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OH's Mrs. Grabowski

When it came time to choose a profession, there was never a question about careers. Teaching was always a part of my life. – Page 11A

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Victory at last!

Novi's Andrew Summerville, center-right, looks to pass to a lucrosse teammate during a home game against Ann Arbor

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Novi bank robber sougl

■ Police continue their search for the man who robbed National City

By Victoria Sadlocha

The investigation continues for a man wanted in connection with a Monday afternoon Novi bank

"No arrests have been made and the matter is still under investiga-tion," said Novi Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer. "We did find his clothing where he took them off in the wooded area east of the bank.

Shaeffer said the clothing found matched the description of what the bank robber was wearing. Police said on Monday a man

walked into National City Bank just west of the 14 Mile and Haggerty roads intersection short-ly before 4 p.m. demanding money from an employee.

Shaeffer said the suspect walked up to a teller, gave the employee a package and said it was a bomb before leaving with an undetermined amount of cash.

Investigators said no one from the bank followed the unknown man outside, but it is believed he fled by foot to the wooded area behind the bank.

Employees fearing what they believed to be a bomb left behind by the suspect immediately called authorities.

Shaeffer said the Michigan State Police Bomb Squad arrive shortly after and evacuated the building. The heavily-traveled intersection was also blocked off to all traffic during the rush-hour

commute.

"At the time we did not know if

it was real or not." Shaeffer said It was later determined, the package was not a bomb.

Witnesses described the suspect as a white male in his 30s, standing somewhere between 5 foot 4 inches to 5 foot 6 inches. The suspect was said to have sandy colored short bair, blue eyes and a ruddy complexion. Police said he

was wearing a baseball cap at the time of the robbery.

Murder investigation

The Novi Police Department also continues its investigation into the murder of a 26-year-old Novi male found April 14 near a DTE transformer site located between the south side of Twelve Oaks Mall and Interstate 96.

"We are still conducting inter views and awaiting the results from the lab analysis of physical evidence gathered at the scene," Shaeffer said.

Police believe Cameron Wade Sanders died from a gunshot wound to the head, and they suspect the motive may have been

robbery.
Sanders' wallet was found open and empty next to his body.

Anyone with information about either case is asked to call the Novi Police Department at (248)

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Sounds of

Summer

kicks off

June 19

By Victoria Sadlocha STAFF WRITER

With anxious anticipation, the City of Novi announces its 2003 free Summer Concert Series.

Along with the excitement for

the series, members of Department of Pa Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry are equally proud that this year a special kid's concert will kick

off each Thursday evening event beginning June 19 and ending Aug. 14.

The children's concerts will run from 7:45 to 8:30 p.m. and

the one-hour community con-certs will follow, beginning at 8:45 p.m.

As with last year, all concerts will be held outside of the Novi Civic Center and inside during inclement weather.

All area residents are invited



For women only

Jessica Langmesser of Whitaker, Mich., has some Aveda glow shimmer applied to her face by Kay Loftls during last Friday's International Women's Show at the Novi Expo Center. The show, which ran three days, displayed wares, services, healthcare and fashions for women.

and encouraged to bring friends, family and a picnic basket for a fun-filled evening. This year's series will feature:

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Road funding fight heats up in Pontiac

By Phil Foley

Southeast Michigan elected officials seemed fairly equally spilt in their support for local business interests and community activists at the second of two State Senate Transportation Committee

what Senate are calling Republicans are calling "Priorities First" in response to Governor Jennifer Granholm's "Preserve First" plan which last month deferred 34 road projects

The first hearing, held in the Hudsonville City Council cham-

bers near Grand Rapids April 30, drew about 50 people. The sec-ond, held May 5 in the Oakland County Commission auditorium, drew more than 60 people and ran an hour beyond its scheduled

While nine of the 34 projects on the list are in Oakland County,

officials in favor of the projects focused on three — Novi's Beck Road Bridge over I-96, the planned widening of I-75 through the county and the Adams Road/M-59 interchange in

Squared off against the road building proponents was a vocal group of Transportation Riders United and Moses members, who argued for more money to be spent on the region's nearly non-existent mass transit system and less on expanding the region's highway network.

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Robert Gatt announces city council candidacy

■ Former Novi officer first to file

By Victoria Sadlocha

After a couple of mayoral announcements, former city police officer Robert Gatt is the first to announce his candidacy for Novi City Council.

"If elected, I believe that I would become the first former Novi city employee to be voted to such an honorable position," Gatt said. "I have dedicated my adult life to public service. For nearly years, I endeavored to serve citizens of Novi in the most professional manner possible as a Novi Police Officer."

Gatt believes his experience

other governmental endeavors qualifies him for the making job.

Today, the candidate works as the Chief of Field Operations for Oakland County Community
Corrections and is still a sworn police officer, but knows Novi through working through the

Gatt said he was promoted

Gatt said he was promoted through the department to the position of shift Cntdr/Sgt. when he retired last May.
"I am proud of my accomplishments throughout my long police career," Gatt said. "I initiated the heralded D.A.R.E. program in our city and had a positive influence on thousands of our youth in the fight against drugs and violence."

Known to many in the city as "officer Bob." Gatt was asked to

sit on the national D.A.R.E. advisory board where the candidate said he persuaded the Vice President of the United States of America to visit Novi.

"I have delivered babies, helped sick people, arrested criminals and generally made myself avail-able to the citizens of Novi on a 24/7 basis for nearly three decades," Gatt said. "I enjoyed every moment of my service and would not change a single thing."

Gatt said although the city is very blessed with fine schools, a geographic location stimulating growth since the late 1970s and caring, dedicated and committed citizens and employees, it is only prudent to point out Novi is not immune to problems. "Roads, Traffic, Public Safety issues and deciding what to do

with the few remaining parcels of land that have not been spoken for and that have not been spoken for are just some of the topics of con-cem," he said. "Because of my intimate knowledge of the city, it's citizens and it's history, I believe I will make an excellent city council man."

The candidate said he is a con-

The candidate said he is a consensus builder, independent thinker, passionate in his convic d always available to all

'I look forward to the campaign and for the first time that I can remember I am anxious for

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On Tuesday Nov 4 Novi residents will have the opportunity to head to the asked to vote for City of Novi representatives. Openings generated by Novi Mayor Pro-tem Michelle Bononi and Novi City Councilmen Louis Csordas and Dr. May Sanghyi will be voted nn. Sanghvi was appointed to council in January after a eat was left vacant by departing now State Rep.: Craig DeRoche, Csordas and Bononi are both nearing four years on council and were: elected by Novi voters.



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can honor them. Contact the City of Novi Community Relations Office, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 or (248) 735-5628 for a registra-tion form for this event

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Novi City Briefs

Teen Volunteer Program Annie

Applications are being accepted now through the 23 for the Novi Public Library Summer Reading Program. Students in the sixth grade and up are needed to volunteer two hours a week June 23 through Aug. 1 to help with the program. Volunteer assignments will be scheduled on a litst-come, first-screv basis as the applications are returned. All volunteers must attend one 45-minute orientation sessions will be held.

Annex and Little People Players present "Annie." Recognition Day event. This Annex are of Nanie. Tickets are on sale now at the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department inside the Novi Middle School stage to the Novi Middle School stage tomorrow, May 9 through Saturday. May 10 and Saturday. May 10 and Saturday. May 17 through Sunday, May 18. For more can honor them. Contact the information, call (248) 347at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, June 4, and Thursday, June 5, For more information, contact a Youth Services librarian at (248) 349-0720.

Senior Hoe Down

All area seniors are invited to kick up their heels during the city's Spring Hoe Down held Satorday, May 17. The country-fun happening promises lots of fun with line dancing, lively muste and light refreshments. The event will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Novi Senior Center inside Meadowbrook Commons, Tickets will be available at the door for \$3. Meadowbrook Commons is located at 25075 Meadowbrook Road. For more information, call (248) 347-0414.

Memorial Day Parade

Calling all groups and businesses interested in being part of the City of Novi 2003 Memorial Day Parade. The annual event will serve as a special opportunity to bring recognition to those who have served our country. Entry Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department or by visiting the city's Web site at www.ci.novi.mi.us. The parade will take place 10 a.m. Monday, May 26. Completed forms must be returned by Friday, May 2. Confirmation and instructions will be provided by mail. For more information, call Tracie Ringle at (248) 347-0400.

Library Closed

The Novi Public Library will on Sunday, June 22 at 1 p.m., the City of Novi will reconservance of Mother's Day. The library will reopen Monday, May 12.

Memorial Day Parade

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POLICE REPORT

armed forces from 1945 to 2003 at the Veteran's Recognition Day event. This event will honor veterans of the Cold War, Grenada, Panama, Desert Storm, Afghanitum, Brasiles A Novi woman called police after someone drove over her lawn and damaged her mailbox to boot. The resident living in the 22000 block of Cheshire Court, near Taft and Nine Mile roads, said sometime between May 4 at near Taft and Nine Mile roads, said sometime between May 4 at 10 p.m. and May 5 at 8 a.m., the suspect(s) traveled over about 15 feet of her lawn between the road and the sidewalk and then hit her mailbox. The officer at the scene noticed one set of tire tracks on the lawn. He also noted several pieces of wood were missing from the box.

Traffic tipster

dispatchers had issued a be-on-tage of the local to earlier that day. As the officer saw the vehicle, was the officer saw the vehicle, as the officer saw the officer saw

After receiving a tip from a concerned citizen, Novi police

were able to pull a drunk driver off the roads last week. A Novi officer was patrolling the area of Novi and 13 Mile roads on May 1 at about midnight when he noticed the 2002 Chevy Tahoe dispatchers had issued a be-on-

much and trying to navigate 13
Mile Road, On May 2 at about 2
a.m., Novi police spotted a red
Saab swerving on 13 Mile near
Novi Road, Police spotted the car Novi Road, Police spotted the car swerving within its own lane of travel and then swerve left of the center lane almost hitting an oncoming vehicle. Police stopped the car and smelled a strong odor of intoxicants com-ing from the 36-year-old driver's breath. With sturred speech, the Novi woman said she was com-Novi woman said she was coming from "down the road." After she was asked to be more specif-ic, the woman said she was com-ing from Champs. She blew a .18





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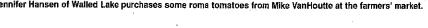
Farmer's Market season kicks off

The market is open every Wednesday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Walled Lake City Hall Field





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a customer to decide on a flower basket during Wednesday morning's farmers' market in downtown Walled Lake.



Commerce Township, look at buying a jar of pumpkin but



A bunch of rhubarb and bib lettuce for sale by VanHoutte Farms at Wednesday morning's farmers' market in downtown Walled Lake.

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LIBRARY LINES

Novi Public

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

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Teen volunteer opportunity

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dimer, dancing, tours of Ford Field, a raffle, and a five and silent auction. "It promises to be an inspirational, lively evening," said Cotant's dedication to the care of

Martin.

He added women are urged to the Ford Field tours.

Victor Cassis is a well-known only believed in the Providence

the V. Cassis
Providence
Order of Charity award during the ball May 17 at Ford Field in Detroit.

The new venue, said Providence Society at Providence Ilospital is Society Physician of the Year recognition. The Caduccus Society at Providence Ilospital is For more information or to order tickets, call Sherry Licata.

Detroit.

The new venue, said Providence spokesman Lou Martin, will hold substantially more than the nearly 600 people than the ball's previous home for the past decade could, so tickets are available for the first time in a long time.

Tickets for the black-tic option
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work two hours a week from June 23 to August 1. Applications are available in the library and must

be returned by Friday, May 23,

For more information, please con-tact one of our Youth Services librarians.

Mother's Day closing

Board meeting

Summer Reading Program, at 7 p.m. in the library meeting Volunteers should be in the 6th room. Community members are

The library will be closed Sunday, May 11, for Mother's Day,

grade or above and be able to welcome to attend.

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other prod-

Victor Cassis is a well-known Novi entrepreneur. He was on the original board that lead to the opening of Providence Medical Center/Providence Park, Novi in 1992.

Nancy Cassis, the State Senator for the 15th District, fought for the passage last year of legislation that would allow Providence to transfer beds to Novi. She has been a vocal proponent of improving medical care in Western Oakland County.

Preschool bedtime storijes

Come to the library for a spe-

cial evening preschool story time on Tuesday, May 13, from 7-7:30

p.m. The whole family (brothers

and sisters, too!) is invited to

attend this wonderful event. Come

ressed in your pajamas, if you'd

The library will be closed Wednesday, May 14, for a staff in-

Staff in-service day

as president of the Novi Rotary Club for the year of 2003-2004. Mr. Merritt is the owner of Merritt Handling Engineering. Inc. in Novi. His company spe-cializes in material handling and

storage prod-ucts; more specifically storage racks, shelving, mezza-nines, conveyor sys-tems, shop many V. Merritt

Above Self", is invited to join us.

ucts and services. He is celebrat District conference ing his 25th year in business this Local Rotarians will be gatheryear. Mr. Merritt is a resident of Mr. Merritt is a resident of Lyon Township, residing in Tanglewood. He has been a District 6380 conference May wife, Patti, is also a member of District 6380 is an international

the Novi Rotary Club. Together they share in their passion to do good works for others.

Vic is an avid golfer and a long time fan of the MSU Spartans.

Between 400 and 500 people faith memorial service. His proudest achievements are his 25 years as a business owner, and the work he has done for the Novi Rotary Club. His favorite his action of the lateral international representatives and Rotary and conference attentions. activities have been raising their guests. The program will dance

Victor Merritt has been elected building of the Novi Rotary Park, activities and international services and for helping in the eradication of polio from the children of the ice projects-all within the context of good fellowship and many world. Vic says, " I look forward social events.

to my year as president and to the many exciting activities and fund raising events yet to come." Rotary is an international serv-Friday's program will begin with a Fireside Chat for new Rotarians followed by an opening lunch featuring a welcome by the Mayor of Southfield, Brenda ice organization providing service and fellowship opportunities in local communities and around the world. The Novi Rotary Club in local communities and around the world. The Novi Rotary Club meets every Thursday at noon for the new presidents-elect of locallunch meetings at the Novi Clubs will be held Friday United Methodist Church on 10 evening. After dinner, longting Mile near Meadowkrook Rd. TPL player and coach Monte Anyone interested in "Service Clark will be featured in a presentation: "Preparing for the

> ture youth and international service projects presented by Rotarians and program partici-pants from around the world. A Saturday evening dinner

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ate of Northville High School and is employed by Faestel Properties.

The groom-elect is a 1998 gradu-ate of Novi High School, a 2001

graduate of Schooleraft Culinary

Arts and is employed by Creative A June wedding is planned.

Keith E. Uhria



Jhrig retired in 1988 after 42 years of employment with Fisher Body in Livonia. He served in the U.S. Army from 1951 to 1956.

Survivors include his loving Ruth Campbell and Helen Uhrig. Frank and Susan Brennan of

Novi announce the engagement of their son, Jesse Daniel Brennan, to ANNIVERSARY WEDDING

Stuart and Betty Wallen of Commerce Township are celebrat-ing their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a party on June 21, 2003. They were married May 9, 1953. The couple have seven children and 10 grandchildren.



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The bride-elect graduated from Dr. Phillips High School, Orlando, Fla. in 1994. The groom-clect graduated in 1993 from Dr. The wedding will take place in

Lichorobiec and Gough

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Alaimo of



McGuire were married September 1, 2002 at Orchard Lake St. Mary's. Father John Budde officiated the The bride is the daughter of Dar

and Leo Uhrig and two sisters,

a Michigan State University graduate and is employed by Ford Motor Company as a Buyer. The groom is the son of Dan and Andrea McGuire College graduate and is employed by Ford Motor Company as a Materials Symantics Materials Supervisor

Erin Leib and Kelly Bunch served is honor attendants. Bridesmaids were Angela (Pelletier) Bohm, lessica Roemer, and Arny Saari. Brian Pearson served as best man.
Groomsmen were Paul McGuire,
Ryan McGuire, Adam McGuire and

David Tardella. A reception was held at Italian

Wayne (Rebecca) Uhrig of Mt. Gardens Livonia. Memorials may be made to the donor's choice. Arrangements were made by Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home

Denver Anne Priebe

Denver Anne Priebe died April In addition to his parents, he 28, 2003 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She was was preceded in death by four brothers, Russell, Harold, Burrell,

Ms. Priebe was born July 6, 1952, in Annapolis, Md. A circulation carrier for the *Detroit News* at the time of her death, Ms. Peighe advected by Northelia. wife, Audrey (Usher) Uhrig of Mt. Vernon, Ohio; four sons, Michael (Mary) Uhrig of Novi, at Mount Hope Memorial Mt. Vernon (Mary) Uhrig of Novi, at Mount Hope Memorial Memorial Mt. Vernon (Mary) Uhrig of Novi, at Mount Hope Memorial Mt. Vernon (Mary) Uhrig of Novi, at Mount Hope Memorial Mt. Vernon (Mary) Uhrig of Novi, at Mount Hope Memorial Mt. Vernon (Mary) Uhrig of Novi, at Mount Hope Memorial Mt. Vernon (Mary) Uhrig of Novi, at Mount Hope Memorial Mt. Vernon (Mary) Uhrig of Novi, at Mount Hope Memorial Mt. Vernon (Mary) Uhrig of Novi, at Mount Hope Memorial Mt. Vernon (Mary) Uhrig of Novi, at Mount Hope Memorial Mt. Vernon (Mary) Uhrig of Novi, at Mount Hope Memorial Mt. Vernon (Mary) Uhrig of Novi, at Mount Hope Memorial Mt. Vernon (Mary) Uhrig of Novi, at Mount Hope Memorial Mt. Vernon (Mary) Uhrig of Novi, at Mount Hope Memorial Mt. Vernon (Mary) Uhrig of Novi, at Mount Hope Memorial Mt. Vernon (Mary) Uhrig of Novi, at Mount Hope Memorial Mt. Vernon (Mary) Uhrig of Novi, at Mount Hope Memorial Mt. Vernon (Mary) Uhrig of Novi, at Mount Hope Memorial Mt. Vernon (Mary) Uhrig of Novi, at Mount Hope Memorial Mt. Vernon (Mary) Uhrig of Novi, at Mount Hope Memorial Mt. Vernon (Mary) Uhrig of Novi, at Mount Hope Memorial Mt. Vernon (Mary) Uhrig of Novi (Mary) Uhrig of N in Summerville, She was 87, 2000 from Plymouth. She was preceded in death by her father,

> Ms. Prieve is survived by her mother, Harriet Vinson Northville; her children, Michelle (Paul) Rutherford of San Diego, Lynn, Kate, Ali and Gabi Priebe Northville; her brother, Thomas N. Vinson, Jr., of Plymouth; and her granddaughter,

Peed. She later married Vernon

Haili Rutherford.

