

# LOCALNEWS



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Aryana Ghianuly, 6, shows off some cherry tomatoes not yet ready to be picked.

## Nearing harvest time

With the fruits of their labor ripening, gardeners checked on the vegetables at the Community Garden Wednesday.



Jennifer Wright gets some help inspecting tomatoes from Jacinda Wright, 8, and Aubrie Wright, 4, at the Community Garden.

## Summer gaming report

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Although gaming news has been in short supply the first two months of summer, early August is the gaming industry's time to shine. Nvidia came out with a new handheld device, called the Nvidia Shield. The system basically looks like an Xbox or Playstation3 controller with a 5 inch flip screen that closes over the top. The handheld system may not be much to look at, but according to IGN, what it lacks in aesthetics, the system makes up for in functionality.

The Shield features a full controller like console gamers are used to. It provides gamers with a full feel, masking the system's lack of portability. The Shield weighs in at over a pound, and is more than 2 inches thick, but the dimensions are impressive when you realize it's a powerhouse in your pocket.

Nvidia's newest device uses the Android operating system, and has full access to the Google Play store. But is the \$300 price tag worth it to play Angry Birds with a smartphone on steroids? Not in my opinion. That's not all the Shield has to offer, however. It also allows you to stream games from your PC. That means all of the games you have in your library are available as long as you have a wireless internet connection. With PC streaming, you can potentially play high-

end games like Skyrim and Call of Duty right on your mobile device.

The programs essential to PC streaming have some bugs however. Games aren't always available, and neither is Internet with a portable device. That means goodbye to sophisticated gaming on long car rides, and back to a very expensive way to play Candy Crush.

In other gaming news, "Batman: Arkham Origins" is going to have a multiplayer mode. Now you can play a game with your friends without passing off the controller each time Batman meets his end in story mode.

One multiplayer level for the game will have a unique 2 vs. 3 vs. 3 system. The Dark Knight and Robin will be on one team, trying to take out both teams of 3, each ran by the Joker and Bane. Since Batman and the Boy Wonder are at a disadvantage by being short one player, they are able to access all of Batman's features from story mode, while the criminals only have a limited access to most powers.

Once the criminals gain enough points by capturing control areas, foiling the Caped Crusaders, or wasting enemy team members, they get the option to play as the Joker or Bane. Each super villain has their own superior powers they can use to sway the game in their team's favor. "Batman: Arkham Origins" is set to release in October of this year.

There is both great and horrible news for Nintendo, as the company released its first-quarter financial statement. The Wii U sold only 160,000 units from April to June and more than 3 million worldwide since the console first launched in November of last year. Those numbers are so bad Nintendo has actually lost money by selling the Wii U, and the software that goes with it. The company only had one year in its entire history where it lost money, and if other systems sell like the Wii U, they could have that result again.

Luckily for Nintendo, bad sales on their systems are not always the case. The 3DS sold 11.4 million games last quarter, according to their financial report, along with more than 1 million consoles. Those numbers are outstanding compared to other handheld systems which are struggling under the pressure of smartphones and tablets.

Also, Take-Two announced they consider the Red Dead franchise to be 'permanent'. This means a sequel to the popular game Red Dead Redemption, which sold 13 million copies in 2 years, and got a rating of 9.7 out of 10 from IGN, could be on its way. Other franchises the company plans to continue are Bioshock, Borderlands, and Grand Theft Auto, so more installments of the popular games could be on the horizon.

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