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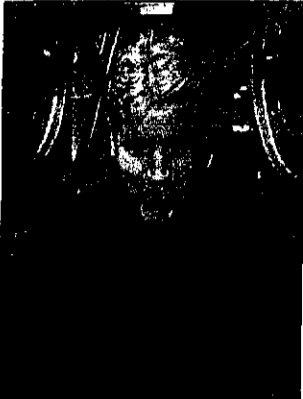
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One man's junk



Four Novi News staff writers headed out to Novi artist Northville garage sales to see what interesting stuff they could find. And guess what, they did pretty good. — Page 1AA

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Director settles into chamber role

■ Stacey DeRoche jumps into new job as director of Novi Chamber of Commerce.

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

With a full background in community relations and advertising, the new Novi Chamber of Commerce Director, Stacey DeRoche, is finding her role a good fit.

And those who work with her agree. "Stacey is doing a fantastic job. She's jumped right in with both feet," said Novi Chamber of Commerce Chairman Blair Bowman. "We're lucky to have her."

She is already busy getting those feet wet interacting with area businesses and residents, which she said right now is her number one priority.

"Because I'm new, my main goal right now is getting more involved with the community," she said. "I'm more or less going to focus on getting out and about."

DeRoche was hired June 6 to replace Lisa Willard. Willard issued her resignation in March.

DeRoche, a graduate of Oakland University, had previously been the advertising and communications editor and administrator at Select-Care Inc. in Troy for four years.

DeRoche said that while she has ties and con-

nections to the city already and is familiar with some of its projects, she is excited to contribute her own skills to the enhancement of the community.

"I'm looking forward to bringing my share of ideas and thoughts to the table," she said. DeRoche explained that the chamber helps build business-to-business relationships within the city.

"These relationships are such an important link in strengthening the community," she said.

"We are here to support both the businesses and the community to make it stronger and more successful than ever."

DeRoche said the chamber provides a num-



Stacey DeRoche at the helm. Photo by JOHN HEIDER

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Dollars in hand Crawford outspends Schmid

■ The winner of the Aug. 8 primary will have the commission seat.

Locally, the hottest race around is the Republican primary for the 17th District Oakland County Commission seat.

Incumbent Kay Schmid is being challenged by Novi City Council Member Hugh Crawford.

Schmid has held the elected office for ten years; Crawford's been on the council for 15.

The winner will represent Novi, Walled Lake and that part of Northville within the boundaries of Oakland County.

Here's who's backing who, as seen in each candidate's pre-election finance reports, as filed with Oakland County on July 28.

Challenger Crawford, with \$8,686, has raised over double the amount of money Schmid has. She was given \$4,140 in contributions

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Musical chairs for planners?

RANDAL YAKEY
Staff Writer

Feathers were ruffled and there is expected to be more of a flurry when the final vote comes for the two open Novi Planning Commission spots later this month.

The political fallout could result in three new planning commissioners, leaving three incumbents without commission posts.

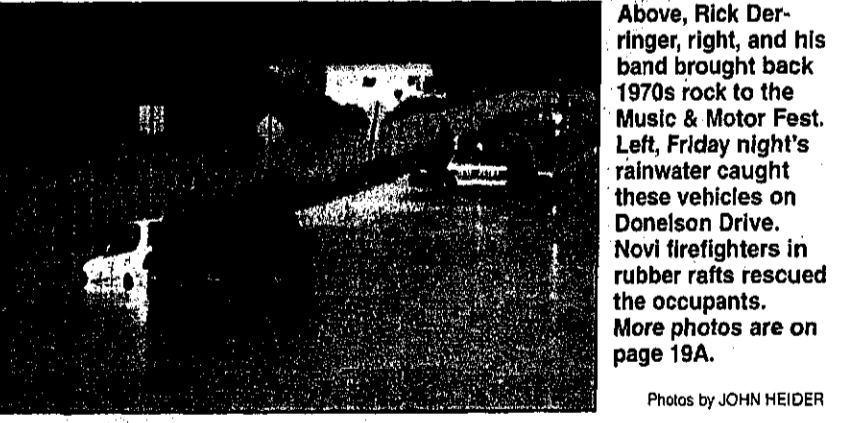
Kim Thomas Capello, Brent Canup and Michael Watza all are on the "hot seat" when it comes to reappointment. At the last council meeting, on July 24, none of the commissioners up for reappointment were mentioned.

"I had some first choices and one of them got appointed," Mayor Richard Clark said.

"Everyone who applied is still up

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Rain, rain wouldn't go away



Bad weather puts damper on music fest

■ New spin on annual event disappoints some participants, but some folks just had fun.

RANDAL YAKEY and MELANIE PLENDA
Staff Writer

A wet and rainy weekend may have washed out this year's Music & Motor Fest, but some vendors were crying foul for other reasons.

And the management of the Music & Motor Fest, formerly known as the Michigan 50s Festival, takes a bit of the blame, according to several vendors at the festival. But some festival-goers just had a good time at the event.

Mark Bloom, an ice cream vendor said that promoters of the festival, particularly Director Jane Thomas, were not "up front" about the advertising and promotion.

"We were told that we would be the only ice cream vendor here and there were two others when we arrived. I paid \$575 to be here and I got back about \$240," Bloom said.

"They told us there would be 300,000 people here."

Thomas denied that, saying that she told Bloom he would be the "only Good Humor" vendor on site.

"We bent over backwards to help him," Thomas said.

"Don't you think I feel bad that it rained? If I could have done a rain dance to make it go away, I would have."

Bad weather forced the Friday night concert with Peter Noone and Herman's Hermits indoors. It also led to the cancellation of the popular Grand River Cruise.

Thomas said there were no specific numbers available, but that the festival did not fare as well as it did in previous years, mainly due to "a lot of rain" over the weekend.

"Sure, we lost money. Everybody lost money," Thomas said. "That is just the way it goes. That is the kind of risk you take (as a vendor)."

There were some participants, such as DHS Staging Productions owner Frank Dodd, who were unfazed by the problems plaguing the event.

"The festival committee has been wonderful. It's been a most enjoyable experience," he said. "You can't help what Mother Nature does."

Dodd blamed low attendance on the bad weather during the last two days of the festival. Further, he said because of the weather the cancellation of the car cruise also hurt business.

Still, there were many festival-goers who were not scared off by the rain. Ruth Mortensen of Westland said she enjoyed the activities down at the Novi Expo Center.

"I brought my grandchildren down to see

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Above, Rick Deringer, right, and his band brought back 1970s rock to the Music & Motor Fest. Left, Friday night's rainwater caught these vehicles on Donelson Drive. Novi firefighters in rubber rafts rescued the occupants. More photos are on page 19A.

Photos by JOHN HEIDER

Art with a sense of humor Local designer is at town center show

■ Weekend fair at Novi Town Center draws 150 artists and crafters.

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

With her light-hearted, one of a kind art pieces and humorously clever greeting cards, Nina Cambron is making quite a name for herself.

The Novi resident's work will be on display at this weekend at the Novi Art Festival, August 5-6 in the Novi Town Center.

In fact, Cambron is the only one out of 150 artists at the festival

who is from Novi.

"I've always been interested in art," she said. "My mom is a painter, so it sort of runs in the family."

Cambron's highly-acclaimed work has been featured on greeting cards, book covers, stationary, journals, and calendars.

She has also known for her whimsical ceramic tiles and fused glass.

The line of tiles, which she began creating in 1996, are decorated with playfully cute sayings and adorable cartoon-like characters. The larger framed tiles are individually drawn onto the tile, colored

with glaze and fired, while the smaller tiles are produced using a silkscreen from an original drawing. Each silkscreened tile is then personally colored so that no two are alike. The smaller tiles each come with a hanger and feet on the back, so that they may be hung, used as hot plates, displayed on an easel or even installed on a wall. Cambron also makes mirrors with her tiles.

"For the most part everyone has enjoyed the tiles and thinks they're cute," she said. "I like to write as much as I like to draw, so I really enjoy making them. The writing is

