer's directions. Keep the

face of the detector clean and free

in each apartment.

4. Stop, drop and roll If your clothes should ever eatch on fire, stop wherever you are, drop to the floor or ground, and roll over and over to smother 8. Practice safety with elec-

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tricity If an appliance gives off smoke or a burning odor, unplug it immediately and have it repaired or replaced. Check the cords on or replaced, Check the cords of appliances; have cords replaced if they are frayed or broken. Do not place extension cords under rugs or in other places where they may be stepped on and broken. If you replace a blown fuse, make sure new fuse is of the same amperage.

Arthur R. Lenaghan has been Novi's fire chief for 25 years. His fire fighting career began in 1959 in Stillwater, Okla., where he served as a firefighter while a student majoring in fire protection at Okluhoma State. After three years in the U.S. Army, Lenaghan spent 12 years with the Livonia Fire rtment and two years with Ann Arbor Fire Department

Make sure smokers extinguish eigarcties in large, deep ashtrays. Empty the ashtrays into the toilet. Check under the sofa and chair cushions for eigarette butts before going to bed. Never smoke in bed. 7. Be careful when cooking hefore coming to Nov Always pay complete attention when cooking at the stove. Keep you children out of the way. If





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deregulating the electric and natu-

ral gas industries. Still, said Cassis, the inflexibili-

ty of the CON process shows that it needs to be overhauled. Cassis

said the commission has repeated-

v refused to take into account the

rapidly-increasing population of west Oakland County. This is very much a health and

Freshman State Rep. Craig DeRoche agreed, "It's high time this area was served by a hospital,

It's absurd we are being denied

access to quality health care by legal gamesmanship." He noted that four years ago

when his wife's fever shot up to

105 degrees, he rushed her to the emergency room at Providence's

Novi Campus, only to see her

transferred to Providence Hospital

n Southfield. He added the same

thing happened when Novi's mayor, Richard Clark, suffered a

Both DeRoche and Cassis said

that at certain times of day traffic

makes trying to get to a hospital east of Novi a life-threatening

experience. According to DeRoche, when

the state House and Senate passed legislation last winter approving the bed transfers, "the legislative intent couldn't have been clearer."

Dr. Vinod Sahney, a senior vice president with Henry Ford, noted

that many states, the most recent being Wisconsin and Ohio, have dropped the CON process alto-

gether, According to Dr. Sahney, in the 20 states that don't have a CON

heart attack.

safety issue," she said.

that in the three years since Ohio

that in the three years since Ohlo repealed its CON law there has been a dramatic increase in the number of facilities going after high-profit medical specialties, leaving mission-driven medical facilities "holding the bag." According to Reihmer, once year set new the emotional arease

you get past the emotional argu-

ments, it comes down to faitness. "These two organizations got a pass on jumping through all the

hoops everyone else docs." While Sahney said he thinks Judge Gidding will hand down a decision within a week, Rob

Casalou, Providence's president

said he thinks it could take as long

as December. However, Casalou said regardless of who wins at the circuit level, the loser will surely

appeal. Casalou, who has been trying to

get a bespital built in Novi for 15 years, said he's taking the long view that his organization will

eventually succeed. He said he hopes to be in front

of the Novi Planning Commission in January with plans for a building

to house 300 patients at the hospi

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#### POLICE REPORT

#### Hot Red Wing tickets

entrance to River Oaks Apartments on Novi Road at 12:49 a.m. Oct. A 45-year-old Brighton man told Officer Louis Bigliardi Sept. 29 that \$17,700 worth of electron-ics was taken from a UPS package delivered to Cognex Inc. on Magellan Drive Sept. 15, and that sometime between Sept. 19 and 22 live Red Wings tickets were taken from his office

#### Watch stolen

A 70-year-old Novi man report ed Sept. 29 the theft of a Rolex Lost and found watch worth \$4,000 from his home. The man told Officer Louis Bigliardi that his son was recently A 37-year-old Novi womaa told Officer Diane MacGregor Oct. 10 that she purchased two money orders at the Golden Oaks Party arrested on drug charges and h son's ex-girlfriend, along with her new boyfriend, have been making threatening phone calls claiming Store on Haggerty Road at 12:46 p.m., but forgot them on the count-er. When she returned to the store the younger man owes them some they were gone. A check of the where between \$100 and \$800. The incident is also being investi-gated by Walled Lake Police. store's video surveillance revealed they d been picked up by a Clinton

ing a \$100 bend.

a 33-year-old Ann Arbor man with

high rate of speed. He charged the

#### Locker burglarized

Two 22-year-old women from Farmington Hills and West Bloomfield told Novi Police Sept. 29 that their purse and wallet were taken from the locker they shared charges. at Lifetime Fitness on Highpointe Two-car wreck Avenue less than a hour after join Officer Eric Lindblade charged ing the club.

#### Jeep vandalized

operating under the influence of liquor following a two-car accident at 12 Mile and Beck Road at 11:54 A 20-year-old Novi man told Officer Kevin Heaney at 9:50 a.m. Sept. 29 that someone broke out nm. Oct. 11. The man told Officer Lindblade that he consumed five beers at a friend's home on South two windows in his father's 2002 Jeep while it was parked at his Lake Drive in Wisom before heading for home. According to reports Street residence the man registered a blood alcohol content of .23. He was later released after posting a \$100 bond. overnight

#### Hit and run away

A 48-year-old South Lyon man Wrong way to Redford told Novi Police that he hit a dee. Officer Michael Prough said he with his 2001 GMC while he was driving west on 10 Mile Road between Beck and Wixom roads at stopped a 2003 Ford F-350 pickup at 1:27 a.m. Oct. 12 after it drove around the barricades on Grand River Avenue at Novi Road at a

### the deer got up and ran away.

driver, a 21-year-old Redford man, with operating under the influence of liquor after he failed field sobri-Sideswiped A 47-year-old West Bloomfield nan told Novi Police Sept. 30 that ety tests and registered a blood alcohol content of .157. The man he was driving his 1966 Cadillac north on M-5 at 12:21 a.m. when vas later released after posting \$100 bond another vehicle sideswiped him and drove off. The man was taken to Botsford Hospital with head,

8:30 p.m. Sept. 28. The man said

#### neck, hip and leg injuries.

Far from home

Officer Scott Woodley found a 2001 GMC pickup in the ditch near the corner of West Road and Officer Jason Meier said he West Park Drive at 8:02 a.m. Oct stopped a car that was driving 12. The driver, a 19-year-old Nov man, was passed out, according erratically after it overshot the

In the ditch

#### reports, and seemed "confused and disoriented" when awakened. The man said he dida't know how he 10. The driver, a 25-year-old San Jose, Calif. man, said he was returning from Fifth Avenue, where he'd had a few drinks with a ended up in the ditch, but that he Necklace nabbed had been returning from a friend's home in South Lyon. The man was Officer Steve Patterson charges a 21-year-old West Bloomfield woman with retail fraud after loss charged with operating under the friend. Officer Meier charged the man, with operating under the influence of liquor after he failed field sobriety tests and registered a blood alcohol content of .181. The influence of liquor after he failed prevention officers at Lord & Taylots told him they watched the field sobriety tests and registered a blood alcohol content of .14. woman on video surveillance as she took a \$40 Cubit Zirconia man was later released after post-Home vandalized necklace, stuff it in her purse and A 47-year-old Novi man told leave the store without paying for it. The woman, who was shopping with her mother and another per-Officer Steven Balog at 2:35 p.m. Oct. 12 that someone had smashed son, was later released after postthe doorwall at the back of his ing a \$100 bond. Willowbrook Street residence. Blazer burglarized Just two. officer Officer Kristie Gruenwald A 23-year-old Novi man told topped a 1994 Plymouth Sundance on 12 Mile Road near Officer Andrew Hudechek at 2:39 p.m. Oct. 9 that someone had but Haggerty at 12:32 a.m. Oct. 7 after clocking it at 57 mph in a 45 mph glarized his 2003 Chevrolet Blazer at his Roundview Street residence Township man cashing his payroll check. Investigators were able to zone. The driver, a 36-year-old the night before. He said an amplifier and speakers, worth and esti-mated \$300, were taken. West Bloomfield woman, said she only had two beers. However, after she failed field sobricty tests and track the man to the Farmington Hills business where he worked and recovered the money orders. The woman declined to press registered a blood alcohol content License to ao .103, Officer Gruenwald A 45-year-old Novi man told Officer Scott Tewes Oct, 8 that a under the influence of liquor. The man photocopied and laminated three copies of his drivers license at the Kinkos Copy Center on woman was later released after posting a \$100 hond.

### Grand River Avenue. According to Marijuana bust

reports, the man refused to surren der the documents when the clerk told him it is illegal to color copy drivers licenses. When the clerk Officer Kevin Rhea charged a 26-year-old Cheboygan woman with violation of the controlled substance act at 2:44 a.m. Oct. 7 threatened to call police, the man said "Go ahead," and left without paying for the copies. The clerk after he found four grams of mari-juana in a brown bottle in her 1994 Oldsmobile following a traffic stop on castbound 1-96. Officer Rhea got a license number of the man's 2001 Mazda as he drove off. The license plate came back to a 47-year-old Farmington Hills man being south on a warrant issued by said he had clocked the car at 82 mph in a 70 mph zone. According to Officer Rhea, the woman denied Oakland County in May charging his request to search her vehicle,

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time earlier and that she had but relented when he radioed to see noticed damage to the Pontiac. of the Milford Police Department's drug-sniffing dog was available. Along with the marijuana, Officer Rhea reported finding six gold pipe screens and a roach clip made from a spent rifle shell in the car. Trailer burglarized

#### A spokesman for Toll Brothers

He added he found two unloaded

rifles and a large amount of cash in

large denominations in the trunk. He also learned the woman's 34-

year-old male companion was being sought on an unspecified Cheboygan County warrant, but

released him on instructions from

Officer Michael Marchetti

charged a 33-year-old Novi

woman with operating under the influence of liquor and leaving the

scene of an accident after neigh-

bors on Lincoln Street said they

heard a crash at 2:29 a.m. Oct. 8

and then saw a maroon Pontiae

Grand Am back away from an

SUV. A short time later Officer

Marchetti spotted a marcon Pontiac with heavy front end dam-

authorities in Cheboygan.

Hit & run

Inc. told Officer Scott Woodley a 7:08 a.m. Oct. 7 that someone bur glarized a trailer on the company's property off Napier Road. property off Napier Road. According to reports, thieves made off with \$460 worth of landscaping tools as well as a Detroit man's ce phone and outerwear worth \$290.

Trailer burglarized li

A 50-year-old Livonia man told Officer Jerrold Hart Oct. 7 that someone burglarized a trailer belonging to Gillis Electric at Novi High School. The man said an early '80s minivan sped off as he arrived at work at 5:30 a.m. The man said a 5000-walt Kohler gen erator, worth \$,2000, was taken. A short time later a spokesman for Acapulco Pool company reported one of the company's construction trailers had been broken into on the other side of the school construc-tion site, but nothing was missing. Expired plates

# age in front of the suspect's Washington Street residence. He said he saw the woman sitting at the kitchen table. The woman said

Officer Leonard Lowen stopped she hit the SUV because it was a 2003 Ford Focus on Haggerty narked too far out in the street. After failing field sobrlety tests, the woman registered a blood alco-hol content of .11. A friend who Road near 13 Mile at 9:59 p.m Oct. 7 after he noticed the plates had expired. Officer Lowen discovered the driver, a 36-year-old had been watching her children, told Officer Marchetti that the Taylor man, was being sought on woman appeared intoxicate continued on page 5 she picked the children up a short

## **Treatment Helps** Fibromyalgia

Brighton, MI - If you've been told to "live with the pain" don't give up! So says Louella Harris the founder of NACUCC, a non-profit health education organization. A procedure performed only by a handful of doctors worldwide has been a blessing to chronic pain sufferers. But it has been virtually unknown to the general public for over 65 years...until now! A Free Report and 1-hour audiotape is available that reveals the secrets to this painless way to reducing or eliminating Fibromyalgia. For details you call toll-free for a 24hour free recorded message. 1-888-821-4836. Paid Editorial by members of NACUCC,

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### POLICE REPORT continued from page 4 an Oakland County Friend of the

Court warrant charging him with failure to pay child support. The man was also cited for driving with millions expired plates and no proof of insurance. He was later released By Phil Foley STAFF WRITER after his wife posted a \$510 bond. Marijuana bust II

federal tax evasion charges will start the new year in federal Officer Brian Woloski reported stopping a 1996 Honda Passport or I-96 at 1:40 a.m. Oct. 6 after clock Federal Judge Arthur Tarnow sentenced Dr. Timothy Kosinski, 45, to 30 months in a federal ing it traveling castbound at 84 mph in a 70 mph zone. Officer Woloski said he smelled marijuana prison followed by two years supervised release and fined him \$60,000. in the car, but the driver denied The judge also ordered Kosinski to file corrected tax having smoked any. When asked it there was any marijuana in the car, the driver, a 46-year-old Dearborn man, said, "Just a roach in the ashreturns for 1996-98, which could cost him close to \$2 million in back taxes and penalities. IRS spokesman Stephen Moore said tray." Asked a second time if he'd been smoking, the driver answered "a little." Asked a second time if he Kosinski's lawyer told Judge Tamow Friday that his client has assets totaling \$4 million. had any marijuana, the drive · reportedly answered, "yes, in my "The cost of free enterprise and

shirt pocket." Officer Woloski said the found .4 grams of marijuana in a plastic bag and charged the man with violation of the controller ubstance act

**Bad checks** A spokesman for Art Van told Officer Timothy Parrell Oct. 6 that a 28-year-old Detroit woman bought \$1,738.34 worth of furniture at the

company's Novi store in July with two checks. The company spokesman said both checks bounced and all attempts by the store

to recover its money have failed. Knock, knock Officers Shawn Penzak and Jason Meier went to an East Lake Drive home at 8:35 p.m. Oct, 6 to serve an unspecified arrest warrant on a 44-year-old Novi man. The officers said they knocked on the door and while they could see peo-

ple in the residence, no one answered the door, so they left. Compiled by Phil Foley

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a competitive business atmos-phere does not include tax eva-sion and stealing from bonest tax-Feds say he and others hid payers. But when it does, the consequence can be stiff, as Dr. Kosinski learned today," said act-ing Special Agent in Charge Sandra, L. Carter, following a Detroit business partner, Melvin A Novi dentist convicted on Phillins, were accused by federal

months in federal prison after sign-ing a plea agreement with federal prosecutors in March. Kosinski's wife has yet to stand trail. Kosinski, who started the year as the the president of the Oakland County Dental Society, now faces the loss of his dental license. According to a parts supplier. spokesman for the state A year ago June, Kosinski and A year ago June, Kosinski and Department of Consumer and Industry Services, the Public count of conspiring with Phillips thealth Code requires the manda-

Department of Consumer and Industry Services, the Public Health Code requires the manda-loty summary suspension of a health professional's license

upon conviction of a felony. Kosinski graduated with a bachelor's degree from Kalamazoo College in 1979 and then went on to get a master of science at Wayne State University School of Medicine in 1981 and his DDS from the University of Detroit Mercy Friday's sentencing. Kosinski, his wife, Barbara, and Kosinski armed the Acad Kosinski earned the Academ of General Dentistry's "Award of investigators of trying to make millions of dollars disappear. Merit' for technical writing. He was named UD-Mercy Phillips was sentenced to 24 Dentistry's Alumnus of the Year was named UD-Mercy Dentistry's Alumnus of the Year in 2001. He built a nationally-known

He built a hattorially-known practice specializing in implants in Binghant Farms, and was the president of TJ. Construction, a firm that completed several con-struction projects in Detroit and North Carolina for a German auto subscribing false personal and corporate tax returns. June 16, a federal jury found Kosinski guilty of all six charges

According to the indictments, the German firm paid T.J. Construction \$41.8 million between 1995 and 1998, Federal prosecutors said the trio made more than 800 transactions dur-

Two arrested in incidents outside Post Bar Correction

By Phil Foley An early morning fight at the the two groups continued to yell challenges at each other as Post Bar led to the arrest of two men in unrelated incidents Oct. they moved away from each other. He called for additional backup from nearby communi-Novi Police Officer Kevin Rhea reported he was at the

Post Bar at 1:48 a.m. taking a report on an assault that had reportedly taken place inside the bar earlier when he saw ties. Police in Farmington sent two squad cars to assist. During the commotion, the suspect in the original assault apparently seven men running toward the bar's back parking lot. Officer steven men running toward the stipped away. Shar's back parking lot. Officer Shar followed the group and found 10 to 15 men fighting ing, a 22-year-old Romulus ing, a 22-year-old Romulus ing, a 22-year-old Romulus man reportedly ran toward Sgt. and screaming at each other.

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the neighborhood to assist with Phil Foley is a staff write. crowd control, said he heard for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 108 or by e-mail at pfotailing north on Market Street lev@ht.homecomm.ne

Officer Patterson steppe into the street and ordered the driver to stop. The driver, a 22-year-old Farmington Hills man, failed field sobriety tests and registered a blood alcohol con of .22. He was charged with operating under the influ ing, the man told him, "I'm not a bad guy, I was just trying to play hero out there." At 2:17 a.m., Officer Steve Datageon whold here sent to ence of liquor and later released after posting a \$100 Patterson, who'd been sent to

Officer Rhea, along with Sgt. Herbert, swinging his arms. Kevin Herbert and the bar's security person subdued the into the street and ordered man, who was then charged driver to stop. The driver, a with disorderly conduct. Officer Rhea noted that as he drove the Romulus man to Novi Police headquarters for book-

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than \$7.6 million from account with multiple counts of structurwith Comerica and Standard ing transactions to evade report-ing requirements. Kosinski was also indicted on five counts of Federal in order to hide a cash payroll. Moore said Kosinski will soor he receiveing a letter from the federal bureau of prisons telling him where to report in January to

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begin serving his sentence Phil Foley is a staff writer for the Novi News, He can be

reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 108 or at ing the same period, taking more pfolev@ht.homecomm.ne

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# DeRoche named to new high-tech subcommittee

Rep. says new technologies could reshape region

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House approves

Senators Levin and

Stabenow are playing polit-ical games with the judicial

system and that needs to

judges are: Richard Griffin, Michigan Court of Appeals; David McKeague, U.S. District Court,

The four Michigan

Western District of

Michigan: Susan Bieke

Wayne County; and Henry Saad, Michigan Court of

Neilson, Circuit Cour

expected to have four Republicans and three Democrats drawn from

the Commerce and Energy and

Technology committees. DaimlerChrysler Services spokesman James Ryan said the

two groups wanted to explore ways

the two legislative bodies can polit

ically support alternative fuels research and development. Ryan said Daimler has been heavily

involved in alternative fuel

research for years in the Stuttgart area and even before its merger with Chrysler was deeply involved

with Ballord, a leading Canadian

fuel cell technology company. Max Gates, a spokesman for the Chrysler Group in Auburn Hills,

said the company has several proj-ects in the works and will put its

first mild-hybrid Dodge Ran on the market next fall as an '05 model. The Dodge Ram Quadcab 2500.

which will be able to generate

enough electricity to power several homes, is expected to retail for around \$5,000 more than a conven-

could be good news for grain farm-

ers across the state since ethanol used to produce E-85 is made from

soybeans and corn. He added the

company is also working on the

needs to avoid interference.

tional diesel-powered truck. Gates said the Chrysler Group has developed several flex-fuel vehicles that run on E-85. This

#### By Phil Foley

**DeRoche** resolution Novi's freshman state representa calling for tive is expected to be named head of congressional the state House Commerce Committee's new subcommittee on alternative fuels sometime this **Judicial vote** 

State Rep. Craig DeRoche announced the Craig DeRoche (R-Novi), who is already vice chairman of the Committee was select-ed for the new subcommittee by House approved his resolution supporting the confir-mation of four Michigan judges that President Commerce Committee Chairman Clark Bisbee (R-Jackson) follow George W. Bush nominated to the 6th Circuit Court of ing meetings with members of the German state Parliament of Baden-Appeals. House Resolution 108, sponsored by DeRoche, requests full Warttemberg Oct. 8 at DaimlerChrysler Services North America in Farmington Hills. Baden-Wurttemberg is the German state surrounding Stuttgart, U.S. Senate action on the four Michigan judges. "These qualified judge deserve to be voted on by the full U.S. Senute," said home to the Daimler half of DaimlerChrysler, said DeRoche. DeRoche, R-Novi,

The development of alternative fuel sources for automobiles, said DeRoche, is extremely important to the Michigan legislature as well as their German counterparts. "The creation of fuel cell technology and other alternative energy programs are crucial to the future of the auto-motive industry," said DeRoche.

already powering buses in Germany with alternative fuel sources." However, said DeRoche, German automotive companies "are not trying lock into one fuel because they don't know which is going to be the breakthrough technology." DeRoche said it because clear

during discussions with German legislators that the state House need-ed a subcommittee to focus on alter-native fuel issues. This is extraordideficit, which could ton a billion dollars this year. DeRoche insisted that Southeast Michigan remains a good place to develop technology. He said narily important for the state of Michigan," he said. "We have a the key to attracting and holding the strong auto heritage, and we want to keep the high-tech jobs here." One serious hurdle facing Michigan is that California has been a major center of alternative

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next generation of fuels technologies comparies to the region hinges not so much on creating incentives as eliminating obstacles





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Jason Youd, Ed Roney Sr., Ed Roney Jr. and Dr. John Parker take time out from construction of their interpretation of the trebuchet Sunday at SL James Catholic Church. The church's youth group will be one of five expected contestants in Novi Parks and Recreation Department's pumpkin chuckin' contest. The teams will face off on the city's softball field at 11 a.m. Saturday to see who can hurl a six-pound pumpkin the farthest. Pumpkin Palooza runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the city's Civic Center, with a Haunted Hallway, costume contest, pumpkin decorating and more. There is a \$5 per child fee, which includes "pizza and potion." For more information, call Tracie Ringle at (248) 347-0400.