Home of Northville, which han-

Cemetery in Northville, Memorial contributions may be

No. 4012 in Northville. She A memorial service for Ms. Priebe was held May 1 at Northrop-Sassaman Funeral worked as an assembly line

employee at Burroughs.

Ms. Biddle is survived by her children, her children, Larry Biddle and Verna Foote; 11 grandchildren, 14 great-granddeld funeral arrangements. Rev.

Biddle and Verna Poote; 11

Eldon Beery officiated the service. Interment will be at Rural Hill

children, 14 great-grand-children, 14 great-grand-children and three great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her children Richard Dietz, William Dietz, Thelma

VanBuren and William Muntan. A memorial service was held April 25 at Casterline Funeral Home of Northville, which han-dled funeral arrangements. Pastor Dorothy Biddle of dled funeral arrangements. Pastor Summerville, S.C. died April 19 Jonathan Wilkes of First Baptist Church of Northville officiated Ms. Summerville was born
Dec. 17, 1915 in Washington,
Ind., to Rufus Grabb and Mattie may be sent to the American Heart Association Midwest Affiliate, Memorial and Tributes Peed. She fater married Vernon Biddle, who preceded her in death in 1984.

A Northville resident for 50 years before relocating to Summerville, Ms. Biddle was active in the Ladies Auxiliary of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post

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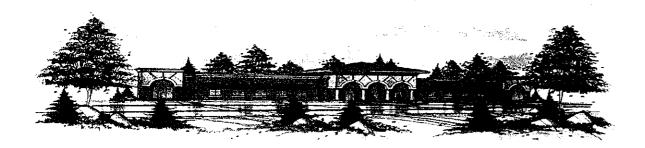




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MDOT: Road funding fight heats up in Pontiac

Some local officials, like Novi City Manager Richard Helwig, argued that finishing their local project was simply a matter of project was simply a matter of the state honoring its commit-ments. He reminded committee members that Novi residents are paying interest on a 56 million bond issue approved last fall on the promise of replacing what he called a "dilapidated bridge." Novi businessman Blair Bownan who preserts to be best

Bowman, who operates the Novi Expo Center, backed him up by presenting committee members with copies of photographs of the wint copies in piotographs of the bridge showing sheets of ply-wood stuck between its rusting I-beams to keep spauling concrete from falling on passing com-muters. "Clearly this is a fix-it first project," he said.

Arguing that the project would use no state funds since Novi city bond money and land donations go beyond the 20-percent local match for the primarily federal-ly-funded project, Bowman said, "I don't know how this got past the common sense test,"

"We're robbing Peter to pay Paul instead of competing against Chicago," countered Jim ownsend, executive director of Michigan Suburbs Alliance, a

organization made of 24 older "inner ring" communities. Arguing that Southeast Michigan is developing land faster than its population is growing, Oakland County
Commissioner David Coulter, who represents Royal Oak, Ferndale and Hazel Park, told committee members, "I don't believe we should promote and subsidize migration." Coulter and others from older communities claimed the state's tax structure encourages the movement of jobs rather than the creation of

On the other hand, Coulter's commission colleague, Tom MacMillian, who was the mayor Chrysler Corp moved its head-quarters to Auburn Hills from Highland Park in 1996, called the state tax structure a "shakedown and looting of Oakland County." The Chrysler move ended a decade of planning and construction made, in part, on state promments that have yet to be ful-filled, said Coulter.

Jeff Jenks, a Huntington

Woods city commissioner and a SEMCOG representative for a quarter-century, observed that the region's older communities were made promises as well. He said the region has seen a proces of jobs and taxes lost in one city

or joos and taxes lost in one city and gained in another with no net benefit to the state.

Lisa King, a Ford Motor Company employee and small business person representing Moses, a faith-based organization representing 2 congress. tion representing 72 congrega-tions, argued for more funding or mass transit.

While the legislature narrowly

approved the creation of the Detroit Area Regional Transit Authority (DARTA), former Gov. John Engler vetoed the measure on his last day in office in what one Detroit newspaper called a "petulant parting shot." Now groups like King's Moses and Karen Kendrick-Hands'

Transportation Riders United (TRU) are loudly arguing for the legislature to resurrect DARTA. This led State Senator Nancy Cassis to angrily ask, "Are we playing Let's Make a Deal here?"

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Cassis suggested the 34 projects deferred by the governor are actually being held hostage to bring DARTA back.

"What we've got," said Jenks,
"is a budget crisis and we're
never going to have enough Kendrick-Hands, who heads

kendrick-Hands, who heads up the Detroit-based TRU, said mass transit funding and road building is "a zero sum game."

There is no great city in the world without a regional transit system" argued Farmington Hills attorney Richard Bernstien. He declared the lack of a regional system is "crippling this community," adding that Metro Detroit ranks 47th in attracting people in

the 25-34 age bracket.

While Bernstien and his supporters hammered away at the need for mass transit funding, State Senator Jud Gilbert (R-Algonac), who chairs the Senate Transportation Committee kept geturning to the question of how John Lyons, representing the city of Lapeer, told committee members that the expansion of M-24 leading from his city to Oakland County has been on the

books for two decades. returning to the question of how much money local communities had spent in support of M-DOT as St. John Health Systems and Ascension Health have given him a two-year commitment for the hospital's 11-acre donation in Novl. After that, he warned, the

state might have to pay for the \$3 million parcel.

"I hope the Administration understands what M-DOT has yowed to restore funding to all

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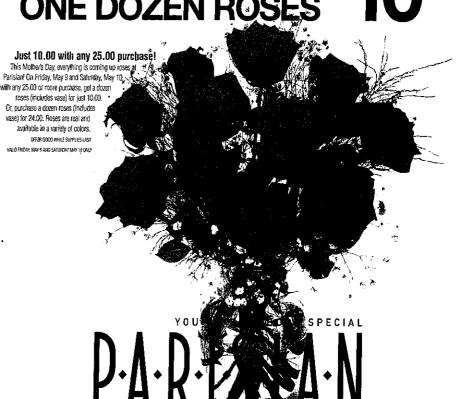
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more than 20 different categories, including Broker/Owner of the Year. Top Individual that has experienced significant Agent, Top Listing and Selling growth during the past year, has

Agent, Top Listing and Selling Team and Rookie of the Year, to name a few.

"The annual Special Awards allow to recognize and reward the hard work and accomplishments of our associates," said Jeanetts Schneider, vice president and co-regional director of REFMAX and corregional director of REFMAX of Southeastern Michigan, "Additionally, the annual awards banquet offers an opportunity for all of our team members to gather for a night of fon, relaxation and entertainment."

Several winners from Oakland County were recognized for

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According to Marty Smith,
Telcom's president, remote teller
service, as it's known, is the cut-

service, as it's known, is the cut-ting edge thing in financial servic-ers. "It allows us to concentrate on our relationship with our mem-bers," he said.

Telcom opened the doors of its two-story, 37,000 square foot facility at 44575 West 12 Mile Road on the western edge of Fountain Walk to it's board, local business, presipe, and government.

business people and government officials for the first time April 30. Smith said that while Telcom's lack of a traditional teller line may seem unconventional, it actually allow the credit union's member

service's representatives to spend more time determining what their members financial services needs It's a brave new world behind are and meeting them. the curving glass and brick face of Telcom Credit Union's new head-quarters building in Novi. Across from the bank of cus-

Telcom opens new headquarters in Nevi

Along with the remote tellers, there are two computer terminals to perform how the to perform home banking functions and an ATM machine, outside there are two ATM drive-up lanes, one for eash withdrawals only, in addition to the full-serv-

"Our goal is to be the financial change Novi has been looking for." said Russ Kotila, Telcom's director of marketing "Our new facility will allow us to offer the commu nity of Novi with more conven-ience and superior levels of service than they've ever seen before." Smith said the remote tellers are also safer. He noted that stud ies have shown that facilities with remote tellers have a lower rate of robbery attempts.

He said the Wayne-Westland

Credit union has a combination of credit union in the state to operate exclusively with remote tellers Founded by a handful of Michigan Bell Telephone Michigan Company employees in Detroit in 1936, Telcom today has more than 31,500 members and assets

Smith said Teleom hopes to groups, some with as few - five expand it membership base in or 10 people.

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Parkview transformed into space station

School takes on week-long NASA theme to celebrate Space Day '03

By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

Students. Elementary joined more than 500 other schools in the United States, Puerto Rico, Canada and other countries by signing Student Signatures on Space posters to celebrate Space Day 2003 on May 1. The students' signatures will be carried into space on a future space shuttle

ission. Student Signatures in Space (\$3), provides elementary and middle school students the opportunity to send their digi-tized signatures into space and to feel a personal involvement with the mission. Jointly sponsored by NASA and Lockheed Martin Corporation, the \$3 program is one component of the awardwinning Space Day educational initiative CO-chaired by Senator John Glenn.

"You go on line and apply for

Cindy Buckley said. "Over 500 schools participate in the signature program every year, but it's a national Space Day Celebration.

from space, the poster will be put on display along with a flight certificate and picture of the ceruticate and picture of the shuttle crew that carries the signatures of Parkview students into space. On Space Day 2002, students at 551 schools in the U.S., Canada and nine other countries. The Canada and nine other countries the state of the Canada and the space. On space Day 2002, surdents at 551 schools in the U.S.,
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signed, S3 posters. Since the program began in 1997 more than
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land rover that will be exploring
in Space. Because of space con-

Geologist student and NASA Ambassador Erin DiMaggio

displays photos of Mars' landscape to Parkview Elementary School students during her visit last Thursday morning.

the surface of Mars later this For the week, each grade had a different speaker each day. On Monday, the kindergartners were visited by Northwest commercial pilot John Neva; Tuesday's to he Along with that, the theme is the future of flight. The 100th anniversary of Orville and presenter was a hot air balloonist anniversary of Orville and Wilbur's first flight is this year, so we looked for speakers to come and talk to the kids and we centered on flight itself."

After the signatures return from space, the poster will be put on display along with a flight certificate and picture of the

"The kids are actually studying wind and water right now and it

really worked out well for them to have the hot air balloonis come," Buckley said. "He has flown over China, Austria and Japan and he has also done a stunt where they attached a bean between two hot air balloons and the balloons went up together and he walked across it at 19,000 feet. We were watching it on video and he almost fell once, He fell backwards into the basket. He couldn't turn around, so he walked across the beam and he

are selected from every state in the U.S., throughout Canada, and in countries around the world. "Mark Gardner is a former

shuttle mishap and he was very good about answering them."

Buckley said that the different speakers came to reinforce the idea of Space Day. As a part of we will display that in a case for

"Mark Gardner is a former NASA engineer and he helped design the space suits that the astronauts wear," Buckley said.
"There were questions about the helped but be will be actual with the side of the helped but be will be actual with the side of the helped but be will be actual with the side of the helped but be will be actual with the side of the helped but be will be actual with the side of the helped but be will be actual with the side of the poster back and it will have a cer-tificate on it saying it went into space and it will be with a picture of the crew that it went with and

the demonstrations, Parkview Principal Joe Imrick dressed up in an astronaut costume and he presented the space poster.

"We sectioned it off for every"

we will display that in a case for a while 1/s great and it's really gent. some interest in space. The .ds have been reading space books all week, they have been using flight simulator.

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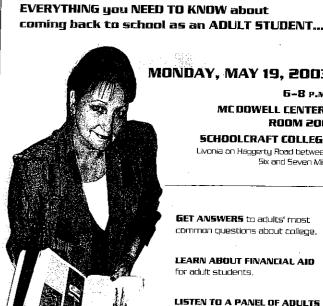
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Orchard Hills celebrates Mexican Children's Day

Dia De Los Niños, or Children's Day, came alive at Orchard Hills last week as Spanish Teacher Diane McCurdy celebritted with the children all week long. She split her classom into three centers where

WRITER ferent games.

"Estably we have a big celebration Election Niños, or Children's came alive at Orchard there are a feet of the change in and have been alive at Orchard tried to change it and have been appeared to the change it and the c

THE FIXIN'S

Recipe for Tortilla de Patata, or Potato Spanish Omelet:

Ingredients: 4 patatas peladas (4 pealed potatoes); aceite de olivea (olive oil): 5 huevos (5 eggs); 1-2 cucharaditas de ajo (1-2 ispoons full of crushed garlic); sal a gusto (salt to taste) Cut the potatoes into thin slices.

- Fry potatoes on low heat with a little salt until well done. Drain the potatoes well.
- Beat the eggs and add the potatoes and a little salt
- · Put all of it in a frying pan on low heat. When one side is golden brown turn it over onto plate and slide
- the uncooked side until golden brown.
- Put on a plate and cut into slices or 25 pieces for our class. You can eat it alone or between bread
- Serve hot, cold, or room temperature

the kids could eat and play dif-ferent games.
"Usually we have a big celebration. This year if hap-pened to be on a Wednesday, so every year, but this year I just week. "They come to me for 30 tried to change it and have something different," McCurdy said, "So, this year we celebrat-ed El Día De Los Niños, which is Children's Day."

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o see how Tortilla de Patatas, or Spanish omelettes, were made "I made the Spanish omelette ahead of time and I went over the recipe with them in Spanish and in English and talked to them in English how to make the Tortilla de Patata and they get to take the recipe home with them," McCardy said.

The second center is a pin'ata center and instead of hitting it, because it would be too danger-ous, the children passed the pin ata around and sang the pin ata song and the person who ended up with it when the song was over, got to pick a surprise

picked another person to pick a prize so everybody got a prize. The last center was called The last center was called Pirinola, which is a spinning top game. They spin it like a dradle and each side says something in Spanish and they play with bingo chips. Whoever had the most chips at the end of the game won and they got a prize. "It's a fun time to celebrate themselves," said McCurdw.

themselves," said McCurdy, "and I have had a lot of help done it without them and it was an overwhelming amount of people who said they could help."

The students all wore bright

colored clothes for the festivi ties and McCurdy wore tradi-

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McCurdy, treated the kids to a real Mexican Fiesta to celebrate El Día de Los Niños (Children's Day). The kids ate traditional Mexican foods, played a Spanish game called Pirinola, learned a piñata song and shared can-dies. Here, McCurdy and third graders Anna MacMullan Taylor Shaw and Alex Vaishampayan show some of the

Novi Woods PTO President stepping down after six years

By Ramez Khuri

A going away party was held is a real disap-last Wednesday in honor of Janet obside basine Novi Woods

"I was forlast wednesday in nonor or anner Cross, who is leaving Novi Woods Elementary this year as her youngest daughter moves on to lifth grade. Cross started back in the but yer delithe 1997-98 school year as treasurer and held that position for two years and the last four as PFO president,

Some of her more memorable moments in her time spent at the school were having to say good-bye to Jackie Lawrence as principal and serving on the committee. that selected Pam Quitiquit as her successor. Watching the renova-tion of the Novi Woods building is when the bonds passed. I felt very also memorable to her, but since she and her family are relocating to Atlanta this summer, she won't were absolutely necessary for the

cated group of people to get some bond proposals." Cross said. money is at work providing for the addition and renovation at the high school and the total renovation project at Novi Woods Elementary School, Various other

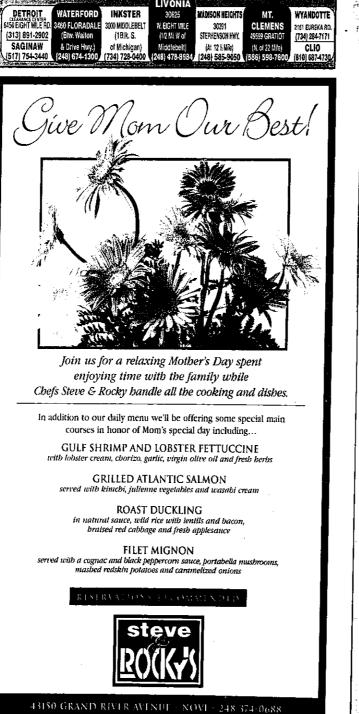
district to continue to provide the quality of education the residents of Novi have come to expect."

Cross enjoyed volunteering to work with parents and kids the most over the years. "I think I will miss the opportunity to work on behalf of parents and kids in the schools the most," she said, "Volunteering can be such a rewarding experience and working closely with people from the district, within the schools, and especially the other volunteers over the years makes me appreci-ate how dedicated people really can make a difference.

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Grabowski's been leaving her mark as Novi teacher for 15 years

"Mrs. Grabowski has been influencing the lives of first graders at Orchard Hills Elementary for 15 years," read the nomination form for Grabowski. 'She is a dedicated educator who cherishes the innocence of her six and seven-year-old charges. Since first graders come in all shapes and sizes with different academic abilities, Mrs. Grabowski works diligently to tailor the curriculum to each child's specific needs. To ensure that her boys and girls love to come to school, she makes

Grindell the Witch viseach day with notes and small surprises for the children. On each child's hirthday. Mrs. Grabowski sacrifices her lunch hour to dine with the birth-day child and a friend of their

"To enrich the lives of both her students and some local senior citizens, Mrs. Grabowski participates in a pen pal program with the Novi Senior Center. Each child is assigned a pen pal in the fall that they correspond with all year. In addition to their frequent letters, the children also, make the start of the year, Mrs.

DARLENE GRABOWSKI

- School: Orchard Hills
- Subject: Self Contained (all
- Years Teaching: 17
- Years In Local District: 15 College: University of Detroit
- Spouse: Tom
- Children: Twins Jeff who is an engineer and Julie who is who is a first grade teacher. 27 and Wendy who is a third grade teacher, 25.

Interests: Reading, biking traveling, swimming, trips to the Caribbean Islands during winter break with her husband and her most fulfilling hobby and the one that takes up all of her free time is enjoying the antics of her only grandson, two year old

Grabowski promised to make every one of the children a "star."

She has fulfilled that promise by continually recording their special moments with her camera. Bach child will receive a hand made memory book at the end of the special continually necessary of the children will now memory book at the end of the special continually necessary of the mail nowar format. Weeking each day with such care. Weeking each day with such care. They are there to celebrate a per-sonal triumph or share a tear. Working each day with such car-

memory book at the end of the year so they will never forget all the fun they had in first grade. the fun they had in first grade."

Participating in the learning process with the children is what Grabowski likes most about teaching. "Children are able to absorb amazing and enviable manufaction of new information." quantities of new information," she said. "Those little ones walk into the classroom in August feel-ing excited, fearful, and sometimes a little insecure and isolated. When they leave

in June, they are self-confident readers and problem solvers. Within the classroom takes as a valuable learn-

ing tool, deal in a healthy way with conflict, and celebrate life together. A teacher is fortunate enough to witness these daily mir-actives and learn right along with the youngsters." early a nursery school in her basement and would warder up and down the street Grabowski says that the princi-gathering the local children to the youngsters." wander
Grabowski says that the principal, Paul LePlae, and the staff at
Orchard Hills also add greatly to "Livin

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her feeling positive about her pro-fession. "It is a true blessing to be thrilled to send their little ones off

when she presented me with the bound book. Having two of my own daughters choose feaching as their profession has also meant a working with and nurturing children has always been an innate part of Grabowski's personality. In fact, when she was bound book, Hav own daughters characteristic profession the great deal to me."