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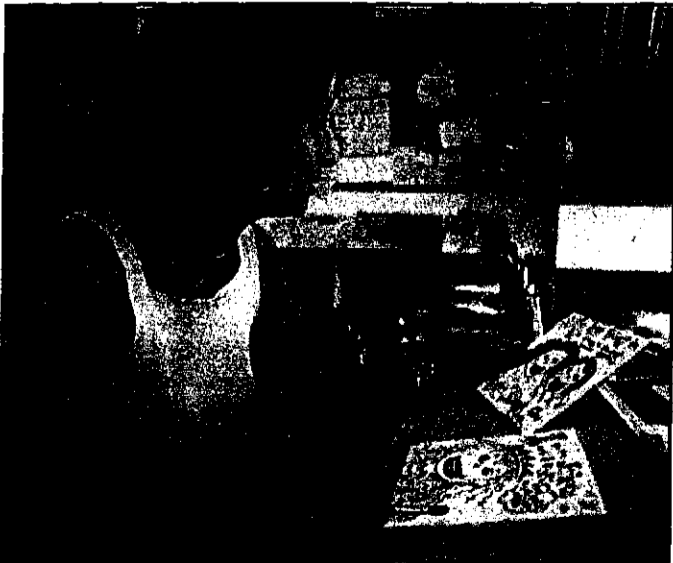
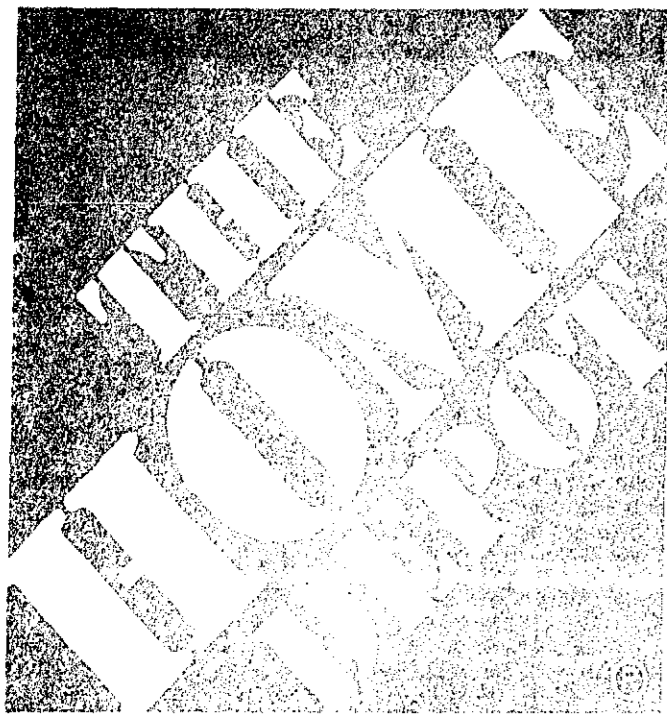


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Artist Nina Cambron takes a look at some of the ceramic tiles, with whimsical cartoon ladies, she creates in her Novi home.

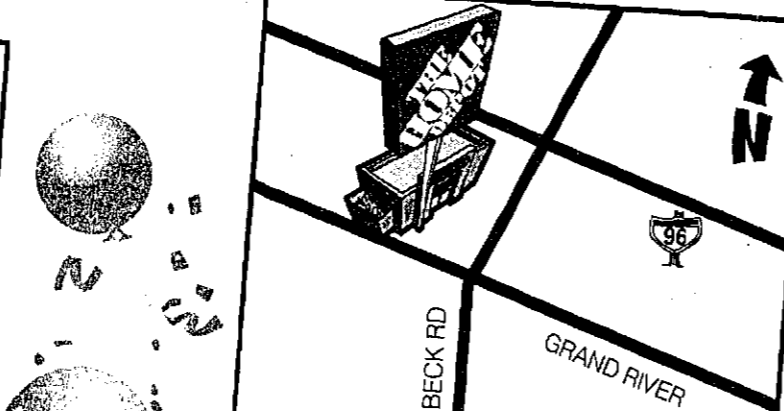
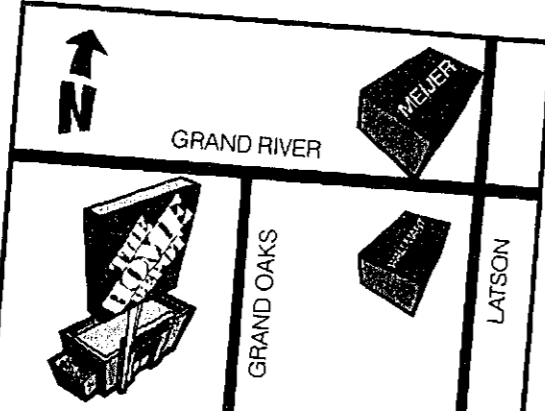
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Council will discuss road bond on Saturday

Both Mayor Richard Clark and City Manager Richard Helwig have called this November's possible road bond ballot question "crucial" to the city's future.

On Saturday, Novi City Council will hold a meeting to work out the specifics of the \$17.7 million road bond question. The session is at 9 a.m. in the Novi Civic Center council chambers.

The initial \$17.7 million road bond proposal — submitted to council on July 24 — would include matching funds to leverage over \$50 million in state and county funds.

The proposal is a scaled down version of the \$28.5 million bond issue that was defeated last year by 572 votes.

Clark called the road bond issue "crucial" to the improvement of the city and praised the city administration for the new proposal, which would double the emphasis on street resurfacing.

The first draft proposal would provide \$950,000 per year over a five-year span for neighborhood street resurfacing, totaling an estimated \$4.7 million.

There was also a policy resolution that promised the city residents that the council would not ask for any more road improvement money in the next five years, Clark said.

The mayor also said that by spreading the work out over a five year period, it would only cost the local taxpayer 0.5 mills. For the owner of a \$200,000 home, that would be \$50 per year.

Other intersections included are Novi Road and Grand River, Meadowbrook and Ten Mile, and Beck Road and Ten Mile.

A final resolution is expected to be made by August 29 to the council's decision on whether the road bond package will be added to the November ballot.

The proposal would also address some four of the ten most dangerous intersections in the city. There would be an estimated \$25,000 for improvements to the intersection of Novi Road and Ten Mile. According to 1999 Novi police statistics, Novi Road and Ten Mile is the most dangerous intersection in the city with 115 accidents occurring at the site last year alone.

The history of Andris's projects goes back to 1986, when Andris, his wife Elaine and partner Myrna Romanin attempted to build on their East Lake Drive water frontage. After the necessary rezoning was rejected by the city, Andris took the city to court. In 1994, an Oakland County Circuit Court judge ruled against Andris and he lost his appeal to the appellate court.

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Andris is back with plans for East Lake Drive property

RANDAL YAKEY
Staff Writer

Round and round it goes, where it will stop, who knows? There is sure to be another bout of controversy with the proposed new commercial complex along Fourteen Mile Road and East Lake Drive.

Developer Ted Andris is trying once again to build on a piece of property he owns there.

Andris has been trying to build on the property for nearly 14 years. First, he wanted a Greek restaurant, a soda and ice cream parlor and now a retail development.

The problem? Some of the projects have not been too popular with some local residents. But Andris is still upbeat about his new 10,000 square foot building, which would back up to the residential East Lake Drive.

"It's going to be a commercial building," Andris said. "We're still at the planning stage. I think we've done everything to qualify for approval, but sometimes you just don't really know until you have a tenant signed on the dotted line."

The project's initial drawing could come before the Novi Planning Commission sometime this month. Andris did not wish to elaborate, but there is a controversy brewing about the land the proposed project will be constructed on.

According to his detractors, Andris is attempting to construct the commercial project on two separate pieces of property, one residential and the other commercial.

"He is still using the residential property as part of his building site," north end resident Jim Korie said.

"He is putting the term on his residential property. It has to go on his commercial property, not the residential."

Korie said city officials told him Andris cannot that part of the land for his site.

"He's not following all the ordinances," he added.

North end resident Sarah Gray said she has no beef with Andris developing the property, but Gray also said that the property must meet all the zoning requirements. Gray also said that Andris must be forced to use an ingress and egress from Fourteen Mile Road and not have a curb cut on East Lake Drive, as proposed.

"The entire thing has to be on the commercial, not residential," Gray said.

"And he can have a delivery truck come up Novi Road and use East Lake Drive for delivery because he has an entry there. No other business in the city has an egress and ingress off of a residential street. Period."

Korie said that the rear of the building would face the residential neighborhood and would be an eyesore for the community.

"By doing the development in that fashion, it tears apart everything we have been trying to do for years," Korie said.

"This has been a 15-year fight," Korie said that there has been

enough traffic along East Lake Drive and that a commercial project, like the one Andris is proposing, would not be in keeping with the "atmosphere" of the community.

Mayor Richard Clark said that he had thought that when Andris had set the table for a new restaurant that it was all ready to go.

"I don't know what happened," Clark said. "The restaurant was supposed to be built and nothing happened."

According to Clark, the unexpected pull-out several years ago made others wonder about Andris's

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Woman fights off rude passengers

A 19-year old Novi resident was nice enough to give three males a ride home after an evening out, only she ended up with more than she bargained for.

The woman was dropping two of the men off at a residence in the Saratoga Circle Subdivision on July 24 when one of the men wrapped his arm around the woman's neck, placing her in a head lock, and attempted to pull the keys out of the ignition.

The woman blocked the suspect from taking the keys and, since she had yet to put the car in park, tried to speed away from the scene. With the two suspects and the other male subject in the car, the woman managed to drive to a Novi fire station, where the two suspect exited the vehicle taking the woman's purse.

The two suspects are 18- and 19-years of age and are Novi residents. Police are searching for the suspects.

NIGHT OUT RUINED BY VANDALS

Six vehicles were damaged after their owners parked the cars at the Community Sports Park on Eight Mile Road and left them there for the evening on July 27.

After returning sometime around midnight, the owners found win-

Police News

dows smashed out and a number of items missing from the vehicles. According to police reports, the suspects damaged at least six vehicles in the rampage.

A concessions building at the park was also damaged and a pop machine was also vandalized.

A neighbor told police that he saw headlights enter the park around dusk but did not witness any of the vandalism.

WOMAN ARRESTED

Patrols along South Lake Drive in the northern end of the city nabbed a 38-year-old woman for possession of controlled substances on July 28.

The vehicle was traveling along South Lake Drive when officers pulled the vehicle over for traveling 41 MPH in a 25 MPH zone.

Police at the scene reported that the two individuals in the car seemed nervous when approached. When the police canine unit did a search of the vehicle, police found a five grams of marijuana and drug paraphernalia in the female passenger's purse.