#### Filmmaker eyes upcoming Los Angeles festival Theater at Fountain Walk in Novi. "This festival really got me fired up," Croteau said. Is goal is to have a film in the in December, "There will be quite a fired up," Croteau said. Livonia, the film features croteau's real-life, I-year-old son, Tristan James. Croteau's nephew, Jareme Karriker of Canton, served as Northville resident creates shorts. visual Son, Fristan James. Croteau's nephew, Jareme Karriker of Canton, served as camera operator, Croteau's wife, resumes few reps from ad agencies there "I was told that I might have better luck as a model in L.A., but looking for talent," he added. "And, the festival organizers are pretty selective in what they accept." Croteau will submit "Father's Trisha, was also instrumental ir I struggled trying to break into th By Pam Fleming the creation of the film, especially during the brainstorming stage and actual filming. business," he recalled. STAFF WRITER "Then, one day on a plane ride Day," a 10-minute black-and white film about a boy's first fish-ing trip with his father. It's a reflective piece that focuses on "She likes the conceptual part of to Chicago from L.A. in 1990, a A Northville resident and for The nixes inc conception part of the process, and is just as visual as I am. The main thing we had to attack was how do we do this on a shoestring budget? Croteau said. Exemption Morent et he mutical mer model is hoping that his interest in film will lead to a new movie in Chicago and was look-ing for actors," Croteau recalled. He landed a role in a science fiction movie called "Them," and career featuring visual resumes and other innovative endeavors. James Croteau recently had cinematography. "I found out about the local film festival on the Internet, and the project started unfolding last winter," said Croteau, who wrote, Featuring Mozart as the musical backdrop, the film reviews a day in the life of a young father taking his son fishing for the first time and showing of his short, "Father's ironically, some of it was filmed Day," at the first Michigan Independent Film Festival. The in the Detroit area. "Eventually, directed and produced the piece. Shot on location at Kensington thought it would be better to be on the other side of the camera crelooks back to the time when he event took place at the Emagine much passion about something. used to fish with his own father. "The less time you have in a film, the harder it is to tell the story," Croteau said. "The chalatively," he said. atively," he suid. Croteau studied journalism, multi-media presentations and film as part of a communications degree at Madonna University in "The less time you have in a film, the lenge is to keep people enthralled." enthralled." The film is more visual without a lot of dialogue. "Obviously, you're not going to have a lot of dialogue with a 1-year-old in your film," he joked. harder it is to tell the story. The Livonia. He took on some design jobs working as a graphics artist right out of college. He has submitted scripts to challenge is to keep people enthralled." James Croleau publishing houses recently, but hasn't received any responses yet. "It's frustrating when you have so The main goal was to entertain Northville filmmake more commercial work in the the audience with cinematogra-NOMINATION **Experience The Difference** With THE ORIGINAL **DAN TARRANT** 18 AVII -Hines Park Ford's Newest Addition to the Professional Sales Staff Dan will make your car buying experience a

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"I have respect for Lou and his ability to bring reason to City Council. We every issue, equally and fairly. He keeps an open mind and works well served on the Planning Commission together and now on City Council. He with his colleagues on City Council to arrive at the best for the City of Novi s an independent thinker and always puts the citizens of Novi first." Novi City Council Member

Kim T. Capello



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The cast and crew of "Father's Day," a short film by Northville filmmaker James Croteau shown recently at the Michigan Independent Film Festival in Novi: (left to right) James Croteau; Jareme Karriker of Canton, camera operator; Tristan Croteau; and Trisha Croteau.

area," Croteau said. "I'm kind of You can't control it," he said. And, one of his latest adventaking baby steps in that respect." Those interested in Croteau's visual resume service or other tures is creating a three- to fivefilm services can contact him at minute visual resume on film for area job hunters. "The idea is to create a visual

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(248) 561-2164 or croteausimptapestry of your career goal com-bined with who you are," he explained. "And, you want your message to come across quickly." "My overall goal is to obtain

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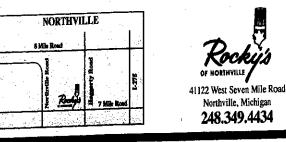
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#### LIBRARY LINES

#### Novi Public Conservation on Thursday, October 23, at 7 p.m. The pro-gram includes a slide show; a discussion of such topics as bats' Library

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echolocation and food prefer-ences; and appearances by live bats, Please call the library to register for this free program, which is sponsored by the Friends of Novi Public Library. The Novi Public Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. We are located at 45245 W. 10 Mile Road, just east of Taft Road, For more information, call (248) 349-0720. E-mail for seniors E-mail is a great way to stay in touch with friends and family, wherever they are! Come and

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#### Design-a-plate

receiving e-mail, and sign up for a free e-mail account on Wednesday, October 29, from 1-Design-a-Plate day will be held Saturday, October 18, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The cost is \$6.00 3 p.m. This class includes interper plate, payable that day. No registration is necessary for the general public, but groups that plan to attend should call ahead active discussion and hands-on practice. Suggested prerequisite: "Mastering the Mouse for Seniors." Please register in to make special arrangements. advance for all Internet classes in person or by calling the library.

#### Rock-and-roll over dead

ROCK-and-roll over uean The music librarian has been found dead! Was it a heart attack or murder? Detectives in grade 5 and up will meet at the Novi Public Library Tuesday, October 21, from 7-8:30 p.m. to solve the erime. You will investigate the erime scene and earefully exam- ing the evidence to unravel the	Internet practice lab for seniors Practice makes perfect! Join us for an opportunity to practice any of the skills you've learned in our Internet classes on Thursday, October 30, from 1-3 p.m. During this two-bour ses- sion, you may choose to work on
ine the evidence to unravel the mystery. Please call the library to register for this event.	sion, you may choose to work on any Internet skills, with librari- ans to assist you and answer any computer-related questions.
Middle school book	Note: There is no set agenda for this class: you may come and go

#### die school book discussion

as you please during the two-hour session. Our book discussion group for teens in grades 7-9 meets for food, fun, and a lively discussion of "Among the Hilden" by Margaret Peterson Haddix on Intro to ancestry plus Learn how to find family trees. indexes, and marriage and death records, as well as how to view Thursday, October 23, from 4-4:45 p.m. No registration is necactual census records on Thursday, October 30, from 7-9 p.m. Note: This is a hands-on essary

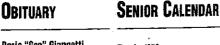
#### Bats of the world

Step into the world of bats Internet searching is necessary. with the Organization for Bal

## **Novi Chamber of Commerce Luncheon**

DATE: Tuesday, Oct.21 TIME: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. LOCATION: Double Tree, 27000 Sheraton Drive, Novi DETAILS: Speaker-Kurt Metzher from Wayne State University

He will be speaking on "The Changing Faces of Oakland County, What the demographics can tell you". What the demographics can tell you' PHONE: For \$18 reservations, call (248) 349-3743.

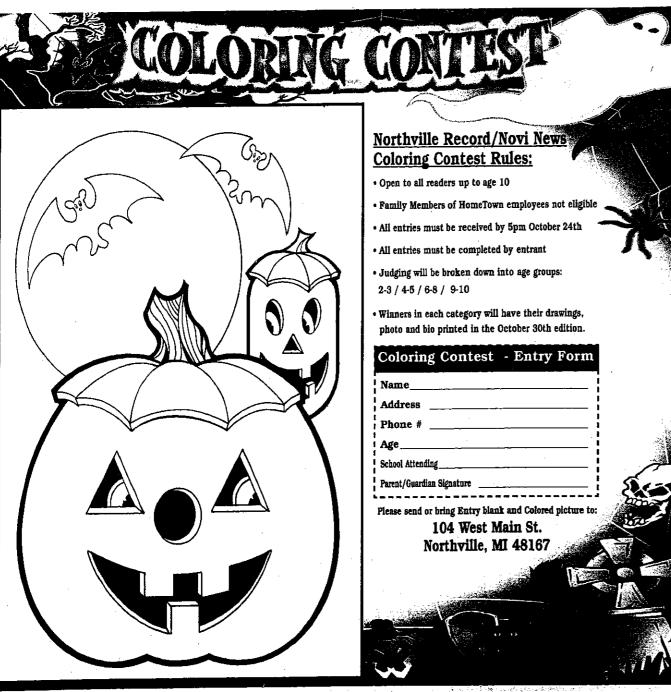


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	was adored by his grandchildren	p.m3 p.mJoann ETC. eraft class
	and loved by all and will be	
	missed by many.	
	Survivors include his wife,	Friday 10/17
	Lorraine; four children, Darryl	9 a.m
	(Joan), Pat (James) Olson, Dan and	10 a.mBody Recall
'	Michael (Mary Beth); eleven	11 a.m1:30 p.mSundry Shop Open
	grandchildren, Joseph, Matthew,	noonlunch
	Ben, Sarra, Julia, Leanna, Hannah,	12:30 p.mBingo
	Geoff, Gregg, Adan and Miguel;	noonClogging *
	and two siblings, AI and Della Fry.	12:30 p.mDupl.Bridge
	A funeral service was held	I p.m2 p.m
	October 11, 2003 at St. James	Fail Color Tour Trip
	Catholic Church, Novi.	
	Memorials may be made to	Monday 10/20
	Hospice of Michigan, 400 Mack	9 a.mStretch & Strength
	Ave., Detroit, Mich. 48201.	9 a.m11 a.m
	Arrangements were made by	10 a.mBody Recall
	O Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home,	11 a.m Goodie Lady

#### O'Brien/Sulli Novi.

Free Concert DATE: Sunday, Oct. 19 TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center DETAILS: The Novi Concert Band will be performing with guest conductor Diran Kochyan in a free concert





# **BUSINESS**

# Visions Spa Salon offers oasis in suburbia

### By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Pinochle\*

.Asian Pacific

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9.30 a.m. .....Line Dance\*

9 a.m. Stretch & Strengun 10 a.m. Body Recall 10:30 a.m. Quilting 11-00 a.m. Shood Pressure

12:30 p.m. .....Clogging\*

\*Activities will be held at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. Phone (248) 347-0414.

12:30 p.m.

Counterparts

Tuesday 10/21

12:30 p.m.

Wednesday 10/2

10 a.m.

Husbands, take note: Sweetest Day is this Saturday, and a traditional favorite treat for wives is a tional favorite treat for wives is a trip to the spa. However, Starrhyn Martindale, spa director of the new Visions Salon Spa in Novi, says the spa client of today is different than 15 or 20 years ago. "I worked in spas in Beverly Will for U wars and the business Hills for 10 years, and the business

has changed. People used to think you had to be rich or thin to go to a spa. Now 1 think they do it more for the health and wellness aspects "Even in Beverly Hills, today's spa client is not necessarily the

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once-a-year pampering anymore. "People may not be able to

afford to go on vacation, but they can take a little mini vacation here at Visions Spa Salon. It's somesaid. Visions Spa Salon welcomes this new breed of spa client as it thing you give back to yourself.

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Plaza on Novi Road south of Nine Mile Road and on Grand River square feet of shopping space with professional products as well as gift items from around the world. Seven makeup artists are on staff, Avenue between Novi and Meadowbrook roads.

and spa. Walk-in closets are available for

feeders and rock gardens si clients can enjoy the tranquility of the property and have an iced bev-erage on the deck," said Anne She added that the venture has been about three and a half years in the making and that it required a zoning change from the city of

apartments, "We will be connect-ing the decks with awnings next year as well as installing bird

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movie producer, actress or model. It's more the stressed-out career person, the stay-at-home mom, the busy executive. It's not just a

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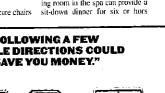
Photo by John Heide Visions Spa Salon hairdresser Kristyn Kerr, left, performs her magic on the hair of customer Patty Less last Friday morning in Visions' brand-new location on Beck 'You're feeding your soul," she celebrates its third expansion in

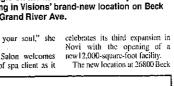
changing, and a special manicure-pedicure room provides special privacy for elients. Three whirlpool/pedicure chairs

About 70 people, including 31 stylists, work at the new facility that features a full-service salon and the decor includes such items and the decta mended such hermal as an aquarium, water wall fountain and antiques in the spa area. Owners Greg and Anne Bond

ing room in the spa can provide a sit-down dinner for six or hors







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#### BUSINESS BRIEFS

Transmission firm comes to

Haggerty roads is conveniently located near major expressways International Transmissio that lead to the firm's service area, which extends throughout south-east Michigan and the Thumb. Company has relocated its headquarters to Orchard Hill Place in Novi. The move gives the electri-cal transmission company greater proximity to its 12-county service The firm employs 83 people, an area and helps to accommodate employee growth. The 25,000-square-foot office

contractor.

complex at Eight Mile and

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available in the spa. Two facial rooms, two individual massage rooms and one massage room with two massage beds are on site. Aquamassage at the spa is pro-vided by the 127-jet hydrotherapy tub. Mud wraps and salt wraps, which offer detoxification of the body are also offered. The hand and foot treatment room that overlooks the beautiful their treatments.

#### The spa experience

wetlands on site

The Vicions staff was nice enough to treat me to a complimentary foot treatment and facial since I had never had a spa expeence. The foot treatment began with

my feet being immersed in an aromatherapy bath. Marcella MacDougall, hand and foot spe-cialist, removed dry skin, provid-ed cuticle maintenance and shaped and trimmed my nails. then followed with a rejuvenating massage on my feet and lower legs. All this was done while l neck and silk-covered cold com press on my eyes. Nail polish of

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increase of 33 since the company began operating as an independ-ently owned, for-profit business in The business invests in infrastructure and engineering solu-tions that create greater efficiency in the flow of electricity, better March 2003. The company Visions Spa Salon offers oasis in suburbia my choice completed the treat-nent. Nicole Majdali performed my facial that included steam therapy, exfoliation, facial massage and a skin mask. The facial is perlook to the space," he added "I don't think I've ever worked with a client who has been as tal-ented as Anne Bond in selecting formed while lying on a special bed that refieves stress on the the furnishings for the salon spa Greg was also extensively involved with monitoring the interior con-struction. They really took a hands-on approach to the project." lower body. A special feature of the spa is a side exit door to the parking lot so

expects to employ 100 workers by

that clients don't have to walk back through the lobby following Tari Krupinski serves us the general manager, and Kathy Boettcher is the assistant general manager and hair design director Anne Bond noted that she and hushaid, Greg, researched the spa hushaid, Greg, researched the spa before opening their new location, "We toured many spas in the U.S. who manages the 31 designers. Jody Alandt is the guest service manager, and Kathy Santos is the

and visited spas in Spain, France, assistant guest service manager Italy, Greece and Turkey," she Spa concierges also guide clients through their spa treatments. Hours at Visions Salon Spa are Monday through Satorday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. A virtual tour of the Frank Zychowski of AZD Associates Inc. of Birmingham was the principal architect on the project, with Brivar Construction facility will be available early next year on the salon spa's Web site, www.visionsspasalon.com. in Brighton serving as general "I think the biggest challenge For more information about spe with designing the facility was the site itself, because there are wel-lands on two sides of the property cial grand opening spa packages, call (248) 344-9944.

legs. All this was done while I reclined in a special recliner with an atomatherapy wrap around my

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shopping centers in 13 states, including Twelve Oaks Mall in It energy costs. Its system includes more than the end of the year. About 25 operational staff 2,500 pole-miles of overhead and Novi. members remain at the Michigan Simon Property Group made its unsolicited hostile cash tender offer in conjunction with a sub-Electric Power Coordination Center, the company's technical operations facility in Ann Arbor. underground high-voltage transmission lines, transmission structures, 28 transmission stations, rights-of-way and easements and sidiary of Westfield America Trust. "We're pleased that Simon Property and Westfield America the power coordination center in Ann Arbor. Firm withdraws offer on have withdrawn their tender offer We will continue to run the business for the benefit of all share-holders," Taubman officials said

Taubman Simon and Westfield recently

withdrew the company's tender offer for Taubman Centers. The firm has been trying to achieve a hostile takeover of the mall magnate for several months. Taubman Centers, Inc., a real

estate investment trust headquar-tered in Bloomfield Hills, owns and/or manages 31 urban and sub-



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in a prepared statement. Simon's Oct. 3 annou

on's Oct. 3 announcement

noted that about 19.6 million or

24 percent of the approximately

81 million shares of Taubman

Centers voting stock were ten-dered into the offer.

"As we have previously stated

to meet Simon's own minimum

Tender Offer condition or to purchase the company, since at least two-thirds of Taubman's Centers'

81 million issued and outstanding

voting shares — approximately 54 million voting shares — must

approve any sale transaction or

amendment to the corporate char

Directors has unanimously deter-

mined that it is not prepared to recommend the sale of Taubman

Centers at an inadequate price,

and that it does not believe that maximum value will be realized

by selling the company at this time," officials said.

Compiled by Pam Fleming

"Taubman Centers' Board of

ter." Taubman officials said.

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**CLASS NOTES** 

## The "Wiz" creates an interactive environment in her classroom

Mary Anne Wizinsky starts off the school year on a good note

By Ramez Khurl STAFE WRITER

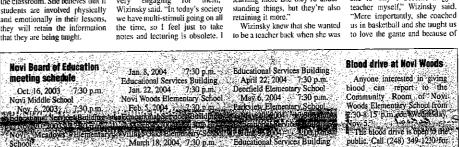
> "I would like to recommend Mary Anne Wizinsky as an out-standing teacher at the Novi Middle School." read the nomination form for the 18 year veteran. "Ms. Wiz (as she is known to her students) not only cares deeply for her students, but also is involved as the teacher rep for the PTO and serves on the School Achievement Team. I believe she also hosis a number of after school clubs and has been very involved in the Challenge Day Program.'

Mary Anne Wizinsky loves i when she sees a light turn on in a child's head. She knows it when a student doesn't understand the material she is teaching, but when

Dec. 4, 2003. 5:30 p.m. Novi High School

Novi Middle School teacher Mary Anne Wizinsky talks to student Nick Brockman, that student finally gets it she can see it in his or her eyes and face. To Wizinsky, or "Ms. Wiz," as her right, last Thursday afternoon as her class goes through a writing exercise. students call her, that is the most For that reason, when Wizinsky does a question-and-answer ses-sion in her class, she throws foam bills, stuffed animals and I have a rewarding thing about her job. Ms. Wiz worked as a physical education teacher for 10 years before moving into a classroom as balls, stuffed animals and squcaky an English language arts teacher. She didn't quite abandon every toys to students who answer the puestions, a practice that she finds o be fun for her students, but at aspect of her former job, however, as she incorporates many different iteractive physical activities into the classroom. She believes that if students are involved physically and emotionally in their lessons, they will retain the information





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 Years Teaching: 18
 Years in local district: 18 College: Bachelor's from San Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas and master's from Eastern Michinan University Interests: Travel, the outdoors, colfing, walking swimming, biking

she is why I became a gym teacher myself," Wizinsky said.



Grade: Seventh

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that we were a dynasty in the Photo by John Heider 1970s. We played all the time and her ability to show passion is what I kind of carried along with me in ny teaching."