Believe it or not

Believe it or not, the most diffisaid. "Having devoted 10 months

there was never a question about ing individuals provides an emo-tionally healthy environment."

Likewise, Grabowski believes that none of these successes could occur without the constant assis-

tance from the parents. She said that the parents of her students have responded positively to every request she has made: From to her, each day holds at least one "When you are watching miraeles happen, those are memorable moments," she said, "Hearing a every request she has made. From sending in film to capture those "Kodak Moments", to carving pumpkins, to planning parties, to providing classroom support every day.

"They have always given 100 percent," she said. "Hearing a get a hug from you yet today," there is a feeling of warmth that is difficult to express. This year, a much-loved second grader wrote a story about me. I fell so homored when she presented me with the sound book. Having tree, of my

"Living in a neighborhood with to a select group of children, there large families, the parents were is a tremendous feeling of loss

cult part of teaching for Grabowski isn't what most people would think. "It is the first few

they are learning. I would like to

Mrs. Grabowski makes learning fun for her students.

ly enjoy the perpetually cheerful antics of my first graders. When the school year ends, the abrupt to have spent a year in my classloss of those little people in my life requires some emotional adjustments."

the demands of the curriculum seem to increase, which makes it hard on teachers, according to Grabowski. "With so much mate-rial needing to be covered, I worry that the children are feeling the pressure of these national and state mandates," she said.

room feeling that they were appreciated for their uniqueness. I hope they will remember that in acceptable and even beneficial to

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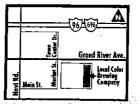


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Novi residents Adrienne Farrell and Lindsey Root were among the Spring 2003 graduates during commencement exercises at Hope College.

Novi residents Catherine Ann

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

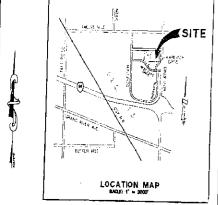
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council will be interviewing applicants for appointment to the Beautification Commission, Parks, Recreation & Forestry Commission, Planning Commission and Stormwater Management & Watershed Stewardship Committee on Monday, June 9, 2003 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

If you are a qualified voter in the City of Novi and interested in volunteering to serve or a City board or commission, applications are available in the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile, or by calling (248) 347-0456 to receive an application by and for fax, or tog onto the City Web Ste at www.cl.ovy.nijus to print out an application. Please submit your application by Monday, June 2, 2003 to allow time for scheduling appointments. Interviews are 15 minutes each; all City Council meetings are televised.

(05-08/15/22/29 & 06-05-03 NN 54933)

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

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All interested persons are invited to attend, Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 14, 2003.

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION LYNN KOCAN, SECRETARY

CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Sealed Proposals will be received by the City Olive. Oakland Counly, Michigan, for the reconstruction of South Lake Drive (West Park Road to 13 Mile Road) at the City Offices, Bids will be accepted until 390 pm. prevailing Eastern Time on Tuesday, May 27, 2003, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Each Proposal shall be accompanied by a Oualification and Experience Statement and a certified check, cashier's check or a salisfactory bidder's bond in the amount of at least 5% of the total bid, drawn payable to the City of Novi as security that if the Proposal is accepted, the Bidder will execute the Contract and deliver acceptable proof of insurance, Performance and Labor and Materials Bonds within 14 calendar days after the award of the Contract.

Sealed Proposal, Qualification and Experience Statement and Bid Bond shall be delivered to the office of the City Clerk, if sent by mail, the sealed envelope containing the Proposal, Qualifications and Experience Statement and Bid Bond must be enclosed within another envelope. All Proposals and be sealed envelope containing the Proposal, babeled with the project name, Bidder name and the date and time of the opening, and shall be addressed as follows:

Carol J. Kalinovik, Purchasing Direct 45175 West Ten Mile Road

A mandalory Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on <u>Iuesday, May 20, 2003</u> at 10:00 am at the City of Novi Council Chambers, Prospective bidders must attend the Pre-Bid Meeting in order for bids to be considered

responsive.

The Project consists of the complete removal and reconstruction of the existing bituminous road way, as well as the installation of a new underground storm water management system, and other related items. Plans, Specifications and other Contract Documents may be examined at the Office of the City Clerk or the Office of the Purchasing Director behaves the bours of 900 am and 200 pm on and after Monday, May thea at the Unice of the City Clerk or the Unitics of the Purchasing Director between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm on and after Monday. May 12, 2003. They may be obtained from the Engineer upon payment of \$25.00 per set (non-refundable). Documents may also be mailed to the prospective bidders upon written request accompanied by an additional payment of \$10.00 per set (non-refundable). Proposals which have been submitted shall not be withdrawn after the time set for opening of bids and shall remain tirm for a period of 90 celendar days after the opening.

The City of Novi respects the right to accept any or all alternation.

calendar days after the opening. The City of Novi.

The City of Novi reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informalities or both; to reject any or all proposals; and any or all proposals; and in general to make the award of the contract in any manner deemed by the City in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the City of Novi.

CAROL J. KALINOVIK PURCHASING DIRECTOR (5-8-03 NN 55073)

Novi resident Andrea Joyce (the National Honor Society in Psychology). She will attend graduators from the University of att school in the fall. She is the Rowe graduated with academic honors from the University of Michigan in April 2003. She

Milchigan in April 2003. She daughter of Wendell and Comie level of the Comie level of the Comie level of the Comie level of the Comie level of Novi and a 1999 graduate chology. She is member of Delta of Novi High School students will spend approximately three weeks learning about the government, economy, on the basis of Julie Johnston for Collegiate Scholars) and Psi Chi and Jill Johnston have been select-

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. June 26 Kid's Concert -Spoon Man. The show features Novi's favorite visitor as he plays two ordinary household table-spoons using music and audience

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The Lincoln Center Jazz

Orchestra with Wenton Marsalis

will play two shows (7:30 and 9:30 p.m.) on Wednesday, June 18 at Novi High School auditori

um (see www.veeland.com for

Associates, In the upcoming weeks before the shows, the Novi News will

take a look at the LCIO and the 15 band members that make up

one of the swingingest ensembles in jazz today. - Editor

studied with Frank Wess, Frank

Foster, and Charles Davis, and frequented jam sessions led by saxophonist Sonny Stitt at the Blue Coronet. Before entering

Southern University, where he

Batiste, Mr. Anderson met Wynton and Branford Marsalis

In 1988, he became a member of

Wynton Marsalis's Septet, with which he toured and recorded for seven years, and has been a

member of the LCJO since it

began touring in 1992. As a leader, Anderson has recorded and released three solo albums entitled Warmdaddy in the Garden of Swing (1994), The Ways of Warmdaddy (1996), and live at the Villore Varganch

Live at the Village Vanguard (1998). Anderson is a frequent

events, and serves on the faculty

of the Juilliard Institute for Jazz

Seneca Black (trumpet) was born on April 15, 1978 and was

inspired to pursue jazz after being introduced, at age 14, to the music of Duke Ellington by

Wynton Marsalis, After studying trumpet at the New World School of the Arts in Miami, Florida, Black moved to New York City to

study with master trumpeter Lew Soloff at the Manhattan School of

Music. Black has performed with Chico O'Farrill's Afro-Cuban

Jazz Orchestra, the Mingus Big

Band, the New York State of the Art Jazz Orchestra, and the Manhattan Jazz Orchestra, and

has been a member of the LCJO

studied with clarinetist Alvin

Wess "Warmdaddy" Anderson (alto and sopraning saxophones) began playing the saxophone at age 14. He attended Jazzmobile workshops in Harlem

details). This is a Novi Ros Club event, sponsored by JCK &

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interaction.

Community Concert - The Grafitude Steel Band. This well-traveled band specializes in Caribbean Reggae, Hawaiian and World Mucie.

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- July 10 Kid's Concert - D and R. This band promises to provide the audience with laugher, classics and original twists.

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from Ontario specializes in group will rock the evening with - ing kids with his gift of music.

• July 17 Kid's Concert - The Snudge Fundaes. This group

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NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:
Please Take Notice that the regular school election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 9, 2003.

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2003, IS MONDAY, MAY 12, 2003. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, MAY 12, 2003 ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION.

To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your county, city or township clerks office. Persons planning to register with the respective county, city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerk's offices are open for registration.

This Notice is given by order of the board of education.

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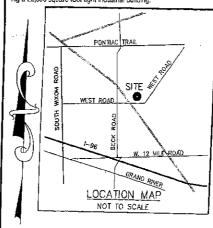
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All interested persons are invited to altend. Verbal comments may t heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, May 14, 2003.

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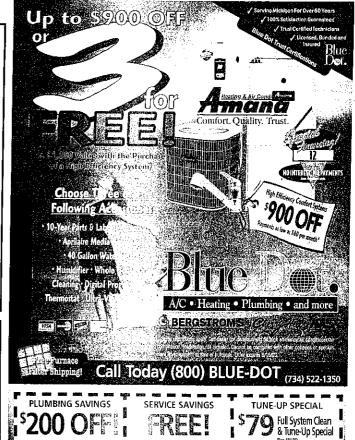
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writer for the Novi News. She can De reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. * Aug 15 Kid's Concert - The 105 or Funny Puppet Guy, Richard (scalloched ht.homecomm.net. Paul and Rosco the Clown. This

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It all adds up

Novi Meadows' student Benjamin Maynard studiously concentrates on a problem during last Friday's math competition for sixth graders. The math compe tition, which students could choose to attend, grew out of the former LIVOAK (livingston and oakland

GOVERNMENT

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

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OPINION

This Saturday's special for NHS

column and provide readers with my fond memories of prom night, that glorious event that culminates the high schooler's year.

Unfortunately, I can't. I didn't go to mine. In

ketball games. No plays. Sounds like a pretty boring

Actually, I didn't see it that way at all back then. I was more than happy hanging with my older brother and his friends, going to concerts and

Chances are pretty good that back in 1977, while most of my classmates were sporting powder blue tuxedos and feathered hair, I was probably catch-

ing Iggy Pop or Patti Smith in Detroit on prom night.

But, with my 20/20 hindsight in focus, 1 might do it differently if I could.

Sure, I had great times, and plenty of fond nemories of a different sort.

But prom night is rare. How many opportunities does a young person get like that? A couThis Saturday, Novi's high schoolers will gather at Burton Manor in Livonia for their prom. Well, many of them will.

the Novi Rotarians, to thank Blair Bowman and John Bowden at the Novi Expo Center and the City of Novi for allowing our group to post our

something else or just stay home.

what.

I never had a single date in tremendously.

John tells me that around 275,000 cars pass.

John tells me that around 275,000 cars pass. high school, and that's proba-bly one of the reasons I never went to any school events

But I'm guessing that you don't have to go with "a date" to have a good time. Friends and classmates will be there. so just look at it as a night of

for those of you who are going with dates, I wouldn't put too much pressure on myself to make the prom more than it is. Don't be pressured into doing something you wouldn't normally do just because it's the prom. Just have fun being a teenager.

And remember, whatever band or movie is

playing Saturday night, you'll get the chance to see again. But prom? Well, I'll bet years from now you'll wish you went.

Some will be like I was and choose to do upcoming concert on the Center's marquee that

fact, I never went to a single high school event latter, you might want to reconsider.

So you don't have a date. So

Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis concert June

that sign daily. That's some serious exposure, and I don't believe tickets will last too long once people find out.

Local music students may want to take note. Victor Goines, who plays saxophone and clar-inet in the LCIO, will be giving a free work-shop to students from 2-3;30 that same afternoon. Students are invited to attend a Q & A immediately after in the auditorium, where the full band will be wrapping up their soundcheck. Goines is the director of The Juilliard Institute for Jazz Studies in New York, His instructing talents are right up there with his playing, and I can't imagine a music student who wouldn't benefit from this workshop.

I'm in the process of coming up with a bit of a contest for music students as well. More on

Cal Stone is the editor of the Novi News, He tow you'll wish you went.

Can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 113 or at cstone@ht.homecomm.net.

LETTERS Be reasonable

I know that my last letter regarding "the wall" erected in front of the police department will force a response. And, I predict that somewhere in today's paper you will find a rebutal of sorts written by a high-ranking city official. Good. At least I am causing them to think about what they have done and provide an explanation to the citizens. We deserve a written clarification as to why we can no longer park in our parking lot and walk unennumbered into our police department.

I predict that the author of the rebuttal will

uote all sorts of "official" documents saying hat the FBI recommends this, and that the CIA recommends that, or that the Homeland Security Department says this or that some other security-minded agency says that. "The Wall" will be justified because an anti-terrorism expert somewhere said so. Balderdash!

I will answer the "rebuttal" by quoting Police Science 101. Everyone who ever stud-ied the law, practiced the law, or heard of the law has heard about the "reasonable man theory." What would a reasonable man think in this instance? Was the traffic stop reasonable? Was the search reasonable? Was the pat down reasonable? Was the arrest reasonable? Are there reasonable grounds for that action? The "Reasonable Man" theory is one of the building blocks on which our nation's laws are based and is used daily in courts throughout

expect a terrorist attack against the Novi Police Station? No. Is it reasonable to expect terrorists to target anyone/anything in Novi?
No. Is it reasonable to cause senior citizens, handicapped people, sick people, distressed

Police to park down a hill, around a corne and then walk (if they can) through the weather to get into the police station? No. Is it rea-

sonable to block off a driveway that was just resurfaced and expanded, using tax dollars? No. Are there better, more efficient and effec-tive, less obtrusive, more "Novi-like" answers to making the police station, and thus it's citizens, safe? YES! in any court of law through-out the nation, "TheWall" flunks the reason-able man test.

I'll close by saying this: Farmington Hills

Police, Farmington Police, Walled Lake Police, Wixom Police, South Lyon Police, Southfield Police, Oakland County Sheriff, Michigan State Police, The Michigan State Capitol Building, Waterford Police, Holly Police, Ferndale Police, Troy Police, W. Bloomfield Police, 52-1 District Court, 52-2 District Court, 52-3 District Court (should I go on?) are all buildings that I have personally visited in the last few weeks in the course of my job. Not a single one has anything resembling "The Wall" erected in front of the Novi Police Station. Are they not reading the same material that Novi officials are reading? Or, have they decided to follow the "reasonable man" theory in their fight against terrorism?

This is my last letter on the subject. If eleced to City Council in November, and if "The Let's look at "The Wall." Is it reasonable to Wall" still exists then, I will address it at that

people, people being chased, people in a hurry, people needing help, delivery persons, employees, or anyone else that needs the Novi out?

Me thinks the administration in Novi has lost some of its marbles. What I am referring to are the draconian steps taken at the Civi Center, supposedly to protect us from terrorists. The barriers installed in front of the Police Station and blocking off and eliminating access to several handicap parking places in front of the Civic Center is one of the most

in quite some time.

The handicap spaces closed off were used by many visitors to the Civic Center. I realize they were replaced by new spaces, about twice as far (or more) from the entrance. Anyone who thinks the temporary barriers they have in place would pre usey mave in place would prevent anyone from driving up to the front of the Civic Center really can't be serious. How about the inconvenience to Novi citizens, or don't the city fathers care?

And the police barriers will certainly keen people away, especially anyone handicapped. I haven't seen these kinds of measures taken at any other municipality. It is a far stretch of the imagination to even think Novi would be a target of any terrorism. I say "D OWN WITH THE BARRIERS".

Clare Wilson

COLUMN GUEST

The events of September 11, 2001 sent shock waves throughout the world and Novi was no exception. Residents and business see

component of the city to assess their status.

give advice, and enhance the security of their personner and facilities.

Officer visibility has been increased, physical and per-sonal security improvement method information has been

distributed, individual discus-sion and consultation with the major components of Novi has taken place.
The Novi News assisted in

educating the community by featuring security issues as the major component of a recent issue of their paper.

Taget .

Tabletop scenario training Chief Shaeffer has become a routine exercise

commanders. Officers have received weapons of mass destruction response training and gas masks were acquired for each officer.

Training has taken place for all City employees on security and appropriate responses.

ponce officers and sheriff's deputies and requiring all persons entering or leaving the building to sign in and sign out. The police building houses the key components for response and control of any emergency that occurs in the City.

responses.

A mock tornado disaster exercise simulated major damage to the Civic Center and allowed administrators to assess and modify responses of emergency services should a value of the control of

munity from natural causes to intentional criminal acts.

The Novi Police have followed the guides

was no exception. And the authors were in Iraq, repeated terrorist warnings, the elevated national threat level, and recent sensational crimes as a direct threat to their security and safety.

The Novi Police Department has found itself at the center of the community's offorts to educate and to enhance individual and collective security.

Sissueu for provided by the media in recent were widely reported by the media

The recommendation to control parking stressed in guidelines issued by the Department of Homeland Security, "Restrict access...to government buildings...", "Restrict park-

ing areas located close to buildings...", Secure and regularly inspect all build-ings..." and, "Erect outside ings..." and, "Ere barricades...to deny building access...to Some communities have taken the protection of facili-

ties and people to even highpolice officers and sheriff's

communicated, coordinated, and managed through these two crucial infrastructure

The security of these key components is

It is incumbent on public administrators to protect the public, protect employees, and to protect the facilities and assets of the commu-nity by following the guidelines provided by experts rather than acting on the emotion of well meaning "words of wisdom" from oth

If we must err, we should err on the side of used to protect the police facilities and the Civic Center, while not absolute, provide a measure of security to the elected officials. appointed boards and commissions, visitors to our facilities, and to employees

The physical security of the buildings will continue to be enhanced. We will evaluate alternatives to appearance and enhance convenience without compromising security. It makes more sense to prevent rather than react to incidents of crime.

As every police officer knows, changing the physical component to affect security is the most effective possible means of doing so.

The City of Novi will continue its efforts to protect the safety and security of our citizens and lead the community to improving its capabilities while at the same time remembering our commitment to customer service and recognizing the special needs of citizens.

Douglas Shaeffer

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

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OTHER OPINIONS

What is done in dark may be most dangerous

ernment is gathering."

In Michigan, with the largest

galors about what some of their

patrons are reading. Steven Kershner, the executive

sion by the individual in question.

concentration of

in the country, the possibility that federal agents are

secretly looking knows about it, which goes to into the circulation lists of public ignorance may be the

fibraries in Dearborn is hard-ly an abstract worry cither worry cither

es to say how many libraries have been asked for information about the state of the

Arab-Americans

In the good old days, if the FBI District Library, to ask her how all But he's concerned, "It's impor-In the good old days, if the FBI wanted to snoop into what books folks were checking out from the local library, it had to get to a formal subnessing signed by a index one constitution about individual.