Police took the female into cus-

tody but released the male driver with a warning about speeding.

DRUNK BOTHERS CUSTOMERS

Management of the Library Pub on Grand River Avenue called police on July 29 after a man was reportedly harassing customers in the parking lot.

When police arrived the man blew a 0.245 alcohol test, more than twice the limit for intoxication.

The man was taken to the police station for detoxification.

WHERE'S THE CAR?

A 33-year-old Fenton man lost his brother's Corvette for a short time during an evening out at the Oxford Inn on July 31.

According to the man's statement to police, he went into the tavern and came out to check on the vehicle periodically. At approximately 12:15 a.m., he came out of tavern and found the car missing.

The valet at the tavern told police

that a white male, approximately 30-years old with brown hair, came out with the claim check to take the car. There were no witnesses that the man ever actually took the car. A search of the area located the vehicle parked in another corner of the parking lot.

Police reports indicate that the car may have been damaged during the time the man was in the tavern.

STORE OWNER CITED FOR PORN

Novi Police issued liquor violations for the Novi Party Store on Grand River for displaying pornographic material in visible view of minors on July 24.

Officers at the scene reported that the clerk at the store was unaware that he was in violation of the code. Police tried to contact the owner but were unsuccessful.

Police are expected to check back with the store to make sure they remain in compliance.

Citizens with information about the above incidents are urged to call the Novi Police Department at 348-7100.

Novi Briefs

Seniors show off

It's almost show time, as the Novi Theatres Senior Variety Series gets ready for their upcoming production "Showstoppers."

The seniors have been preparing all summer long to dazzle audiences with a multitude of singing, dancing, and comedy.

The entertainment extravaganza will be held September 13-17 at the Novi Civic Center Stage.

Shows on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday begin at noon and Sunday's performance begins at 2 p.m.

Tickets are on sale now at the Novi Parks and Recreation Department located inside the civic center on 10 Mile Road.

For information call (248) 347-0400.

Folk music sounds

The Finnish Center Association is sponsoring Myllarit, a seven-person, 16 instrument folk band from Karelia.

They perform powerful reels, jigs, chants and foot-stompers that have brought audiences to their feet across Europe, Russia and the United States.

The unique sound of Myllarit combines ancient traditions of Karelian-Finnish folk tunes.

Myllarit creates their own music with elements of rock, jazz and world music, without forgetting their roots and traditions.

They will perform at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9 at Loon Lake-Finn Camp, admission: \$10.

Directions: Take I-96 to Wixom exit, go north continuing on Wixom Road for about two miles.

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Novi Youth Assistance helps kids with school clothes

The Novi Youth Assistance and Mervyn's California stores are proud to announce the annual Mervyn's Child Shopping Spree.

As the new school year approaches, most children look to revamp their wardrobe and buy new clothes for their classes.

But not every child has an open line of credit or an unlimited wardrobe to impress their peers. To help these financially disadvantaged children with their upcoming school year fashion, Novi Youth Assistance and Mervyn's at the Novi Town Center are hosting the fourth annual Back-to-School Shopping Spree.

The shopping spree will be held on Saturday, Aug. 5 with more than 30 kids from Novi, Farming-

ton, Walled Lake, South Lyon, Birmingham, and the Huron Valley area.

Youth Assistance volunteers from these communities will supervise the children as they each go on a \$220 shopping spree through Mervyn's before the store opens on Saturday morning.

The Burger King at Wixom Road and Grand River Avenue is donating breakfast.

The chairperson for this year's shopping spree is Det. Thomas Lindberg of the Novi Police Department.

Any questions can be directed to him at (248) 347-0537 or to Claudia Walter, Novi Youth Assistance caseworker, at (248) 347-0411.

Give blood in Novi

There are 2000 Reasons to Donate Blood, What's yours?

The National Red Cross promotes giving blood to save blood, especially during the current critical shortage.

Upcoming Novi open summer blood drives will be held at the following locations:

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Novi High teachers honored

The efforts of Novi High School teachers Kathy Pasquantonio and Kathleen Scullen have enabled young people from the community to expand their educational horizons beyond the school curriculum, according to the Congressional Youth Leadership Council (CYLC).

In July, the contributions of both teachers were recognized by the by the CYLC.

"The opportunity for many young leaders to break out of their daily lives to meet with and learn from some of the leaders today would never be possible without the guid-

ance and encouragement of educators like Kathy Pasquantonio and Kathleen Scullen," said Executive Director of the CYLC Mike Lasday.

"We hope by facilitating this introduction between the leaders of today and tomorrow, that these young people will be inspired to act responsibly and will be ready to carry the torch when it is the task of their generation to lead our nation forward."

The CYLC has constructed unique leadership development opportunities through the National Young Leaders Conference (NYLC), which invites high school students

—based on scholastic merit, leadership contributions and community involvement — to interact with today's national leaders. Those who attend the NYLC learn what it takes to become a strong leader in communities around the nation. Students participate in a rigorous academic curriculum, culminating in several simulations. Topics of debates include juvenile justice, bilingual education, and human rights.

"This nation counts on our educators to nurture the interest of the future of our nation," Lasday said. "Teachers are the ones responsible

for searching the faces of young people for interest and potential in leadership."

This year, seven thousand students are expected to take part in the NYLC in Washington, D.C.

The CYLC is a nonprofit, nonpartisan leadership education organization. Founded in 1985, it is committed to inspiring, challenging and motivating young people to achieve their full leadership potential.

Thus far, more than 90,000 students have taken part in CYLC programs. To learn more about CYLC, visit their website at www.cylc.org

Library Briefs

LIBRARY HOURS

The Novi Public Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library is closed on Sundays during the summer. We are located at 45245 W. Ten Mile Road, just east of Taft. For more information, call 349-0720.

ICE CREAM SUNDAE PARTY

Readers of all ages are invited to join us for ice cream sundaes on Friday, Aug. 4, from noon to 3 p.m. No registration is necessary for this free event.

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Our August selection is "Where the Heart Is" by Billie Letts. The group meets Monday, Aug. 7 at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. All are welcome.

SENIOR BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Senior booklovers are reading "Front Row at the White House" by Helen Thomas. The senior group meets Thursday, Aug. 10 at noon in the library meeting room.

Take time for summer classes

For children grades one through six, learn an aerobic warm-up, stretch, cheers, chants and jumps, plus pom pon routines that include kicks, arm movements and various dance steps to today's most popular hit songs.

The college-age staff from Mid-American Pompon, Inc., that will instruct the class, also teaches the Novi High School Squad, as well as many other top high school squads in Michigan.

Wear comfortable clothes and gym shoes. Bring pom pons, or purchase a pair at class for \$8. Bring a snack for break time.

There are two separate classes for this course, one for grades 1-4 which runs from 9:30 -11:30 a.m. and another for grades 5-8 which runs from noon - 2 p.m.

Both classes will meet in the Novi Meadows Elementary Grade Six cafeteria Monday through Thursday, August 7-10. Cost is \$50.

Also available is Techno-Science Computer Camp 2000. This five-day camp offers two exciting classes sure to amaze your child. The staff's from TechnoVentures.

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 Harnessing his powers of positive persuasion, Bally's Fitness Center trainer Gregory Battriff, top, works with Ryan Sahlberg on weight-lifting exercise.

Tuning kids into positive thinking

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE
 Staff Writer
 With a hot radio spot on WDRQ's 93.1 FM, Novi resident Gregory Battriff is hoping to improve the lives of his audience.

Know to his listeners as "Mr. Positive", Battriff is spreading the word of inner faith and self-confidence to the younger generation.

"I want to reach out to kids," he said. "I want to take them by the hand and say 'you can do it, you can believe in yourself, you can kick the world's a-- if you want.'"

Every evening, Monday through Friday, between 8 and 10:30 p.m., Battriff gets on the air and spreads the uplifting word. Battriff, who has taken his message all over country circuits including MTV, talks about a number of issues, targeted mostly to kids, with respect to achieving their ambitions.

"I talk about dreams and goals and making people believe in themselves," he said. "I feel that today's kids are maligned because of what happened at Columbine."

Battriff said he likes that he can make the world a better place.

"That's why I like the radio station that I'm on, because a very big part of their listenership is ages 12 on up," he said. "These kids are listening to every word and are gaining the knowledge to make themselves better."

Battriff says the key is getting kids to pay attention.

"If I sit there with this boring monotone voice, no one is going to care about anything I'm saying. But if I get wild, bizarre, and crazy, like I do on the air, I get their atten-

tion," he said.
 When Battriff isn't empowering his listeners at night, he's encouraging them during the day with his job as a program director for Bally's Total Fitness in Novi.

"I just want to make people believe in themselves and that's what I do on the radio and that's what I do here at Bally's. Every time I talk with somebody, I really try to get into their motivation," he said. "So I'm changing people's lives, I am making a difference."

Battriff said his radio career began about 15 years ago when he called up another local station late at night.

"I told the station, 'you can make a difference, you can change the world, can I say something?'" he explained. "And then I just got really bizarre and crazy, I said 'like a starving wolf, you would rather die than admit defeat. Rage, rage against the dying of your dreams.'"

"In order to do the impossible, you must see the invisible. It's Friday night, let the dream begin."

The d.j. liked what he heard and decided to put Battriff on the air. "He said 'what are you going to call yourself?'" Battriff said. "I didn't have a name picked, so he called me Mr. Positive."