When students move on from the middle school to the high school, Wizinsky would like them squeak toy I use for commas. I think the kids are much more at home in the gym, so all I did was take part of the gym and move it into the classroom with me. I found that basically the kid. to remember her for the environment she created. She always tries to make learning fun and believes that if a teacher can only create a today. "She was my gym teacher and pleasant learning environment,

students can learn anything they arc being taught. For that reason, she said she wouldn't change a thing about her job. "The children at this age are so



"They say what's on their minds and it's very authentic and they really appreciate the little things you do for them. It's a very rewarding carcer. Learning should be long term versus taking a quiz and forgetting the information right afterwards. When they catch the belies they're physically MARY ANNE WIZINSKY School: Novi Middle School Subject: English Language the balls they're physically involved or emotionally involved, they remember information. That's why I do it, to make it

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wizinsky's most memorable moment teaching ironically involved a student whom she had to correct many times for talking out of turn. She explained that one day, many years ago when she was talking to the kids, she asked them what was one thing they thought that she loved in life. The student blurted out, 'teaching.' "That to me was my most rewarding moment because what-ever I'm doing with the kids, they see I'm passionate about it." she

is building a relationship with children and the adults you work vith." Though she doesn't want to change anything about her job, one thing she would like to see in the future is more focus. "I think that in our country as we're mov ing towards higher levels of tech-

nology and kids are learning more and more earlier and earlier," she said. "I would like to see all peo ple continue to focus on the cli-mate instilled in the buildings first and that way the academics comes much easier and faster Globally we need to continue to

focus on the climate I think." Romez Khuri is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at

not inhibited." Wizinsky said. rkhuri@ht.homecomm.ne

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### Deerfield: Keeping perspective on teaching

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curriculum and how our kids are erforming on the MEAF assess ment," Nus explained, "Bitt, that's only one snapshot in many snapshots that we look at with that, only one snapshot in many snapshots that we look at with kids in assessment. We look at est It's really great for Novi as a that and ask ourselves, how is what we are doing correlate with along together, the expectations of the state? Deerfield ha

#### Weakness in writing

So, alter reviewing many assessments. Njus and his stalt now know that their students have dents are there now. "We need to pick up on weaka weakness in writing. They are currently in a process of looking for a strand in that weakness for by nesses early so we have what I call touch points, throughout the year." Nius said, "We're assessing to figure out how they can address it and an turn, help to strengthen. "The area that we look at is a

weakness in writing and helping lenge too our kids to understand that they need to draw more out in what they're reading in detail. Njus Goal is to graduate a whole child said. "If they're reading a selec-Njus said that when he takes non, they need to look for nultisomeone on a tour of Deerfield

ple details to support their point of view so they can have a better understanding that they can apply in their own writing. That ability will enable them to write in more detail. Our building has addressed that as our major goal." At this point. Deerfield's lanmage and curriculum is really contering on the writing aspect. The staff purchased source source

materials that emphasize writing and is looking at the whole con-cept of how students write and how to give them the resources. that they need. They have also looked at some of the things that they can do in terms of training that will enhance what they're able to accomplish with language

Deerfield Reading Specialist Pegpy Hare has gotten some traning with a program called "Words Their Way," so the staff nited to nite traning sessions where she takes them through the program. Staff comes, safty every Thesday and spends an hour training. "Words Their Way really helps the staff look at teaching and how-we facturate the learning of our-

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totaling over \$10,000. However, not limited to just the people of because of the large number of Novi. Every person that walks customers with children in other Novi elementary schools, they bother from Kalamazoo in need Larson Jewelry donating portion of sales Novi elementary schools, they have decided to split the amount between Novi Woods, Village Oaks, Parkview, Orchard Hills and Deerfield, meaning 1/5 of the 1-percent in sales and repairs from Sundarber 1, 2003 through May As an active member of the Nov community, Larson levelry Design, Inc. has decided to do just a little more for Novi's five elementary schools. For the past three school years, Brian and Nancy Larson of Larson percent in sales and repairs from September 1, 2003 through May 1, 2003 will go to each school, in the jewelly business for 25 The Larson's hope is to reach years and is well rounded by Jewelry Design have been contributing 1 percent of the funds received in sales and repairs to Deertield Elementary School, about \$1,000 for each school. Keep in mind that the total is

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kids in areas of spelling, vocaba-lary and phonics, which will all enhance writing and language arts," Njus said, "What are those assessments that we can do early Njus believes that his teachers are doing extremely well in adjusting to the district's refram-ing for the future theme. "I have a very highly talented group of peodistrict to look at that and moveple here," he said. "Sometimes Deerfield has also identified feel like I'm holding them all sudents who had weaknesses on last spring's MEAP test, which together and getting them moving in the same direction because they Nits said he must consult Tim just want to do so much. It's not Falls, the principal at Novi Meadows, on because those stu-are we doing and what do we need are we doing and what do we need to do to change? So, they're right on the edge of change and willing

Reframing is nothing new our kids and knowing how they're The whole concept is nothing learning, where they're weakness-es are and where we need to chalnew to Deerfield. Nius and his staff have been talking about it for three years along with the rest of the district. Njas believes that because the whole district is

to move forward."

adjusting so closely together, that it will be a success. "What's good about the way we and he talks to them about learn-ing, he explains to them that the school doesn't just want to graduare moving in the district is that it's very much a 'We' district.'' he said. 'All of our schools are moving along in the same direction and we have the same expectaate brains from there. The staff wants to graduate a whole child. He says to them that the key to a learning community is kids being tions for all of our kids. We are also looking at different buildings and say, if Parkview is doing well in a certain area, we say, how can

engaged. They also look at teach-ing kads to their learning poten-tial, not to get a grade, not to pass a test, but to make sure that they we take what they are doing well to help us do better? If we're doing well in an area, how can we are learning as much as they possibly can, are exceeding expecta-tions and are doing their best. They also try to help kills to take what we're doing well and share it with others? Though Nus sees the benefits to taske sure that I'm keeping the of the "No Child left Behind" and kid at the center and making sure selves out to do the best job we understand that they are all smart "Education Yes," he also believes in their own way, but also that all-

while learn differently, "We look at all the programs that it's an unfortunate concept that it's an unfor work on and what professional ing because they can't move the development we need to do for bar enough. He said that if a our staff." Nijns said. "There are school is performing at a 50-per-nany different gauges that we can cent level, it's much easier to The second section of the second section section of the second section of the second section of the second section s

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Deerfield Elementary School kindergarten teacher Heather Stewart works with student Mitch Clarke on a computer lesson last Wednesday afternoon. As part of their "Reframing" curriculum, Novi's schools are emphasizing that teachers make sure that all student comprehend lessons before moving onto new subjects.

the state and by the federal gov-ternment is that we need to be very sensitive to all of our kids," he child learn and grow and not put the focus, in a way. It gave us a different view and perspective of said. "Making sure that we're meeting the needs of every child and every group and not just sayany pressure to perform just to get good grades on a test, but to help that child in every way we can to what we're here for." he successful. We can't lose pering we're doing a great job is key. On the other side. I am always Romer Khuri is a staff writer spective." thinking – if I'm teaching to meet a certain goal, am I missing what I'really need to do? I really want

"We are in this business for the Novi News, He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. because we love kids and we want to do the best for kids," Njus 110 or by e-mail at added, "We have knocked ourrkhuri@ht.homecomm.nc





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nership between Community Federal Credit Union and Orchard Hills and provides the children with real life business experiences. The students are learning skills as tellers, bookkeepers, computer/data entry, marketing managers and

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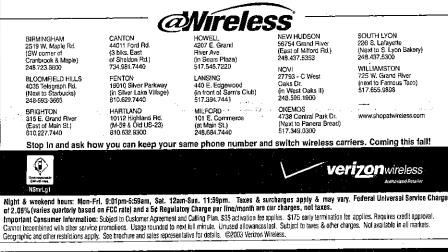
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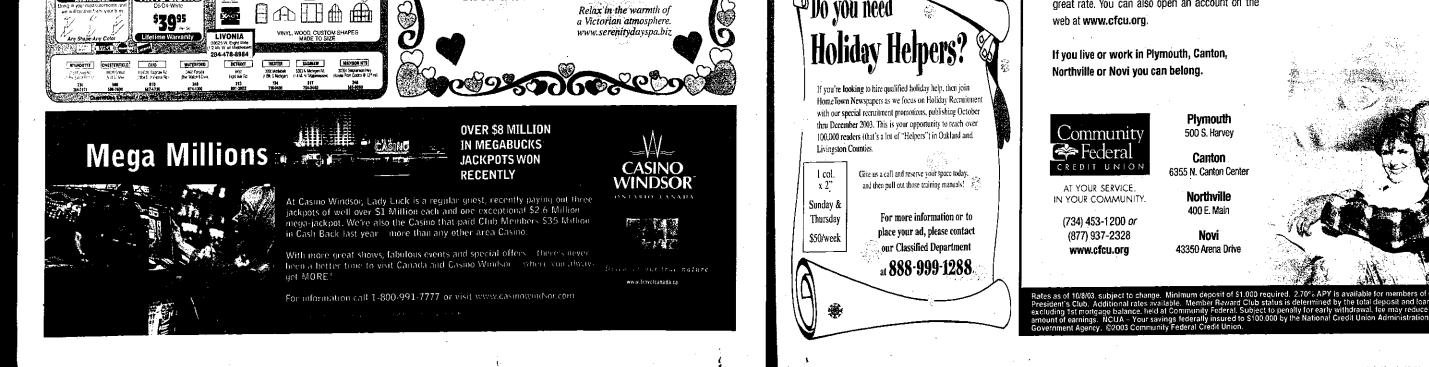
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## LETTERS

#### Political Latters Policy

In order to be fair to everyone, this newspaper will not run let-ters to the editor in the last edition (Oct. 30) prior to an election (Nov. 4) that open new issues. Expressions of thanks to political supporters are best made by buying an advertisement.

#### Listen to seniors

In the 1980s the citizens of vi voted to fund the Novi Civic Center, Wisely, the designers provided for some very convenient handicap parking on the north side of the building. Many of the long-time residents who helped pay for this building are now seniors. Unfortunately, some of them are now handicapped. Fifteen-hundred seniors visit

the center each year for recreation in the pinochle club. Two bridge have similar attendance. No Joubt other events are attended by handicap parkers. This parking area is very important to those who use walkers or wheelchairs. vow, without sound reasoning, this privilege has been taken way. What a waste of money and an affront to the seniors of It is difficult to understand the

thinking of the City Council to allow this to happen. Does the Council feel fear? The dictionary beneficial role model by taking defines fear as a "feeling of imminent danger" Really? From who? Does any reasonable person feel that Novi is a strategic target? On Oct. 6. I presented to council a three-page petition signed by seniors, requesting the parking now closed be reopened. No one I talked to felt that Council has made a rational decision. I almost feels as if our city government wishes that the seniors would just go away. Well, that's

not about to happen. Lou provides What Council should remem-er is that "those who govern receive their power from those who are governed". If the presen Council refuses to act rationally, the solution is to elect new mer bers to the council. Dr. Sanghvi is several times over the past couple the only member 1 am aware of who is sympathetic to the cause. It is time for Novi seniors to make

Clare Wilson

### Lou's a leader

their voices heard.

This fall's election gives Nov the opportunity to put into office a voice of reason, a heart of comsion, an car that listens and a true desire to serve. Politics are out of the equation. Meanness, bitterness and bickering are out.

#### Support for Csordas

I have known Lou Csordas for nany years and I have watched with pleasure as he has dedicated his time to the city on the Planning Commission and on the City Council, Lou is the type of eader that we can all admire. He is always prepared and understands each issue. He is succient in his questions and always peaks his mind. He is respectful his fellow council r rembers and the people that come before and the people that come before City Council. He is also respect-ful to the city employees and That we known Lou Csordas and

Would vote for Lou (if he was old enouah)

dedication to the citizens of this city have been tireless. He is extremely ethical and has been a

elfless giver of his time and his

As the City continues to expe-rience growth, the City leaders will undoubtedly be faced with

difficult decisions. I feel that Lou

Csordas is the right person to guide the City through this pre-carious time. His background

provides him with the unique

combination of knowledge, expe

tience and wisdom. I have always

found him to be a great listener

always considering all points o

view before making a decision.

He has a strategic vision for our City that advocates positive

while controlled growth withou

ers too numerous to mention that

wholeheartedly support his can-

Signs, signs,

everywhere

there's signs

There were a few interesting

that the question of what date can

the campaign signs be put out

was quite confusing. Was it mid-night Friday, midnight Saturday, or midnight Sunday? Different

answers came from different peo-

ple who are in positions of authority. In fact, it took a phone call to the police chief to rule on

what day the signs would be

allowed. I suggest that the ordi

nance governing this practice be amended to make the date that

signs can be put up a "hard date

ceding an election, signs can be put out. No confusion. No ques-

On the same topic, another

reader said that the political signs are ugly. They have littered the landscape causing an eyesore. 1

agree. Including mine. If it were legal, I would be in favor of an

ordinance banning all political signs from being placed on any public property at any time. That way, candidates for office would

be forced to ask their friends and

residents of our great city would not be bothered with the signs

be fair and balanced for all. And

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talents to others.

I am president of the Political Activities Club (P.A.C.), a non-school sponsored club that meets twice a month at the Civic Center. played football for NHS together. have seen his interest in Novi grow over the years, and so it truly excited me to see such a Our mission is threefold: young people attending P.A.C. meetings have an opportunity to debate on down-to-earth, no-nonsense per-son running for the office of different political issues, present mayor. He is someone who shows and become involved in commuand become involved in to and talk with political figures. At the end of September, city councilman and mayoral candidate Lou Csordas fulfilled two of these up to council meetings and other events ready to get things done, But politics aside, I know he is also a man who gives back to his community – so it did not surprise me when 1 heard that he objectives. After receiving Mr. Csordas's

increasing the tax burden on the citizens. He understands the importance of increasing the tax recently took the time to meet with a group of Novi High School campaign flier in the mail, I invitstudents who are interested in ed him to be P.A.C.'s first guest base through controlled growth local government. Being interested in local speaker. He went out of his way, taking time off from his work to while managing and maintaining our precious resources. I have also been very impressed with how he has mainmake it to our after-school meetaffairs, yet not far removed from ing. He even brought material about Novi's government for the club members to look at. Over 20 high school students high school myself, it is mar-velous to hear that he took the time to meet with these tained a positive issue-oriented campaign, refusing to become involved in negative campaignstudents, Students are often ing. It is for these reasons and oth-

taught about federal, and even and several parents met in the state government, but rarely are the complexities of local govern-Historic City Hall building west of the Novi Public Library to hear Mr. Csordas speak. He began room. I commend Lou for being a with how Novi city government beneficial role model by taking the time to enrich the interest of works, explaining the city managthe time to enrich the interest of these students (topefully, soon-to-be council candidates!). Lou this city and he sees the impor-tance of connecting with Novi's younger citizens. I hope citizens for Lou Csordas.

After that, Mr. Csordas passed out a city master plan public opinion survey. He submitted the Justin Paul Fischer Novi surveys at the next Novi City Council meeting. Besides being a model guest speaker, Mr. Csordas gave the club members an oppor-tunity to voice their opinions to care of himself and doesn't need model guest speaker, Mr. Csordas gave the club members an oppor-

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mayor for Novi.

leadership the City Council and mayor! As I listened to Mr. Csordas explain Novi's government and Lou Csordas is a bright light in Novi politics. Lou has helped the Beckenham Subdivision and me the council's plans for the future, I realized how much he cares about the people of Novi. Mr. Csordas wants to do what is in the

of years, Loa has demonstrated a commitment to resolving the problems that confront regular people. His ability to get the job of Novi, and coming to P.A.C. shows his willingness to devote his life to helping the people in

done has been demonstrated time and again. He responds quickly, whether it's calling a concerned Novi young to vote this year, I believe Lou Csordas would be the right neighbor about city services of responding to a request for fur-ther information about city poli-cies and procedures. He's also unique in that he'll really tell you

Lou!"

Mr. Csordas for all he has done for the Political Activities Club. what he thinks, not what he, thinks you want to hear. From working though the bureaucracy of Novi government to encourag-He spent a lot time setting up the meeting at the Historic City Hall, preparing for his presentation, and talking with politically-minding third parties to honor the Lou Csordas is a gentleman and a leader. Vote for him for mayor. Frank Rennan ed students. Frank Brennan need a mayor like you.

#### Jeff Golola Csordas shows respect

best interest for all the residents

Despite the fact that I am too

I would like to publicly thank

Ron Nicklaus Jr.

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Spidey's mom neighbors for permission to put a sign on their front lawn. And the I was one of the parents that says, "Vote for heard Mr. Csordas address a group of high school students two weeks ago. Mr. Csordas that seemingly have sprung up everywhere overnight. It would explained to the group how Novi In last week's issue, a letter to the editor was printed stating that government works and future plans for the city. He didn't address his campaign, except that Lou Csordas, mayoral candidate. is using the Spiderman trademark with hopes of benefiting from it in his campaign. As the single mother of the child in the he was running for mayor. In a question-and-answer session, a student asked him about his opponents and what they were like. He refrained from answering Spiderman suit in Lou's brochure, I can say that this could

after all, isn't that what govern-ment is supposed to be - fair and balanced for all? balanced for all? The people who are elected to City Council and the mayor posi-tion in November have to be able to work together. A prolific U.S. the question, saying that was not he question, saying that was not his purpose for being lhere. He divided amongst itself cannot could have done some major stand." Let's not be that house, mud-slinging and given the group Let's work together to keep Novi



#### Roval 'Cats Novi High School's Brent Pantaleo and L Blaszczak were crowned 2003 Homecom and Queen during halftime of Friday nigl game.

start coming out of the wood-work. Last week's letters ridiculone very impor ing from them: Throwing ing the candidate on placing of arguments agai was such a negative demoncasy. I believe t is followed who What a great misuse of one's intellectual energy. This is not of a candid California. It is not worthy of reproach. Clear be the case here belief is based Thomas Steffler there was no

Novi issues the resid and what this the future of our has both a visi Job well done, and a plan to m Mr. McCann The city ha many changes in a relatively shor period of time. The city will con As the Music and Motor Fest hegins planning for the 17th annual festival, I would like to express a long overdue thank you to Mr. Bob McCann of Brighthouse Networks. Bob's commitment to the festival has me to speak on his behalf. commitment to the festival has However, I would be remiss if I didn't point out to all the readers respect. There are only a handful the the neutrino further are for a production of the neutrino further and the neutrino of people aware of how much time and energy Bob has put into the festival over many years always with the intent of in always with the intent of putting on a fun and successful event for ior citizens. Mr. Csordas will make this everyone. So Bob, as you step down from the position of festival vision a reality by applying president, please know how much common sense business approach to managing the city. The city you have been and are appreciated. The festival and the co

needs a mayor with business acu men who can manage the city' ty are fortunate to have your support and generosity. J know scarce resources and get the mos speak for the entire Festival Board of Directors when I say value out of them. This will ensure cost savings in our spend-ing, efficiency in how we get ing, efficiency in how we ge things done, and no increase in Let's say that on October 1st pre- thank you for everything! Cindy Kopczynski taxes Most importantly, Mr. Csordas South Lvon

has the values that we want in our mayor. From my own interactions with the City Council, 1 found Csordas has a Mr. Csordas to be fair and respectful. I cannot say that about other members of the Council, Our own Mayor Clark vision Ordinarily I would not write on these matters, but recently I read with interest two letters in which endorses Mr. Csordas, I do no believe that Mayor Clark would endorse a candidate unless that person was of the highest integrithe authors were very critical of Councilmember Lou Csordas. Mr. Csordas is running in this November's election for the ty and moral standing. I was hoping to see that this election would not get dragged office of mayor. The residents of Novi who down into unprofessional an wrote these letters felt that Mr. childish antics. Our city deserve better. However, in November i das had committed a capital makes our choice that much easi offense because some volunteers had mistakenly displayed some er. We can elect a candidate who campaign signs a day early (the signs were immediately taken down when they realized an error we can be proud to have as our had been made). Moreover, they accused Mr. Csordas of violating a copyright law because his

Mayor and will lead our city in a positive direction. That candid is Lou Csordas. Richard Gau brochure contains a photo of a continued on page 15

# **OTHER OPINIONS** Learning starts at birth; so where do we go now?

Of course, we probably can't

get to the French or English sys

ems overnight, even assuming

we would want to They are yet

expensive and fit perfectly into the French/English culture of era-

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cost taxpayers a ton. But it does represent a model that might use

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all around the theme of "Be a They held the ninth annual Governor's Education Summi hero from age zero" and urging parents of newhorus to "hold conference a couple of weeks ago in Lansing. It was the biggest one ever, with 1,000 people attending and 400 more turned away for talk, read, play," and so forth with their children. The idea is to get the practical consequences of scilack of space, But, not surprisingentific findings into the heads of ly, the summit didn't get much ordinary parents. The Ready to Succeed folks attention, and disappeared alr

without a trace in the maw of the had a willing audience in Gov. big-time media machine Jennifer Granholm, who immedi-It was important, though, because it marked a significant ately latched on to the idea, now repackaged as "Project Great Start." At the education summit change in direction for Michigan's policies on early she announced a sweeping plan to use donations instead of tax dolchildhood and education, a change driven by what brain scilars to promote the idea that "education begins at age zero." The entists and doctors have come to urly child slogan will be on grocery bags out that from Meijer's, on public service



Granholm said in her keynote **Phil Power** All this promo tion is well and good. But it doesse findings is enormou n't cut to the concrete core of iety betw what needs to be done if we are to bring our child care and educahat we do tion system kicking and screamt kids are ing into the 21st century. en they are at we do is Turns out the best in the world to start children in kindergarten a age 5, exactly the point at which their capacity to learn starts to

Turns out the best in the world at all this are the (gasp) French, who operate a system of maternal and childcare centers for every family with children as part of the national health system. The cen-ter attack method care for low down. Consider, furthermore, the enormous misallocation of bilters start with prenatal care for lions of dollars arising from this mothers and babies, continue with home visits after the baby is born disconnect. For some years now and provide very early childhood education. The whole system is a group of heavyweights from the business, education, human serv ices and foundation communities linked in a continuum of care have been meeting to chew on this issue, Called "Ready to from birth to grade school, and most experts say it's the very best part of the French education svo Succeed," this group has spontem. The English have a similar sored some interesting adv ing campaigns on radio and TV, system, called "Sure Star

#### Fieger, Kervorkian - life's changed For the better part of a decade, departing "patients. Geoffrey Fieger and Jack Kevorkian dominated the news agenda in a way that scarcely The partnership collapsed in 1998. Geoffrey Fieger assumed he could translate his courtroom bril-liance into the political arena, and They had hoped that she would schedule immediate oral argu-ments, and bring Kevorkian down om prison to attend. But she

scemed believable They were, in a sense, characran for governor. He was smeared Feeling neglected and bored with success, Kevorkian upped the ters out of an adolescent novel two brilliant, in-your-face bad ante. He moved to euthanasia. boys who got away with things nobody else could - and videotaped the act, and sent the ape to 60 Minutes. changed the country's way of hen he dismissed Fieger and loeking at a major social issue insisted on representing himself. Time and again, the unemployed pathologist would help some ill This resulted in a second-degree murder conviction, and a 10-to-25 mmit suicide year sentence. "I've got them right where I want them," he told me, Time and again, they would go into court, captivate the media with their antics, openly own up the day they led him away in what the then-Dr. Kevorkia had done — and win an acquittal. He thought a public outery Once, they even took the whole jury out to an expensive dinner party afterwards. During one trial, Kevorkian sat with his fin-

gers in his ears. During another, he dressed up to

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fering who would like "a soft. landing," But national priorities are different, and people have thought less about individual would force his release. But he choice in death since the day had about used up 3,000 died in a flash through no choice or fault of their own. fame. Most of his Geoffrey Fieger has changed, too. The days when he could figh supporters melter away. The judicial courtroom battles all day and bar system took its time about con-sidering his many ter with reporters in bars all night re gone. He and his wife, Keenie have adopted two multiracial infants, Julian and Aidan, and by appeals, then rejected them, one all accounts the flamboyant lawyer has, at 52, become a sur-

lifestyle.