District Library, to ask ner now an interpretable of the state of the stat

maksubpoena signed by a judge.
But in the post-9/11 frenzy of patriotism, the U.S. Congress passed something called the USA Patriot Act. The Act allows FBI

In Michigan, with the largest agents to walk

into libraries or bookstores and demand a list of books obtained by anybody or to see computer records indicating which Veb sites they had looked at. Sure, the government has to assure a judge that this nformation required for an

which is a nice

investigation into terrorist activities, Phil Power

which is a nice way of saying that all the FBI needs to do is assure a judge of its good intentions and go on its happy way.

Worse, the Act forbids the Worse, the Act forbids the assured the country had been assured th patron they're being investigated asked by federal or local investi-

Lest you think this is some abstract problem cooked up by some liberal lawyers working for some liberal lawyers working for the ACLU, consider the e-mail message I got last month from Charlene Huget, director of the Brighton District Library, which is used by around 5,000 people each month:
"The thing that has my board

"The thing that has my board anxious is that if the FBI came into the library, took all our cominto the library, took all our cominto the library. puters out and looked into our circulation fists, I could not tell my
board they had been in. Staff who
were present and observed the
FBI being here ... could not go
home and tell their spouses.
Currently, in the library world, it
is believed that 175 libraries have
been visited — all runger of been visited — all rumor, of course, because this information cannot be made public,"

to get court orders or search war-

t called Rathleen Zuenger, arist instead of "barging in on director of the Howell Camegic innocent libraries."

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summer cottage
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A century ago Florida's body

solution to their

woes was "Drain The Swamp."

Army Corps of

Engineers is busi-

doesn't work,

Bumper sticker politics fails The problem with humper sticker polities — phrases like "No Sprawl" or "Smart Growth" that fit smugly on the back of your that fit smugly on the back of your Lenawee, Livingston, Macomb, and Lansing and then was left to

Oakland, St. Clair and Washtenaw counties com-which was badly designed from counties com- which was bined. That meant the start. when Detroit and Wayne County the region trembled.
That's not true anymore.
Oakland County had 1.19 million spawned sprawl now has facilities

ly spending our tax dollars trying to figure out how to put a good size chunk of it back because in one of the wettest states in the country, a place states in the country, a place assuming you could ever get them

shortages Between 1950, the highwater mark of Detroit's population, and the last census, Michigan's largest city depopulated by half. During the same time period the popula-tion of the seven-county SEM-

cities to improve the nation's defensive capabilities and spur commerce. One of the unintended consequences is that thousands of is right in saying that as long as nom-and-pop businesses failed as the business and tourist traffic that Detroit as the used up, rusted out, once fed them shifted to the new ribbons of concrete slicing armpit of the Midwest, all of region will suffer.

Part of that used up, rusted out pfoley@ht.homecomm.net.

where it rains almost daily half the year, they are having huge water by nearly a 3-to-1 margin.

Between 1950, the highwater attitude that got Southeast headquarters and testing facilities. Over the past century the heart of the properties of th

Michigan in the mess it's in in the first place. Damaging Novi and Aubum Hill's economic viability at this stage of the game is a little ton of the seven-county SEMlike shooting holes in the bottom
of your boat to let out the water to
more the 1.5 million people, and
Oakland County alone has seen its
population explode from 391,000
to 1.19 million.

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issue of privacy for library users whether it has to do with books

taken out or computer use and Web sites. Libraries will comply

with the law, obviously, but at the

same time we will be advocate

for individual rights and privacy."

I asked the librarians I inter-

viewed if lots of their patrons had

been worried about the Patriot

prepared for introduction to the

Congress an 86-page Domestic

support" to a group designated as "terrorist." This could mean sending a check to help fund an organization of the could be supported by the could b

nization's lawful activities with out knowing of its other acts could lose somebody their right to have any rights at all.

And, according to the New York Times, the Bush Administration

tucked a surprise proposal into the

intelligence authorization bill to give the CIA and the military the

authority to issue administrative

subpoenas — known as "national security letters" — that require Internet providers, credit card

companies, libraries and other

such organizations to produce material like phone records, bank

transactions and e-mail logs.
Benjamin Franklin was right

when he observed that, "Thos

who give up essential liberties in

order to secure a little temporary safety deserve neither safety nor liberty."

Phil Power is the Chairman of

the Board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to

this column either at (734) 953

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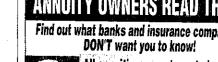


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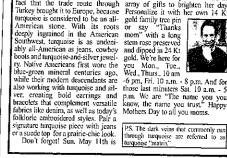
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TIME: 7 - 8:30 a.m.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Cassis' Coffee & Conversatio LOCATION: Big Boy, 25401

Novi Road, Novi DETAILS: Senator Nancy er first of regular Cassis' Coffee & Conversation hours for people in the 15th District, All con-stituents are welcome to come and take part in discussing issues facing western Oakland County PHONE: 888-38-NANCY

Walled Lake Western High School pro-duction, Neil Simon's "The Good DATES: Friday, May 9 and

turday, May 10 HME: 7:30 p.m., doors open at 7:00 p.m. LOCATION: Pontiac Trail and

DETAILS: Tickets Adults/\$7, senior Citizen/Students \$5. Tackets available at the door

DATES: Friday, May 9 and Saturday May 10, concert-

Sunday, May 11 TIME: Friday-7 p.m.-10 p.m., Saturday-9 a.m.-3 p.m. LOCATION: Novi United Berders Bookstore Events Methodist Church, 10 Mile, west of Meadowbrook Rd.

DETAILS: This event is given by the winner of the National

Fingerstyle Guitar Champion John Standefer. The workshor provides Christian guitarists with the tools needed to improve their music and workshop skills. The concert is free, Sunday, May 11 at 7 p.m. PHONE: Novi United

thodist Church, (248) 349-

Friends of Maybury State Park DATH: Saturday, May 10 TIME: 9:30 a.m.-noon LOCATION: Classroom build ing, 8 Mile Rd, entrance DETAILS: Short meeting fol-

lowed by various work projects to improve the park, All volunteers welcome, Materials and tools to be furnished.
PHONE: (248) 347-0899.

DATE: Saturday, May 10, Vednesday, May 14 TIME:Saturday-3 p.m., LOCATION: Novi Borders signing with author Coffeen

Wixom plant exchange DATE: Tuesday, May 13 TIME: 6:30-8 p.m. LOCATION: Wixom Burear-Michigan Curiosities Parent's Guide to Southeast Community Center, 49015 Pontiac Trial DETAILS: Janet Macumovich, -PHONE 248-247-0780

torticulturist and writer for the Novi Choralaires present "Good Detroit Free Press and Michigan Gardener Magazine, will discuss "Planting Perennials in The Mixed Border," Area residents Times" evening of music DATE: Saturday, May 10 TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Novi High School Fuerst Auditorium, 10

Mile and Tate Ril. are encouraged to bring their extra perennials in labeled plastic DETAILS: Tickets; \$10/Adults, \$8/Seniors and chilbags to trade with their neigh dren 12 and under, Come and bors. The event is free, but to eniov an evening of music cele

brating the past, the present, and our hope for the tuture, which includes the Choral Revue "Song Novi Camera Chib Meeting- "The Holy of America". Parchase ticker Land" presentation from any member of Charlaine at the Novi Civic Center and at the Novi Senior Center at Meadowifronk Commons.

DAHE Tuesday, Vary 13 TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Meadowbrook Commons (Senior Center),25037 Meadowbrook, Novi DETAILS: Viewers will be transported to ages past for a glimpse at life in biblical times You will see sights that travelets of those days would have incountered, Refreshments will he provided. Presented and produced by: Steve Keishing of the Detroit Sterographic Society/National Stereoscopic

ASSOCIATION: 248-347-0414.

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS

Maria Cisar Salon & Spa Nioxin Class TIME: 6 p.m.-8 p.n

LOCATION: Salon & Spa, DETAILS: Join us for an exciting night of education research and discovery. Sign up o reserve your spot. Refreshments wift be served.

A Day of Pampering
DATE: Thursday, May 15
TIME: 11 a.m.-7p.m.
LOCATION: Doubletree Hotel, 27000 Sheraton Dr., Novi DETAILS: Stop in for a free facial and receive a product pkg, valued at \$20 with this ad. Or come browse the displays and pick up some free samples. Sponsored by Nutrimetics (A Sota Lee Company). Walk ins

continued on 17

SENIOR CALENDAR

Thursday 5/8	
9 a.m12 p.m.	
9 a.m11 a.m.	Computer Class-Intro to Windows
9:30 aun	Line Dance*
12:00	
12:15	
	Book Discussion at Novi Library
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2 p.m	Line Dance-Advanced
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The "Dead Sea Scrolls" Trip

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Novi Choralaires Concert-7:30 p.m. Novi High

Monday 5/12	
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10 a.m	Body Recall
11 a.m.	
11:30 a.m. 2 p.m	Sundry Shop Open
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12:30	Pinochle Tourn.

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Activities will be held at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, All other activities will take place at the Meadowbrook Common. Community Center, Note: ALL TRIPS will depart from the Novi Civic Center on Ten Mile Rd. Phone (248) 347-0414

Rela

The American Cancer Society is hosting Belay For Life in our community again, this year in two locations - Ford Field in Northville and City Half Field in Walled Lake. We hope you'll join us at one of these events, and help our community continue to fight cancer.

There are many ways that you can get involved, including:

Forming a team Sponsoring the event Making a cash donation Joining the planning committee Walking in the Cancer Survivor's Victory Lap Donating good and services Hosting a fundraiser for the event

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12:30 p.m Focus Hope Distribution
7:30 p.m
Shaw Festival/Niagara Falls Trip
Wednesday 5/14

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PHONE: (248) 348-5000

DATE: Tuesday, May 15

an educational presentation on the quitting process, a smokers' emer gency kit and instructions on how gency at and institutions on how to utilize the kit. Participants will learn valuable coping skills and receive follow-up support to help in the quitting process. There is no fee for the class or materials. Space is limited. Pre-registration is required.

requirea. PHONE: (877) 345-5500.

at 10 a.m., Saturday. LOCATION: Ford Field in

49805 Pontiac Trail second annual Founders Day There will also be a display of

DATE: May 21-22
LOCATION: Oakland
Commons building, 20700 Civic

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

fit children at the Beaumont Pediatric Endocrinology Unit

LOCATION: Medical Center-Providence Park, 47601 Grand River, Novi. TIME; 6 p.m.-7 p.m.
DETAILS: This class includes o placed in a special drawing PHONE: For more informa call Emily Barton-248-344-4482 or Kendall Ziegler-248-344-4780. Henry Ford Health System Alternative Medicline Learning Series DATES: Wednesday, June 25

American Cancer Society Relay for Life
DATE: Saturday, May 17 and
Sunday, May 18
TIME: 24-hour event beginning
at 10 a.m. Saturday

lorthville DETAILS: A team event to celebrate cancer survivorship, honor those who have been lost lost to the disease and rally the community to fight cancer. PHONE: American Cancer Society, (248) 557-5353 or www.cancer.org.

Founders Day Celebration DATE: Saturday, May 17 TIME: 11:45 a.m.-3 p.m. LOCATION: Gibson House.

DETAILS: Learn what life was like in the "old days," as Wixom celebrates Michigan Week with its Celebration. The event is free and entertainment will include a rag-time band, barbershop quartet, high school choirm Punch & Judy puppet show and story telling. Activities are expected to include train rides, a petting farm, antique car and steam tractor displays and tours of the historic Gibson house Vixom's history as well as blacksmithing and sheep shearing

PHONE: Wixom Parks and Recreation at (248) 624-2850.

How to get a job

Center Drive, Ste. 150, Southfield DETAILS: The KPM Group—a full service woman owned staffing full service woman owned staffing firm specializing in both temporary and permanent placement-i holding an interviewing workshop and will offer sessions on: resume and cover letter critique; viewing of "mock" interviews between KPM recruiters; interview attire information; "do's and don'ts" of what to say/do in an interview; video presentation on interviewing; hot industries in the curren omy; and ways to uncover lucrative job openings
PHONE: Call Christa (734) 542-0202, space limited

Arts and Treasures Weekend DATE: June 7-8 LOCATION; Fountain Walk,

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

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DATE: Saturday, June 14 , TIME: 6:30-9:30 p.m. LOCATION: Walled Lake LOCATION: Maybury State Park, 20145 Beck Rd., Northville DETAILS: Proceeds will bene-Community Education, 615 N.

DETAILS: Select and trace beautiful images provided, then Registration begins at 8 a.m., Run begins at 9 a.m., Walk begins at 9:30 a.m., register before May 14 incorporate techniques using clea wrap, salt, cheese cloth and rice paper. Create four small painting PHONE: Register for class at (248) 956-5000 or on-line at walledlake.k12.mi.us/cec/

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By Victoria Sadlocha

Area crooners are warming up their vocal cords in preparation for this weekend's 28th Annual Novi Choralaires spring concert. This year's event, uited "Good Times," will celebrate the past,

Times," will celebrate the past, present and future including a patriotic choral revue.

The second-half, special review titled "Song of America" will feature the company of the company

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ture tunes familiar to all from the present to early childhood like "Polly, Wolly, Doodle."

Along with the timely tribute to soldiers present and past, the program will include a variety of other songs from popular tunes to Broadway hits.

Medleys from "West Side Story" and the "70's super group ABBA, including the disco classic "Dancing Queen," will be part of the first-half fun.
"Kind of a potpourri of songs," said Larry Molloy, president of the Novi Choralaires.

Molloy said the more than 50

the Novi Choralaires.

Molloy said the more than 50 area residents composing the group have been giving their all during rehearsals, preparing for the Saturday, May 10 event.

"For the spring concert we have to learn an hour-and-a-half of music," he said, "It does keep us on our toes. Spring concert is a lot

music, he said. "It does keep us on our toes. Spring concert is a lot of work and keeps us busy," Molloy said the group of singers, ranging in age from 30 to those in their 80s, has a strong core of singers who joined the Choralaires at the same time many years ago.

many years ago.

The long-time camaraderie coupled with the new faces adds a spark of charm evident in group performances.

The Novi Choralaires director, The Novi Choralaires director, Janet Wassilak, has been with the group for 26 years and holds a bachelor of music degree in Music Education and a Master of Music degree in Vocal Performance, both from Boston

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Molloy has been with the group for about seven years and is serv-ing his second two-year term as president.

We all "We all obviously enjoy singing, and there is still a little bit of a kick to getting up on stage," he said, "You always like

The majority of the group are Novi residents, but other songbirds joining in the fun reside in nearby communities such as Farmington, West Bloomfield and areas of Wayne County. The entire group is to

The entire group is hoping for a good turnout.

The annual concert begins at 7:30 p.m. and will take place inside the Fuerst Auditorium at Novi High School, located at 10 Mile and Taft roads

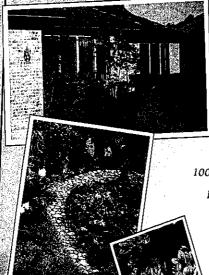
Doors open at 7 p.m. and seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

A cookies and punch reception

will be held on behalf of the Novi Cholaraires following the Spring event in the atrium of the auditorium.

Victoria Sadiocha is a staff writer for the Novi News can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105 or at vsad-locha@ht.homecomm.net.

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Victory at last!

Hard work, dedication pay off as Wildcats top Troy in their last home game of the season



Novi's Andrew Summerville, center-right, looks to pass to a lacrosse teammate during a home game against Ann Arbor Pioneeer.

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

Ah, victory at last.
It was only a matter of time before coach Stan Zajdel and the Novi Wildcats lacrosse team were able to put one together—and what a better place do to it than at home? In the field. than at home? In their final home game of the season against Troy High School, the Wildeats notched an 8-6 victory in some dreary conditions May 1. Three days prior, the Wildcats were on the wrong end of a loss, taking it on the chin from a strong Ann Arbor Pioneer squad, 7-i, April 18.

Against Troy, the Wildcats were able to dispel the single

thing that had brought a losing score to them so many times this year — a bad second half. Instead of letting Troy earn the advantage in the game, the Wildcats took a one-goal, 4-3 lead by the end of the first half before kicking up their defense

before kicking up their defense in the third quarter.

The Wildcats score three goals in the third and allowed Troy only a single score of their own for a 7-4 advantage. The goals came off the sticks of Jeff Policicchio, who had two goals and an assist in the quarter, while Kevin Barry added a third.

In the fourth quarter, Troy came back strong, scoring two quick goals in the opening min-

utes to slice the Novi lead to 7-6 with eight minutes remaining in the contest.

The Wildcats were so close they could taste it, and their hunger forced them to hold strong against the increasing Troy assault. To cap the night, Mike Ward notched the final goal of the game with only sec-onds remaining in the contest to give the 'Cats an 8-6 victory and their first victory of the season.

AA Pioneer 7, Novi 1

The Wildcats found themas they took on a tough squad from Ann Arbor Pioneer and took the brunt of a loss.

The first quarter of play from thist quarter of pray found Pioneer notching two goals for the 2-0 lead despite a strong showing by senior Shaun Dicken, who took three shots on goal in the quarter but couldn't goal in the quarter but couldn't manage to find the back of the

net for the 'Cats.

The second quarter found an improved plan of attack by the Novi squad as they pulled the game to 3-1 at the half. A quick goal by a fast-reacting Pioneer attack found goalie Ryan Belt being beat before Ward was able to snag a Pioneer pass and slam the shet home for the only Novi goal of the night.

net for the 'Cats.

Novi goal of the night.

The second half was all Ann Arbor, as Pioneer scored three goals in the third period for a 6advantage before adding the final tally of the night in the fourth for the 7-1 final.

Dicken was close to notching the Wildrags

Dicken was close to notching a second goal for the Wildcats as the Pioneer goalic left the posts and ran out to near-midfield before having the ball knocked loose in a collision. Dicken scooped the ball and fired it towards the goal, only to see it bounce short before coming to rest just inches away from the score. from the score.

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Getting over Brighton loss was a quick recovery

After losing a major meet against the Brighton Bulldogs last week, it was questionable if the Novi Wildcats would be able to recover quickly — they were. The Novi boys' track team, led by coach Robert Smith, had a third-place showing at the Holly Freshman/Sophomore Meet May 3 after decimating South Lyon

3 after decimating South Lyon 93-44 and Hartland 104-34.