Now with a catchy name, Battriff's voice is getting noticed.

"I always hear, 'gosh your voice is familiar,'" he laughed. "I like fame, I like being noticed, I like being recognized. I especially enjoy the way it makes me feel when I get feedback from people. It makes it all worth while."

One boy who really touched Battriff, was a 17-year-old whose

mother and father were divorcing. He told Battriff he was drinking heavily and thinking of suicide. Battriff was so overwhelmed that he took the boy out to dinner and talked with him.

"I think I did some good because I took the time to listen," he said.

Battriff said his passion for radio and positivity began with Elvis.

"In 1973, I saw Elvis in 'Aloha from Hawaii,'" he said. "At that time no one person had held captive a world wide audience that was being broadcasted to 40-50 countries. I realized I wanted to have a program to change the world, that would reach audiences of that number."

A pivotal force in Battriff's life was that he had a speech impediment as a child.

"I was told at the age of 8 that I would not be successful because I had a speech impediment," he said. "And a speech pathologist told me 'you're not going to make it, because you can't speak.' I think in a sense that they can do whatever they put their minds to."

"In a sense, I want people to know that, whether it be at a radio station or at Bally's, that someone cares about their children."

Battriff said the main force

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parties.

"When we go back to our districts, we will be trying to implement the strategies that we worked out here in quick conversations over a cup of coffee or a beer," he explained. "George W. Bush only delivers the message. What the ground game will be is up to us."

Weldon grew up in Farmington and graduated from Farmington High School. He got active in politics when he was in college at Michigan State University during the 1980 convention in Detroit. He asked his grandfather, who has also been politically active, to get him into the convention. He was assigned work as a driver for party officials.

Weldon ran for the state legislature in 1988, losing to Jan Dolan. Later he worked for Jack Kemp and eventually for Knollenberg.

Weldon describes himself as a "bleeding heart conservative," very much with Bush's theme of being a "compassionate conservative."

"Politics is the art of addition, not subtraction," he said. "It is the art of bringing people into the party, or just bringing them into voting... if there is one thing about the Republican party, it is that we don't always take the time to listen. We have all these great solutions, and maybe we do. But we also have to take the time to listen to people to find out what is important to them. So that is something I try to make sure I do."

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MONDAY, JULY 24
Fire alarm, 4525 Eleven Mile Road, 12:03 a.m., Engines 4, 1, Medical, Eight Mile and Haggerty, 7:34 a.m., Squad 3.
Gas line break, Park Ridge and Knollwood, 9:25 a.m., Engine 1.
Injury accident, Eight Mile and Griswold, 10:02 a.m., Squad 3, Medical, 22580 Halifax, 10:39 a.m., Squad 4.
Plane crash, 905 South Lake, 12:20 p.m., Water Rescue, Engine 1, Squad 1.
Medical, Eight Mile and Haggerty, 2:57 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 47197 Scarlet Drive, 6:37 p.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 47950 Grand River, 10:59 p.m., Squad 4.

TUESDAY, JULY 25
Fuel spill, Meadowbrook and Grand River, 5:51 p.m., Engine 1, Medical, Twelve Oaks Movie Lot, 8:11 p.m., Squad 1.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26
Injury accident, I-96 and Beck Road, 12:20 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 43509 Nine Mile Road, 1:45 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 47601 Grand River, 10:21 a.m., Squad 4.
Injury accident, Novi Road and West Oaks, 10:24 a.m., Squad 1.
Fuel spill, Twelve Oaks Parking, 10:35 a.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 27600 Novi Road, 2:06 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, Grand River and Novi Road, 2:21 p.m., Squad 1.
Injury accident, Haggerty and Eight Mile, 6:37 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 1517 Paramount, 9:08 p.m., Squad 2.

THURSDAY, JULY 27
Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 1:10 a.m., Squad 3.
Investigation, 46301 Cordoba, 3:06 a.m., Engine 4.
Medical, 39743 Village Wood, 5:13 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, Ten Mile and Novi Road, 8:01 a.m., Squad 3.
Fuel spill, I-96 and Novi Road, 9:15 a.m., Engine 1.
Fire alarm, 47350 Baker, 10:39 a.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 23624 Jackson, 11:43 a.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, Novi High School, 3:02 p.m., Engines 3, 1, 4.
Fuel spill, Halifax and Beckenham, 3:09 p.m., Engine 4.
Medical, 30047 Montmorency, 6:06 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 22704 Cortes, 6:57 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 40000 High Pointe, 7:08 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 1555 Ocher, 9:15 p.m., Squad 4.

FRIDAY, JULY 28
Fire alarm, 25750 Novi Road, 5:11 a.m., Engines 1, 3.
Medical, 40750 Grand River, 7:44 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 25701 Seeley, 10:29 a.m., Squad 1.
Wire down, 43600 Grand River, 10:55 a.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 41820 Ten Mile Road, 1:05 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, Haggerty and Nine Mile, 1:39 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, Thirteen Mile and Novi Road, 3:25 p.m., Squad 2.
Injury accident, Novi and I-96, 3:42 p.m., Squad 1.
Injury accident, Thirteen Mile and Meadowbrook, 4:36 p.m., Squad 2.
Fire alarm, 40000 High Pointe, 5:25 p.m., Engines 1, 3.
Fire alarm, 41671 Ten Mile Road, 6:14 p.m., Engines 1, 3.
Medical, 41694 Kirkwood, 6:38 p.m., Squad 2.
Water rescue, Twelve Mile and Donelson, 7:13 p.m., Squad 1, Response 505.
Medical, 27650 Novi Road, 8:30 p.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, 43455 Ten Mile Road, 8:38 p.m., Engines 3, 1.

SATURDAY, JULY 29
Medical, 42759 Georgetown, 3:38 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 39500 Orchard Hill, 6:22 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 26852 O'Justin, 9:58 a.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, Novi and Expo Drive, 11:56 a.m., Engines 1, 4.
Injury accident, Grand River and Whom, 12:22 p.m., Squad 4.
Fire alarm, 40000 High Pointe, 12:29 p.m., Engines 1, 3.
Injury accident, Cherry Hill and Meadowbrook, 1:30 p.m., Squad 1.
Vehicle fire, Twelve Mile and M-5, 8:57 p.m., Engine 1.

SUNDAY, JULY 30
Medical, 23227 Sagebrush, 3:21 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 24423 Bashian, 10:06 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 43700 Expo Drive, 3 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 101 Achebaun, 8:44 p.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 21962 Roxbury, 10:22 p.m., Squad 3.

Bombs left in Northville mail boxes

BY ANDREW DIETDERICH
Staff Writer

All that's left of a pipe bomb brought into the Northville Township police department last week is a one-inch-by-one-inch mangled piece of copper.

That's all that remains of the device after the Michigan State Police Bomb Squad detonated the device by blowing it up in an empty field by the township hall.

According to Detective Michael Wildt of the Northville Township Police Department, a woman who lives on Waterfall took the device to the department July 28 after finding it in her mailbox.

"We immediately called the Michigan State Police Bomb Squad," Wildt said.

The bomb was about four inches long, made of copper and had a fuse on it. The squad arrived, examined the bomb and determined to blow it up in a nearby field by shooting special plugs at it.

"Sometimes they shoot at them and nothing happens," Wildt said. "But in this case, they shot at it and it did blow up."

This is the second case of pipe bombs in Northville Township in the last month. The first was July 18 when police were investigating a mailbox that had been blown up. They found gunpowder and pieces of copper by that box as well.

"Obviously these devices are being placed maliciously," Wildt said. "But someone could be seriously injured. It could be someone making one, or a person logging by or someone going to get their mail."

Wildt said those with any information on the pipe bomb and attempted pipe bombing are asked to call township police at (248) 349-8400.

If you find a pipe bomb, police said to call them right away instead of moving it or taking it to the station.

"Call us and most likely, we'll get the bomb squad out there," Wildt said.

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Daydream believer struggles to meet Davey

By MELANIE PLENDA
Staff Writer



Writer Melanie Plenda

I touched Davey Jones. Those words echoed in my head as I floated away from the other hopeful suckers still waiting in line to get the chance to meet the six-foot-six teen icon.

Jones played nearly two hours to an estimated 200 people at the Novi Music & Motor Fest on the balmy Sunday night.

However, I very nearly missed a brush with greatness, but I was not to be stopped. I would meet Davey if only for a moment, but the road getting there was a long one.

I am a reporter, but I was a fan that night as the rest of us dearth Monkee maniacs trilled in, most wearing buckets as make-shift umbrellas on their heads.

I wasn't sure as I took the assignment whether all the "is" were crossed but I just knew somehow I would meet him.

See, the Monkees effected me at an early age. There's was the first concert I had ever gone to.

took me to the concert that night. I sat atop the nosebleed seats of the stadium, as I jumped and screamed what I thought were the lyrics, my dad shrunk into his coat and prayed his daughter was having fun because it was costing him his hearing.

But the powers that be would have dashed my childhood dream of meeting a member of the prefab four if they had their way.

As soon as I got to the festival grounds I began flashing my press card and asking when I would meet Davey.

I was brazen and embolden by that pass, and people were impressed and kept directing me to the next person higher up than they to talk to.

Though I showed my media savvy on the outside, inside all I could think was "la la la gonna meet Davey la la la!"