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Voting for Nagy This November the good people of the City of Novi will be electing

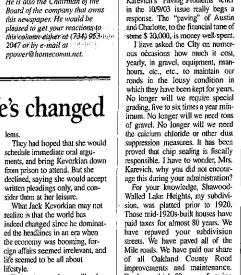
four members of our government; one Mayor and three City Council We, the Novi residents, must take good, long, rational and realistic ook at our council candidates' qual-

look at our council candidates qua-fications and their expressed desires to preserve the quality of our City and to enhance and improve our community. We need City Council leadership that is professional, hard-working, and committed to the Novi residents and Latxneers. residents and taxpayers. Given some of the spectacles that we all witnessed at City Council

meetings in the past several years, i is evident that we need good indust trious, compassionate and under-standing elected officials, not the petty, bizarre cronies obsessed with themselves and their political

Gov Granholm effered a start careers. in her speech at the summit when she said that 17 Michigan ele-We have to elect City Council officials with the personal qualifications and experience that will benefit our Novi residents, not the developers, mentary schools on a federal lis of 213 underperforming schools and certainly not some persona political career plans. One City Council candidate that has carned social services workers on han to help solve family problems. our serious consideration to be electcd this November is Toni Nagy. Toni Nagy has demonstrated her The idea of co-locating socia services, public health and early commitment to working with and for the residents of our City. Toni school buildings has been kicking Nagy does her homework on the Novi Planning Commission and works hard on any project she is a part of. Toni Nagy has served her around for years, especially in communities with deeply rooted social and economic problems. So suppose you add a child care community, her homeowners asso Family Resource Centers. And suppose you expanded the prociation and her neighborhood. This has been acknowledged in many Novi New articles and on the cablegram to all 213 underperforming casted Novi Planning Commission meetings. She has years of well-doc-umented, dedicated experience schools. And suppose further ... you get the point. The big problem with all sum working for the residents and will mit conferences is to figure out "what's next" after the conference the City administrations. Yes, she has ruffled some feathers at City is over. Edging toward a serious early childcare and education sy Hall - but some times that has to be done to get the job done for our restem is the obvious "next step." I will take a lot of tugging and hauling on a whole lot of con-stituencies that are invested in the idents and our City. This November 4th vote for Toni Nagy and let her continue to work for us and for our City. We need peo-ple like Toni Nagy on the Novi City system as it now is, but it's well worth the effort. And it could be a defining objective for a very smart Governor with three school Council. Joseph G. Toth age children and a demonstrated interest in policy innovations in





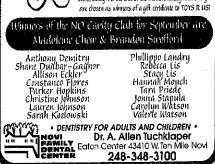
Don't you think 80 years of paying for YOU to have your loveliness is enough? Fiscal responsibility means we ALL get the best share of tax dol-Today, thousands are still suflars collected and spent within the City. Quite frankly, you should appreciate the fact that your tax dol-lars will no longer be wasted in the fuile attempt to keep gravel roads – ANYWHERE in the City – pass-able. Please note: I didn't say acceptable. Rarely has the gravel. wodrome been acceptable Would it make you feel any better to learn that I had nothing to do with

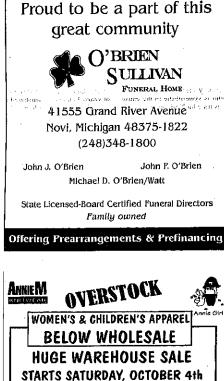
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tinue to mature, and we need a strong leader who will oversee the many challenges that we will face. Mr. Csordas envisions a city where we will all cniov a high quality of life. This means a city safe and secure, has school system that will provide excellence in education for our children, a parks and recreation department that we can all enjoy, and a city government that will look out for the needs of our sen-

City Council. He is also respect-ful to the city employees and some of the other members of Council could take a lesson from reasons to vote for him. Instead the great City that it is he showed respect and didn't talk about himself or his campaign. 1 positive impact on numerous children in the community. When To me, Lou has always made his decisions based upon fact with his focus on what is best for his children were growing up in was impressed. He showed dign Novi, he volunteered his time to ty before high school students the residents of Novi, He is open, ice-ball, soccer, basketball, base-tee-ball, soccer, basketball, base-stuck to the topic he was asked to respect for his opponents and Council. He really was impres-been a strong, positive, laving You have my vote You have my vote, Mr. waste of time been a strong, positive, loving mentor for my child and count-less others. My son loves supersive when he insisted that a pri-vate company pay for the \$18,000,000 road improvements Why the negativity? Why the personal attacks? It is the election season and Ronald Nicklaus heroes, Spiderman being one of his favorites, and the use of him in Lou's brochure was a kind gesto 12 Mile Rd., Novi Rd., and the those that do not believe in posinew roads leading to our shoptive and proactive participation in our political process resort to ping district. I just do not underture to show my son that he is Dealings with stand why his opponent opposed this decision. Lou saved the tax-payers \$18,000,000! lowering the bar of discussion Csordas earned They call on their decoys to do That is why I am joining all of letter, I was saddened and disapunderhanded work for them. my friends and neighbors in our pointed that anyone would attack support for Lou Csordas for Novi Nayor. this vote Last week I read with dism pointed that anyone would attack and disappointment a couple of letters to the editor that attacked out of the goodness of his heart. It truly shows that if there is a pub I have known Lou Csordas since my family moved to Novi personally a candidate who stansince my family moved to Novi over 15 years ago. I was pleased when I heard that Lou was going ed placing his signs out a day ear-Mary McConville lic attack on Lou for something so minor (putting a 5-year old child in a Spiderman suit in his Novi lier than required by ord Every election whenever the to run for Mayor. I have had many dealings with Lou on both a personal and a pro-fessional level and have always brochure) then those who attack him must surely approve of all the Lou's for all ages the entire weekend to get out their major accomplishments Lou has hieved in the city of Novi, for election signs. That's a good use found him to be extremely proof free time and effort. the people of No and in partic I would like to take the time to People of goodwill would for-give and let that mishap rest. No. So, negativity rears its ugly head: and people who thrive on politics of personal destruction show my support for Lou Sordas' candidacy for mayor. My family has known Lou fessional and a man of impecca-ble character. He has devoted countless hours to the operation J. Matthews of the City in various capacities Csordas for about 10 years now, over the years. His efforts and ince my brother and his son Novi

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in fact he looked more like a minor footman from a bad movie about Jack Lesse	They trans- ferred him to vari- ous prisons until they finally sent	prisingly dedicated father. "Geoffrey comes home at night a lot earlier now," his wife says. These days he hangs out with the	that the only reason Austin was treated in this manner was because of me. Not true, I had nothing to do with it. Chip seal for our residential	28287 Beck Road • Unit D11 Just north of 12 Mile Road on west side of Beck Road
King Louis XIV. During another, he refused to even show up, say- ing he had better things to do. Somehow, the judges let him get away with all this. Geoffrey Fieger mared like a lion, said out- rageous things to the jury ("Unfortunately the judge has ruled that i can't tell you about my client's prior acquittals.") and even more outrageous things about the prosecutors. He specu- lated whether his cnemies' parents coupled with farm animals. Once, he moved for an innuccli- ate dismissal on the grounds that the prosecutor was spineless "and in the state of Michigan a case has to be tried by a vertebrate." Other lawyers would have been staring at some bars. Geoffrey got a wagging finger. The odd couple teamed up in 1990. Six years later, assisted sui- cide Kevorkian style was de facto legal in metropolitan Detroit. Kevorkian lived in a house Geoffrey owned, filling its garage with wheelchairs that belonged to	Prisoner No. 284797 to Lapcer. Jack Kevorkian is 75 now, an old man with many allments. Last Sunday, he had a visitor he had finally agreed to see. Geoffrey Fieger. Hard as it must have been for Kevorkian to do, he asked Fieger to come back. This week, once again, the press releases went out and the cameras flocked to the steadily expanding suite of offices infor- mally known as the Figgerdome. "For almost five years Dr. Kevorkian has been more than punished, "his lawyer tundered, just like in the old days. "His con- tinued incarceration is brutal, inhuman and cruel." Wednesday, Figger formally asked Oakland Circuit Judge Rae Lee Chabot to release his famous client, who isn't eligible for parole for nearly four more years. Dr. Kevorkian's own physician wrote a letter testfying that the old man suffers from serious hemias, dou- ble vision, anemia and heart prob-	likes of Ú.S. Sen. John McCain, who lives near where the Fiegers have a vacation home. Someday, some judge may let Kevorkian out. But i wouldn't keep his word not to help anyone die secm too great. One has to wonder what the sit- nation would be today if he had just gone on assisting suicides something the prosecutors had given up fighting. And one has to wonder about the future. "On, this will become legal, all right," Kevorkian told me years ago. "You know why? There are 75 million of your gen- eration and only 17 million in the next. Do you think they're going to spend all their income to keep all of you hooked up to machines?" <i>lack Lessenberry is editorial</i> vice president of Hometown Communications. He can be reached by phone at (248) 901- 2561 or by e-mail at jessenberry@homecomm.net.	streets is a prudent and sound use of City resources. Now that the chip scal is in place, it's a wonderful product, and the rest of residential gravel rodust should be treated in a similar manner over the next few years. Other cities, coun- ties and states have had wonderful results with this product. Austin, as a test case, hopefully will prove to have the same results. Why did previous chip scaling and paving in Novi Heights fall apart within a year? I would hope we have learned from those long- ago applications and now would have some warranty or guarantee on the product and the workmanship. Why are subdivision roads falling apart before we (City) even accept them and so do yours. Should ANY of our taxes keep paying for these streets to be roads to prevent such waste of City resources? Enough said. <i>James E. Korte</i> <i>Novi</i>	Treasure Your Loved Ones Pre-need cemetery plans when you need piece of mind, At-need arrangements when you need a friend. (Based on complete arrangements for two) \$1000 Off if made by October 30th \$750 Off if made by November 15th \$500 Off if made by November 15th \$500 Off if made by November 15th \$500 Off if made by November 30th Peace of Mind • Lower Prices • Family Protection • Selection Made Together • Agreeable Terms • Transferability Ask us about our mausoleum crypts. in-ground and creation burds, monuments and markers. 4800 Curtis Road Plymouth 734-454-9448

# This Halloween, try our top list of frightening fiction

It's one thing to be scared out of your mind watching a movie, and it's something completely differ-ent to scare yourself silly by tum-ing each terrifying page of a book, as eight offer the other one right after the other.

The stories that are told send chills down your spine. You think you hear something in the house, holding your breath for a moment or two just to verify it was your own imagination doing the dirty work the silver screen could never accomplish. Books have a way of gripping you. They hold you tight ecomplish. Books have a way of ime, but the story still rings true and don't let go. You can't turn ation known simply as "Dracula." your eyes away from the written word to avoid the chilling events like you can with a film - no.

like you can with a film - no. King: The sum you have to read it and imagine it master of horau have to read it and non-make it come to life. There are scary books all over that King has not only the market, and names that come only time and earned, but the market, and names that come Dean Koontz for those out there has surpassed

looking for a chilling plot and a hair-raising, rip-tide flow of a looking for a chilling plot and a in his years as hair-raising, rip-tide flow of a one of the story. They are the masters in the realize that there are others that are just as capable of making those little hairs on the back of novel that even manages to suryour neck stand at attention, or and soft chills reverberating

down your spine. Though it's impossible to com-pare every horrific tale to another in the world of books due to the sheer magnitude in the way of volumes of bound copy, there are still plenty that stand out in our minds as some of the creepiest, scariest and all-too-realisticallyhorrifying tales that have made i to a bookshelf near you:

sion movie.

Did you know?

"Dracula" by Bram Stoker: This hook is classi cally scary it more ways than ODE Published in 1897. Stoker brought forth the upon

44 orld the terrifying tale of a blood-sucking maniae that we have all grown to love. Not to mention his tale of this vampire, which is a member of the undead who survives by drinking the blood of the living has snawned some other interest ing tales and has inspired such at books and movies as "Interview with the Vampire" hy Anne Rice. For Stoker to have

imagined such horror long before others had even thought of it as rtainment shows the true abil-

ity of a man who has come to be known as one of the founding fathers of the genre. Vampires have long been the lore of camp-fire stories and over 200 films, but how much of that would have been accomplished had it not been for a wan and his intention. devil-related work that fol-lowed the EXORCIST lowed the release of his 1971 bestseller (or the 1973 been for a man and his imagina-tion? To this day, "Dracula" has spawned from the ability to bring chills to your spine and goosebumps across your skin. The terms and the starring Max Von Sydow, Ellen Burnsty,

and Linda Blair). Regan MacNeil is the adolescent daughter of an actress living in Washington vocabulary may be from another while filming a movie. A Ouija board fan, she's possessed by a demon that had been unleashed 2. "The Shining" by Stephen from an Iraqi archeological dig.

After putting her daughter through a battery of physical lests that turn up nothing. Regan's mother contacts Father Damien, a priest going through his own cri-sis of the soul. Father Damien assists Father Merrin, the old exoreist who accidentally freed Ti Stinina the demon at the beginning of the

book. Together, the two battle the demon at the risk of their own lives. Blatty was a comedy screenwriter at the time he wrote Suming. King brings to us a novel that even manages to sur-pass his famed "Salem's Lot" and "The Exorcist" - one of his more well-known works is "A Shot in the Dark," the 1964 Pink Panther "Carrie" as he takes us on a twisting tale that follows the Torrances, a young family that moves into the spooky old Overlook resort hotel as winter film, But Hollywood stopped cal ing, so he took the story of a 1949 Maryland exorcism he recalled from college and turned it into a novel. He's managed to repeat hi

caretakers, Jack Torrance is a writer, and like many writers, he hopes to take advantage of the horror in later novels, including hopes to take advantage of the "Legion" and "The Ninth solitude and quiet hours such a Configuration." place would provide him to work on his novel. His son, Danny, is endowed with "the shine," which 4. The short stories of Edgar Allan Poe: Though Poe is a psychic ability that gives him the power to see the hotel's burrif-ic past. Danny is not only scared by the horrors he sees, but the snow piles up outside and the family begins to fall apart as his falter disintegrates with the help of his alcoholism and his own his-tory that brings forth memories of the help 19th century when it came to being able to put his own abusive father. The book,

according to various interviews with King, came to him as he and his family stayed at a Colorado you on the edge of your seat and bring realistic horror into your ation. In such works a imagination. In such works a "The Fall of the House of Usher. "The Cask of Amontillado" an hotel and he staved awake late into the night. Since the publica-tion of "The Shining," two movies have been made: a 1980 teature the ever-famous "The Tell-Tale Heart," Poe manages to make his protagonists often appear on the directed by Stanley Kubrick and edge of insanity. A lot of hi starring Jack Nicholson and Shelley Duvall, and a 1997 televiworks that pertain to such thrilling tales of danger and the darkness that seemingly every

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human possesses may have com 3. "The Exorcist" by William Peter Blatki Y tou can basically from situations that Poe himself thank this author for being the inspiration for practically every ment to say that Poe did not have

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a happy life. An alcoholic and a still horror touchstones gambler whose parents died to this day, before he was 3, he had a poor

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# Top 10 scariest books

continued from page 16 herself involved in a mental game with the spooky residence. The story keeps readers locked in with have your Fluffy back with you because you just never know what's smooth storytelling and intense going to happen if that wish comes entranced by the story that finds poor Vance in a struggle to defeat the house in a conflict that there is no way she can win. Her only retief? Vadness. It isn't a pretty reture that i painted for us there is othere is a conflict that there is no way she can win. Her only retief? the house in a conflict that there is 1977. "The no way she can win, Her only relief? Anityville Madness, It isn't a pretty picture that Horror' which a pretty picture that thorror was never meant to be pretty. Jackson is best known for her work "The Lottery," which was published about a house. We're A JRUE STORY LY JAVANSON in 1948 and has a chilling edge of its that needs some work done to it, we're talking about a house that needs to be torn down because it is 6. "The Watchers" by Dean completely evil, This book is so twontz: This book is just freaky from the start. A tale of two biosect chillingly realistic in the writing and story that for a long time it was con-sidered non-fiction by many fans. The truth is that the DaFoe family Dean two biogenetiwas murdered by shotgun shots to the back of the head, and that the cally engi-neered animals murders were done by their own family member, Robert DaFoe, at tone is a dog of remarkable roughly 3 a.m. in the morning. That intelligence he heard voices that told him to do it might also be true, but it has come to be the belief that George Lutz had that are strangely connected through a mental link. The monster hates the heard those same voices and that the family witnessed all of the events leading up to their abandonment of the house after 28 days of living ter-ror is the fictional part of the tale. In dog, and will stop at nothing to see the animal dead. It kills without question, and hunts without mercy. The entire idea of a creature hunting

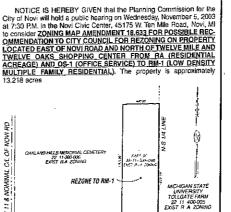
the books. George and Kathy Lutz settle into their dream home about a year after the murder (which they have no knowledge of) and then the through the wilderness and the dark-ness, stopping for nothing and car-ing about even less is a terrifying and chilling thing to be put into vords, Though there was a movie nade based on the novel, it didn't horror begins. They experience strange winds and unpleasant odors that quit as quick as they begin, and live up to the terror and fright Koontz was able to twist into his then George starts becoming irrita spine-tingling novel. It's spooky enough to make you think twice about walking through the woods ble and depressed. He's unable to sleep and begins to hear the voices in his head. Things take a turn for again - be it broad daylight or pitch dark when you read this, you'll find the worst and, as you may have guessed, the horror of Amityville is finally revealed. To say this book is yourself glancing over your shoulscary is hardly a way to describe it. especially considering how the very der at least once.

word "Amityville" has been able to 7. "Pet Cemetery" by Stephen bring images of fear and terror to the minds of many fans throughout the world since it was first published King: Poor Fluffy. Hit by a car and no thicker than a pancake now. But, there's and then turned into a movie direct ed by Stuart Rosenburg.

9. "The Silence of the Lambs something you can do about it by Thomas Harris: This der - 10. britte Seither für 2.5 figter if you want. See, there's this novel isn't the kind of scary ancient Native American burial HARRIS that brings the images of vam-pires and mon-sters to mind. Instead, it Sec. 1.

american relative American output ground over the ridge where they say if you bury your dead they will rise again to be a part of the land of the living. Oh wait, I forgot to tell you that if you bury something there and it conies back, it's quite often rocient to build of a need and more HE SILENC FT-LEAN reminds us just going to be void of a soul and more evil than anything you have ever book takes us inside the world of encountered in your life. King does Ut than anything you have ever book takes us inside the world of encountered in your life. King does it once again, and in style, as he spins a tale of the consequences of bringing your loved ness back to life after the cold grip of death has already taken them. The book, which was published in 1983, was

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of both the crimefighters and the criminals as each struggles in a prison of pain and seeks, sometimes violently, relief. This is the second book in Harris' series and a great follow-up to his 1981 suspense round Pade Decom "The hornion is". to bring horror once again into your book in Harris' series and a great living room, and convinces you that sometimes it's a had thing to want to novel "Red Dragon." The heroine is new, but the villain isn't: Dr. Hannibal Lecter, the evil genius who played a small but crucial role

in the earlier novel, returns, to mesnerizing effect. When a serial killer was actually translated to English), known as Buffalo Bill (he kidnaps, as there is limited punctuation and dialower that is mediated in the slays and skins young women) begins a cross-country rampage, FBI trainee Clarice Starling tries to the puzzle that has the lives of inno-cent people in the balance. Just the thought of Lecter is enough to send chills down plenty of spines thanks to the fiercely popular niovie "The Silence of the Lambs" starring Jodie Foster and Sir Anthony Hopkins.