In the Holly meet, the Wildcats turned to their younger athletes to showcase their talents. In the first tace of the day, which was a hybrid event known as the four-by-two-mile, the Wildcats found their team of sophomore Mark Moore, sophomore Amol Huprikar, sophomore Spencer Ornes and freshman Ryan Fox taking first.

The Wildcats also took first in

the last race of the day, finishing the 4-by-100 ahead of the pack with a team of Justin Davis, Josh Woods, David Carnegie and Bob Duquette as they completed the event in 45.5 seconds.

event in 45.5 seconds.

The distance medley team, which was comprised of the same runners at the four-by-two-mile, finished first in 11:29.5 to clean up the first-place finishes for Nov

the inst-place finishes for Novi.

Taking second place finishes
for the Wildcats were Chris
Dalton, Duquette, Woods and
Davis in the 4-by-200, while the
spirint medley team of Steve
Fannon, Duquette, Woods and
freshman Dan Bruder took third.
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The shuttle-hurdle squad of Chris Alberty, Andrew Lee, Brenden Neville and Eric Craven

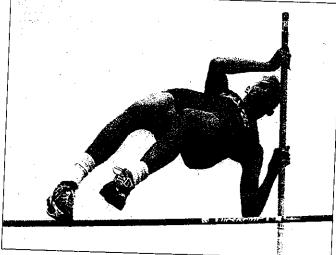


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Novi pole vaulter Dan Thelen clears 10' in the Wildcats' home game last Wednesday afternoon.

took fourth, as did the long jump tandem of Eric Zhao and Carnegie. Two squads finished fifth as well, including Ryan Pritchard and Dan Sprys.

Novi 104, Hartland 34

Though Smith's philosophy ever try and score over 100 its against any opponent, etimes it just can't be helped.

The Wildcats had impressive

showings across the board, and in the rain, as some of the highlights of the meet included Dan Thelen's first-place finish in pole vault and Pritchard and Trent Sisson's one-two punch in

Trent Sisson so the shot put,
"It was nice to get first,"
Pritchard said, but added that he had some luck on his side. "In most other meets, that throw wouldn't have gotten me a first-place finish."

Another big surprise for the Wildcats was Carnagie and his first-ever jump in the long jump event. The freshmen flew 18feet-6 to win the event, while fellow underclassmer the 100-meter dash for the

Mike Allie had a nice showing in the mile, and Moore helped his time along by holding back and ng set a strong pace for his

"That just shows what kind of athlete Mark is," Smith said. "He's willing to sacrifice for the good of the team."

Novi 93, South Lyon 44

In another Kensington Valley Conference meet, the Wildcats found themselves in the victory on once again.

The highlights from the meet include Carl Yiu's debut in the 300 hurdles — which found him finishing in 43.2 seconds, which was good for third place and the fastest hurdle time for Novi.

Davis and Duquette went one-vo in the 200 dash with times of 3.8 seconds and 24.5, respectively. There was showing in the 3,200 run. Ornes was trying to make an additional cut with a time of 10:08.2, but ented up finishing the race in 10:08.3 — just 1/10 of a second off of the regional qualifying mark. Teammate Huprikar finished in first with 10:08.

In the 400, Andy Hoffman fin-ished first in 53.43 seconds, while the 1,600 run was swept by senior Brian Gilchrist, Moore and Eric Joseph.

The Wildcats also swept the

100-meter dash with Chase Chandler taking first in 11.46 seconds, Woods was second with a time of 11.64 and Alex Harsha-Strong was third in 11.65

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ACTORIL M. COPY Someone please explain it

Can someone, please, explain to me what drives a student-athlete to get themselves kicked off their sporting team?

Be it alcohold, drig use or both are according to the student of their sporting team?

other crimes and incidents that violate the school's code of conduct, it that more and more kids are finding Sam ways to get removed from Eggleston

seems

the teams that the teams that they tried so hard to make.

Now, I can't say that I was immune to all of the pressures of growing up in a public high school, nor the lure of "fun and exciting" things. I was, however, smart enough not to do anything that would find the gentiling because of S. G. would find me getting booted off of my sports teams or suspended, or possibly expelled, from my high

school.

Just like every athlete on every varsity sports team at Northville and Novi High School, I had to work hard to be good at the sports I played. That hard work paid off to a starting position, and I had to work hard to ensure that each and every week, that spot would still be mine.

I know the hard work that goes in

I know the hard work that goes in to being an athlete. I know what it takes to be a starter. I know what kind of off-season schedule our local boys and girls keep in order to be competitive when their seasons roll around.

What I don't get is how, and why, one of these athletes could then go and throw it all away.

Was it fun? Was it exciting? I sure hope it was, because the price that was paid above and beyond a little slap on the wrist hurts more than just the athlete who decided to be trick headed. Instead, it damages the morale of a team, the strategy set forth by the coaching staff, the chances a squad has at winning and the hopes and goals of those who the athlete who decided to be thick the hopes and goals of those who also worked hard to make that squad. To go out and get removed is not just a dumb move, but it's also dam inconsiderate

dam inconsiderate.
For some, the move will be much more painful than a slop. Instead, it could lead to criminal charges being pressed, and that's not a pretty shadow to have looming over you.
Since my arrival in this area, I've heard plenty of stories of kids being removed from their squads, and dis-

removed from their squads and dis-ciplined for dumb mistakes. That's ciplined for dumb mistakes. That's what I passed them off as — just kids messing up. I messed up too. I got in trouble and I took my punishments in stride. And, like many of you, I learned from those mistakes. I came from a pretty small school compared to Northville and Novi, and I know that I probably had a

compared to Nonthville and Novi, and I know that I probably had a much better chance of hearing about and witnessing the dumb moves that my friends made. In all of my years of athletics at that school though, only one kid was ever removed from the team for breaking the code of conduct. A lot of us messed up, did stupid things and were on the end of a disciplinary action because of it a disciplinary action because of itbut we were also smart enough to

learn from other peoples' mistakes.

I guess my question to those who have been removed from their varsity teams — and JV and freshman teams for that matter — is a simple one: Why? Didn't you work hard to get there? Didn't you have to strive to be the best among your peers to land that spot?

I guess it could come down to I guess it could come down to your upbringing, right? Maybe you're so used to things just being handed to you that you figured this couldn't possibly be a bump in the road for you? No — I won't do that to your parents. I wouldn't want someone mining my troubles or artists. someone pinning my troubles on my folks either. And why should they take the blame for your mistakes any way? I doubt you'd take the blame

for any of theirs.

And, before any one calls and complains to me, I just want to say that I know kids make mistakes, and I'm a full believer in forgiving them. My complaint isn't that these kids were on the wrong end of a bad move, it's that they were inconsiderenough to hurt their team in the process.



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Wildcats heat up, win three out of four

The Wildcats of Novi played a couple of doubleheaders over the past weekend and proved that omebacks are part of their vocabu-

Playing on Friday Novi (8-3 and 5-1) defeated Lakeland 9-4 (7-8 and 3-6) in the first game and dropped their first conference game in the

nightean 6-5, The next afternoon Novi swept Plymouth Salem to move its non-conference record to and impressive 10-3 mark with two comefrom-helind wins of 7-6 and 12-9 All three wins were comebacks from early delicits but the never-say-die Wildcats had to work their

tails off for the victories. Coach Rick Green was both ouzzled by the sloppy play but relieved to come out of the weekend with three out of four wins.

"All four games were ugly games in my opinion. When you play ugly and win its a relief and the fact that all three of our wins were comebacks were impressive.

"I thought that our first game, which we won, was an impressive performance by Adam Zorza, He has been coming on stronger and tronger and is not walking many with a stolen base. A successful

By Sam Eggleston Sports weiter

after attempt.

What the Northville-Novi

Knights need is some break-away

Mellas took the ball into the try-zone with an aggressive run that found him putting the ball on the grass fro the score. The Knights,

much like Birmingham, were

batters. He has been a real plus for us. Also, Billy Morrison has found his role as our closer unless we need him in district play later on. Emotionally Billy is never too up or Emotionally Billy is never too up or the first whereast him in the first of the plate of the first whereast him in the first of the plate of the first whereast him in the first of the plate of the first whereast him in the first of the first whereast has a first of the fir him in district play later on. Emotionally Billy is never too up or too down and a pleasant surprise for our ball club.

Offensively our biggest hit in the four games was Steve Grawronski's home run. Steve is a great kid and his home run really gave our tearn a big boost.

"Interestingly in the second game Saturday," Green added, "I predict-ed a score of 12-10 and it wound up 12-9. I am glad we were on top Sometimes funny things happen in those high scoring game so I am very pleased to have come out on top. "Its especially good to beat Plymouth as I know their coach who is a terrific guy and I work with him in the summers. So I guess I have bragging rights for the

Game one against Lakeland was a case in point on the strangeness of the weekend. The first inning start-ed with an error by the Wildcats followed by a wild pitch and single which produced a run for and early 1-0 lead

next year."

The 3rd inning Novi rebounded when Kevin Cislo took a pitch in the back and advanced to second to first advanced him to second. A

balk and wild pitch scored Nickels for a 2-1 Novi lead. Novi moved the lead to 4-1 in the Zack Flavin safe on an error by the third baseman that scored Brandau. Cislo put the cap on the inning with a single that scored Scott.

Lakeland added a run in the top of the 5th but it was all Novi after that. A five run Novi raily finished off the night as Cislo tripled home the final run of the inning scoring Josh Buck. Lakeland countered with two runs in the 6th but fell short by the score of 9-4.

Adam Zorza pitched well for the Rocks. Wildcats scattering eight hits over 5
1/3 innings for the win. Billy
Morrison got the save with the final
1 2/3 of two hit pitching and two
Flavin battled back by striking out The second game against

Lakeland was oddly the only game Novi lead during the weekend and it resulted in a loss, A single by Scott, a stolen base, and a balk scored on a Flavin double in the second inning. Lakeland double by Nickels, a walk to

Novi charged back in the 5th inning with four runs of its own to pull to within a run at 6-5 off dou-bles by Evan Rodriguez, Brandeau, 4th inning with a single from Adam Brandau, a walk to Chris Scott, runners on first and second with one out a Novi player struck out and immediately followed with a pick-off of a runner at second to end

gutsy 5 1/3 innings despite control problems striking out five and only allowing three earned runs out of the six that the Rocks scored. Billy the game. Novi starter Mike Hart pitched 4 2/3 for the loss giving up nine hits and striking out five. Gawronski and Billy Morrison followed in Morrison threw one-hit relief over 2 1/3 innings while striking out two relief.

Game one against Plymouth Salem was a wild affair and early on seemed to be a blow-out by the

the final three hitters in the inning. Novi trailed 2-0 at the end of the first, and Plymouth added two more runs in their second inning for a 4-0

2 lead. A Rocks single run in the 4th made it 7-2 and things looked bleak

the 2nd inning for a commanding 6-

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sparked the inning along with a sac-rifice fly by Brandau revved up the

added a solo tally in the 6th for the final run of the game as the Rocks went down one,two, three in the 7th curtain call on the inning earlier.

Another five runs from another nine to end the game.
Flavin got the win as he pitched a hits in this inning were by Kreutzberg, Cislo, Brandau, Scott and a RBI ground out by Flavin fin-ished out the scoring for Novi. Plymouth, to their credit, bounced back with two more runs

of its own in the 6th inning and made it 12-9 for the final score. Dan Morrison went the entire

the Novi weekend of baseball and game for the Wildcats and got the win. In the seven innings he gave up nine runs but only three were earned. He struck out eight Rocks quickly became a scorekeepers nouth started with three runs in the first inning and Novi coun-tered with two of its own capped off players while only walking one by a two-RBI single from Scott.

Not to be outdone, Plymouth added three more runs in the top of

Michael Zerkich is a special writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. Comments made it 7-2 and things looked bleak for the Wildcats. Like a pinball machine with ext. 104.

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Knights RFC has a need for speed **NOVI JV SOFTBALL**

gain the advantage as they trotted into halftime with the 5-5 tie and both teams wore down to the

The second half found the Knights need is some break-away speed — but that's something that is either there or isn't.

Unfortunately for the Knights, it isn't.

The Northville-Novi rugby football club lost a defensive 11-5 tug-of-war to the Birmingham Burganger, Agril 30.

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In the end, it proved to be a Buccancers April 30. The Buccaneers scored an defensive battle that Birminghan early try in the game, touching the ball down for five points, but had what it took to win. The Knights were without a offensive were unable to score the pointplay-maker that could cut The Knights, who have been a cray defensive-minded club this cason. found themselves knoting the game at 5-5 as Andrei Mellas roak the ball little the terror. very defensive-minded club this season, found themselves knotting the game at 5-5 as Andrei

coming off penalties.

Both teams were tough when it came to the defensive end of the ball, but neither had the offensive production to run away with the

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unable to get the extra points kick to slice through the uprights. The Knights and Buccaneers the Northville-Nov Knights, young mistakes led to continued their defensive strug-gle throughout the remainder of the beginning of the end in the form of penalties, which led to

Novi Underclassmen Scores

Overall: 6-6; KVC: 5-5

action. The Wildeats lost the first game, 11-8, but bounced The Novi Junior Varsity
Softhal! Team spit a doubleheader with Howell last
Wednesday in Kensington
Valley Conference (KVC)

Youth Results

It's that time of year again, and our young athletes are taking to the fields across the community in hopes of having fun and learnwhile they're doing it.

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Sam Eggleston at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net, or call him at (248) 349-1700, their intense play in the victory. ext 104. Results can also b

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started their season off on the right foot with a big win over rival Farmington.

The Sharks were led by a

ing the intricate nature of sports great team effort under the coaching of Dana Novara, and found Eric Tecklenburg and Brandon Fortier notching a goal each while teammate Mike Birney lit the net on fire with

two goals of his own.
Earning Most Valuable Player honors for the Sharks were Andy

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'Cats continue conference dominance

■ Novi's Chelsea Atiyeh makes comeback after being sidelined due to off-season ankle surgery

By Sam Eggleston

The Novi Wildcats are well aware of what it takes to be win-ners in girls' soccer. It takes talent, determination and plenty of offen-sive and defensive production,

The girls' soccer team, under the guidance of coach Brian O'Leary, have plenty of all the traits of victory — and they aren't afraid to use it.

In Kensington Valley Conference play, the Wildeats managed to blank both Milford, 10-0, and Lakeland, 9-0, as they continued their dominance of the league.
Against Lakeland, the Wildcats

were just one goal shy of a mercy rule victory. The game, which was made up a day later than its sched-uled date due to lightning, found the Novi kickers doing what they do best as they went to the back of he not time and lime assists. the net time and time again.

Leading the way for the 'Cats

girls. Nicole Barndt had a stand out night with two goals, as did Chelsea Atiyeh and Maureen Nikki Hermann, Kellie Walker

and Lisa Checcobelli scored a goal each in the 9-0 victory over the Lakeland Eagles, Earning assists on the night

were Pawlak, who notched three Earning one each were Katie Ales, Danielle Fennelly, Hermann

and Sarah Schmitt.

Combining for the shutout between the posts were the incredible goalie tandem of Amanda Church and Kellie

Novi 10, Milford 0

With 21 minutes left in the con test, the game was called due to the Michigan High School Athletic Association mercy rule

that requires a game to be ended after one team leads by 10 goals. The Wildeats, who each saw even playing time throughout the even playing time throughout the contest, earned 22 shots on goal to Milford one: Goals in the contest were scored by the ever potent Pawlak, who notehed a hat trick on the night with three, as well as

Katie Walker, who carned two in the win, Earning a single score each were Ales, Colene Brockman, Schmitt and Kristi

Timar,
Atiyeh also notched a goal in the contest, with the game mark-ing her comeback and her return to the pitch since recovering from off-season ankle surgery.

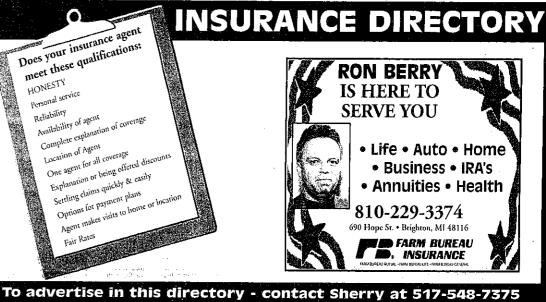
Leading in assists were Hermann and Pawlak, who col-lected two each, while Kellie and Katie Walker, Timar, Julie Johnston and Ales collected one

Once again playing strong in goal for the Wildcats were Pheiffer and Church, who shared time between the posts for the

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



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Total Baseball and Softball will be holding their summer camps June 16-18 at Novi's Powers Park; June 23-25 at Northville's Community Park; July 7-9 at South Lyon High School; and July 15-17 at

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Sports Injuries Class

Henry Ford Health Systems and Dr. Lanny Orr will be holding a class on preventing and treating sports injuries at

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The class will run May 21 from 7-9 p.m. and costs \$5 per person. Those wishing to attend should contact Henry Ford Health Systems at (248)

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30 from 9 a.m.-noon and August I from 8-11 a.m.
The price of each clinic is
\$130 per person with the price

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Novi playing as though opponents aren't there

Northville Mustangs just the latest squad to fall to Wildcat onslaught

By Michael Zerkich

keeps on moving through the season like a hot knife in butter. A week ago Monday Novi (6-I and 4-0 KVC) beat an up-andcoming Northville team 6-2 for local bragging rights.

Last Saturday the Wildcat's osted seven other teams and

finished an impressive 2nd

Novi's boys tennis team

Coach Jim Hanson was very pleased with the Northville match and the tournament. However, he remains very cau-tious about reading too much into the team's terrific season

"Our team has only lost once this year in duel competition tagainst Redford Catholic Central) but I can tell you that we have a lot of work ahead of

us and its going to be tough."

Hanson noted that Northville as a much better team that the inal score indicates.

"To begin with the score against Northville is very mis-leading," he said, "Their team is well coached and Northville starts a lot of young players. Two of matches we won in three sets and could have radically changed our day. Plus, our number three doubles match had to go to a tie breaker and too, was pivotal to our win-. We came away with this match with a great deal of

respect for them. They played us tough in every flight." To face Northville again would be a tough repeat for the Wildcats - that's why Hanson would prefer not to have to see them again. If they do, at least they have the experience of the Division 1 this year. Plus, we

gular season, neir belts.

"What is of concern is that we have to face Northville again in our regional tournament," Hanson said. "That made this match very important because will have to reckon with and aggressive and aggressive on how close each shorth."

"Results on the day for the tournament eight change and to still finished second was something I am proud of."

Results on the day for the tournament eight change and that really helps the energy and getting our guys up for their matches."