This was then I saw the VIP door. He was in there I could feel it. It was so close.

However, I was stopped at the

door and told no way I could see Davey. Dejected, I slunk back to my seat where my parents sat waiting for me.

But then he came out. And I ran up to get a better view and dance. I was so close to the stage he could have spit on me. As he sang the standard Monkee hits and added some great songs of his own, once again I was a believer. I could have driven the last train to Clarksville and I murdered every grounds I began flashing my press card and asking when I would meet Davey.

As the concert ended people began to mill in all directions. No one knew where he was going to be. Then I spied a group who walked a bit faster than the rest.

That was it. I was not to be denied this time.

Quickly I squeezed into line as 200 cruised - well, crazed in a low-key kind of way - fans jumped in but I touched him. Despite all who tried to stop me. It was one of the greatest moments. Although I'm still waiting for that call.

could I meet him, but maybe get my interview and a feather in my cap at work.

But I had to be quick: there would be a long line and I didn't want to aggravate him.

So I wrote him a note describing my lifelong love of the Monkees, my job and the harrowing experience I had just trying to get an interview and would be please just give me five minutes. Inside the note I placed my card and went to stand in a centrally located position so as to get a good place in line.

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Torrential rains dampened spirits at music, motor fest

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the fog show and some of the farm animals," she said. "And free ratty."

Mortensen said that with a lot of the events inside the Novi Expo Center, they were more than happy to stay inside.

"This was a chance for us to get together with the grandkids and do something fun," Mortensen said. "My husband and I don't get a lot of chances to spend time with the kids and when we do we like to do something family oriented."

But overall, former Novi city manager and festival board member Ed Kriewall said he was disappointed at the turnout.

"We need to get back to where we were a few years ago," Kriewall said. "We'll always have difficulty bringing in big name entertainers. We have a lot more competition with Pine Knob and Meadowbrook."

Kriewall also said that competition within the city - including Fifth Avenue Ballroom and the Oxford Inn - offers other venues for patrons to Novi. Kriewall also said he'd like to see the price come down for entrance to festival events. Concert ticket prices were upwards of \$25 a person.

Thomas said that even though

there were complaints, she expects many of the vendors to return to the festival in the future.

"We've had vendors complain before and they ask for applications to come back," Thomas added.

But many vendors like Douglass and Lynn Hill, retailers of fashion, jewelry and clothing accessories, felt that the advertising for the festival was lax.

"We paid \$390 for the booth and we didn't make \$200," Lynn Hill said. "I think it needs to be advertised better or something. We spent over a \$1,000 on merchandise."

Asked if she would come back next year, Hill was hesitant.

"Nick Biscayas has been setting up his french fry and sausage stand at the festival for many years and hasn't seen one as bad as this year's event."

"I've been coming here to Novi for a long time," Biscayas said. "We didn't do well, but we will be back. These are my friends. We can't run out on them."

Festival board of directors member Vic Muscat, told the Novi News the reason that Bloom, the ice cream vendor, was so mad was that the rain kept a lot of the crowds away.

As for getting Bloom's permission to plug in the truck, Waug said

"The must have given it," and he "indirectly heard through some people." Bloom's truck was ready to be plugged in.

Bloom said he tried to get some of his \$575 vendor fee back from festival officials.

"All I wanted was for them to reimburse me for the electrical portion of the fee," he said. "Or maybe waive the fee for next year, but they wouldn't."

Bloom is not the only vendor considering not returning to the festival next year.

Benihana Manager Wah Wong said due to slow turn out and bad planning on the part of festival coordinators, they probably will not return.

"Changing the name really hurt them and it didn't help they split up all the vendors. If you keep all the vendors together it draws people. Otherwise, no one knows where you are," Wong said.

Proprietors of Bigg's Olde Kettle said they were disappointed in the festival, but praised the festival committee for their support.

Mike and Kay Bigler said they sell their German-style popcorn at festivals throughout the country.

This was the big difference between this festival and the others was advertising.

"When we first come into any town, because we are not from here we look for coverage in the local paper and we didn't see any," Mike Bigler said.

Kay Bigler agreed and said generally there are banners and signs and they saw none of this sort of advertising for the Music & Motor Fest. However, they did say the management was very accommodating, despite the low turnout.

But the overall reaction for a majority of the vendors was that this year's festival was one of the worst on record.

"It was a bust. It was horrible, the whole festival was a bust," Bloom said. "If you wanted to buy a beer, you had to pay the \$20 admission to the casino tent."

Muscat said that the festival did lose money, but would not elaborate on the amount.

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Wet but still wonderful, Music & Motor Fest dries out and drives ahead

Emily Mikels, 4, enjoys an ice cream cone inside the Novi Expo Center during this year's Music & Motor Fest. Activities on the third day of the festival, Friday, were pretty much rained out, although Peter Noone performed inside.

Bottom: The excitement shows. An early arrival paid off for 10-year-old Courtney Koss, center, as she was front row and center for the Davey Jones concert.

Ken DelGrecco, left, shows off his 1963 Mercury Meteor to car enthusiast Rick Barlage Saturday night during the Music & Motor Fest 2000.

Above, Maureen McKeenan puts her Jack Russel Terrier "Jera" through her paces during a Friday night Rock 'N Roll K-9 show at the Music & Motor Fest.

Below: Haley Lyson, 3, right, slaps the hand of her father, John, as she rides a merry-go-round Saturday night at the Music & Motor Fest. Haley's grandfather, Patrick Lydon, far right, joins her on the ride.

Classic and custom cars line the parking lot of the Novi Expo Center during Saturday's Music & Motor Fest 2000.

Both photos by Tom Hibben

All photos, except as noted, by John Heider

New Novi chamber director is enthusiastic about her role

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ber of beneficial elements to businesses, such as its low cost advertising deals, health insurance plans, member-to-member discounts, and discounted cellular phone and long distance rates.

"I think one of the main reasons businesses join is due to the good networking opportunities and the chance to meet new contacts in the community," she said.

Especially with Novi having so many small businesses, she added.

Currently, DeRoche said the chamber has about 550 members and that they add about five to 10 new members a month.

"It's growing continually," she said.

DeRoche said Novi is a great place to do business because the city is doing great.

"There is so much going on," she said. "The city is experiencing a lot

of growth."

DeRoche said even as the city continues to grow, it nevertheless preserves a certain sense of intimacy.

"I think overall it's a very tight knit community and there's a lot of value to that. Even though it's a fairly large city, it still maintains a small town feel," she said.

Serving as a community information source, DeRoche said the chamber office is extremely busy making referrals to new visitors who want to know about shopping, restaurants, hotels and events at the Novi Expo Center.

DeRoche said, as always, the chamber is also busy with its two major fundraisers: the golf outing and charity auction.

DeRoche, who is the wife of Novi City Councilman Craig DeRoche, said there will not be any conflict between her job and her husband's

role in local government.

She said, if anything, it will enhance the already good relationship between the chamber and city and make it stronger.

Currently, DeRoche is working with Novi Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis on the renovation of Fuerst Farm and said the two are totally committed to the project.

"We know we're not going to accomplish everything in one weekend, so we want to make a yearly thing," she said.

DeRoche said she is thrilled about her new position and that while it is a tough job, she is thoroughly enjoying it.

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Mission Impossible

In search of the perfect garage sale item for under \$20

The month was July, the weather was beautiful, why stay in the newsroom? Better still to spend company time and money at local garage sales. On Friday, July 21, Copy Editor Kelli Cooley, reporters Andrew Dieterich and Melanie Plenda and Editor Jan Jeffres hauled out the HomeTown Newspapers classified ads, scammed \$20 apiece from the office petty cash drawer and hit the road. We wanted to rummage through the discarded consumer goods of Novi and Northville homes, see who had the neatest stuff and prove once and for all who really is the best shopper...

An antique collector

Jan Jeffres

When I've cruised past garage sales in Northville and especially the newer Novi, I've never heard what usually drones in my ear on a fairly regular basis, the siren song of consumer greed, the itch to acquire something, anything new.

As a longtime collector, I don't consider the suburban Detroit area a happy hunting ground for the kind of pre-1950s junk I drool over.

So, classified ads in hand, I didn't hit my first garage sale until 10 a.m., which I know is a no-no. I didn't expect to unearth any vintage valuables, but I can always use baskets for storage and picture frames for my collection of 100 to 400-year-old prints.

I raced - while still abiding by the posted speed limit - toward what appeared to be the epicenter of garage sales that day, Taft Road.

Now, there is something I've noticed about other shoppers heading for a front yard consumer frenzy. They do the garage sale strut. It's a distinctive, purposeful walk, intent and yet relaxed. It's the casual chic of a well-fed predator stalking prey without panic.

But after hitting about six garage sales at various venues, including Addington Park, I was beginning to feel like a failure.

No frames, no usable baskets were in sight. Baby clothes nirvana - that is what this area really functions as, a second-hand mecca for lightly-used kiddie clothes.

Six garage sales down and I hadn't spent a cent. In Simmons Orchard, I saw a stack of old record albums and thought of reporter Andrew Dieterich, a collector of old vinyl. I thought it was hilarious to buy him a 1960s Wayne Newton live album, at a quarter, and at that price decided to be a big spender and threw in a Judy Garland.

I debated about a handsomely framed print for \$5 at a moving sale on Strathaven. It would dress up the upstairs office bathroom, which has some serious style

issues. But I couldn't make up my mind, so I hoarded my cash.