Fava beans and Chianti, anyone? 10, "Blindness" by Jose Saramago: Without warning, a driver waiting at trafili e e e e e e e e

fie lights goes **WINT** blind. A good samaritan takes pity on him, and 14 × 5 × 9 × 1

drives him home to his wife. The

next morning, the wife takes her husband to see an optician, who is haffled. That afternoon, the wife can see. goes blind. So does the samaritan. The following morning, the doctor goes blind. Later that day, one by

sidewalks

Marlee (Weisz), tries to swindle the attorneys (Hackman, Hoffman) to pay millions of dollars to have the jury return a verdict friendly to their clients. "Runaway Jury" is a Columbia Pictures release and rated PG-13 by the MPAA for vioonce-civilized people become ragged nomads traveling by touch from building to building in search lence, language, and thematic elements. language. A remake of the 1974 cult-clas of food, Just imagine a place where those who went blind in the sie "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre," follows five young people stranded in rural Texas, where they are hunted down and streets can never find their homes again, where people are reduced to cating chickens raw and packs of butchered by a cannibalistic chain-saw-wielding maniac called Leatherface. The cast includes dogs roam the excrement-covere from scavenging corpses. Suddenly, horror has a new face - and one that no one Jessica Biel, Jonathon Tucker, Erica Leerhsen, and Eric Balfour "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre" is a New Line Cinema release and rated R by the MPAA for strong horror violence/gore, language



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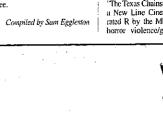
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(PG), popular spoof series sequel "Scary Movie 3" (R), and Disney animated adventure "Brother Bear" (G). For more information, please log on to The Movie Insider at www.themovieinsider.com.





#### Thereafter, the situation deterioweek rates. So begins Portuguese author Saramago's gripping story o humanity under siege. This book i fairly challenging to read at first (i as there is limited punctuation and dialogue that is embedded in the paragraphs minus either quotations marks or attribution. But, stick

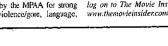
mysterious man, Nick Easter (Cusack) who finds himself on the jury of a landmark case against a gun manufacturer, and who with it, and this book is a gem. But why, you may ask, is it scary "Blindness," in many ways, is a attempts to influence the other jury members to vole a certain way. Meanwhile, Easter's girlfriend, horror novel as it details the total breakdown in society following such an unnatural disaster. It's rea ly the idea of such a thing happen ing that is frightening: People lear to live in filth, they commit acts of both violence and generosity. The very structure of society itself alters to suit the circumstances as

Festival hit "Pieces of April" as a rebellions 21-year-old young oman. She attempts to make

Lower East Side for Thanksgiving dinner. "Pieces of April" is an United Artists release and rated PG-13 by the MPAA for language, sensuality, drug content, and images of nudity. Biographical drama "Sylvia," follows the short life of American

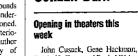
tendencies inspired her to write poetry and the novel "The Belljar" which have touched generations since her death. "Sylvia" is a Focus

In theaters next week Romantic drama "Beyond Borders" (R), crotic thriller "In the Cut" (R), true story "Radio"





### Thursday, October 16, 2003-NOVI NEWS 17A SCREEN BEAT





headline legal thriller "Runaway Jury," based upon the bestselling novel by John Grisham. Set in New Orleans, the film follows a

Dustin Hoffman and Rachel Weisz

and drug content. Dawson's Creek alum Katie Holmes stars in a Sundance Film

things right with her ailing mother (Patricia Clarkson) and other family members who are coming from suburban Pennsylvania to he

apartment in New York City's

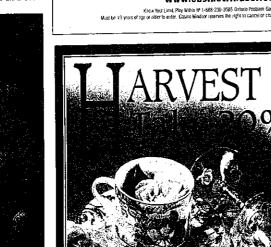
poet/novelist Sylvia Plath (Gwyneth Paltrow), whose struggles with depression and suicidal

Features release and rated R by the MPAA for sexuality/nudity and



professional criminal investigation All the elements of a well-execute thriller are working here: Driving which was published in 1983, was search, and the dock technic retent-written by King when he was living lessly down toward the death of in a rental home in Ornington, "another young woman. What Maine — complete with a pet cemetery behind it. King manages opportunity to live inside the minds CITY OF NOVI WORRY FREE **GUARANTEE** 





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# Hospital speakers focus on the heart of the matter

#### By Phil Foley STAFE WRITER

Dr. Jeffrey Zaks has one very good reason for middle-aged women to spend the evening with him at the Sheraton Detroit Novi hotel

"It might save your life," he said Dr. Zaks, Providence Hospital's chief of medical office and vice president of medical affairs, and others will be presenting a Women's Night Out event next Thursday,

from 6 to 9 p.m., and heart disease will be the focus. A cardiologist, Dr. Zaks noted that while more than 40,000 are diagnosed with breast cancer annually, more than 10 times that many women suffer from heart disease.

Dr. Zaks, who will present "Heart Disease - It's Not Just for Men Anymore," will be joined by Beverly Cameron, a registered die-titian at Providence, who will dis-Anymore," cuss "You're in Control - Making Lifestyle Changes to Prevent Heart

Lifestyle Changes to reven read-bisease". According to Dr. Zaks, "Half of all woman 55 years old and older have high holdo pressure. He added that the mortality rate for female heart attack victims is twice as high or it is for mon as it is for men.

He said one reason for that may women dismiss the be that many women dismiss early signs of a heart attack becau



Dr. Zaks, Providence Hospital's chief of medical office and vice president of medical affairs, will be one of two speakers at Women's Night Out from 6-9 p.m. Oct. 23 at the Sheraton Detroit Novi hotel. Hospital officials say it's a night out that just might save your life.



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women's symptoms are different

"What's the classic image of a heart attack?" he asked. "A man clutching his fist over his chest." For vomen, however, said Dr. Zaks, the first sign of a heart attack may well be abdominal discomfort that they typically dismiss as gas or indigestion. He noted even caregivers often miss the early signs of heart attacks in women.

This may be due in part to the fact that a disproportionate amount of the research on heart attacks has focused on men. Dr. Zaks noted that two factors in

incresased rates of high blood pres-Increased rates of right block pres-sure among women have been an increase in hormone replacement therapy and increased smoking rates. "It brings a whole new conno-tation to 'You've come a long way, " he noted.

Along with increased rates of heart attack, increased blood pres-sure levels also increases the risk of

Experts agree the most muscle damage following a heart attack takes place within the first one to two hours (golden moment). It is within these two hours that therapy in opening the heart vessel needs to take place. If time is lost and the vessel is opened after this, the bene-fit is much here. fit is much less.

According to Dr. Zaks, it's impor-tant for women to have the informa-tion they need to make informed decisions about their health care. He said at least once a year Providence's staff trics to combine

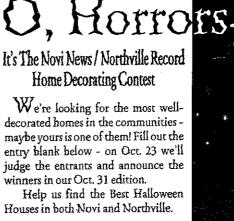
providence's sain titles to contain important health information for women along with a fun activity. The year's Women's Night Out will kick off at 5 p.m. with health will kick off at 5 p.m. with nealth screenings at the Sheaton (formerly the Novi Hilton), 2111 Haggerty Road; followed by registration at 6 p.m.; dinner and a fashion show by The Clothing Cove of Milford at 6:30 p.m.; presentations by Dr. Zaks and Cameron at 7:30 p.m.; and door orige derawing st 9 n m.

prize drawings at 9 p.m. The is a \$30 per person charge to cover costs. Call (800) 806-2229.

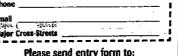
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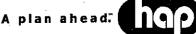
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### Wildcats tennis squad wins regional, headed to Midland

### By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

For the Novi Wildcats girls tennis team, going to the state finals may be a repeat of last year – but they are plan-ning on an even better showing this time around.

The Novi tennis team, coached by Jim Hanson, won their regional with an impressive showing by earning 28 points while Farmington Mercy escaped into the state finals as well points a second-place finish of 24 points

"It's always a great season when you make it to the state finals," Hanson said, "Last year, we went and we had a great time. This year we want to do the same thing. It's not every year that you get to go, so you have to make the best of it."

Last season, the Wildcats took eighth place in the Lower Peninsula finals, an this year they plan on having a similar

showing and maybe a better placement. "We have some very talented players and a lot of depth," Hanson said. "We have two flights seeded in one doubles and four singles, But, there are a lot of players and a lot of teams that aren't seeded that have the ability to win the

states.

states." Hanson said it wouldn't be a surprise-if players or duos hexides the top four seeds took the championship. "I wouldn't be surprised if there weren't quite a few non-seeded players that win their flights." he said. In the regional meet, the Wildcatts didn't seem to have too much trouble as

didn't seem to have too much trouble as they won five out of the eight flights. In third singles, senior Anna Switzer found herself seeded in first and kept it

that way - as did the other first-seeded "We definitely kept our seedings," Hanson noted. "All of the number one seeds won their flights, and all of them

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By Sam Eggleston

It's nothing new for the Novi Wildcats

- but it's exciting nonetheless. The Wildcats boys golf team will once again represent their school and their community as they play against the best of the best in the state finals. That's after a particularly good showing that found them finishing second in the regional tourna-ment behind a very impressive Detroit Catholic Central squad.

"I am extremely proud of the boys," Novi golf coach Brad Huss said. The Novi Wildcats aren't overconfident either - in fact, they are more modest than

anything else. "We have the talent. But golf is a fickle sport and a lot of teams have enough talent but don't make it," Huss stud. "The region-al tournament is a one-day. 18-bole qualifier, and only three teams make it out. I have had some very good teams that didn't

make it. So every time we do, it makes it that much sweeter." The Wildcats were led by Brandon.

Cigna - or, more precisely, everyone was led by Cigna. The Novi senior shot a two-under 69 to earn the medalist position at the regional tournament

"He was medalist and can now list regional champ among his many accom-plishments," Huss said of his top shooter. Mark Eberline came out strong as well,

shooting a 76. "Mark recovered well after a couple of bad starts and shot 76," Huss noted. "I am extremely proud of him and his efforts." Eric Aytes was third on the team, shoot

"This kid is a gamer." Huss said, "Bis is one of the best pressure players 1 have ever coached. The bigger the tournament, the

better he plays." Brett Jaussi, who has been playing well

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Photo by John Heide Novl runninghack J.W. Woods thinks this game is beginning to be a bit of a drag as he tries to escape from the clutches of Milford linebacker Nick Heale. Novi won the con-test 28-21 to secure a homecoming victory and a piece of the conference title — the first taste of the KVC crown the Wildcats have had since 1989. Novi now has a chance to win the conference outright if they can get a victory over winless Pinckney tomorrow.

### NED METER CON Why share when you can take all of the KVC?

I really couldn't relate to the way the Novi Wildcats football team is feeling right now. They are guaranteed a berth in the playoffs, as well as a share of

the conference title for the first time 1989. since The last time the Wildcats

the



won Kensington Valley Conference title, I was a Eggleston

whopping nine years old, and I've never had to worry about the playoffs or a confer-ence title in the years I played.

But, like any true champion, the Wildcats aren't satisfied. They still have a chance to win the Kensington Valley Conference tille outright, and do so in style as they visit the Pinckney Pirates tomorrow at 7 p.m. in their final conference game of the year

The Pirates are anumfortunate 0-7 at this point in the season, which puts them at the bottom in the con-ference standings and knowing full well they won't be taking any trips in the month of November for postin the fitcher of solvenicer to pos-season play. But, that also lets them know they are a very dangerous team – one that can take chances and risks that other squads can't. This was the case two years ago when the Novi gridders took the long bus ride to visit the Pirates and came away with a loss in rain and slop that slowed their offense to a crawl and found Pinckney earning a win. Novi, however, will be looking to

keep that from happening with a variety of offensive styles. Not only are they capable of running the option this year – and well. I might add – they are a team that can run up the middle, hit the guard-tackle gap and pass when they need to. With what can easily be described as the most talented backfield in the most talented backheld in the Kensington Valley Conference, the Wildcast coaches have a variety of tricks they can bring onto the field if the going gets muddy once again. The difference this season com-pared to two years ago is the defense. The Novi Wildcast have a februing occurs that the life a timek

defensive corps that hits like a truck on the expressway. They aren't afraid to wrap you up, twist you around and slam you into the turt if they get the chance – and they low to do it for a loss in yards especially. With one of the most impressive defensive teams I have seen from any high school hall club, the Novi any high school hall club, the Novi Wildcats have the ability to shut down most teams. Add in the fact that Robbie Carter is back after an injury kept him sidelined for the majority of the year and you find yourself wondering if the defense should get the season MVP as a unit instead of picking an individual. I have to say that I am confident the 'Cats are going to get this win

the 'Cats are going to get this win and the outright conference crown tomorrow night. All of that and a 207th win for coach John Osborne and the high school's program – nothing to scoff at. The Novi players just can't get too'relaxed or overcon-tident. Remember, a wounded animal is the most dangerous – and Pinckney is feeling rather wounded at this point and might likely bite. But, I remain confident nonche-

less, and hope Trevor Hoover has a good return to Pinckney and walks away with a win after it is all said

Novi 47, Pinckney 17



#### block and the ball hit the ground, I knew it was mine.

was nine." Fratto put his shoulder into the effort as well, shielding out a diving Milford punter in Dan Plummer as he, too, tried to recover the loose ball. The maneuver deflected Plummer's dive, and left Fratto off balance as he scooped up the ball on the 3-yard line and dove forward for the touchdown.

touchdown called back with 7:27 left in the first quarter on a holding ponalty. "I wanted it bad," he said of the score. Fratto's touchdown tied the contest at 7-7

'Coach (John) Osborne explained to our Coach trong oscorne explained to our kids that these gays were coming to play." Kellepourey suid of the Mavericks, "They were the league champs last year, and we had to beat them to prove we deserved being league champs this year"

**GREAT SCOTT!** Chris Scott blocks punt, Joey Fratto recovers for touchdown to

spark Novi to homecoming victory and a piece of the KVC crown

some impressive catches, had an earlier

chance to defend state title

It was gut-check time for the Novi Wildcats football team in their homecoming ainst the Milford Mavericks, an

Novi proved they had the guts. For what? Their first Kensington Valley Conference tille since 1989, that's what.

The Novi Wildcats wobbled in the first half but came back strong after a blocked punt by Chris Scott and a recovery for a touchdown by Joey Fratto sparked their squad to a 28-21 omecoming victory Friday.

is huge," Fratto said. "We practice it all the time, and when I saw him get the "That play is set up by Eric Dieghton Novi coach Tab Kellepourey said. "Ch Scott comes off his movement to get through

the line for a chance to get that block." The touchdown for Fratto was a fitting one. The senior wide receiver, who has been key for Novi throughout the season with after kicker Mark Angelocci split the uprights with the extra point. Mifford had scored the first touchdown of the game with 1:55 left in the first half. Sentor runningback Nick Hegle nounded through the middle of the line and found the endzone from five yards out with Plummer hitting the point-after attempt for the 7-0 lead. That stood until Fratto's score two minutes into the second half. The Mavericks' first score was set up by an inter-ception by Tyler Katchever, a junior defen-

league champs this year

sive back

The Wildeats were determined to prove The windows were determined to priv-exactly that, and quickly made the score 14-7 after the defense shut down Millford and forced them to punt on the possession fol-lowing the blocked punt. Eight plays and 50 yards later. Novi senior tailback J.W. Woods took the handoff through the gap created by

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Anna Switzer

stranger to winning, and she showed it as she won the third sin-gles flight at the West Bloomfield regional meet to help her squad make it to the state finals for the second straight year.

as well as the other seniors on the Switzer, team, will be looking to lead her squad by example at the impressive facilities in Midland, where the state finals will be hosted.

#### Brandon Cigna Senior

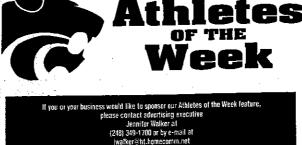
By Sam Eggleston

SPORTS WRITE

#### Golf

Once again, Cigna showed just how capable a golfer he really is. The Novi senior pounded his way to an impressive score as he earned the medalist position at the Regional Meet to

help his team earn yet another berth into the state finals. Cigna, with his long drives and precise shooting ability, is no doubt looking forward to what his team be able to accomplish come the state finals.



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# Wildcats edge tough Lions squad for win

team of Brittany Brodfuchrer, Lynch, Schramm and Kristina Elrod took first with a combined time of 4:01.11. Emily Erickson, Lauren Wilson, Andrea Morabito

and McNamara took second with

Trabue was third with a 6:04.12.

In the 200 yard individual medley relay, South Lyon took

first with a team of Erika Schwarzkopf, Melissa Faletti,

Ashley Balko and Chelsie Melkvik and a time of 2:01.14.

Novi's Schramm, Erica Hartland,

McNamara and Brodfuehrer took

second with a 201.47. In third place were Novi's Moblo, Colleen Patton, Jamie Waranowicz and Erickson as

they secured a time of 2:09.80. The 200 yard individual med-ley event found Schwarzkopf

The 50 yard freestyle event is

South Lyon Jaking first once

#### By Sam Eggleston

It's not easy being road warriors, but that's the only choice the Novi Wildcats girls swim-ming and diving team has this year. With no home pool to swim in

4:07.97. South Lyon's team of Jackie and Kelsey Trabue, Abby Stephenson and Stephanie due to the school construction, Szegedi took third with a the Wildcats have been practic-ing late nights at Northville's 4:1 Ŭ 15. If distance is any indication of pool and competing only on the the strength of some swimmers, then Novi's Lynch is as strong as oad. The closest thing the Novi tankers have had to a home meet was when they took on Northville and fell 182-133 in an they come. Lynch took first in the 500 free with a time of 5:52.94. South Lyon's Stephenson took second with a 5:58.86 and Kelsey

eight-lane scoring meet earlier The Wildcats recently had another close-to-home meet, as they took on and defeated the South Lyon Lions 100-86 in a tensington Valley Conference

match-up. The Novi swim squad had some impressive showings, but most notably was their back-stroke event, which swept with a one-two-three finish. Julie Schramm took first with a time of 1:05.55, while fellow 'Cat Jill McNamara took second with a 1:09.72 and Rachel Moblo took third at 1:10.93.

taking first for the Lions with a time of 2:26,70 and Stephenson taking second with a 2:32,11. Novi's Morabito took third with In the 200 freestyle event, the Wildeats weren't quite as deep as-they were in the backstroke, but hey were pretty close. Lanta Lynch took home the first-place finish with a time of 2:12.76 for a 2:32.91. all about sprinting, and none sprinted better than South Lyon's the Novi taukers. Schramm took Balko as she took first with a cond with a 2:13.92 to edge out. South Lyon's Jackie Trabue's third-place finish of 2:14.49. 26.60 Brodfughter took second for Novi, recording a time of 27.17, while Melkvik took third In the 400 freestyle relay, the in 27.61. In the 100 fly, it was

Wildeats had a similar showing, taking first and second as the

NOVI-NORTHVILLE COLTS FOOTBALL

### Livonia Falcons 13

The IV Colts Jost to the Livonia Falcons after a valiant Lavona Fatcons after a variant comeback effort, 13–8, in a tough fought game. The fatcons took a 1.3–0 lead early in the fourth quarter, but the Colts did not add up and consult a touch not give up and scored a touch-down on their next possession. Late in the quarter the Colts got the ball back after a big defen-



with a 143.60

down, quarterback Ethan

Julie Schramm swims the backstroke against Northville. The Wildcat girls came up short, 182-133.

again as Faletti'notched a wia- 1:01.88 ing effort with a time of In the 200 free relay. South 1:05:54, Novi's Brodfucher and Lyon took the top spot with a Brickson took second and third team of Balko. Schwarzkopf. Melkvik and Faletti and a time of In the 200 free relay. South 1:09.64, respectively. The 100 free found Balko marking yet another top spot for the Lions with a time of 58.36 Wildcat team of Emily Stark. seconds while Elrod took second-Waranowicz, Courtney for the Wildeats with a 1:00.33. Ratkowiak and Jennifer Barry Jackie Trabue took hird for took third with a 1:55.43. The 100 breaststroke found

South Lyon's Faletti taking a win Novi is slated to return to with a 1:12.88 while Patton took second for Novi in 1:14.57. action when they swim the Salen Rocks Tuesday at 7 p.m. before Third-place honors went to visiting Pinckney next Thursday South Lyon's Schwarzkopf with a 1:15.82. at 6 n.m. in a Kensington Valley erence showdown

In one-meter diving the Lions Sam Eggleston is the sports took first and third. Lindsay Schrock collected 159.70 points for the top spot and Cali Harbaugh took 139.50 for third. writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. Novi's Janna Ramsey was second 104 or seggleston@ht.homecomm.net

Hommer, Daniel Stern and

#### downs with 30 seconds left in **Junior Varsity Colts 8** the game. Each team had the ball for just

one offensive series in the first quarter, putting togetter time-consuming drives. The Colts started at their own 45-yard line and were moving the ball when an incomplete pass on fourth-and-eight ended the drive. The Falcons began their drive at the 37-yard line and had moved the within their next possession, and ergin cluster in entry the risk possession, and ergin cluster in the quarter the Colts taking which led to the Colts taking tak



drive alive. On the ensuing drive with the Falcons deep in the Colts territory and they scored on a 15-yard run for a 7-0 lead. Later in the quarter the Falcons Eckhout completed two long the Falcons scored a touchdown, but it was called back on a holding penalty. At the start of the fourth the were driving toward a touch-down when Westley Baber made Falcons continued the drive and

scored a TD. Michael Kinville broke through on the PAT and made a tackle for a loss to keep the score 13–0. The Colts a great open field tackle at the 13-yard line. The Colts kicked off to start the hird quarter with Matthew Stark making the tackle. The Falcons were driving but a tack-le by Brett Gardner and Steven Toth stopped the momentum. received the kick and started at their own 41-yard line and Falcons. The Colts defensive mounted a critical drive. After a line of Dakota Budde, Kyle