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for sure and I am impressed with their talent," Hanson was satisfied with the his team played against

way his team played against their cross-town rivals. "Against Northville I thought Andrew Laskowski really did a nice job," he said, "fie lost his first set and was able to recover nicely and win it. That shows me he can win those battles and make him even tougher to beat later in the year at the number three singles spot. Our number two doubles team played their hearts out and lost but I am very pleased with both Robin Lin

ind James Peurach's play. 3 and 4 doubles are experienced for us and that proved to be the difference in our winning both of those matches. All four of my singles players did well, too, by winning their matches against tough competition."

Regarding the Novi Invitational Tournament results coach Banson was even more pleased.

"We may have not won our had a lot of rainouts of both

tournament but second place against that competition was an excellent achievement," Hanson said, "When you look at our results we got points from everyone who played that day so that means we have quality talent throughout our lineup. Even our third doubles team, who won just one match, gave us that one big point that got us to second place. The Wildcats were forced to

how to second place in the face Brighton keeps improving so of a very tough Oakland Athletic Association foe.

regular season dual meet under their belts. got to play Brighton for the sec-ond time who have become our "What is of concern is that we have to free Morthvilla again in

· 1 Singles Suraj Ramachandran def. Jason 2 Singles Prasanna

O'Donnell 0-6 and 2-6 3 Singles Andrew askowski def. Brian

 2 Doubles Robin Lin and James Peurach lost to Jeremy Reisman and Coli Ackerman 6-3, 2-6, 3-6 3 Doubles Drew Doster and Jeff Wallen def, Nish Valecha and Ashtyn Saltz 6-3, 7-6 (4)

 4 Doubles Conor Hogar and Jeff Korby def. Brett Eathorne and Varun

2003 Novi Invitational

 1 Singles: Suraj Ramachandran, 3rd place 2 Singles: Prasanna Venugopal, 3rd place

- 3 Singles: Andrew Laskowski, 3rd place 4 Singles: Steve Chiang, 3rd place

and Soloman Zheng, 2nd

The Wildcats girls' golf team, inder the guidance of coach Deb Harris, not only have shown marked improvement this year, but howing, though a tough loss, the Wildcats collected a score of 212 to Brighton's winning numbers of 208 April 29 in Kensington Valley

looked to Jackie Chudy to lead the

Wildcats collected career-best rounds as well. Jennifer McKenna turned in the second best score on the team with a nice 97, marking her best ever, Sara Goodman recorded a 104 on the day, which was her career low as well and the

Jessica Westfall shot a 106 on the day to help the Wildeats to a nice finish, while Jessica Chudy hit a 108 and Laura Vaughn shot a

Against Brighton, the Novi in a tough performance, though taking the 208-212 loss.

The medalist on the day was she shot an impressive 48 to help the Bulldogs to the victory. Sharing the second-place position in the dual meet were Novi's Becca Hughes and Brighton's

seventh with a 424 and the Berca Hughes and Brighton's Pinckney Pirates cleaning up in Jackie Stevenson. Both girls eighth with a final tally of 440.



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Novi takes fourth in pre-KVC

The Novi Wildcats knew coming into this season that the idea of mproving was their main goal and improve they have

Tournament, the Wildcats found themselves finishing an applause-worthy fourth out of a field of eight teams with 401 total points. Brighton took first in the tourney with an impressive 368, while Hartland was second with a 384 and South Lyon was third with a 391. Finishing out the conference was Milford in fifth with 403, Lakeland sixth with 410. Howell

EDDIE MURPHY

way, and she did just that. Shooting a career low 94, Chudy helped the 'Cats to a very exciting Chudy and McKenna, each shoot ing a 54 shooting. Vaughn and Goodman each notched a 64 on

> lected a 54. Ashley Dewlin shot a 56. Rachelle Leicht recorded a 61 Jen Oliphant with a 68. Sain Engleston is the sport

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their respective teams along.

Also scoring for the Novi
Wildcats were Jackie and Jessica

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Streaker disrupts game

Colligan and Taylor appre-hended the streaker and two other students who were traveling in the same vehicle. At that point, the only thing idea of a streaker taking to the field of an athletic event, the first that Colligan said he was con-cerned with was the possibility of thing that should be made clear is

"My biggest worry is that people are going to look at some-thing like this and think of it as funny," Colligan said, "We don't Colligan and athletics director Larry Taylor found themselves in as they caught and detained a streaker who ran through the want someone trying to copy this at other events, In fact, Colligan noted that middle of the Northville Mustangs and Livonia Franklin selves in a lot of trouble. fied as a male Detroit Catholic According to Colligan, the

Central student, came running

"We saw them returning to the

stadium and followed them out to

hat and an athletic supporter. After performing a cartwheel in own high school officials, where Colligan believes the situation is the middle of the field, and havbest taken care of. "If I were in that situation, I would "be to deal with a student at ing his hat fall off, the streaker picked it up and ran away.

Colligan and Taylor said they observed some boys who were And neither will Catholic Central. 'ccording to Father Richard Elmer, the school's presnot from Northville High School returning to the soccer stadium not long after the occurrence.

the parking lot," Colligan said.
"We figured it was them, or at least the person who did it, and it was. It of any students who had been seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.

ident, the punishment for such an

youths who were apprehended have been turned over to their

into the situation. Colligan said that the youth community, but rather from Livonia. There was, however,

familiarity between the youth and some members of the Northville soccer team. "Apparently, some of the girl on the team are their friends. Colligan said. "We think that they have been to some games in the past, but they've never tried

Friends or not. Colligan noted it was a bad move in the first place.
"They have no right to interfere with a contest," Colligan said. "I don't think anyone has the right to do that. It's wrong to try and draw the attention away from our athletes and it's not my s_n, who did that, I can tell smart to make a decision to do you that I v ald not be very kind." that. People are there for the that. People are there for the pleasure of the game, not for

Sam Eggleston is the sports action would be "severe."

An investigation as of Monday had found that the officials at Catholic Central were not aware of any students who had be a considered to the constant of the consta

offensively, Hobart went 2-3

with two runs scored, a single stolen base and two RBIs. Mallo

runs while Zarczynski had a hit and

took the loss with six walks, two hi

batters, a wild pitch and eight

On the offensive end, Hobart

an RBI, while Schrader went 2-4

with a walk, and RBI and scoring

went 1-1 with a pinch-hit single in

They win some, lose some

lected an RBI as she went 1-3 and

scored a run while Wagner went 0-

I with a base on balls and an RBI.

Courtney Kolb was 1-2 on the day with a run scored and an RBI while

Defensively, Rachel Bielski had

"She is always communicating

scored one run.

and one sacrifice bunt. Kim day as she allowed 12 hits and si

Zarczynski was 0-3 on the day but scored a single run, while Beth Mallo went 1-3. Rachel Good col-

Andrea Jirasek went 0-3 and a walk, Thelen collected an RBI in

whiffs.

By Sam Eggleston

One of the hardest things to do is to beat a team in both games of a double header. Last week, the Novi Wildcats softball team found then The 'Cats swept their double against the Lakeland Eagles before

dropping both games of a double header against Howell.

Against the Lakeland Eagles, the an outstanding day in the outfield. Wildcats found Alyssa Wagner with her teammates and is always heads up in the game," Jones said. The second game of the double going the distance in the first game as Novi pulled out a 7-1 victory. Wagner threw a four hilter as she header proved much closer as the strung out four and walked three. Wildcats edged out Lakeland 7-6, "She was really on her game, Against the Howell Highlanders, one run, Good scored one run and Novi lost both games. The opener found them falling 15-4, while the while Thelen scored one run. Mallo

pitches," Novi coach Sunny Jones said.

The third inning proved to be the deciding point in the opener as the Wildcats scored all of their seven

ins. Kendali Hohart went 1-for-4 with an RBI and a run scored in the

night cap ended 12-9. went 1-1 with a Hobart took the first loss of the the losing effort.

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Brighton.
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ments. "The Novi tournament gavget ready for the for the KVC tournament this Saturday," he said. "It's hard to simulate competition like that at practice so these tough matches should practices and matches so all

small drop down at with 16

points for the second place tro-phy. Next came the pesky Brighton team with one point less than Novi at 15 points and

Birmingham Seaholm in fourth

these games really helps. The Wildcats are well aware that their toughest opponents in the tournament are going to be the Bulldogs of Brighton "Brighton has changed their lineup and by the looks on how they did at the tournament they are going to be our top chal-lenger for the KVC title, Hanson noted, "Even though we beat them earlier this season

the past results doesn't me-"North Farmington won it and is very solid," Hanson said.
"They are a ranked team in focused and determined if they to win."

The Wildcats have to remain

 1 Doubles: Joe Lynch and /ishal Rungta, Champions 2 Doubles: James Peurach

3 Doubles: Drew Doster and Jeff Wallen, 4th place · 4 Doubles: Conor Hogan and Jelf Korby, 2nd place

Michael Zerkich is a special

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Allergy sufferers face irritating problems year-round, provoking serious reaction within the medical community By Andrea Todd n, spring. Fresh green grass, trees n bloom, euddly litters of adorable puppies and kittens. Weekly appointments with the year, without a doubt," says Dr. Gregory Bensch of Modesto. spring.

Andrew Kuhn, 15, has been coming in

Calif. "Fall is also busy, but allergy symptoms are much more intense in the

for seasonal shots since he was 18 months old: His brother, Brian, 18, was not so "lucky" (in his words) — he had tubes in his ears for three years and didn't begin immunotherapy until age 6.

Mom also gets shots. Experts believe that allergic reactions are determined genetically, although they are learning that other factors may come into play

"Thave four children, and the only one who doesn't suffer from altergies is the one I breast-fed the longest," says Susan Kuhn of Manteca, Calif., who has suffered from aftergies since age 9.

She's relieved that experts are taking aftergies seriously, "There's better treatment available than when I was growing

And those are just the seasonal allergy

nerers. "Patients who suffer from perennial allergies - to pet dander, dust mites or mold — find that their symptoms are usu-ally exacerbated by seasonal allergies, and vice-versa," Bensch says. The home can harbor other irritants:

Tobacco smoke, strong perfumes, talcum and face powders, paint and cleaning solu-tion fumes and even strong cooking odors can trigger a reaction and irritate allergies. Wood and field burning and barbecues or campfires also can cause allergy symp-toms, especially seasonal ones, to resur-face at any time of year.

Besides being extremely uncomfortable if left untreated, allergy symptoms can lead to serious, chronic conditions, including severe infection, permanent respiratory damage (loss of sense of smell or taste, for example) and asthma.

"Over-the-counter drugs can help," says Bensch, adding that the biggest allergyrelief breakthrough has been the over-the counter-availability of Claritin (also known by its generic name, Alavert), which sufferers can take once a day withucts, including nasal sprays and deconges-

tants, can work to quell a severe attack.

But those products, too, can be irritating, and the body can become resistant to them, Bensch says. When allergic reactions — seasonal or perennial — become impossible to live with, sufferers are wise to see an allergist, who can determine the specific allergy and treat the reactions with more effective prescriptions or

Allergy shots increase a patient's resistance to the protein that causes the reaction, increasing their immunity to it, he says. "Things almost always improve with immunotherapy."

DEBUNKING MYTHS

Patients come in for shots usually once a week, each week for a month, and taper off. They are required to wait 15 to 20 minutes after each injection, in case there is a reaction. Reactions can be a mild as localized swelling or as severe as anaphylactic shock (the patient can't

But for the most part, the shots are hassle- and pain-free. Most kids are treated while their parents wait in the

 Use curtains made of synthetic, as opposed to cotton, materials that can be washed often. Replace Vanetian-style blinds, which collect Encase all bedding (pillows, down comforters and mattresses) in dust jackets.

Bedding should be washed each week in hot Clear shelves of clutter (old magazines, fig-

TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR ALLERGIES

What's outside the home may cause

worse - and causing other allergic

· Replace carpet with bardwood finors

infoleum or tile in the bedroom and throughout the house, if possible. Wash throw rugs instead of airing them outdoors. Never use carpet in damp areas (bathrooms, basements).

Wash all floors with a damp mop, and dust

with damp rags (dry rags and brooms can send airborne particles flying, Vacuum daily,

with a high-efficiency filtration system.

Vacuum mattresses once a week

urines, etc.), because it collects dust Clean and replace air conditioner and heat-

 Never use HEPA air filters on rugs, they can draw allergens into the filter. Only use HEPA air filters on bare, clean floors. · Clean mold with a bleach and water solu-

ed, they may have to be replaced.) Clean tiles and grout. Consider using a dehumidifier in damp areas of the house.

Ready, Set, Walk

By Beth Francis

Joining the Naples (Fla.) Walking Club helped Carol Greenberg get fit and gave her a whole new group of

iends.

She's one of about 50 people who are part of a group that meets every Saturday morning at 7 to take part in a three-mile walk. "It challenges me as far as

my physical durability goes, and the fellowship with the other walkers is so nice." Greenberg said. "A lot of us

ests."
Greenberg, 57, said she's in the best shape of her life after joining the club two years ago, In addition to the formal walk with the club every Saturday, the walking habit has become so ingrained that Greenberg walks her own originates. valks her own neighborhood

a local restaurant, then take a three-mile walk through a nearby park, then meet back at the restaurant for break-fast. There are also walks

Henry Johnson, 65, a etired supermarket executive, has been a member of the Walking Club for seven

years.
"We have some speed walkers, but I don't try to do that. Everyone goes at their own rate; the average person probably does a 15-minute mile," Johnson said. "You tend to seek out people who walk the same page as you to walk with. Quite a comrade-ship develops among the

Like Greenberg and many club members, Johnson also walks alone on days the group doesn't meet. "Walking alone is a great time to do some thinking and sort out life's situations," he

said.

Dorothy Burgess, 61, a retired nurse, takes her walking seriously. Burgess, who is the group's president, is a race walker. She won a gold medal in her class in the Michigan Olympic Games in August. She's been a mem-ber of the group for 10 years. "I find that walking is the

easiest way to stay in shape and you can get your exer-cise in a hurry," Burgess said. "I get up and walk first thing every morning and then I'm good to go. I don't have to think about exercise the rest of the day." Burgess said she took lessons to learn the technique for race-walk-

"You must have a foot touching the ground at all times and you bring the knee of your supporting leg straight under your body, not bent. It makes you walk with a little wiggle, but it's the fastest way to walk," she

said.
"I think walking is the best way to go," she said. "It doesn't put as much weight on the joints as jogging or

Put it down. Slowly. Gently.
There's no need to be a Neanderthal about sound.

on the same couch as your l'avorite orchestra plays your favorite symphony.

Roger Torres is in tune with the evolution. The 30year-old Reedley, Calif., res-

ident is in the process of equipping his home. It all starts with his high-definition TV, the cornerstone of what will be his sound system.

He's building around it, a fairly common tactic for those just stepping into the new age of sound or who don't have thousands of dol-lars to plunk down at one

time. "I want something not too expensive that's going to run good and sound good," forres says. Expense can vary from a couple of thousand dollars

someone wants to turn his house into something from MTV's "Cribs." By purchasing the separate pieces, as Torres is doing, it costs a couple of hundred

here, a couple more there— until all the pieces are in place, which he figures will take six months;
First on Torres' list is a receiver, followed by a DVD player. He intends to keep adding.

graveyard.

Whatever your aim, the process is pretty similar.

It's a world of integration, where receivers, televi-sions and speakers all work together to produce a sound that makes your box sound like Fisher-Price's

Getting started

Before you get ready to max

out the credit card and spend the day setting up a home theater, here are a few things to remem-

First, setup can be critical.

especially for speakers. "They end up in all kinds of odd places," says Jim Richards, president of Fresno's Future Home.

Center channels should always be above, below or on

the television. The primary left and right speakers should have

adequate separation.

Some people like to mount speakers or hide them for aes-

thetic purposes, but Richards warns that the best sound is

chieved when speakers are a

ear level, not mounted in the top

You can try smaller speakers, or white speakers that don't stand out as much. It's a trade-

Also, keep compatibility in mind. You can have the best TV or DVD player and speakers on the market, but if you don't

off: aesthetics vs. sound,

have the right receiver

corner of a room.

You looked scared Don't

Home theater is the future.

We're talking Surround Sound, high-definition tele-

vision, planes zooming over your head while you sit on the couch; front-row center

adding.

Boy, are there options.

Different brands, different numbers and wattages, different uses and purposes. It might be overwhelming. "There's just too much to chose from," Torres

ucts are best and worth the price. Stay informed about the ever-evolving world of home Because you never know what's next to be buried next to the boom box in the sound

color), DVD players.

Richards says a general rule is to spend as much on speakers as on a receiver. Like the entire system, udio review magazines to ge speakers also can be buil up. Two speakers are fine to start with and more can be unbiased reports on which prod start with and more can be added as a budget allows. You've got the basics but don't forget about accessories: plasma TVs (they use gas in a plasma you digging into your wallet. One gadget is a multi-source media server. It's like a server

that can produce the same

sound as gigantic ones. Richards says a ge

plays music. A popular one is Request and sells for about \$3,000. cars that are \$9,000 or \$10,000 and right across the street there are cars that are \$100,000. It's the same

You can store all your music on the server and never have to change CDs. It automatically categoin our business."

Future Home sells, plans and installs anything and rizes music by genre and artist. It works with a touch screen that mounts on the wall like a house alarm but everything home theater. Jobs range from basic installation of Surround Sound systems to extravahas immediate response like an ATM screen.

Individual controllers self for \$3,000 and can be placed anywhere in the house for ultimate control. gant systems that cost more than what many people make in a year.

A convenient and not-too-expensive ontion is a system Future Home sells and installs runs about \$12,000, including a \$4,000 digital projection TV, DVD player, Dolby and DTS receiver and universal remote control. Unlike some confusing remote controls, this has no buttons and is pro-grammed to only give the user options that are necessary. As you do with a personal digital assistant,

you touch the monitor to make selections. Cost: about



Genre: Action/Shooter ESRB Rating: M for Mature ***

Line of Sight: Vietnam

Platform: PC/Windows

Crawling through the mud. Sticking to the shadows. Making darkness your best friend (next to your starlight scope, but more on that later). These are tactics soon to become second nature if you want to thrive and survive in Line of Sight, a solid first- or third-person shooter set in the menacing jungles of Vietnam during America's ugly battle against the ever-clusive Vetcong. To bit your targets and survive, you'll have to outfox unco

Speaking of gadgets, you're loaded with 'em. They may not be as fancy as today's GPS-controlled bombs, but it's amazing how effective a few grenades are from short distance. If you can't get close, use the scope in sniper mode" for real precision. If it's dark the night-vision starlight scope puts you in business. And if silence is key, you always have a trusty buck knife for the wet work.