After two hours on the job, I was thirsty, so I headed back to the office for a diet Pepsi. There, I bumped into a friend who suggested I go to lunch with her.

This is a garage sale-ing truth. You dine, you whine. After an hour or so at lunch, I took a measure of the office bathroom wall with my eyes and went back to the moving sale. The picture was gone.

I headed towards Meadowbrook Road for a few more sales.

Since I had \$20 to spend and was only 50 cents lighter, I felt inadequate. But I also realized that rolling through garage sales gives you a great look at the neighborhoods of Novi and Northville. I noticed some very impressive landscaping and quite a few little kids who were manning the sales for their parents.

Still, I was expected to score, not slight see. Then, I saw an unadvertised sale at Country Place condominiums off of Eight Mile. It turned out that a delightful senior couple were selling off a few things. A set of kitchen canisters looked vintage, priced for \$5. But I wasn't sure I could fit kitchen canisters into my life. The lady of the house said she and her husband acquired the set when they were married 58 years ago.

The clock was ticking, I had to spend money. I grabbed the canisters and circled back toward Byrne in Northville. There, I found a vintage hammered aluminum crumb tray for a \$1 and bought it just because it looked old.

The final total: 12 garage sales visited, \$6.50 spent. I am tired and not feeling proud.

Back at work and sitting at my computer, I looked at the books sagging on my shelf with cheap, ugly office-issue metal book-ends and it hit me - fill those kitchens canisters with rocks and I've got a design solution.

I had not failed in my mission, after all.

(Above) Cheryl Dotinga checks the status of her garage wares during a Friday afternoon. Dotinga said that her sale, featuring children's clothing, bikes and toys, had about \$250 in sales by 1 p.m.

(Right) Maria Combe of Plymouth hunts for a few bargains at a garage sale in Novi off Cider Mill Street.

(Below) The art deco canister set bought for \$5 and appraised for \$40.



The inquisitor

Kelli Cooley

Da da da, da da da, da da da; toodoo!oo, toodoo!oo, toodoo!oo, da da da, da da da.

I stealthily sneak in and out of the crowds as I stake my claim on the end all, be all of mission impossibles.

Drum roll please....

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Granted, I believe I was the rookie to garage sale-ing, my parents didn't garage sale much and I wasn't sure what I was getting into. I just knew I had to beat everyone else - it's that competitive edge.

So with my Green Sheet classifieds in my hand, I drove my trusty green Cavalier to the first site of my mission.

I arrived to see nobody there. Hmm, I thought to myself, is this a good thing or a bad thing?

I slowly ease out of the car and saunter over to the garage of a family in Novi. I am cautious but aware.

The seller and I exchange polite smiles and I make pleasant conversation. I talked about the weather but actually I am roving to find anything cool.

Then I spot it - like a light at the end of the tunnel - an item so worthy of my money I feel like I have just won the lottery.

I hastily look around, afraid my counterparts will arrive and steal my most wonderful find.

I walk up and check out a very auspicious wicker basket. The latch works and I open the basket to find a picnic setting for four: cups, plates, and silverware - never used!

The basket even has a green checked lining, my favorite color.

I leave it there for a second, so I don't seem so eager. I look around and then wander back to the table.

Garage sale finds by the staff at the Record/News included a globe lamp, fire red tea kettle, deco table and a crumb tray.

'I'll take this, I guess,' I say. \$12, the lady says.

Woo-hoo, I think to myself, these are expensive in the store.

I gladly jaunt out to my car and think to myself.

'Garage sale-ing is easy, why don't I do this more often?' Now on to the next sale...da da da, da da da.

Professional garage saler

Melanie Plenda

Indiana Jones has nothing on me when it comes to finding a treasure at a garage sale. I was weaned on the art of the garage sale. While other children were getting flash cards of facts and figures, my parents pontificated the philosophy of "five items in a garage does not a garage sale make."

Given my training in the art of "sal-ing," as my parents called it, I'm a trained shopping machine. I'm like a money-bagged panther in the concrete lawn ornament jungle of sales.

I was in rare form this particular day.

My saling partner, Andrew Dieterich and I, were scouting the territory by doing "the drive-by." This is a technique used to separate the garage men from the boys. It begins by inauspiciously slowing the car down, bending over to look like you are getting something from your purse and taking a glance at the end of the driveway. If it's baby clothes or golf clubs accented with

sparse lawn equipment, it's not going to get much better and you keep driving.

But this one was different. We stopped the car and meandered our way up the drive. Some fifties- style broken chairs, lamps from the Carter administration and rusty hunks of God knows what lined the perimeter, but I knew there was something more.

And then I saw it. The most perfect round deco table that serendipitously matched every stick of furniture I own.

I ran to it. Ran - I practically dove head first to protect my fated treasure. The thought of someone sticking it next to cherry wood or worse yet, adorning it with the sickly sweet faces of Hummels nauseated me.

Yet, I had to be cool. I gathered the moxy to ask the lady whose garage sale it was, how much did the table cost.

"Ten dollars?"

There was the hint of a question in her voice. What a coup it would be to get this table and at even more of a bargain, I thought.

"Hmm," that's all I had to say. Now, it would be a stand-off between my love for this art piece and her desire to get rid of everything so she didn't have to carry it back in the house.

We both looked at the table; looking to outlast the other.

"Well, there are a few scratches on it." That was all she had to say. I had it. And I had it for whatever price I wanted. I hadn't even seen the scratches, but I shook my head as in a "tsk tsk" fashion anyway.

"Eight?" she said.

"I'll take it," I said.

As we drove away with my new perfect table thumping in the back seat, I smiled and thought, "ahh, there's nothing like a day of sal-ing."

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The classic browser

Andrew Dieterich

It's simple - when I go to garage sales there are two things I'm looking for, plugs and records.

Forget about baby clothes, crafts or toys. I want things I can use and not just put on a shelf to someday sell at a garage sale of my own.

Perhaps that's why I considered my three hour garage sale shopping jaunt a failure. I didn't find much of anything except for a small lamp for \$2.50 that I will probably paint and if it turns

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MOVIES

Murphy sequel fails to deliver

Nutty Professor II: The Klumps
MPAA Rating: PG-13
Now Playing
Not Recommended

By Heather Wadowski
GUEST WRITER

In *Nutty Professor II: The Klumps*, viewers are reunited with the Klumps, the family that stole every scene they were in from Sherman Klump and Buddy Love in the original *Eddie Murphy (Beverly Hills Cop, Coming to America) comedy, The Nutty Professor*. However, similar to a Saturday Night Live sketch that became a full-length feature movie, the Klump family proves that they were funniest the way they were: as a 15-minute scene.

Murphy returns to the big screen as Sherman Klump, a professor whose alter-ego Buddy Love (the only character Murphy plays that looks like Murphy) wants out after being trapped inside Sherman for years. Feeling that the only way to get rid of Buddy is to remove the gene that created Buddy from within him, Sherman

removes the Buddy gene himself. Unaware of the consequences of doing so, Sherman not only unleashes Buddy into the real world, but gets rid of the one gene that made him the genius he was. Now, it's up to Sherman to stop a scheming Buddy from ruining his life and get back the gene before he loses everything he worked so hard for and becomes the one thing he dreads the most: a dummy.

Nutty Professor II: The Klumps has its funny and touching moments, but like most sequels, it doesn't deliver the laughs it promises. The Klumps as a family aren't nearly as funny as they originally were. With Murphy trying desperately to sound different for each character he voices, he ends up becoming too muffled and hard to hear while saying some of the lines.

In one scene when the Klumps go out to an all-you-can-eat buffet, Murphy is at his hardest to understand. Although this scene could have been compared to the original dinner scene in the first film, it falls flat and leaves viewers

amused since they can't understand a word that is being spoken. Not only is Murphy playing four characters talking at once in some parts, he mumbles grandma and father Klump's line the whole way through. Since they are the two characters delivering the most one-liners, they should be the ones that the audience hears. Instead, viewers are just distracted by Murphy voicing mother and brother Klump's conversation simultaneously and are left not getting any of the jokes, but instead getting headaches.

Another let-down is how all the jokes are basically given away in the movie trailers.

Granted, there are a couple of laughs to be had in the film that the trailers failed to show. However, besides a scene or two the jokes have already been done, told, or are too adolescent for Murphy to properly pull off.

Even the out-takes that are shown as the credits roll fall flat on the audience's ears. They are unfunny and almost seem rehearsed. Most of the out-takes feature Murphy just screwing off

and show little to no real messed-up takes. For all we know the movie was shot perfectly and the "out-takes" were filmed on the side to try and get a few more laughs out of an unamused audience.

Murphy does a wonderful job trying to save the movie, but even he can't save much of it. Murphy plays each character wonderfully (minus the scenes where he disguises his voice so much you can't hear him) and Janet Jackson (*Poetic Justice*) does a fair job herself for not being on the big screen for years. Even the writers did their part to save this film, providing the cast with a witty and touching script that could have been pulled off. However, bad editing, bad sound and too high of expectations destroyed a film that could have been something big if so much comedy wasn't expected out of it.

Nutty Professor II: The Klumps is your typical sequel after all is said and done. While the audience gets more for Murphy, they don't get more of what they wanted—comedy.