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Robert Laney stacked up the Falcons and key tackles were passes to Jon Alandt, taking the ball to the 3-yard line. The Colts' workhorse, Niko Palazeti drove in for the touchdown on made by Kinville, Kenneth Campbell III and Jonathan Robinson to force a three-and-out. The offense took over with 2:30 left in the game and drove the next play. The PAT was good for two points, and the Colts had narrowed the score to 13-8. The Colts attempted arl onside to the 39-yard line but could not convert the first down on fourth-and-15. After the courageous comeback effort, the young kick, but it was recovered by the Colts ended up with a loss



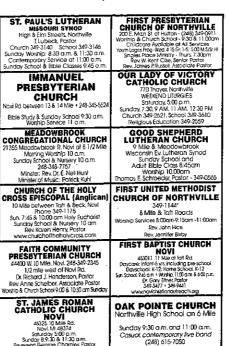
# Wildcats still winning as districts near

#### By Sam Egglestor The districts are upon us, It seems that everything is rolling in the right direction for the Novi and the Novi Wildcats are ready. Their first game is Wildcats right now. The Novi soccer team, led by coach Brian O'Leary, earned big field October 20. wins over Kensington Valley Conference rivals Hartland and The winner of the Novi/ South Lyon last week. The wins came in the form of 4-1 and 3-1 Franklin game will then play the winner of the Northville/North Farmington contest, which is drubbings, respectively, "We completely dominated the entire game," O'Leary said of the Hardand match, "We had 28 shots and then the the first." scheduled to be played at Northville October 20. The sec ond-round game is scheduled and they had three." for October 21, either at The Wildcats managed to score two goals in each half. The Novi kickers started things off with a Todd Janer score with an assist by Northville or North Farmington depending on the victor of the irst game. Detroit Catholic Central got Marc Checcobelli going down in the statistics book. Checcobelli wasn't satisfied though, and took a the luck of the draw, earning a bye in the first round to await nice pass from Brad Simpson and he winner of the Livonia found the back of the net for a 2-0 evenson/Livonia Churchill Novi lead in the contest. Matt Simpson, a sophomore, notched the third goal of the day as contest. The winners in round two will play in the district finals he took an assist from Matt Nickels October 23 at Novi Meadows for the score. Nickels, who is a sen-ior, is the team-leader when it comes to assists. His latest marked Stadium.

the 12th on the year. The final goal from the Novi Wildcass came from Checeobelli as the impressive kicker took a long pass from Ivan DeLaCruz and beat through the defense and then jabbed in the 2-0 lead. The Lions were determined though, and managed to sneak through the defense and beat a he Hartland goalic for the score. quick move by goalie A.J. Glubzinski for the goal with just 30 Hardand's lone kick came from seconds remaining in the first half The score cut the Novi lead to 2-1 a penalty kick. Novi, now 13-1-2, returns to action when they lost Pinckney today in their final regular season game at 4 pm, before starting dis-The Wildcats, however, weren I about to be pushed around. "After some South Lyon pres-sure and a few nice saves by A.J. trict tournament play. Glubzinski, we scored our third

Novi 3, South Lyon 1 goal," O'Leary said. Trey Love, a defender, stole the The Wildcats were well aware ball from the Lions player he was that they had to score quick against a very tough South Lyon squad if they wanted to win - and they did marking and dribbled up field before beating two South Lyon players. Love then skipped a nice pass to Checcohelli, who rammed home a hard score past the Lion just that. Senior Brad Simpson, who moved from defense to midfield to help the Wildcats secure domi-nance in that position, scored the goaltender for the final score of the game and the 3-1 win.

first goal of the game just 15 min-Sam Eggleston is the sports write into the contest on a free kick. Just 10 minutes later, Nickels added a second tally to the score-board as he took an assist from for the Northville Record and the Novi News, He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggle-Colin Goldsmith, worked his way ston@ht.homecomm.net

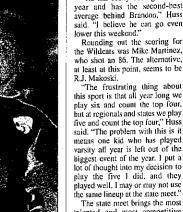


# **DISTRICT DRAW** scheduled to be against Livonia Franklin on the Patriots' home



Photo by John Heider

Novi's Brian Baker, right, tries to get around a South Lyon defender during a match at South Lyon last Tuesday night. The play was deep in the Lions' zone



The state meet brings the mos talented and most competitive teams across the Lower Peninsula to one location to duke it out for the chance to say they are the bes of the best. Last year, it was Nov

Novi's back

to defend

state title

Il year, carded an 80 for his efforts on the day. "He has really been great this

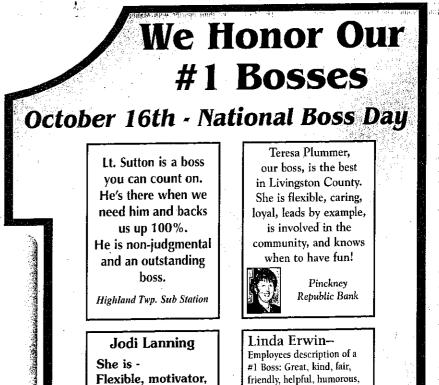
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who had the bragging rights - but this year could be different. "We have the ability to beat everyone there," Huss said. "I think a two-day event gives us an advantage because of our depth." But, one never can tell.

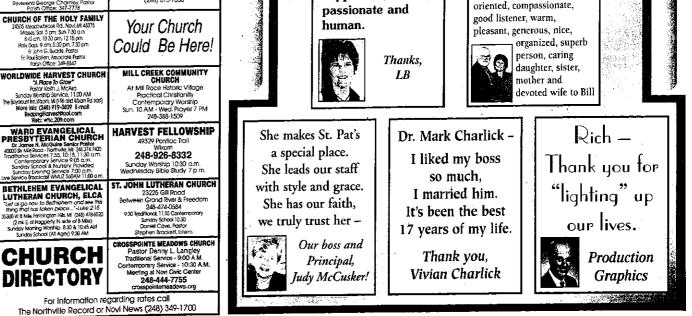
"You never know in golf what can happen," Huss said. "Traversc City Central was ranked first for most of the year and didn't qualify. I believe our experience and difficult schedule will help us

And Huss and his gang are feeling pretty happy about their

odds at this point. "It's not every year that you have the talent to possibly win a state championship," Huss noted. "This is one of those years, and am excited about this weekend." The Wildcats will play tomor-row at 10 a.m. at The Meadows, which is Grand Valley State's home golf course. The top 12 teams, plus tics, from day one will go on to play Saturday at 10



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# Headed to Midland: Novi squad's on fire

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heat the two seeds." Switzer started off the day with a bye before pounding out a 6-3, 6-1 win over Lake

7-5, 6-2 win over Farmington Mercy's Sarah Rudzinski for the itite.
Norre Diana Ticu had absolute-ly no difficulties dispatching her opponents. After a first-round bye, Ticu stomped Farmington Mercy's Tonia Berry, Clarkston's Lauren Kwanski and West Rloamfield."
Walled Lake Central's Allie Rotenberg and Jackie Hamann 6-1, 6-1. In the finals, the Novi duo topped Farmington Mercy's Danielle Bryant and Marianne Luiselle 6-3, 6-2.
"Novi played the best tennis of the year," Hanson said. "I am Externely pleased with how well we did. The competition Kwonski and West Bloomfield's was the best we faced all year, Stephanic Potash 6-2, 6-0 in and a good way to prepare for each round to win the flight the state finals."

Domol 6-3, 6-4 to win the flight championship. The second doubles team of senior Laura Vaughn and junior Ayano Nakamura found their rounds growing progressivel harder as they fought to a title.

In their first match, the duo beat Lake Orien's Sara Doelle and Kaitlyn Sundt 6-0, 6-0 before

moving on to beat West Bloomfield's Preeti Gudmilla and Michelle Lankowsky 6-0, 6-2. In the finals round, Vaughn and Nakamura beat Farmington

a 6-3, 6-1 win over take Orion's Christina Rogers in the second round. In the third second round with the the the the third second round with the third second round with

ping Farmington Mercy's Ashley Worford and Melissa

Both Diana and Anna had
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 "Both Diana and Anna had
 great days." Banson said. "I an
 very, very proud of the way they played against some very gond tennis players."
 In the first doubles flight, the always-reliable team of Colene Brockman and Emily Holt
 Brockman and Emily Holt
 Clarkston's Emily Aldrich and Maureen Weiland and West
 the state Innats.
 The third doubles team of Annahad Cassidy and Kaylan
 Pustover found themselves takting second place. They beat
 Rochester's Leigh Hilbert and Shelly Gapta 6-2, 6-2 in their
 first round of play before top played their oppoments in their
 finals round, the Wildeat doubles team met their match and Maureen Weiland and West

Bloomfield's Nicole Agelink Merey duo of Sarah Switah and and Melyssa Rupley 6-0, 6-0 in consecutive rounds before top-Lauren Carosio also took see-

6-0 before pounding out a 6-2, 6-2 win over Rochetster's Jeannie

Blanchard 6-0, 6-0. "She played great tennis, but

**UNDERCLASSMAN SCORES** 

FRESHMAN GIRLS

The Novi freshman girls bas-

ketball team won its 10th and 11th

games of the season last week. The undefeated Wildcats trounced Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) foe Hartland, 38-15, last

Thursday, Two days earlier,

BASKETBALL

Overali: 11-0

Hinding Switzermanged a logit in Honni di Bocky, Edaledi Intree-set win over West Bloomfield's Melissa Maxon, 4-bed Clarkston's Megan Opie and Jennifer Titslooth 6-0, 6-1 before moving on and beating Yaffed Lake Central's Allie Walled Lake Central's Allie

Novi's freshmen defeated South

Want to see your junior varsity or freshman sport listed in the Novi News? E-mail the sports

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doubles as she took on and heat Lake Orion's Kristin Sutter 6-1

Lyon,

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**CITY OF NOVI** 

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

ORDINANCE NO. 03-28.49

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Now City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 03-28:49, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF AVAILABILITY FEES FOR THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SAD TO SEWER EXTENSION, NITENDED TO BE RECUIRED IN ADDITION TO OTHER APPLICABLE FEES AND CHARGES FOR CONNECTING TO THE PUBLIC SANITARY SEWER. The provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, October 6; 2003 and will become effective October 21; 2003. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspec-tion at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 pm. prevailing local time.

**CITY OF NOVI** 

NOTICE OF PROVISION OF THE

SNOW EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Chapter 33, stricle III, Division 5, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Novi, Michigan, a now emergency shall be be deemed to exist whenever: (19) freezing rain, leet or lour (4) or more inches of snow has been forecast for the area by

newspaper circulated in the city, or by a radio or television station with

hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing local time.

(10-16-03 NN 90898)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted

those results in print?

MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK

(10-16-03 NN 90899)

The Novi varsity girls tennis team smiles as they pose with their brand-new regional trophy after winning the tourond place in her flight of second nament at West Bloomfield High School. The team will now advance to Midland to participate in the state finals against the best teams in the Lower Peninsula. This is Novi's second straight year of finals competition as they took eighth overall last year.

Xu. In the finals round, Carosio played a long match against the number one seed in the state of Michigan in her flight and fell to Farmington Mercy's Kali Blanchard 6-0, 6-0. seeded first for the state finals." player in Farmington Mercy's In the first singles flight, Mary Atellah 6-1, 6-1.

**CITY OF NOVI** 

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

ORDINANCE NO. 03-1.03

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 03-1.03 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 30, "SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS", IN ORDER TO REVISE AND CLARIFY THE PROCEDURES FOR APPROVAL OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR LOCAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS. The provisions of the ordinance shall become effective filtern (15) days after is adoption. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Wonday, Cetober 6, 2003 and will be effective October 21, 2003 A com-plete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of tile City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing local time.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION

**ORDINANCE NO. 18.626 -**

**ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 626** 

ART I: That Ordinance No. 97-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi, is hereby amended by the amending of the Zoning Map as indicated on ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 626 below and made a part of this Ordinance.

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REZONE -

MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK

The Wildcats are back in Sam Eggleston is the sports action when they play in writer for the Northville Record Midland tomorrow and possibly and the Novi News. He can be Flights players and teams that 104 or at advance to the semi-finals and segleston@ht.homecomm.net. the finals will play Saturday.

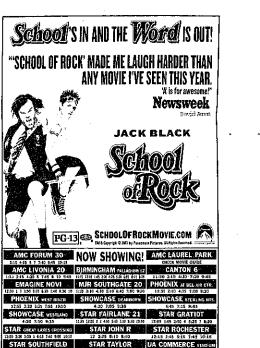




Photo by John Wildcat quarball to trailing control of the

# KVC champs: Novi football tops Milford

the collisions, the hits and the pocket, looked down field and Wildcats in receiving while Cislo

A 14-play drive found the Milford gridders marching 74

ningback John Terry carried the ball in from a yard out. Unfortunately for Millord, which

scored the two-point conversion

off a run by sophomore Jimmy

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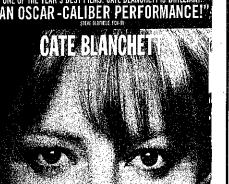
Milford

Mavericks of Milford.

Friday's home game

Contributed in Original and the field of the field for the Mark Kaminski for a three-yard terhack keeper by Miltord's Jake score. Angeloeci added the extra point. "It's always a great feeling to score against Milford," Woods said, "They have some of the best linebackers in the area, and they are great at keying. You have to respect them, and we did algame long. We got a few yards here and for great is for a mark for the way and breiting in the backfield of the statistic them attempted to an orside kick, which was recov-stered by Novi's Kevin Cisto to anonside kick, which was recov-tered by Novi's linebacker Joan back to first an orside kick, which was recov-stered by Novi's linebacker Joan and prepared to pass the forthalt. The ball instead slipped from his fingers, going straight up in the air and bretings in the backfield with 435 left in the same. The Mavericks where led on by respect them, and we find an game in the data instead support from instance of the fractional structure and increases of the fractional a few yards there, and then we were fortunate enough to score on the ground against them. But, we sill had to respect their defense." "It's my worst nightmare to get caught from behind," Sisson said after the game when asked why he The Mayericks took the following possession and went 13 plays and 64 yards before their offense stalled and their 27-yard field goal attempt by Plummer sailed wide left. It then took Novi just five plays to take the ball the entire diswas holding onto the ball so tight as he jaunted down the field, "I could just imagine them right as he jainted down the field. " Schoenle, the drive also took behind me and I knew they were behind me and I knew they were tance in the other direction. Senior quarterback Mike Hart backed up in the pocket, settled his feet and hit senior receiver Kerry going to catch me. I just held onto going to catch me. I just held onto the ball as tight as 1 could and ran as fast I could until I was in the another onside herd bud last held bud Kreutzberg on a slant across the endzone." middle of the field. That ended up in a foot race down the left sideline and into the endzone for a 49-yard score. Angelocci's point-after made the score 21-7 in Novi's avor, Then the defense went to work

again. "Our defense prides itself on being a hard-hitting, play-stopping unit, junior linebacker Robbie Carter said. This game marked Novi Carter's return to action after five



# 'Cats back on track

By Sam Eggleston

to be

match-ups.

### doubt looking to ket some revenge

Novi 52, South Lyon 39 Now this is the way it was meant It was a game the Wildcats basi-The Novi Wildcats girls basketcally had to win. After a three-game skid found the Novi eagers falling to Howell, Lakeland and Brighton, the ball team got back on track with two hig Kensington Valley Conference wins as they topped the Hartland Eagles 44-36 and the South Lyon team found themselves starting to wonder if they would ever get back on track. Well, they did. The Wildcats came together as a

Lions 52-39. Against the Eagles Thursday, the Wildcats found themselves picking up their seventh win of the season. Rachel Folino earned her second double-double of the season, leadteam and found themselves pounding out their first conference victory of the year as Folino led the charge with 14 points to help her team to ing the 'Cats with 22 points and 12 chounds, while teammate Jessica victory. Also having good perform Haggerty, the starting points added 11 points. added 11 points. The victory helps the Wildcats climb to a 7-4 overall record, while ances were Kelly Hebert, who ackled 10 points in the winning effort, and Alison Greutich and Becky Gasiorek, who notched nine they are 2-3 in KVC play. Novi will return to action when points each to help the Nov Wildcats win.

they visit Pinckney today at 7 p.m. Scan Eggleston is the sports write before hosting Howell Tuesday at 7 p.m. Both games are conference for the Northville Record and the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggle-Howell previousley beat Novi this year in the first KVC game of ston@ht.homecomm.net. season, and the 'Cats are no

# Whalers hand loss to 'Hounds

The Sault Ste, Marie Greyhounds welcome Samia on Saturday night. handed the Plymouth Whalers their first loss in their last six games with Tickets are available by calling (734) 453-8400. a 4-1 victory at Compuware Sports

#### Arena October 11. The Greyhound Whaters 3, Windsor 1

scored three goals in the third to break open a 1-1 tie. Plymouth drops to 5-3-1 while Sault Ste. The Plymouth Whalers kept its win streak alive at five games with a drops to 5-5-1 white Saut Ste. Marie improves to 3-4-1. Plymouth continued to roll on the power play to take a 1-0 lead in the first. Whalers defensemen James Wisniewski scored his fifth goal of 3-1 victory in Windsor on Thursday 3-1 Optiony in Window on Hursday night. The Whalcas scored three geals in less than a minute, two of which on the power play to put the game away. Plymouth improves to 5-2 while Windsor drops to 3-4 on the season when his blast from the point cleanly beat Sault Ste. Marie the season. Plymouth took a quick 2-0 lead with a pair of power play goalie Kevin Druce at 17:25 of the first. John Mitchell and Vaclav goals, Vaclav Meidl gave Plymouth Meidl ussixted on the goal. "The Greyhounds tied the game early in the second, providing the a 1-0 lead when he took a pass from Canton's James Wisniewski and beat Windsor goalie Matt Anthony at 9:29 of the first. The Whalers conlone score for the period. Tyler Kennedy scored off a pass from tinued to roll with another power Initial for the second later. John Mitchell scored his fifth goal of the season with Dan Collins and Wisniewski caming the assist. Plymouth's Tim Sestito increased Brad Staubitz just 45 seconds into the period. Sault Ste. Marie used a power

play goal of their own to break the 1-1 tie, Jeff Carter scored at 2:13 of the period to give his team the lead. The Greyhounds continued to pressure and it paid off with another goal just 16 seconds later from Jeff Larsh, Jacob King capped off the secoring with the Greyhounds fourth

goal of the game, Plymouth will now get ready to host Guetph on Friday night and Whalers held on for the win.

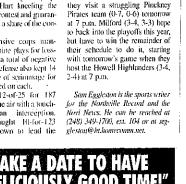
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ero yards gained on each. Hart went 12-of-25 for 187 yards through the air with a touchdown and an interception. Kreutzberg caught 10-for-123 with a touchdown to lead the ton@ht.hoi

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caught one for 15. Leading the way in the ground attack for Novi was Hart with

The Mayericks were led on by

Goodin as he passed the ball 14

times, completing eight of them for 133 yards and a touchdown.

Schoenle passed three times for 12

On the ground, it was Goodin

once again, hauling the ball 17 times for a total of 29 yards while

Hegle gathered 22 yards and a

score on six carries. John Terry ran the ball five times for four yards

and a touchdown, while Sayyae

for 100 yards against them, while

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yards. The Wildcats (7-0 overall, 6-0

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# **TECHNOLOGY**

### TECHNOLOON/NEWS Lonely like Maytag man TV techs hope plasma and LCD screens will lead more people to repairs

#### By Diwata Fonte

RALEIGH NEWS & OBSERVER In 1958, Junior and Junnie Jordan sold 125,000 picture and

The second tables from Capital Electronics, their electronic parts shop in Raleigh, N.C., nostly to TV repairmen. But those days appear to be over. For the past decade, many who made their fiving solving flickering lights, dead screens and fuzzy reception have left the basiness — unable to rely on consumers who think it's charger to buy new than repair. "Our numbers have dwindled to less than half of what they were 10 years ago," said Mack Blakely, executive director o the National Electronics Service Dealers Association, which

represents consumer electronics technicians. There were about 9,000 shops nationwide in 2002, accord-

ing to the Professional Services Association. The last few years have been the worst, Blakely suid, "I've seen the price of the TV go from S299 for a 19-inch down to \$119 in the last three years," he said. About the only hope many see are in plasma and liquid-

erystal display models that fetch in the \$3,000 range. But that time isn't coming fast enough for many independ-ent shops, some of which have been in the business before televisions had color.

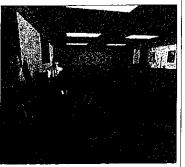
evisions had color. Even 45-year-old Capital Electronics has called it quits. Some repairmen have had more success, expanding beyond television to add VCRs, cancorders and other consumer electronjes to the list of items they can lix.