While your missions are always tense and full of surprise encounters with a well-hidder enemy, there's not much variation here. Basically, your job in every mission is to sneak up on the bad guys, get them out of the way and get out without getting killed. However, the in-mission action is so solid that you'll be able to repeat the aforementioned scenario for at least six or seven missions without getting bored. The sniper mode is where it's at for the best action, but there are plenty of opportunities for old-school fire-fights to satisfy those so inclined.

Quality graphics, including driving rain and lush environments (complete with leaves that crunch under you, so watch your step) set a good background for a realistic experience n LOS. The enemy's AI is pretty crafty and will sneak up on you rather that just rushing at you en masse, and there are more than enough booby-traps to keep you from run-ning full speed into the bush.



Jurassic Park: Operation Genesis

Platform: PC/Windows ESRB Rating: T for Teen

Maybe the only thing as cool as having your own pet dinosaur would be if you had 50 dinosaurs. Even better, how about if you could build a park and charge people all kinds of money to come and see said dinosaurs That's basically the job in Jurassic Park: Operation Genesis, a SIMS-style builder that lets you re-create many of the best moments of the blockbuster "Jurassic Park" movie series, as well as few scenarios never tackled

As in life, it's all about the money. If your park isn't profitable, the parent company will shut you down. How do you stay profitable? Two requirements: Keep your guests happy and keep your discaurs healthy.

To accomplish these two tasks, you'll have

to be a million places at once. Luckily, the map screen lets you jump around your island with a click or two. Whether it's a broken-down bathroom or a rampaging T.rex, you've got to be on it. You have helpful assistants who will alert you to problems and help you succeed by digging for valuable dino-DNA (so you can create new attractions), developing new vaccines for your dinosaurs and keeping an eyo on your guests. While invaluable, the amount of messages you receive gets out of control as the park nears five-star status, to the point where you spend most of your time answering messages. Not a dealbreaker by any means, but annoying nonethe-

The key to keeping the guests happy is to know what they want. Some will want to see cute and cuddly herbivores, while others an only looking for the carnage of the carni-vores, which include both the massive T.rex and the crafty Velociraptor. Also, they want good food (at decent prices), clean bathroom nd good views of the dinosaurs. Craft vi park accordingly, and you're sitting on a gold

The graphics are pretty surprising here. While much of the action will be viewed from above, SIMS-style, if you want to zoom in, a smooth, responsive, rotating camera lets you "follow" a dinosaur or a guest and see what they're up to. What was the most impre was the detail in the giant reptiles; the T.rex looks powerful and menacing, while the giant, gentle Brachiosaurus looks screne and moves gracefully despite its enormous size

There are a number of gameplay options, including shorter missions that require you to complete increasingly complex tasks, untorials to all beginning the complete tasks. als (a must for all beginners) and Operation

– By Kelly Martin,

No-grumble workouts? What a stretch!

By Blake Fontenay

It's not the kind of scene likely to send Fonda, Richard Simmon Jane Fonda, Richard Simmons or any other fitness guru running for the bank-

As the sun begins peeking over the horizon each workday, scores of burly yellow-vested construction workers afety." said Wood, who participates assemble at the downtown arena site for their stretching exercises. Despite the hour and cold, many seem cises a few years back.

to take the ritual in stride. On a recent day, they laughed and joked as they loosened up their backs, legs and wrists.

M.A. Mortenson Co., general contrac-minute sessions. tor for the FedExForum in Memphis. requires all workers at the site, including people employed by other companies, to

Japan, morning exercise programs are somewhat unusual in the United States. John Wood, Mortenson's senior vice

company's safety program, "It really cre-

when he's in town.

superintendent at the FedExForum, said the results from that experiment were focused."

dramatic. "We went from two or three Les Sa

Although common in workplaces in than positive, at least in the beginning "Initially, you get resistance," said Mansell. "Like everything else, it's new and people don't like change."

The stretching is intended to reduce the

Many people assume they are allergic to dogs and cats but, in fact, are not, says

Dr. Gregory Bensch. And some may give up a beloved house pet needlessly.

Sufferers should always confirm a pet allergy, he says.

"Sometimes it's the endotoxins — or dirt — the pet carries into the house," he

says.

"The second thing patients need to understand about a pet allergy is that it's not the hair that causes the allergic reaction, it's a protein produced by the animal; a protein present in the skin, the saliva and the urine of the animal," says Bensch.

While bathing and brushing the pet can solve part of the problem, it won't elim-

inate it. (Nor will investing in rare, hairless breeds of animals.)

Bensch works with people who want to keep their families intact.

"For most people, it's too much of a social issue to give up the pet. In these

cases, we suggest removing the pet from the house, not the home, and there are ways patients can do this," says Bensch.

president, said mandatory stretching is one component of the Minneapolis-based of soft tissue injuries like strains and sprains. But Wood said the gatherings also serve as daily reminders that workers need to look out for each other.

George Maxwell, a carpenter for

Mortenson, likens the 7 a.m. sessions to a Mortenson started the stretching exer- cat stretching right after it wakes up. "The rars back.

nsell, Mortenson's general are most likely to get hurt," he said.

"They aren't loose, and they aren't

Les Sanders, a foreman for an electri who frequently leads the five or 10participate in stretching at a job site before, but he's not complaining.



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We will be the stretching mandatory call sthenics program before starting their day. Construction companies claim on-the-job injuries have been reduced since they have begun the practice nation wide.

Software helps presentations get the point across By Carol Wersich SCHIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE Today's PowerPoint presentations have changed the way She said she has found the system lets the students — report that lacks substance, and her — include more artwork, animation and audio. "Teachers need to be careful in evaluating a student's

students, corporations and community organizations get their points across n and they've also changed family life. Vella Goebel, an English teacher at Signature School in Evansville, Ind., and mother of two grown children, remembers making late-night runs to Wal-Mart for more

remembers making late-night runs to Wal-Mart for more poster board when her children were working on school projects before PowerPoint's arrival.

Once their handmade posters were completed, there was no guarantee they would arrive at school in a presentable condition, she said. If the poster got rained on, or if it got crumpled on the school bus or, worse yet, if a little brother crumpled or the school crumpled or the school crumpled or the school crumpled in the got sick and vomited on it, the project was botched.

Nowadays her students simply prepare portions of their

It also allows them to clarify and streamline report out. PowerPoint presentation and not be overly in

Nowadays her students simply prepare portions of their book reports, science lessons or some other exercise on including entire boring talks, into the presentations," he

Goebel credited PowerPoint with making teachers and ogy alone doesn't cut it, but it can be hard to look past glitz ogy arone doesn't cut in, our team team to gogy arone doesn't cut in, our team te mare for look past gitter students more productive and self-confident. But, she said, the technology isn't without glitches. For example, a prob-attention, but pizzazz won't hold the attention if there isn't

Evansville Day School students enjoy learning PowerPoint as part of the school curriculum and at home for fun on their own, said Ben Hebebrand, head of the

"The key is having a willingness to understand the need book reports, science tessors or some outer exercise or flooppy disks and present their programs electronically over computer monitors or large projection screens.

The PowerPoint presentations generally capture their a lopic easier to understand, he said. He discourages the use a lopic easier to understand, he said. He discourages the use a lopic easier to understand, he said. He discourages the use a lopic easier to understand, he said. He discourages the use a lopic easier to understand, he said. He discourages the use a lopic easier to understand, he said to program to the logic program of the logic programs electronically over a logic projection screens. for it and learning it through a lot of trial and error."

He cautioned against expecting a first or second of a variety of fonts, designs and sounds just to jazz up a presentations will get better with time, he said

Be a five-

ingredient

gourmet

By Marty Meitus SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

A lot of my friends are empty-nesters now, which means the SpaghettiOs are sitting in the back of the cupboard. Because I'm not there yet, I tried to look at "Gourmet's Five Ingredients" cookbook with the eyes of someone who knows that her kid wouldn't touch

Chilled Tomato, Basil and Goat Cheese

Whip up Potato Gnocchi with Brown

Nevertheless, the book, drawn partly

cookbook, has many quick and easy recipes, such as Soy Balsamic Chicken Thighs and Spaghetti Sauce.

highs and Spaghetti Sauce.

Five ingredients doesn't always

translate into speed, as in Cider-Braised Pork Shoulder With Caramelized Onions, which takes 30 minutes to pre pare and three hours from start to finish

Given that it's a Gourmet production, you'll find a who's who of trendy ingre-

dients - goat cheese, pancetta - and happening recipes - Ricotta Gnocchi With Roasted Tomato, Mustard Greens

Risotto, Polenta With Sauteed

If I don't reveal to my family what I'm making, I may give the Cheese Ravioli With Tomato-Olive Sauce a go

or, if I think ahead, Soy Balsamic Chicken Thighs. Otherwise, it's SpaghettiOs all around.

SOY BALSAMIC CHICKEN

(Serves 4)
1/4 cup soy sauce
3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
2 tablespoons sugar
2 garlic cloves, minced
8 chicken thighs (2-3/4 pounds)

Stir together soy sauce, vinegar, sugar, garlic, 1/4 teaspoon sait and 1/4

teaspoon black pepper until sugar is dissolved, then combine with chicken

in a large sealable plastic bag, forcing out excess air. Marinate, chilled, 24

Transfer chicken and marinade to a shallow baking pan that can be placed on a stove and large enough to hold

thighs without crowding, then roast in middle of oven, turning twice, until chicken is cooked through, 35 to 40

minutes.
Transfer chicken to a serving dish

Preheat oven to 425 degrees

from the Every Day section of Go and partly from recipes designed for the

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By Eric Grissell with photographs by Caril oodpasture. (Timber Press, \$29.95) Grissell, a research entomologist, has made Grissell, a research entomologist, has made his own fascination with insects contagious. He tells us why insects are an important part of life on Earth and in garden ecology. Spend a little time with Grissell and you'll find a whole new world right in your own back yard. And you certainto will never look at a bug the same way tainly will never look at a bug the same way again. The photographs by Goodpasture are a stunning accent to Grissell's witty and intelligent prose.



"Green Thoughts: A Writer in the Garden"

By Eleanor Perenyi (Modern Library Gardening Series, \$13.95) Eleanor Perenyi's book of essays on gardening is still my absolute favorite garden book of all time. She has a sharp tongue and strong opinions. Caustic tongue or no, her book was the first one that actual ly spoke to me about what gardening really meant. Eleanor got it. And she got it so well that I have never been without a copy of this book.

"Perennial All-Stars"

By Jeff Cox. (A Rodale Organic Gardening Book, \$29,95)

Sometimes a book has such a simple premise that you almost wonder why nobody's done it before. Cox, host of HGTV's "Grow It!", gives gardeners a list of Perennial HGTV's "Grow It. gives generates a my of the most fragrant, beautiful, long-blooming, pest- and disease-resistant and easy-to-care-for perennials on the market — 150 of them o be exact. These plants are sure performers The book gives information on proper growing conditions along with helpful tips and a list of nurseries that sell each plant. It's a wonderful resource for all gardeners,



"Deep in the Green: An Exploration of Country

Pleasures" By Anne Raver (Vintage Books, \$13)

Everyone has a favorite author. For me, it's Anne Raver, gardening columnist for The New York Times. She's more than an expert on plants; she loves to tell stories, either from her own experiences or through her subjects. Her book is a compilation of short, utterly capti vating essays. From her heartfelt obituary of her cat to stories of her family farm, Raver makes us care because most of us have been

Society's A-Z Encyclopedia of Garden Plants" Edited by Christopher Brickeil (DK

At more than 1,000 pages and listing 15,000 plants, it is an invaluable resource when researching a plant. Entries usually include a photograph and contain include a photograph and explain how to grow and propagate the plant, list common pests and diseases and detail outstanding

--- DOUG OSTER

"Designing With Plants" By Piet Oudolf and Noel Kingsbury (Timber Press, \$34.95) Oudoif is at the forefront of the movement called New Wave plant-ing. Oudoif urges his followers to consider the forms, textures and shapes of plants, and then combine them in sculptural planting schemes. He stresses the importance of plants that "live well and die well" _ those which add importance and structure throughout the

"The Essential Earthman"

By Henry Mitchell (Houghton Mifflin, \$16.95) Washington Post, Mitchell might well be the best gardening columnist who ever was. He died in 1993 while helping a neighbor plant daffodils, which his fans suspect is exactly the way he would have wanted to go. Read this collection of columns for the knowledge Mitchell imparts, read this for the wry and not-so-gentle humor of a lovable curmudgeon, but most of

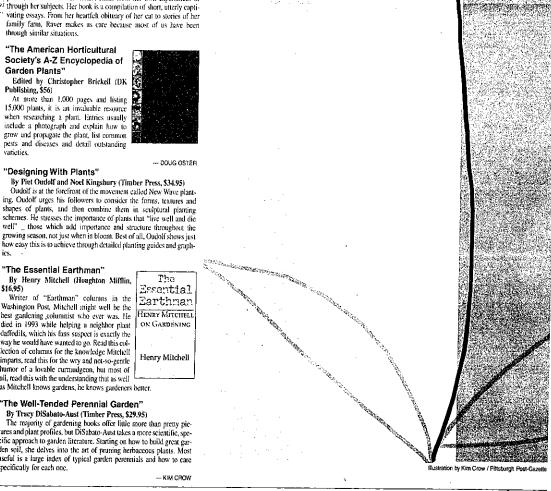
The Essential Earthman HENRY MITCHEL

Henry Mitchell all, read this with the understanding that as welas Mitchell knows gardens, he knows gardeners better.

"The Well-Tended Perennial Garden" By Tracy DiSabato-Aust (Timber Press, \$29.95)

The majority of gardening books offer little more than pretty pic-tures and plant profiles, but DiSabato-Aust takes a more scientific, specific approach to garden literature. Starting on how to build great gar den soil, she delves into the art of pruning herbaceous plants. Mos

specifically for each one.



Mayo heirs planning an atypical exurban development

Interest, taith feelow with the plants in the learnty taining marksion, but will be plants and with prairie grass punctuated with simple modern houses. What lawns there are will be carred from the 5-foot-tall grasses. Long firmt to plat a piece of high land south of the plants of the project with her husband and her brother.

Three years ago the family hired an engineering firmt to plat a piece of high land south erns un. Walking paths will follow the half-tive to its site and with a certain — not architecture. privacy, although walking paths along the trees will foster neighborly exchanges.

The houses are envisioned to be even more the design of the homes and the streets and the s

There, farm fields won't be plowed into the nearby family mansion — Mayowood —

rees will foster neighborly exchanges.

McPhail, a cardiologist, praised the potenof typical large lots of 2 to 5 acres and smallof typical large lots of 2 to 5 acres and smallunusual, simple stucco and wood with flat or

Py LINGA Mack

MINNEAPOLIS ST. PAUL STAR TRIBUNE

Ian McPhail and Ellen Remstein could be seen as a typical professional couple in Rochester, Minn., but they're planning a move to what could become America's an anger of the planning and propertion of the planning and propertion of the with the andscape and each other. The architects want metal roofs with towers looking out over the landscape and each other. The architects want metal roofs with towers looking out over the landscape.

That combination was the most unusual bling about the development plans until Minneapolis landscape architect Shane Coencil involved, said Roser libries who maintenance.

lawns will be relatively small. The streets will ern house but couldn't find anything to their

Rochester, Minn., but they're planning a move to what could become America's most atypical subdivision.

The Mayo Clinic doctors and their grow-inf family are trading their 1936 colonial house near one of Rochester's ultimate address for a lot in Mayo Woodlands southwest of town.

There farm fields won't be playing in the played into the rearry family marsing — Mayowood —

What do buyers want?

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By Richard Paoli SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE Like some amorphous science fiction creature, the design of new homes is grow-ing and shedding features at a fast rate. Bathrooms and kitchens are the hot-button spaces this year, getting the most attention from buyers of new homes, according to an

from buyers of new homes, according to an annual survey by National Association of Home Builders.

Similar findings are supported by a Better Homes and Gardens magazine poll of buyers. With a sorcerar's apprentice hand wave, the magazine adds that kitchen "appliances are multibling". "appliances are multiplying."

"And bathrooms are becoming larger,

with more bathrooms per house," said Joan McCloskey, building editor for the maga-

The gathering of appliances in the kitchen is an offshoot of the fact that "kitchens are getting bigger and people are spending more time in the kitchen." McCloskey said.

While the "great room," the combina tion kitchen and family room, is growing, the formal living room "is an endangered species. It may disappear," said Gopal Ahluwalia, vice president for research for the NAHB.

The impact of buyers' preferences goes beyond simple allocation of space by architects and builders. Houses now come loaded, as the car ads often say. Folded into the mortgage, are high-end, professionalquality kitchen appliances and bathroom

The impetus to add more expensive equipment and finishes is found in the way many model homes are decorated and fur nished -- cooktops with six burners, dou ble-door refrigerators large enough to chill a bathtub full of milk, walk-in, glass-fronted showers, tubs for six that bubble away

while colored lights dance in the back-ground, and much more.

The list of upgraded appliances and sur-faces can add 10 or 15 percent to the cost

Perhaps, as the NAHB survey data sug-

"Gen-Xers are embracing a lifestyle with big tables and communal dining," said McCloskey. "The coming generations have high

expectations regarding homes and lifestyle, but they may not have the income to support them," she said. Furthermore, some prospective buyers might seriously consider how often, partic-ularly with smaller families buying homes,

Bathrooms, particularly master baths, which have grown even more than kitchens, are changing the allocation of

floor space.

Oval tubs set in corners next to windows are to be found in most average- and high-er-priced new homes. Walk-in shower stails, with enough nozzles to rival a car wash, are fronted or wrapped in glass or

When it asked about the factors most influencing new home purchases, the NAHB survey found price and location at the top of the list, but more than 10 percen of the respondents said amenities — which include appliances ranging from high-end dishwashers and warming trays to patio grills — were the most important factor

Must-haves in new homes

"Location" may be a key word in the real estate lexicon, but buyers' percep-tions of what should be in a new home

drive the building industry.

It's clear from the National Association of Home Builders' annual home buyers survey that buyers keep adding to the list of what a home must have — and their wants are just as strong for those plunking down cash for an ave. age-price home as those who want and will pay for upscale residences. Expectations range from the absolute

preference for separate showers and bath-

What separates the average from the

About 2,000 square feet, according to the NAHB survey. Respondents said the average home should have 2, 300 square feet of finished space. Upscale buyers are looking for 4,000 square feet.

Features that most buyers said they dry rooms, dining rooms and walk-in Among features deemed necessary or

■ More than 20 running feet of kitchen

■ Ceramic tile on bathroom walls.

■ Front porches and entry foyers. ■ A linea closet

walking or jogging trail, and co

Food

It's all about



BEFORE - A regular salmon plate before Double Tree Hotel



AFTER - A normal salmon plate has been transformed into Tom Gerlak, displaying not only his creative touch, but a

out shapes, such as for crine bried or bread or cheese just about any-

Shakers: Fill them with pow-dered sugar or cocoa and sprinkle onto desserts for added comph.

onto dessens for added comph.