FILM RATING SYSTEM

Don't Miss! - A must see film; award-winning caliber

Strongly Recommended - Entertaining and/or thought provoking; strong audience interest

Recommended - Film may have some weak spots, but still worth watching

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SPORTS

One in the bag

Garcia's shutout gives Northville rare win in NABF

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Any win is a good win, and Northville picked up their first in NABF World Series play since 1998 last Friday afternoon. The Broncos defeated the Staten Island Padres 1-0 in 10 innings for their lone win of the tournament. The team finished 1-3 and failed to qualify for the semifinals. Northville's Hiarali Garcia, a player coach Carl Galletti picked up from league rival Windsor, pitched a spectacular game against the Padres. Garcia went the distance, allowing just four hits and walking just one while collecting 14 strikeouts. His pitch count totaled 125 when all was said

and done, an incredible number at any level. "My big guy was better than their big guy," Galletti said. "Hiarali was just outstanding. He seemed to get stronger and stronger with each inning and he was not distressed at all." Garcia said he could feel his confidence level rise as each inning passed. "Sometimes in the beginning of games I feel a little cold, and it takes me a few innings to get warmed up," he said. "But I pitched better when the pressure was on. Everybody was on their toes and I like that." Northville had several opportunities

throughout the game, but was snubbed each time by Padres' starter Ryan Smith, who matched Garcia's scoreless streak through nine innings.

The Broncos, however, broke through in the top half of the 10th inning. Kyle Ghedotte started things off with a walk and stole second base. Dan DePaulis then drew a one-out walk to put runners on first and second. Galletti decided to have his son Tony put down a sacrifice bunt, putting runners in scoring position with two outs. The risk paid off as Ghedotte later came home on a wild pitch by Jesse Colliton. The run gave Northville its only run of the game, which proved to be the game winner.

For several of the players who saw action in last year's tournament, it was their first win in five tries.

"It was just amazing," Northville first baseman Brent Habitz said. "Not just winning it, but how we won it. It could have gone either way, but I felt pretty confident (in Garcia) as the game went on."

"It kind of set the tone for the team, in that we were a team that can play with some of the nation's best," second-year player Matt Sebastian said. "We came out the next game and looked at it like we could move on if we played well. It boosted our confidence and showed us what we could do."

Northville went on to lose its last two games (8-3 to the Madison Mets and 10-0 to the Indiana Bulls), but the win was the first since the team posted two wins in the 1998 Series. The Broncos lost their opener, 11-1, to the Lexington Dixie.

"Each year the pressure is on me," Galletti said. "We have to prove that we belong here and you've got to get at least one win. You never want to be the 10th-place team, and we tied for seventh this year."

The Maryland Orioles won the NABF title by defeating the Bulls 12-1 in the championship game played Sunday night at Ford Field in Livonia. Both teams advanced to the title game by winning their semifinal games over Lexington and Rawlings.

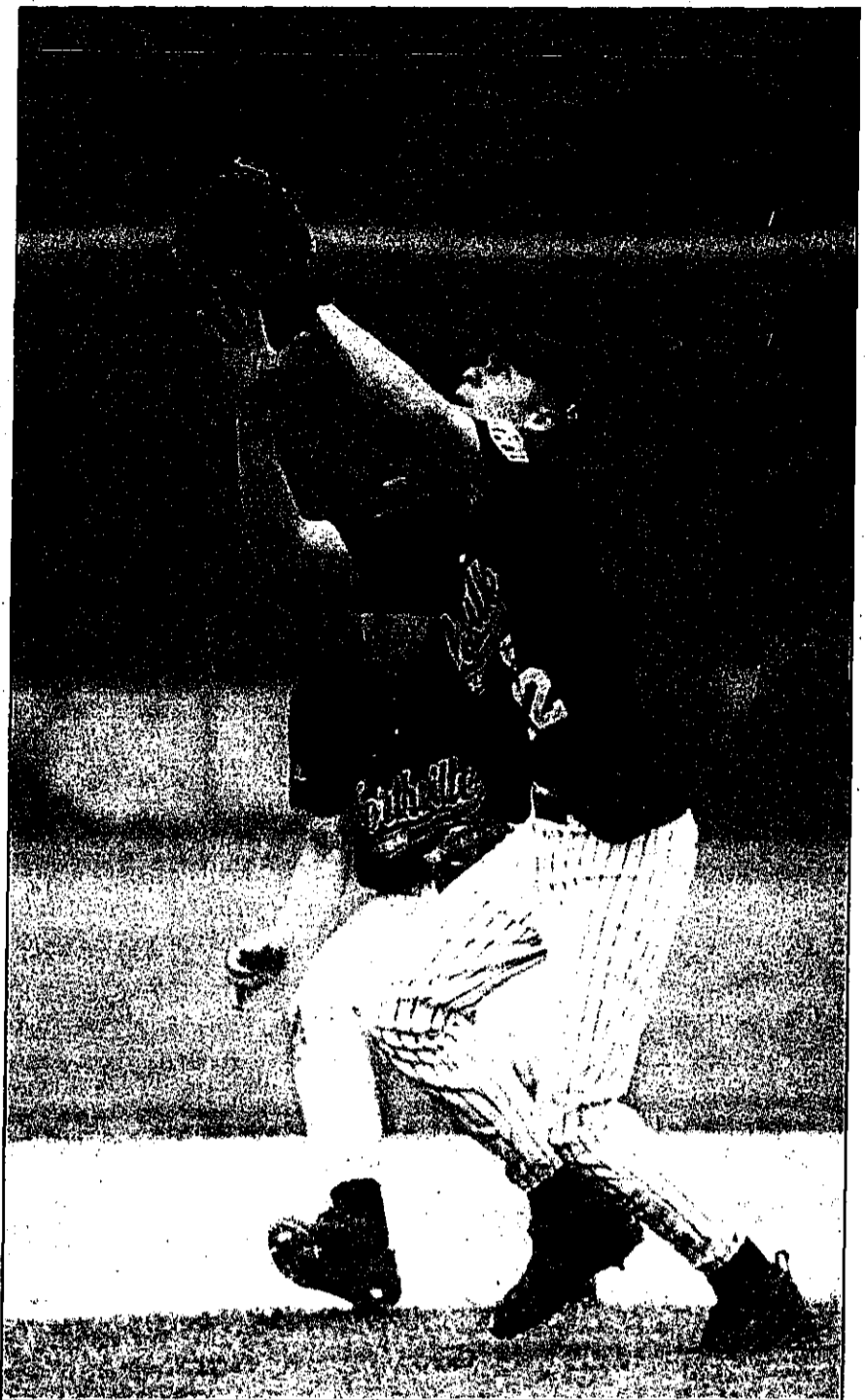


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Bronco shortstop Bryan Somerville awaits a pop up in Northville's 1-0 win over Staten Island.

WORLD SERIES SCORES		
Group A scores	Group B scores	Semifinal games
Bayside 8	Lexington 11	Maryland 7
Abolite 4	Northville 1	Lexington 2
Rawlings 5	Indiana 10	Indiana 6
Spokane 2	Madison 0	Rawlings 2
Group C scores	Group D scores	Championship
Bayside 13	Lexington 6	Maryland 12
Spokane 2	Madison 5	Indiana 1
Maryland 2	Northville 1	
Abolite 1	Staten Island 0	
Maryland 6	Madison 2	
Spokane 1	Staten Island 2	
Rawlings 19	Indiana 3	Tournament MVPs
Bayside 4	Lexington 1	Maryland Pitchers
Maryland 1	Indiana 22	(Brooks Norris)
Rawlings 2	Staten Island 6	(Craig Herrick)
Spokane 1	Madison 6	(Joe Peeler)
Abolite 0	Northville 3	(Tim Pollock)
Rawlings 13	Indiana 10	(Derrick Steyer)
Abolite 0	Northville 0	(David Gimsberg)
Maryland 7	Lexington 10	(Joe Condon)
Bayside 3	Staten Island 3	Hitting champion
		(Shawn Barrett)

Orioles fly high for title

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Maryland baseball fans haven't had a lot to cheer about with their home Baltimore Orioles struggling throughout the 2000 Major League Baseball season.

But at least for a weekend the Maryland Orioles 16-and-under baseball team brought some respect back home by winning the National Amateur Baseball Federation Junior World Series Sunday night at Ford Field in Livonia. The Orioles crushed the Indiana Bulls 12-1 in the championship game, finishing a perfect 6-0 over the four-day tourney.

Coach Tim Norris' team relied on a strong corps of pitchers throughout the tournament, but it was both his pitchers and hitters who came through against the Bulls.

"It seemed like we scraped, and we scraped and the bats came through for us," Norris said. "This is the fourth world series we've been to and we have finished third every time here. We were tired of being bridesmaids."

The Orioles were anything but, allowing just 10 runs in the entire tournament. Their pitchers, who combined for an incredible 1.17 earned run average, were named the tournament's MVPs.

"Nobody pitched twice the whole tournament for us," the coach said. "I have to give all the credit to Rick Steirer (our pitching coach). I just sat back and let him handle everything."

Joe Peeler went the distance in the championship game, allowing six hits and collecting seven strikeouts. He pitched eight-plus scoreless innings in the tournament.

Bulls coach Dave Mundy was impressed with the Orioles pitching, but was equally amazed with their patience at the plate.

"They hit the ball one through nine," he said. "There wasn't a spot in the lineup where we felt we had an easy out. We felt they were the team to beat because they had an outstanding team."