"What you have is a lot of folks who might have thought of a career as a TV repairman, today wouldn't think of himself as a TV repair person hut would think of himself as a home theater installer or a custom electronic designer," said Jim Barry, spokesman for Consumer Electronics Association, a

Marting autorized trade group. Being autorized by a manufacturer is also a tactic for longevity. Blacky estimates that 80 percent of repair shops are authorized by at least one manufacturer. Those most vulare independent stores who do out-of-warranty work Advancing technology has always been a fact of business for electronics technicians, who have always had to keep their

skills fresh. "It's fike a new model." Blakely said. "It's not anything that dustically different than what they've done all their fives. It's just another method of delivery."

Blakely and technicians said eventually the demand fo repairs will return. And when that happens, the exodus of service shops could leave a shortage of qualified and able workers to fix everyday consumer electronics.



### America's Army: Medic game has real-life lessons By Bill Hutchens

ACOMA NEWS TRIBUNE It's a little early but this year's award for poblest pursuit in in s a nucle early, out this year sawato for horized pusion in video game programming has to go to the U.S. Army. The America's Army game, an ultra-realistic first-person shooter developed by the Army to promote the Army, is about year old now, and you could argue that it's noble enough

making fuel cells. Tomorrow's fuel? tech company is betting that a fuel that's tation on a laptop powered by a fuel cell in a metal the question of where consumers could buy those lighter than air will become the next heavy-weight source of energy. Hydrogen-powered fuel cells are being

outed as the clean, green energy source that will run our cars, homes, factories and laptops in the not-too-distant future. laptop in 2004 that will use small, replaceable con-tainers of methanol. The fuel cell, about the size of a the first industrial fuel cell demonstration projects in Minnesota is Entegris Inc.'s 5-kilowatt fuel cell that powers part of its Chaska, Minn., facto-ry, which makes components for fuel cells, among cigarette pack, would run the laptop for five hours on one methanol container. other products.

John Goodman, president of Entegris' fuel cell operation, admits the technology must clear substan-tial economic and developmental hurdles before fuel cells make gas stations, nuclear power plants and lithium batteries obsolete. Infrum fadteries obsolete. The fuel cell Entegris installed is made by Plug Power, based in Lathani, N.V., one of its customers. The unit cost about \$75,000 to install and will

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The unit cost about \$75,000 to install and will replace only a small part of the electricity used by the factory. Waste heat, a byproduct of fuel cells, will produce hot water for a kitchen and an outdoor ice-melting system on the fuel cell pad. "The economics have to improve." Goodman said. "But we have to get ready for the day when we run out of dinosaur juice, and the costs fall as the tech-nology improves. The cost of the systems and the cost of producing and distributing the fuel have to come down. Those thires have to hannen, and our

come down. Those things have to happen, and our Entegris provides two types of components for fuel cells — the molded plastic plates and seals that

go into "stacks," where the electrochemical reaction that produces electricity takes place, and the sophis-ticated plumbing ticated plumbing that moves fuel and

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containers illustrates one problem that could slow fuel-cell development — lack of infrastructure. box about the size of a backpack. It uses a 2-liter container of methanol, which produces enough elec-tricity to run the laptop for 200 hours or more. 'Eventually, they'll be sold at retail outlets, right That unit is too heavy to carry conveniently, but Toshiba has said it will introduce a fuel-cell-powered

where you buy batteries," he said, but the produc and distribution system must be developed before they will be easily obtainable One other problem is what Goodman calls the "Hindenburg factor" — the widespread fear that hydrogen is highly flammable and dangerous. But hydrogen is light and dissipates quickly, he said.

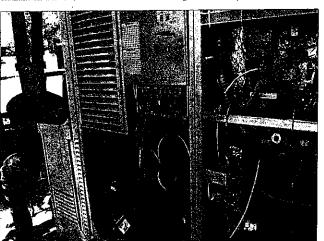
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Among the components Entegris makes is plastic containers for methanol, Goodman said. However, han many other fuels



# **HEALTH & FITNESS**

Repair Contraction



forget about it!

#### By Doug Kreutz

One day you run into an old friend on the street - and blank out completely on his name. Another time, you stride with purpose from one end of your house to the other to do something — but when you get there, you don't have a clue as to what it was.

get there, you don't have a cute as to what it was. You forgot. It happens to all of us at one time or another. The mem-ory fails, Facts flutter away. And generally, the older we get, the more we forget. But here's one piece of information you might want to remember. Researchers and doctors say there are some ways to fix a faulty memory, or at least boost our powers of secollection.

recollection. The memory-aiding strategies --- which range from put-

In ememory-anong strategies — which range from put-ting information in a memorable context to reducing stress and improving nutrition — can't be expected to cure advanced Alzheimer's disease, brain damage or other seri-ous afflictions. But they offer promise for people suffering from the normal, but travibling lances of

but troubling, memory related to aging. "The brain is "It's the nagging little memory lapses that start to flesh and blood bother us," says Elizabeth Glisky, a University of Arizona psychology pro-fessor who conducts j**ust like** the rest of the body. It's not a comresearch on memory, "Our research suggests that there puter. It's not a are some things you can do about it." Dr. Dharma Singh

piece of wood." Dr. Dharma Singh Khalsa, president of the Tucson, Ariz-based Alzheimer's Prevention Dr. Dharma Ariz.-based Singh Khaisa

Foundation, shares that optimism. "The brain is flesh and blood just like the Alzheimer's Prevention Foundation rest of the body," he says. "It's not a computer. It's not a piece of wood. It's an organ, so it needs exercise, oxygen,

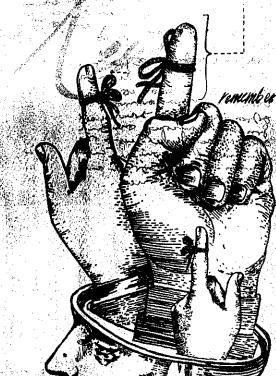
glucose and general good nutrition' to function well. That, Khalsa says, means there's hope for preserving brain functions such as memory — and even improving

them.
 If it appears you're dealing with normal forgetfulness,
 Glisky offers these suggestions:
 ■ Pay attention. That might sound obvious, but in reality our minds sometimes wander instead of focusing on the matter at band.

"It may be that some older people will have to con-sciously make an effort to pay attention," Glisky says. "It's not as automatic as it is for younger people." not as automatic as it is for younger people." Repeat information you want to retain. For example, if you're introduced to several people at a party, try to repeat their names. One way to do this inconspicuously is to introduce your new acquaintances to others at the party. After several repetitions, you'll probably remember the

Make associations. Using the same example of meet-ing people at a party, try to associate a person's name with something about him or her. Hany might sport a thick mane of hair, and that could be the association that would help you remember his name. Theresa might strike you as a bit saintly — like Mother Teresa.

Seek to view new information in a context rather than as a stand-alone fact. "Some people remember the content, the detail, of an event, but they have trouble remembering the context — where it happened, or who told them about it." Glisky says. "You may not be able to evaluate the infor mation if you don't know where you got it.... It's impor-tant to try to integrate these two — the content of the sen-tence and who said it."



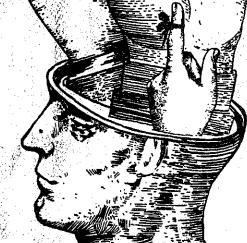


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Try mnemonics

abilities." Khalsa has sought to prevent and reverse memory loss with "an integrative or holistic approach" in his work with the Alzheimer's Prevention Foundation. These steps, he says, are "similar to a regular, healthful lifestyle, but they're very important to mental function and memory." Khalsa's key factors include: Nutrition. A nutritious diet, low in saturated fats and belstered with vitaming and minerals can benefit the brain.

reduce it would be meditation, yoga, massage or guided

Write things down. There's nothing wrong with mak-

 ■ Exercise. Both physical and mental exercise can help limit memory loss, Khalsa says, "Studies have shown that women who get regular exercise between the ages of 40 and 60 have a lower incidence of Alzheimer's," he says. ... People who exercise increase blood flow to the brain and decrease memory loss."

assortment of puzzles and games, which might help in keeping your mind and memory sharp. www.aarp.org/games

iron men By Barbara Bradley SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE At Memphis Fitness Club

women moving to a disco beat per-formed curls, squats and lunges using barbells and weights. That wasn't too unusual. The class, called BodyPump, a high-rep-etition strength and endurance workout, is popular across the coun-try, and it's making inroads here. The odd part was that two men were sweating it out with the women. At this club and at others, many men would rather be bitten by a snake than join a group exercise

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Body

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BodyPump promises a shape-up in record time, but the club owners had another reason for launching it. They wanted to lure men out of their lair, the free-weight area at the back of the main room, and into the

group exercise gym. "Men like iron," said Tammy Cutberth, a BodyPump instructor and partner in the club. "Even on a busy night here, the men stay at the back. That's their domain. They like the clanking of the weights and the camaraderie. It might as well say 'No girls allowed.'"

To them, group exercise is a nightmare of "ladies in leg-warmers whooping and jumping up and down," she said.

down," she said. Attracting them was a feat, but Cutberth has made progress. The club has won over eight to 10 men for its Monday evening classes and a handful for Saturday morning ses-

Eddie Zegarra had never taken a group class in eight years at the club until his wife, Karen, talked him

into taking this one with her. "It gives us time to do something together," he said, "and it's a really good class. It's hard. I about died the first time in there. I couldn't "It gives us time to here. I couldn't

walk for a week." Nationally, the most popular group exercise for men at health clubs is Spinning, or group cycling, said Bill Howland, director of research for The International Health, Racquet & Sports Club

Association. Men make up 33 percent of par-ticipants in those classes. They make up 20 percent of participants in aquatic exercise (aerobics in a pool), which is the next most popu-lar group class for men. It's low impact and tends to attract older men, he said. "You know why more men don't take this class?" asked Craig Williams, manager at Memphis Association

Williams, manager at Memphis Fitness Club, who was watching the BodyPumpers work out. "They're BodyPumpers work out. "They're not tough enough. I did it, and it kicked my butt. And I'm strong as

an ox." Women can lower the weights they're lifting, but men unaccus-tomed to aerobics can't escape the demands on their cardiovascular system, he said.

He was soon proven right. Midway through the class, while the women were managing, the men were red-faced and sputtering. At one point, they put down their

weights and laughed at each other aid Kenneth Farrell, 49, mopping

bolstered with vitamins and minerals, can benefit the brain ust as it nourishes the rest of the body, Khalsa says. Stress management. "Stress rules a chemical in the blood called cortisol. It's neurotoxic," he says. "It kills brain cells in the memory center of the brain, Ways to

> The brain itself also needs regular workouts, Khalsa says. What's required is "thinking, but not intellectual thinking, like your job," he says. "This is the idea of doing something different — taking up a hobby or music, using flashards or working crossword puzzles. You have to exercise your brain just as you exercise your body."

PUZZLES AND GAMES Here are two internet sites where you'll find an

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ing a list and relying on it. Use it or lose it. "It's still somewhat controversial," Glisky says, "but there's some evidence to suggest that people who are mentally active will retain their cognitive abilities."

Mnemonics is a technique for improving the memory by using formulas or associa-tions. One common form of the technique — useful in remembering lists of things sounds combersome. But try it: You might be

rprised. First, memorize this poem-like list: One is a bun. Two is a shoe. Three is a tree. Four is a door. Five is a hive. Six is sticks. Seven is heaven. Eight is a gate. Nine is a vine. Ten is a hen. Now, whenever you have a list of up to 10

how which ereall without notes, the poem — and a sense of humor — will come to your aid. Say you need to remember four items to pick up at the grocery — steak, milk, toilet paper and peanut butter. Use your own imagination and humor to rement each item with a number

a hamburger bun. Milk? Two is a shoe. Perhaps you could create a comic picture of a man's shoe filled with milk.

For toilet paper, go to three, a tree. Envision

Peanut butter? Four is a door. Maybe some-

Now, remember that one is a bun --- and see

body used peanut butter to stick a door shut, or

a joker coated the handle with peanut butter.

what pops to mind: the steak

a tree that's been "toilet-papered" by a

connect each item with a number. First, remember steak. Begin with number one. One is a bun. Imagine a steak tucked into

It's free and it's fun, and those virtues alone have beer enough to draw tens of thousands of gamers online to play the

But the development team also has taken great pains to give players a sense of the honor that comes with being a soldi And with the release of version 1.9, gamers can experience wartare as a medic, one of the most vital roles on the battlefield. As in some other games, wounded players will be able to improve their health with the assistance of team members who have chosen to play the game as combat medics.

But America's Army players must first go through virtual medical training classes — and they'll learn some real-world fesaving skills along the way. The new medic character won't be playable in online battles

until future versions of the game are released, but in the meantime interested players can take the required training. In order to qualify as an America's Army medic, you have to pass four courses at the virtual Brook Army Medical Center.

Airway Management shows players how to administr medical attention to casualties who are not breathing

Controlling Bleeding is about treating wounded soldiers I slowing/stopping blood less. Treating Shock is a class for, uh, treating shock. Trea

Field Test puts it all together in a test battle Pay attention to learn some valuable real-life skills — and give your team an edge in virtual battles down the road.

Other new goodies in version 1.9 (America's Army: Medic include new character models, new voice-chat support, a new vser, lip sync and facial animations and the income tion of the Punkbusters anti-cheating software.

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The company is outlets, right where working with developers of large, stationary fuel cells used in factories or you buy batteries." John Goodman, President of Enlegris' fuel cell operation

homes; cells for automotive and other transportation uses, and small 1. 16

cells for portable devices. Although the firel cell Entegris installed to power its factory does not contain the company's compo-nents, it is working with Plug Power on a next-generation unit that would supply about the same amount of power in a smaller, less expensive pack-

age. "Our basic direction is to reduce the size, reduce the cost and increase the reliability," said Gregory Silvestri, chief operating officer of Plug Power. "One of the greatest change agents for that is parts consol-idation and material substitution, and that's where Entegris excels Entegris said it has helped Plug Power cut the

weight of the next-generation unit by 70 percent and the number of parts by 50 percent, helping to slice costs in half and reducing the size of the unit by twothirds compared with the first-generation unit. Fuel cells have been used to power NASA space-craft for decades. They are also being used in many applications in Europe, including powering lighted road signs and traffic signals. Goodman said, and For sign and that a signate constraint signate to contain the they're close to becoming commercially viable to run laptop computers and other electronic devices that rapidly nu down traditional batteries. For demonstrations, he runs a PowerPoint presenter the signate signate

ABOVE: Entegris technician Phil Scearcy hooks up his laptop computeer to run through the start-up of a fuel cell that will supplement the elec-- STEF buildings. are

trical power needs in the plant's LEFT: Entegris unit Johr Goodman displays a manifold, one of component products they will manufacture

for use in second generation fuel cells that smaller and lighter, allowing more ompact size than the first generation.

'No pain, no gain' mantra won't work with yoga

#### By Christopher Heredia "The last couple of years AN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE we've been seeing a dramatic increase in the number of peo-At a time when yoga is going mainstream, health experts say, anecdotally, the number of peo-

ple injured doing yoga," he said. "It's frightened us. As more people have gotten involved with yoga, the demand for classes has gone ple being injured in classes is ising at an alam sing at an alarming rate. They blame both students up, and there are not enough and yoga teachers. Students, they say, come to class expect-ing to work out at the rapid, instructors, (and) those that are there are newly or briefly trained." Garrick said people can min-imize their risk of being injured uous pace they did in strenuous pace they did in aero-bics or the weight room. Many chers, on the other hand, are by finding a seasoned, patient

Dr. James G. Garrick, an instructor who doesn't push students beyond what their bodies are able to handle withorthopedic surgeon and director of the Center for Sports

Medicine at St. Francis out pain. Hospital in San Francisco, said most of the injuries patients citica as its a physical exercise," suffer are to the knee, followed Garrick said. "It seems studios by lower back and shoulder. The injuries result from peo-ple trying to stretch their bodies their difficult poses that are dents, I would say if you feel what she looks for in prospec-tive instructors. "Some students seyond their physical limita- discomfort ... getting into a are going to be too embarrassed

A non-profit group, the Yoga teacher Arkady Shirin agreed. Alliance, based in Reading, Pa., "Unfortunately, it takes pain has formed a voluntary registry for instructors who have comin order for some people to realize they're doing a pose pleted a minimum of 200 hours wrong," he said. "My advice is always: Slow

experience. She checks refer-

over poses with individual stu-

anatomy.

of training and instruction. But there is no national certification for an instructors. rogram for yoga instructors. "You've got to be paying attention," Sparrowe said of trying to look like Madonna,

pushing beyond their limits, when yoga is really about being content with who you are. It's not about competitu

position, you shouldn't do it. Ignore anyone who tells you otherwise." to admit they have an injury. A good teacher will inquire with the individual student and Linda Sparrowe, yoga direc- advise them if they're having tor at the San Francisco Bay Club said she carefully screens pain to adjust their pose or stop. I look for that kind of rapport and atter yoga instructor applicants, seeking teachers with a lot of

"I think more continuing education for teachers is a critiences and also attends a class to observe technique, looking for instructors who take time to go understand yoga isn't about Photos by Penni Gladstone/ San Francisco

Yoga instructor Michael Cooper being better or faster. It's more dents, as well as alignment and anatomu. San Francisco-area yoga demonstrates an incorrect Chattaranga pose.



This is a modified version of the pose.

his brow afterward, "You have no ego after the first 10 minutes. You stop worrying about what weights the women are putting on next to Like Zegarra, he takes the class

Chromicle

because he wants to exercise with his wife, Deborah, also in the class. They couldn't run together because

she couldn't keep up with him. Of the 200 or so students wh patronize The Pilates Centre, Ballo students who Memphis's largest pilates site, only about 15 are men.

Most take private lessons with perhaps five men showing up for group mat classes, said Tamara Hoffmann, pilates coordinator.

"Maybe nilates doesn't appeal to them because it's detail and it requires patience," she said, but that's a mistake. "Almost every man I know has more upper-bod strength than core strength." They have "tight shoulders, tight backs,

tight everything." With pilates, "you're building strength while you're stretching," said Hoffmann.

FOOD



On "Emeril Kicks Up Halloween," Rachael Ray ("30 Minute meals") stands behind her Yummy Mummy while Emeril Lagasse presents his Sea Creature Soup to a bewitched Paula Deen ("Paula's Home Cooking").

# Happy Haunting

#### FROM FOOD NETWORK KITCHENS

2 egg yolks (see note)

1 clove garlic 1/2 lemon, juiced

1/2 cup basil leaves

Pinch cayenne Salt and ireshiy ground pepper 1-1/2 cups olive oli

Don't you hate it when those vampires come around, trying to suck your blood just when you're trying to cook dinner? Well, don't go stringing garlic around your neck just yet. There are tastier ways to ward off evil sprits, according to Emeril. Take all that garlic and chop it up for a Sea Creature Soup with Slime Aioli. A few chants of "Bam!" couldn't hurt, either. Dressed in full vampire regalia, Emeril joins other Food Network personalities on Sunday, Oct. 26, at 9 p.m. ET/PT for "Emeril Kicks up Halloween." The dishes, including the Sca Creature Soup, are sure to scare up some spooky spirits at the old, abandoned Eastern State Penitentiary in Philadelphia, where the show is filmed. Happy haunting!

#### SEA CREATURE SOUP WITH SLIME AIOLI SLIME AIOLI

1 tablespoon olive oli 1-1/2 pounds smeked charizo, sliced into 1/4-inch 4 onions, chooped 10 cloves garlic, choosed 2 small heads tennel, halved and silced thinly 2 Inale house contex, noted and sha 2 Itablespoons red pepper flakes 2 Itablespoons chopped thyme leaves Sail and freshly ground black pepper 3 cups dry white wine 4 14-ounce cans whole tomatoes 2 galfons fish stock 4 1-pound lobsters, quartered pounds blue crabs, halved pounds Littleneck clams, s

1-1/2 cups dive on In a food processor, combine egg yolks, garlie, lemon juice, basil, cayenne, salt and pepper. Puree until smooth, With the machine running, slowly add the olive oil until the mixture is thick well until the live oil until the mixture is thick. and emulsified Thin with a little more lemon juice, if neces-Note: The American Egg Board states: "There

Whiskered fish is popular plate By Kathy Stephenson SALT LAKE TRIBUNE Diners are increasingly looking past an unautractive exterior in search of inner flavor.

That is why catfish has been receiving so many din-

In the past decade, the popularity of U.S. farm-naised catfish has grown well beyond its deep-fried Southern roots, making a year-round appearance in the Somer roots, making a year-torout appendix of the country's most upscale restaurants. Since 1996, the per capita consumption of califsh has about tripled in the United States, according to the

Catish Institute in Indianola, Miss., jumping from 0.41 of a pound to 1.15 pounds. Chels are drawn to U.S. farm-raised catfish for its

tim texture, mild flavor and versatility. No one ques-tions that it tastes great fried, but these days it's show-ing up on menus baked, broiled, grilled and steamed. It also helps that cattils is reasonably priced com-pared with other fish and is a good choice for the envionment. Farmed catfish, unlike their wild, bottom feeding cousins, are fed high-protein, grain-based pel-lets that float on the surface of the ponds. The Monterey Bay Aquarium, athew National. Audubon Society and the Environmental Defense

Fund list catfish as a "best choice," saying it is not overlished or farmed in ways that harm the environ-Karen Adler, co-author of "Fish and Shellfish

Grilled & Smoked," also likes the raised-in-the-U.S.A label, "It's really the all-American idol of fish." she says. Long-time customers at Marna's Southern Plantation restaurant in Salt Lake City could have told

them that. Since 1997, when the restaurant opened, diners

have been ordering deep-fried or blackened catfish for dinner, catfish sandwiches for hunch and even asking

Hoskins, the restaurant's hostess. While barbeeued ribs and fried chicken are popular,

owners Mark and Rosalind Cazares say catfish is 25 to 30 percent of the restaurant's business. "It's popular," says Cazares.