Stencils or doilies. Set them on
top of a plain chocolate cake and

shake powdered sugar all over. No

need for icing Regular, old kitchen knife: Cut

Baked salmon Rio Nuevo

6 6-ounce salmon filets 1/2 cup tomatillos, finely diced 1/4 cup chopped cilantro 1 cup finely diced tomatoes 1 teaspoon finely diced serrano

1 teasooon finely diced jalaneos 1/4 cup finely diced green onl 1 cup enchliada sauce 1 tablespoon fime juice 2 ounces butter

Melt the butter in 1/4 cup of water and spoon over the fish por-tions. Season the fish with salt and white pepper and bake until done

a 350 degrees for 12 minutes.
In a stainless-steel bowl, combine the tomatillos, cilianto, onions tomatoes and chiles Mix in the time juice and season with salt and pepper. Heat the enchila-da sauce and add the chile mix-

Simmer 3 minutes. Serve over

Apple tantan

4 Granny Smith apples 2 ounces butter, unsalted 4-1/2 ounces granulated sugar 1/2 sheet pull pastry

Roll out the pastry until very bin, dock or fork the dough and chill for 30 minutes. Then cut into 4 circles 4 inches across. Peel and core the apples. Cut each apple into 4 pieces.

Caramelize, the butter and super the source of the source of the super force. sugar in a saute pan. Add the apples and cook on low heat for

Ditter 4 pudding molds about 3 inches in diameter or large enough to hold an apple. Place 4 apple sections in each mold and cover, with a disc of puff pastry. Thek in the sides of the dough. Bake at 400 degrees until pas-

serve, turn each pastry ou of the mold onto a plate. Add small scoop of ice cream.

Decorate with caramel and/or

Westward Look Resort, Tuscon)

Forget what your mama told you - looks do matter. Especially when it comes to food. If it looks good, chances are it's going to taste a little bit better," says Albert Hall, executive chef at lacienda del Sol in Tucson, Ariz.

All you need are some chefly secrets. First and foremost: "The key to beautiful presentation is using different textures, different accents, using different things to bring the food off the plate," And that's just the tip of

Presentation 101. Cooking

do, but Hall says you should tinker some.

plate," he says. "It doesn't have to be exactly center. You want to make the protein portion of the plate the highlight, and then you want to accent with different vegetables as an accent or as a

garnish. ... I tell people it's ust food - have fun with it. Height is good. Flut food is boring food. "Try to create some eleva-

tion by stacking the food a little bit," says Tom Gerlak, executive chef for the Doubletree Hotel in Tucson Presentation is the name case dozens of dishes, from mussels to cheese blintzes.

Gerlak's partial to PVC pipe, just like you can buy at ome-improvement stores. Not only does it let you pile food to Empire State Building heights, it's also dishwasher-safe and comes in all sizes.

all sizes.

He once stuffed saffron risotto into a piece of VC and pushed it onto a plate, stacked a zucchiring on top and then filled the ring with a Wirasinha relies on tuile cookies for edible flair. PVC and pushed it onto a plate, stacked a zucchini ring on top and then filled the ring with a melange of vegetables. "That thing stood at least 5-1/2 inches tall," says Gerlak of the creation that landed on the cover of a national culinary magazine.

Half likes to add fried garnishes for height and

dimension. He'll julienne leeks and flash-fry them in hot oil. Another favorite is asparagus peelings that are slowly fried until they turn a vibrant green. Rohan Wirasinha, executive pastry chef at the Westward Look Resort in Tucson, doesn't so much make dessert as create works of art. The paints for his palette: fruit purees, melted choco-

At home, a bottle of store-bought chocolate

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we let the food do the talking."

Wirasinha likes to use a few pints of rasoberries or blueberries, bring them to a boil, add corn syrup and corn starch and let the whole thing thicken. "You get a nice thick sauce," he says, "It's not That way it won't slide all over the plate --

tion.

A simple dessert like a poached pear is elegant.

Tricks of the Trade round the fruit with ruspher ry purce and you've got a voonable dish that looks a

great as it tastes, Wirasinha To make like a chef at home, here are some pieces of equipment that will make your plates prettier: suggests.
It's easy to turn a dessert into a showstopper with col-orful sauces and chocolate

Empty cans or PVC pipe: Use these for stacking foods. Just pile the food in and push it out onto your place. Food Network personality Ming Tsai likes to use water observed. "If you're doing a lamb shank or something, there's a dominant color – brown – and you need to do somechestilut cans.
Squirt bottles: Available at restaurant supply stores, these clear bottles are perfect for turning chocolate or fruit sauces into arty thing to bring it up and give it a little more color," Hali

says.

Jazz things up with colorful side dishes, perhaps baby carrots, he suggests. Or, take a page from dessert decorat-ing and drizzle colored oils like chile or basil onto the

plate. Cut different colors of bell cut different cotors of beil peppers into little squares — voila! — colorful confetti to sprinkle around the rim of the plate, Hall says.

Sprigs of fresh herbs also elevate the plate presentation. Gerlak loves to sprinkle fresh throme leaves.

"It adds another sense to the

food on the bias, which is fancy food talk for cutting at an angle. It can gussy up boring chicken breasts or even tortilla wraps. meal," he says. Another way to add inter shape. Sure, creme brulee is

The crisp, thin French treats can be rolled into cigarettes or cut into shapes. For entrees, try fanning vegetables or fruits. Gerlak poaches chayote (a gourdlike fruit), peels and seeds it. He cuts the pale green chayote in half and secusia, the cuts the pate green enayote in haif and then starts slicing, but he doesn't cut all the way through so that it stays intact at one end. Then, Gerlak fans it out. On the opposite end of the plate, he ll do the same thing with a mango.

If you want your meal to be a knockout, then

make sure your dinnerware's not competing with

the food. Opt for simple, clean patterns or none at "We use only white plates," Hall says, "because

Chocolate caramel torte

6 large eggs, separated 4-1/2 ounces semisweet choco-1-3/4 ounces sugar (for yolks) 3/4 ounce sugar (for whites)

Spray 2 6-by-8-inch pans with nonstick cooking spray, Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Melt chocolate in a bowl over a

tempered.
Whip yolks with 1-3/4 ounces Whip yolks with 1-3/4 ounces of sugar until thick and pale yellow. Whip whites with 3/4 of an ounce of sugar until stiff peaks form. Fold yolk mixture into chocolate and then fold in egg whites. Divide into the pans, spread evenly. Bake about 8 minutes. Cool and refrigerate.

Caramel layer: 1-3/4 cups cream

in 2-quart por. Cook on medium heat. Mixture will foam up slightly. Cook, stirring occasionally until candy thermometer reads 220 degrees; stir constantly until thermometer reads 240 (soft ball.

Chocolate-caramel Mousse

3-1/2 ounces heavy cream, hot 12 ounces whipping cream

Melt chocolate and butter

together in bowl over a water, bath.

Cook sugar with 1 ounce of

water in a large pot until it's a dark caramel. Add hot cream to

caramel; this will foam up. Stir

Whip 12 ounces of whipping cream to soft peaks, fold into

chocolate mixture. Spread on top of cake. Refrigerate 30-45 min-

5-1/4 ounces sugar

mixture. Cool slightly.

and skim fat from pan juices.

Straddle pan across 2 burners, then add 1/3 cup water and deglaze pan by simmering over moderately high heat, stage).
Remove from heat, stir in butter. Pour over one of the chocolate Stack second cake on top. stirring and scraping up brown bits, until reduced to about 1/4 cup, about 2

inutes. Serve sauce spooned over chicken.

CHEESE RAVIOLI WITH

(Serves 4) 1 (28-ounce to 32-ounce) can crush**ed** 3 garlic cloves, minced 1/4 cup finely chopped Kalamata or other brine-cured black clives

1-1/2 pounds frozen cheese ravioli or tortellini Simmer tomatoes, garlic and olives

in a 3-quart heavy saucepan, uncovered, stirring occasionally, until slightly thickened, 10 to 15 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in orange juice, salt and black pepper to taste and keep warm, covered

Cook pasta in a 6- to 8-quart pot of boiling salted water until tender, and

drain in a colander. Serve immediately, topped with

The hidden (and tasty) world of tofu

By Olivia Wu

lofu, the main food produced from soy. Today, U.S. farmers grow the largest crop of soy-

shelves of every mainstream supermarket in the United States. The growth is fortified in large part because Americans have come to realize that soy milk and the products made from it are nutritious. Last year the

Food and Drug Administration autowed means country on labels of soy products stating that soy protein, in a diet low in saturated fat, can lower total cholesterol, and the saturated fat, can lower total cholesterol, where the saturated fat is a very fundamental way, tofu has anchored nutrition and cuisine Food and Drug Administration allowed health claims

By Olivia Wu

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

Thirty years ago, when soybeans were the second largest farm crop in the country, nobody knew about off. Left food produced from soy.

While the dates the thirty is an about to find the seminal 1976 "Book of Tofu," and the founder of the Soyfood Center in Lafayette, Calif. While the dairy shelves in groceries are teeming with the crsatz soy milk, cheeses and other faux

cans in the world and export half of it. Three per-cent of the 70 million acres grown is made into food. Now, soy milk products are stacked onto the shelves of every mainstream exponents to Tofu morphs into a whole range of products in much the same way that, in many Western countries, cow's milk is made into fresh and aged cheeses. The two processes are similar, and so are the roles they have in Eastern and Western diete. In a west finish



from young, bland types such as ricotta or cottage cheeses to the aged, highly fermented types such as the blue cheeses, such as Gorgonzola, have cousing the blue cneeses, such as Gorgonzoia, nave cousins in the Chinese family of tofu products. Tofu is stir-fried, deep-fried, braised, poached, and

cooked in soups with as many ingredients and flavers as there exist in the Chinese culinary constellation often combined with some animal product for flavor.

The method of making tofu hasn't changed much since it was first created, although scale of production has. Tofu is made through a process of coagulat-ing the proteins in soy milk, just like dairy milk. That creates curds, which are separated from the watery whey. In cheese making, rennet is the curdling agent In the tofu process, calcium sulfate or mag gies toward making dairy-like yogurt, cream, cheese chloride (also known as nigari) is used,

a diet low in saturated fat, can lower total cholesterol, as well as LDL, or bad, cholesterol. In addition, research suggests that soy may lower the risk of chronic disease including some cancers and osteoporosis, and can ease menopausal symptoms.

Soy milk sales alone grew by 2,000 percent lass year, largely because Dean Foods, the biggest dairy white Wave.

Jack Farris

There it was, on the cover of the April 13 Washington Post Magazine: "Why is the father of the world's richest man trying to make all those rich people so uncomfortable?"

The man in question is William H. Gates, Sr. and he's become a leading advocate for preserving the Death Tax.

And those "rich" people are in

favor of permanent repeal of the Death Tax. The Post quotes Mr. Gates as saying "Americans have been convinced that the estate the unbiab offerts only the tax, which affects only the wealthy few...should be

weathly few...should be repealed."

Let's face it; the Death Tax affects people who by any reasonable definition would not be considered the wealthy few. In fact, more than half the Death Tax revenues come from estates of less than \$5 million. And that's not morey stuffed under a that's not money stuffed under a mattress or in the bank - that's the value of all the assets of the business - the property and equipment to keep a company

operating.

For a small business, assets like a storefront, a warehouse and some delivery trucks can quickly add up to millions of dollars

add up to millions of dollars, locked up in an enterprise that turns only a middle-class profit. Only the wealthy few? "That like saying cancer only affects those who die from it," said Frayda Levin, a small-business owner in Hackensack, New Jersey. In a letter to the local "That's Jersey. In a letter to the local newspaper, she pointed out "much of the burden Death Taxes impose does not show up in tax receipts, but in needless lawyer and accountant bills, wasted time

and accountant only, wasted and personal anguish." Levin's family has spent \$50,000 in attorney fees for estate planning and continues to spend thousands of dollars more

insurance.
Mike Nobis of Quincy, Illinois Mixe Nobis of Quincy, Illinoi doesn't consider hirmself one of the wealthy few either. He told reporters on Capitol Hill, "My last name is Nobis. Not Rockefeller, Not Gates."

Nobis, part of three generations orking in the family business, lost both parents in a tragic auto accident. The Death Tax took \$300,000 that the family had planned to use to expand the business and create more jobs in Outroe. Quincy.

Karen Brown and her late husband were in business in the Midwest for 18 years. When her husband died in March 2000, she flound herself a 38-year-old widow with two daughters, ages six and eight. Forunately, pru-dent estate planning saved the businesses but Karen worries that those businesses might not sur-vive the six-to-seven million-dol-lar tax burden in the event of her

"I am looking for the best way to pass on the family business to my girls," says Brown. "The Death Tax would wipe out literal-ity everything my husband and I have worked for."

Congress took steps to repeal the tax in 2001, and it is being gradually reduced until it expires in 2010. But it is reinstated in 2011. In the meantime, small-business owners (aka the wealthy few!) must continue to pour thou-sands of dollars a year into estate planning to avoid losing that to which they devoted a lifetime. No, Mr. Gates, the Death Tax

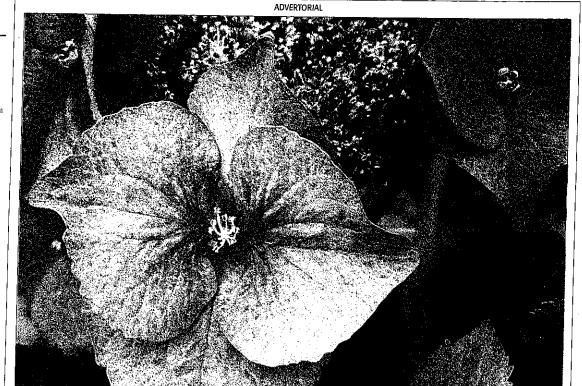
doesn't target the rich. It reaps its grim benefits from the entre-preneurs of America and prevents them from devoting time and resources to building businesses and creating jobs

and creating jobs.
Congress can fix the mess by simply repealing the Death Tax and forever.

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One of Raney's many greenhouses, this one filled with impatiens.

Photo by Hal Gould

Raney's Rainbow Gardens grows it all

By Elizabeth Heer SPECIAL WRITER

What makes a trip to Raney's Rainbow Gardens so special is discovering what an incredible variety of bedding plants and flowers are waiting for your garden. Without a doubt, you just can't find a bigger selection. The reason is fairly clear when you visit the huge garden center on Ten Mile Road just west of Milford Road - Raney's grow it all in their 50 greenhouses, sprawling across more than three acres.

"We grow everything from seedlings, starting as early as September for spring sale," said Tony Ranes, "We also grow many unusual things not easily found in other stores, and we're one of the largest prowers of the one of the largest growers of the

giant Coleus that grows three feet tall," he added. Raney points out that they grow every imaginable variety of annual and perennial - from a to z - plus nursery stock, bedding plants, baskets, four-inch material, and Proven Winner brand plants for combination planters and gardens.

"But, because we grow it all ourselves, we can grow just a few of this or that just because it's different or unusual, whereas

other stores just can't do that."

Another advantage for gardeners, Raney points out, is that they have what you want on hand. "It's available here hand. "It's available here because it is grown here, and it's the highest quality." he said. "We also have one of the largest selections of perennials as well." Besides supplying their own

retail garden center, Raney's also supplies many high-quality, independent garden centers throughout southeastern

throughout Michigan, Raney's Rainbow Gardens can also provide home gardeners with all the necessary tools, fertilizers, pots, soils and gardening supplies that they need. Landscaping and florist services are also an essential part of the

are also an essential part of the business. And home gardeners can rely on finding expert advise and assistance in determining what will grow where for the best florad display.

Raney's is a family business spanning more than 50 years. Tony's parents, Ray and Irene Raney, began the business in 1951. Tony took over the greenhouse operation about 30 years ago.

"I've literally been growing plants all my life," he said. "We were produce farmers first, though, for many years before starting the greenhouse. In fact, my grandfather started produce farming 90 years ago." Raney notes the family's original farm was located in Novi, but "we have always been in this area, and we started growing produce and we started growing produce in South Lyon in 1948."

While Tony handles the growing end of the greenhouse business along with his sister, Mary, other Raney siblings work the retail store, florist area, and landscaping business — each in their own area of expertise. Paul Rancy heads up the landscaping side of the business as well as working in the nursery, and Mike and Ann manage the retail Mike and Ann manage the retail garden area, flower shop, and store. Some of the next genera-tion has found roots in the busi-ness as well.

The longevity of the business and the dedication of the family who tune it naturally provide a

and the dedication of the family who runs it naturally provide a high level of expertise.

"We have probably 250 years of combined experience and knowledge here," Tony laughs.
"With four master gardeners on staff, and my brother who has a degree in horticulture marketing. any question that comes up can be answered. And if we don't know, we'll find the answer because we have the resources," he said, "We've attended the seminars on the emerald ash bore, for instance, and we are always taking classes on new things coming out and continu-

ally learning."

That knowledge is incorporated in the high-tech operation of the greenhouses where Tony can grow up to 10 million seedlings at a time. Using the newest tech-niques, such as automated seeders and transplanters, and drip irrigation systems and low-volDETAILS

You'll find the biggest and est variety of nursery stock, bedding plants, flowering baskets, and gardening sup-plies at Raney's Rainbow Gardens, located at 57707 10 Mile Road just west of

Milford Road, South Lyon. The garden center is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6

p.m. Call (248) 437-2856 for

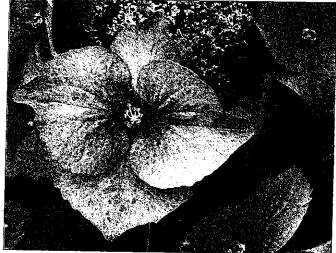
ume irrigation to help conserve water, he can increase the yield of the greenhouse to produce the finest quality plants. Yet, it still remains in many ways a hands-on business, he notes. "There is still a lot of moving plants by hand, and hand watering, just because you have to be able to

touch up the spots that remain dry," Tony said.

He is happy to share his enthusiasm for the greenhouse business. Every year, school groups tour Raney's greenhouses to see the operation first hand and observe how plants are grown. In addition to his greennouse operation, Tony also serves as president of two pro-fessional organizations: the Oakland County Farm Bureau, and the Detroit Metropolitan Growers Association

Growers Association.

Be sure to visit Raney's Rainbow Gardens as the spring planting season kicks into gear. Hundreds of varieties of perennundreas of varieties of peren-nials, ornamental grasses and ground covers are available. For Mother's Day, Rancy's is ready with flowering shrubs and annu-als for the perfect gift.



A blue Lase CapHydrangea.





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