Part of the reason rests in the restaurant's secret cat-Fair to the reason reason that in the testadinary secret cut fish coating, a blend of commeal and spices developed by Rosalind's late mother. However, he shares this tidbit: "The best tasting cat-

fish fillets are between 7 and 9 ounces," he says, "When you get them bigger than that, they are too oily and the meat isn't as sweet," Here are a few suggestions offered by the Catlish

Bake: Heat oven to 375 degrees. Place seasoned

catfish fillets in a shallow baking pan and bake for 8 to 10 minutes or when the thickest part of the fillets begin to flake with a fork.

Broil: Place seasoned catlish fillets under the boiler under high heat for 3-1/2 to 4 minutes. Turn, Cook on the other side for the same amount of time or until the thickest part of fillet begins to flake with a

Grill: Place seasoned catfish fillets on grill over high heat for 3-1/2 to 4 minutes. Turn. Cook on the other side for the same amount of time or until the hickest part of fillet begins to flake with a fork. Steam: Place seasoned fillet on top of a leaf of lettuce inside a steamer (bamboo is ideal). Cover. "Gift" grants are unwrapping a new debate in real estate

### By John Rebchook SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

HomeTown Newspapers

The good news about home down-payment grant ms is that they make it easier for people to buy a home The bad news about home down-payment grant programs is that they make it easier for people to

niv a home. Love them or hate them, these programs offered by non-profit groups are sweeping the country. A former lender for one of the largest builders in the country. Centex Homes, said she's used the

the country, Centex Homes, said sites used the "gifting" grant program for 60 percent of the loans she makes in the Denver area. "They're very important," said Shawna Johnson, a former senior loan officer with CTX Morgage, Centex Homes' mortgage loan division. She now works at Shea Mortgage and plans to continue to reamote the programs

promote the programs.

Critics charge that down-payment programs are inflating home prices that are at record levels; increasing the number of foreclosures, which is already up 38.5 percent from last year and causing enters to leave anariment commu ties in droves

How it works: Let's say a seller is listing a home for \$200,000. A buyer comes along who has the income and credit to buy the home but needs \$5,000 for a down payment. Instead of the home selling for \$200,000, it sells for \$205,000, and \$5,000 goes to a nonprofit group, plus a fee

The non-profit group then turns over the \$5,000 to the buyer for the down payment. The buyer gets the money with no strings attached and "They could never has to pay it back. There are no income require-ments, and the buyer cause some real problems doesn't have to be a in the housing first-time buyer. Plus, the seller gets industry." rid of the home and Jeff Hawks Principal of Apartment Realty Advisors gets the asking price. The problem, crit-ics say, is that the home sale is often

recorded at the price fectored at the proce that includes the grant, artificially inflating the price. That inflation also can skew appraisals of homes in the neighborhood, critics say. In turn, that can be contributing to rising foreclo-

re rates, some contend. That's a concern of the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority, which provides zero-interest sec-ond mortgages to first-time and low- and moderate-

income home buyers. The authority requires borrowers to put at least \$1,000 down, said David Martinez, spokesman for CHFA "We want to make sure they have some of their

own money into the house," Martinez said. CHFA also requires that borrowers attend a class on home ownership that dis-cusses what will be required to make 17,000 their monthly mort-

gage payments. Gifting programs are a hot topic in the Estimated number of homes purchased nationwide each month apartment industry, said Jeff Hawks, through down-pay principal of Apartment Realty grant programs

Advisors. "Everyone is talking about it." Hawks said. "They could cause some real problems in the housing industry. If it is really true that a lot of these down payments are funty money, and not true down pay-ments, we could see a correction come that will be

pretty stiff and pretty quick." Debate continues But not everyone agrees that the programs are fundamentally undermining the real estate market. John Davis, a veteran agent with RE/MAX Southeast, sees both sides of the equation. "It is a good tool, but I think a lot of real estate brokers are

sing them to make transactions that shouldn't be

 hich do you prefer using \_ your PIN or your signature when making debit card purchases? Do process it. When you use your signature, the transaction is processed through the Visa or MasterCard sys-tems, which create a debit against your account. That method, which takes several days to actual-

you know the difference? With at least one big bank poised to start charging for certain debit card transactions, what you don't know could hurt

your wallet. Citizens Bank, the Rhode Island-based bank that took over Mellon Financial Corp.'s branch ly deduct the money from your account, ends up costing merchants more because they're charged a fee in the form of a percentage of the transacbanking business nearly two years ago, will baining business many two yount oper advectory of the second seco tion amount.

tion amount. Currently, relatively few banks charge cus-tomers for using their debit cards, also common-by referred to as check cards. Last year, 12 percent of consumers nation-wide got hit with fees for PIN-secured transac-tions, while 4 percent were charged for signature transactions, according to a survey by Star Systems, operator of the Star and MAC ATM networks tions will remain free. The PIN fee will be waived for customers with "Circle" checking accounts, which require a minimum combined balance of \$5,000. Citizens says it wants to encourage customers networks. For customers whose banks do charge them, fees can pile up quickly. Consumers on average use their debit cards twice a week, with heavy

Citizens says it wants to encourage customers to choose signature-based debit card transactions because they bring the bank more revenue from retailers than PIN-based transactions. In general, however, customers favor PIN-based purchases because they offer a cash-back feature. Retailers like them better, too, because

purchase with a PIN, it works like an ATM trans-action, immediately deducting the cost from your account. Retailers are charged a flat fee to

England hometown market for years and wanted to make all markets uniform, senior vice president Lisa Stanton said. Next year, however, it could get a little hard-er for consumers to choose pens instead of their

VISA

PINs. Under terms of a lawsuit settlement among

etailers (led by Wal-Mari), and the credit card giants Viss and MasterCard, merchants will be free in January to stop offering signature-based debit transactions even if they take Visa and MasterCard credit cards. Previously, retailers weren't allowed to offer one without the other in what became known as the "honor all cards" rule.

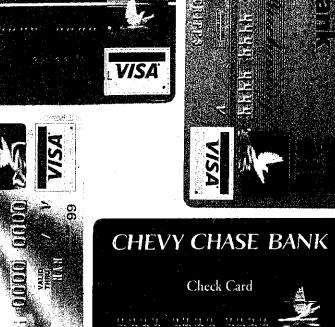
Visa and MasterCard also agreed to lower their fees starting in August through the end of

the year. Although retailers aren't likely to drop signature-based debit cards en mass since so many people use them, unless Visa and MasterCard cut their processing fees next year, more merchant are expected to install PIN based keypads at their erned about the checkouts and promote their use





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Knowing which to use — and when — can save

you money on your next debit card transaction

Story By Patricia Sabatini E Illustration by Adam Newman E Scripps Howard News Service



4 pounds mussels, scrubbed and debearded 2 pounds squid, cleaned 1 pint shucked aysters, with liquid 2 pounds head on sarimp 1/4 cup chooned parsley leaves

#### Slime Aioli (recipe follows)

ench bread, sliced Heat a large pot over high heat. Add 1 tablespoon olive oil and heat. Add the chorizo and cook until som of the fat is rendered and the chorizo starts to brown add the onions, garlie, fennet and red pepper flakes and cook until the onions begin to brown, about 6 to 7 min-ules. Add the bay leaves and thyme, and season with salt

and pepper. Deglaze with the white wine. Cook, scruping the bottom of the pot, until the wine is reduced by 1/4, about 10 minutes. Break up the tomatees with your hands into the pot. Add tomato juices and the fish stock. Bring to a boil

Reduce the heat to a simmer and cook for 15 minutes Reduce the heat to a summer and cook to 15 minutes. Return to high heat and add the lobstres and crabs, cover and cook for 5 minutes. Add the clams and mussels, cover and cook for another 5 minutes. Add the squid, oysters, and shrimp, cover and cook another 5 minutes, or until all of the shellfish are open whether 6 minutes or until all of the shellfish are open

and the shrimp are cooked through. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Spread the aioli on toasted French bread slices and

serve with the soup.

highly cooked eggs on the grounds that the egg may be contaminated with Salmonella, a bacteria responsible for a type of foodborne illness. Healthy people need to remember that there is a very small risk and treat eggs and other raw ani-mal foods accordingly. Use only properly refrig-erated, clean, sound-shelled, fresh, grade AA or A eggs. Avoid mixing yolks and whites with the shell ..."

- Source: Emeril Lagasse



Ing mat If you have lollipop collar molds, lay them on a silicone baking mat-lined sheet pan, fit them with sticks and place 1 piece of candy corn in each collar. Or, just lay out the sticks in rows on a nonstick mat, leaving 3 inches of space between them, and place a piece of candy corn above the stick. Combine the sugar, corn syrup and water in a

ing mat

Makes 20 servines

2 cups sugar

2/3 cup cora syrup

clean, dry, small saucepan (preferably one with a pouring spout) fitted with a candy thermometer, and bring to a boil over high heat. Without stirring, cook until the mixture reach

es 305 degrees or "hard crack" stage on the candy thermometer. (While the syrup is cooking, occa-sionally wash down the sides of the pan with a

CANDY CORN SUCKER

6 or 8-inch follipop sticks, as needed Candy corns, as needed

2/3 cup water 1/4 teaspoon orange or lemon extract Few drops orange or yellow food coloring Small plastic bags, as needed

Equipment: Lollipop collar molds; Silicone bak-

Plastic spider finger rings, as needed

clean brush dipped in water, to prevent crystallization.) When the mixture is done, remove the not from the heat and dip it into an ice bath for 15 seconds to stop the cooking. Add the extract and food coloring and stir very

gently with a wooden skewer so that the color is evenly distributed. (To avoid air bubbles in the finished lollipops, stir the mixture genly in both directions, but be careful not to over-mix.) Pour or carefully spoon the syrup into the molds or just over the sticks and candy corns, if

not using collars, to make a quarter-sized disk. Cool until hard, at least 20 minutes. Lift the suckers off the mat and remove from the molds. Slip plastic bags over the follipops and gather the bag shut with a plastic spider finger ring. Store in an airtight container for up to two

- Source: Gale Gand, host of "Sweet Dreams"

Steam over gently boiling water for 6 to 10 minutes or until the thickest part of fillet begins to flake with a

SPICY BLACKENED CATFISH

(Serves 2) 2 teasnoons sweet paprika 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano, crumbled 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme, crumbled 1/4 teaspoon cayenne, or to laste 1/2 teasooon sugar

1/2 teaspoon salt 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper 2 catfish fillets (about 1 pound) 1 large garlic clove, sliced thin t tablespoon olive oil 1 tablespoon unsalted butler Lemon wedges, for garnish In a small bowl, combine paprika, oregano

thyme, cayenne, sugar, salt, and the black pep-per, pat the catfish dry, and sprinkle the spice mixture on both sides of the fillet, coating them well. In a large skillet saute the garlic in the oil over moderately high heat, stirring, until it is golden brown and discard the garlic. Add the butter, heat it until the foam subsides, and in the fat saute the catfish for 4 minutes on each side, or until it is cooked through. Transfer the catfish fillets with a slotted spatula to 2 plates and serve them with the lemon wedges. (Gourmet magazine)

They're not necessarily a bad thing, because they allow a segment of the market to buy a house that otherwise couldn't," Davis said. "They are inflating the market. But they're not leading to more foreclosures. That's being caused by people losing their jobs. The down-payment programs were started in 1997 by the Nehemiah Corp., a non-profit group based in Sacramento, Calif. Dozens of other groups have entered the business since. "We are the oldest and the largest," said Scott

Syphax, president of Nehemiah. We make over 36,000 grants a year. We've given away more than \$500 million. Now, there are hundreds doing what we do. More are springing up every day." Since 1998 Neberniah has made 4,828 grants for a total gift amount of \$25.75 million in Colorado, or an average of about \$5,300 per home buyer. The average income of a Nehemiah down-payment gift ecipient is \$44,651. Typical home buyers are in heir late 20s and 30s and tend to be single parents. It's estimated that more than 17,000 homes nationwide are purchased each month through down over the set of th down-payment grant programs, representing about 3 percent of all home sales. Syphax said when Neherniah compared its fore-

closure rate with Federal Housing Administration-insured loans, "our rates of default are lower. I think these people know they have been given a chance to own a home, and if they lose their home, they know their chance of ever buying a home again is slim to

users averaging five or more transactions a week, according to Star Systems. Citizens says customers concerned about the they cost less to process. When you swipe your card and authorize your PIN fee should simply pick the signature-based

With credit evaluation, it's all about the score

### By Loretta Kalb SACRAMENTO BEE

These days, consumers who want to borrow money are evaluated first on how well they pay their bills. For most, that evaluation is based on a credit score. The

higher the score, the greater the assurance to the lender that the borrower will both repay the loan and do so on time. Still many consumers don't know their credit score,

how it affects them or how to raise it in order to qualify for

better loans. Those planning to borrow for the first time should take the time to understand what is at stake in a score. A good place to start is www.myfico.com, a Web site hosted by Fair Isaac Corp., which pioneered the concept of credit scoring in the late 1950s. The site gives a quick lesson in the importance of hav-

ing a good score. A consumer with a high score of 720 to By a good core. A consumer with a neglities to be a solution of the solution of around 6 percent or slightly higher. But another consumer with a lower credit score, say, in the mid-600s, might have to pay several points more.

#### **Raise That Credit Score:**

Keep balances low on credit cards and other forms of credit. High outstanding debt can affect a score.

Pay off debt rather than shifting it from one card to another. The most effective way to improve your score in this area is by paying down your revolving credit.

Don't open a number of new credit cards that you don't need just to increase your available credit

Myvesta, a non-profit consumer credit group in Rockville, Md., said the biggest factor in a credit score is payment history. That accounts for about 35 percent of the score.

The total amount of debt accounts for another 30 percent.

The length of your credit history accounts for about 15 percent of a score. The longer the history, the better.

Other factors include types of credit and new credit. Applying for a lot of new credit can push a score lower.

Three well-known sources of scores are these widely used credit reporting agencies: Equifax (www.equifax.com); Experian (www.experian.com); and TransUnion (www.transunion.com).

Expect to pay a fee to see scores or accompanying credit reports.

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### NFIB UPDATE

#### Swinging for the Fences

As the annual chase for baseball's World Series championship begins, American small-business owners have more in common with the players on the field than they might realize.

Entrepreneurs are no strangers to blistering curves, wild pitches and knuckleballs thrown at them with blinding speed. Instead of horsehide-covered spheres weighing five ounces, these "balls" aimed at small-business owners appear with frightening regularity in the form of government-mandated wages, regulations and taxes

Somehow though, morale in the dugout is high, according to the results of NFIB's recent economic trends report. Optimism on Main Street took a big leap recently and the buzz among the team is that now's the time to

expand operations. But the team of lawmakers from Capitol Hill reared back and fired a high, hard one when it refused to update the nearly 50-year-old employee overtime pro-visions of the Fair Labor Standards Act to give workers flexibility and allow employers to offer financial rewards for improved productivity and profitability. That wasn't the first one to

cross the small-business plate. Back before the economy started gaining momentum, a mandatory gaming induction, a mandatory wage increase bill came out of the Senate's left field. Deceptively labeled the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2003, this slider threatened to nail small business in the hip pocket with yet another government-imposed pay boost to \$5.90 an hour, then another hike to \$6.65 one year later

Needless to say, small business cried "foul" and opposed the measure on the grounds that gov-ernment manipulation of the starting wage has failed as a tool of social and economic improvement. Free-enterprise unpires agree that minimum wage bikes not only hurt small firms, but

By James C. Farkas

she could receive to brighten a

SPECIAL WRITER

their employees as well. But the challengers continue to ignore the cheers rising from the stands as reports of capital-spending improvement, inventory investment and hiring plans flash up on the scoreboard. The econ-omists who conducted the recent survey assure us that the record optimism stats signal big wins for growth during the second half of growth during and this year. Growing firms could put one in dark hut procedural

the upper deck, but procedural spitballs from the Senate have prevented the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 from becoming a permanent change to the tax code Good only through 2010, this statute provides small-business owners temporary relief from high individual tax rates, climinates the death tax, eliminates the marriage penalty and makes a number of significant tax cuts and reforms to our nation's pension laws. But what happens then? Without a permanent, pre-dictable policy environment in which to make sound business decisions, small-business owners will be scoring fewer economic home runs.

One fat pitch that entrepreneurs could slam into orbit would come in the form of affordable medical care through Association Health Plans, but while the House has done its part, the Senate isn't even in the ballpark yet

Still, no matter how many wild pitches American small-business ount on them to hang in there and swing for the fences.

special occasion or any day? I'll het the answer, without hesitation, would be a fresh bouquet of flowers. When you think about it, fresh flowers stimulate almost Ask any man, what is the first gift that comes to mind for Mothers Day, anniversary or birthdays? Ask any woman, what is the most cheerful gift all of your senses - sight, smell, touch and feet

When you think of fresh flow-ers in the South Lyon area, you

9 Photo by Jim Farkas

Pat's Field of Flow in the South ers is a familiar na

think of Pat's Field of Flowers Proprietor Pat Fielding attend ed design classes at Schoolcraft

College 16 years ago. With the goal in mind of being in business for herself, she felt it was only natural to do some-thing she loved. So, in 1989 she opened Pat's Field of Flowers in the Brookedale Strip Mall on the southwest corner of Pontiac Trail and Nine Mile Road. Fourteen years at the same loca-tion has made Pat's Field of Flowers a household name in the community when it comes to fresh flowers from around the world. Delivered daily from a local distribution center are the always popular roses, carnations and orchids to the more exotic species such as bird of paradis and protea. They come from all parts of the world, such as Florida, California, Hawaii and Equador. But that's not all. Pat's busi-

has has been growing and expanding into other compli-mentary lines of gifts and home decor, such as scented candles by Colonial-at-Home and a wide canille Beckman, that her dis-cerning customers will select to compliment the bouquet of

"We also offer a beautiful line of greeting cards by Lang," said Pat

Other services offered at Pat's Field of Flowers include in-home consultation for custom silk flower arrangements and centerpieces; wedding consulta-tions, which include delivery and set-up; and gift baskets, fruit and gourmet baskets and, of course, live plants, at a wide

ange of prices. "We will tailor-make a unique

yon't find this kind of service at the corner grocery store amongst the frozen foods."

Pat has been married for 42 years. She and her husband, Bob, have two married sons, Michael and Brett. She actively

Michael and Breit. She actively participates in the South Lyon Chamber of Commerce. "There isn't a day that goes by that I don't meet several people in the community that I know,"

Satu Pal. She gives back to the commu-nity in several ways, from donat-ing fresh pumpkin centerpieces for South Lyon's Arrest for South Lyon's Annual Pumpkin Fest costume ball to gift certificates for local school fund-raisers, charities and auctions

"We show our appreciation for our customers in a very spe-cial way by having an annual cial way by having an annual Christmas open house the first Saturday in December," said Pat. "There are free gifts, drawings and plenty of food as a thank you for doing business with us all year". Pat can t say enough about her professional and courteous staff, Beeidre assisting customets her-

Besides assisting customers herbesides assimily contoilers der-self, she has three part-time delivery and counter people, Marge, Anne and Jackie; two part-time designers, Tabitha and Sue; and her full-time designer, Sherry, who has been with her for 12 of the 14 years. Pat's customers are very special to her and their satisfaction is of fore-

most importance. "You can expect personal attention and a genuine interest from each and every one of my competent staff," said Pat.

competent staft, said Pal. Besides the FTD and TELE-FLORAL services one would expect. Pat says her Web site orders have been increasing substantially.

Sun 11a.m. to 3 p.m. Daily delivery service available state by going directly to www.patsfieldofflowers.com and avoid the corporate national

companies' service charge," said Pat, "This way, they will have direct contact with the profes-sionals that will be making up their arrangement and can com-municate any special requests." According to Pat, business is

constant throughout the year due to special occasions. However, Christmas, Valentine's Day and Mother's Day are always the busiest.

"We stock up with a large selection of fresh flowers and gifts prior to these occasions so our customers will always find a good selection to choose from," said Pat. "So, if you would like to brighten someone's day – whether it be a birthday, anniversary, upcoming Sweetest Day or a centerpiece for Halloween, Thanksgiving or Christmas – call or stop in at Pat's Field of Flowers. She and her staff will Howers, site and her sain win-be happy to create a special bou-quet or arrangement just for your special someone. There's nothing more pleasurable than the colors and scents to accentu-ate the seasons in your office or home deep.



Proprietor Pat Fielding (left) and Sherry Tucker, full-time designer, stand ready to create your special bouquet, arrangement or centerpiece.

# Fresh flowers add cheerfulness to any occasion



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www.patsfieldofflowers.com

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Lyon business community with 14 years at the same location.

floral arrangement just for you," said Pat. "Whatever you can said Pat. imagi ne, we can create. You their office or even from out-of-

People can order right from home decor.