"But we walk out of here with our heads held high. If you would just have told us that we had a shot, that would have made us pretty happy."

Indiana squandered a bases-loaded opportunity, trailing 3-1 in the top of the fifth inning. They failed to score a run and lost their



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The Orioles celebrate their first-ever NABF World Series Title Sunday at Ford Field.

momentum to the Orioles, who scored three runs in the bottom of the fifth and six more in the sixth to put the game out of reach.

After the final out was made in the top of the seventh, the Orioles stormed the field in celebration of their region's first NABF title since the Baltimore (Putty Hill) team defeated Bayside 12-3 in 1988.

Tourney Notes

• Mother Nature was not on the side of tournament officials or the fans. Due to unplayable field conditions and lighting needs, four separate sites were used to complete the tournament. Northville High School was the host of 10 games, while seven were held at Madonna College. Five were played at Ford Field in Livonia and one game was played at Community Park here in Northville.

"The grounds crew staff was unbelievable," said tournament director Dave Jerome. "John Edwards, Bob and Dean Frellick, Bill Jenney, Scott Baldwin, Todd Sander, everyone was just great."

• Great pitching doesn't always lead to wins. Take for example the

Abolite Braves. The team allowed just 10 runs in four tournament games. But the team finished 0-4. They lost a pair of 1-0 games to Spokane and Rawlings and another 2-1 heartbreaker to Maryland. The most lopsided loss it suffered the entire tournament was a 6-4 loss to Bayside.

• Speaking of the Yankees, Bayside failed to win the NABF title for the second-consecutive year. Prior to the 1999 tournament, Bayside was the six-time defending national champion. Last year they failed to qualify for the tournament and this year their 2-2 record in pool play did not qualify them for the semifinals.

• Pitching was the theme for the 2000 World Series despite a 22-run outburst by the Bulls and 19 and 17-run performances by the Rawlings and Lexington ball clubs. There were five shutouts in the tournament's 23-game schedule. Furthermore, eight more teams were limited to one run and seven more scored just two runs. The 23 losing teams averaged 1.91 runs per game.

• Despite the great pitching, the tournament's batting leaders fared better than those of a year ago. Indiana's Shawn Barrett was the World Series' leading hitter, collecting hits in 11 of 17 at bats (.647). Four other players hit .500 or better as well.

THE NUMBERS	
Individual batting (12 AB)	
Barrett (Indiana)	.647
Zielke (Lexington)	.556
Kuhner (Bayside)	.538
Brown (Indiana)	.529
Getty (Rawlings)	.500
RBI	
Pestle (Indiana)	12
Pollock (Maryland)	10
Norris (Maryland)	9
Zach Harris (Indiana)	8
Neil Geisler (Indiana)	6
Greg Balista (Bayside)	6
Home runs	
Pestle (Indiana)	2
Mahoney (Bayside)	2
Johnson (Madison)	2
Hill (Spokane)	2

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Thursday, August 3, 2000

Health Column

Triggering some serious health problems

A sleep disorder that is more common than most people realize may lead to several serious health problems. It's called sleep apnea and experts say that millions of Americans suffer from its effects without knowing they have the condition. Researchers say there is growing evidence showing that sleep apnea may cause hypertension, heart attack, heart arrhythmia, stroke and certain cognitive problems.

Because of this, doctors in the University of Michigan Health System encourage people with sleep apnea or those who exhibit symptoms to talk with their doctors.

Sleep apnea is a condition in which breathing temporarily stops dozens or even hundreds of times during a person's sleep. Its most notable symptoms are snoring, which is nearly always present, and excessive sleepiness during the day. The most common form of the disease is called obstructive sleep apnea, in which the upper airway in the throat becomes obstructed. Breathing stops or diminishes for periods of ten seconds to a minute or more.

"Often the only way these episodes are relieved is by brief arousals or awakenings," says Ronald Chervin, M.D., U-M sleep expert and assistant professor of neurology.

"So, a patient who has sleep apnea will briefly arouse from sleep, open the airway, and emit a big snort or loud snore. Breathing then resumes normally until the person falls back asleep. At that point, breathing stops again, and the process can repeat itself hundreds of times in a night."

Sleep apnea is typically treated quite successfully by a method called continuous positive air pressure or CPAP. The patient wears a mask that fits over the nose. The mask is connected by an air hose to a machine, slightly smaller than a shoebox, that is kept near the bed. The machine takes air from the room, filters it and pumps it to a higher pressure that is transmitted through the nose to the back of the throat, literally splinting the throat open.

What causes sleep apnea? Researchers aren't sure, but it's widely accepted that it involves the structure of the airway.

"We don't have all the answers," said Chervin, "but we do have some good clues. An important factor seems to be anatomical narrowing in the airway. For example, children who have very large tonsils are at risk for having their upper airway close during sleep. In adults, excess weight sometimes affects the caliber of the airway."

Chervin also said some patients have a neurological condition that causes the upper airway to collapse more readily.

People don't usually become fully awake during these brief arousals and they rarely remember

any of the episodes. Patients may arouse a couple hundred times a night for several years or even decades and not know they have a problem.

"They may wake up unrefreshed and battle sleepiness every day. This is often the major motivating force for eventually seeking medical help," Chervin said.

While daytime sleepiness is the most common symptom of sleep apnea, there is growing evidence, Chervin said, that it may lead to more serious concerns.

"There's excellent evidence now that sleep apnea is likely to be one cause of hypertension."

He said recent studies in "The New England Journal of Medicine" and in the "Journal of the American Medical Association" present new, stronger evidence for a cause and effect relationship between sleep apnea and hypertension.

Experts aren't sure why sleep apnea causes high blood pressure. They do know that blood pressure can increase dramatically at the end of each apnea episode - while in normal sleep, blood pressure typically goes down. Chervin said the repeated elevations in blood pressure during the night may impact levels throughout the day for apnea sufferers.

Researchers now think that sleep apnea also can trigger significant heart problems.

"We've noted for a long time that sleep apnea is associated with heart attack, irregular heart-beat, arrhythmia, heart failure and stroke," said Chervin.

He notes "we're not quite at the point where we are with hypertension where we can say convincingly that sleep apnea causes these other problems, but there is strong suspicion that it does."

Another growing area of concern with sleep apnea is that it affects a person's cognitive functions like attention and short-term memory. A recent study showed that people with sleep apnea are seven times more likely to have a serious motor vehicle crash compared to people without apnea. And, another recent study compared the reaction time while driving of people with sleep apnea and those with a blood alcohol level above the legal limit for driving a motor vehicle. They found that people with apnea actually had slightly worse reaction time than those impaired by alcohol.

Chervin and his U-M colleagues have just completed a clinical study showing the 80 percent of the cluster headache patients they studied had sleep-disordered breathing. It had been the most popularly recognized form of sleep apnea. Their results are published in the journal "Neurology."

Chervin said there's growing evidence that sleep apnea in children - while not as common as in adults - is not as rare as previously thought. Interestingly enough, sleep apnea appears to affect children differently than adults. He said parents often complain that their kids are hyperactive and inattentive. In some cases, these children are initially diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

"Once they're at a sleep lab and sleep apnea is diagnosed and treated, some no longer qualify for a diagnosis of ADHD and some no longer need to be treated with stimulants," he added.

Karlton Kaiser came to the Michael S. Aldrich Sleep Disorders Laboratory at the U-M when his wife became concerned.

"She complained about my snoring," he said. "She told me it was like a train and it was really bothering her. As we got talking, she said I stopped breathing at night and when I went to get my air, it was a big gasp and it scared her to the point where she'd stay up and make sure I kept breathing."

Kaiser said it's very important for him to get answers and treatment. He said he's always "lived on the job" and when he gets home from work, he just wants to sleep.

"This has affected my life because of my family," he said. "I want to be able to be there for them mentally and physically. I want to be able to do the chores around the house and play with the kids and not have to go to bed so early. Right now, I go to bed super early."

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Health Column

Foot and ankle consultations

Experiencing heel pain, bunions, hammertoes, fungus nails, warts, ankle pain, ingrown nails or other foot ailments? The Foot Health Centers offer an initial consultation free of charge, excluding x-rays, lab tests or treatment. The Foot Health Centers, operated by Dr. Ken Poss and Dr. Randy Bernstein, are affiliated with Botsford, Sinai, Oakwood and Kern hospitals. They have two area locations, at 41431 W. Ten Mile Road in the Novi Plaza at Meadowbrook, and 30931 W. Seven Mile Road in Livonia. Call (248) 349-5559 or (248) 478-1166 for more information or to schedule a consultation.

Menopause Support Group

Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi offers a free monthly support group for women who have concerns about menopause. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Providence Park Conference Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., at the corner of Grand River and Beck in Novi. The purpose of the support group is to provide women with educational information on topics relating to menopause. For information, call (248) 424-3014.

Free Foot Screenings

Free foot screenings are offered every Tuesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Botsford General Hospital, Suite 200, South Professional Building, 28080 Grand River Ave. in Farmington Hills. For more information or to make an appointment, call (248) 473-1320, weekdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Heart Disease Risk Reduction Programs

These risk assessment and reduction programs are designed to help modify risk factors associated with heart disease. The fee is dependent on the level of programming. Call Botsford General Hospital at (248) 471-8870 for more information.

Health Risk Appraisal

Do you know what your health risks are? Botsford's health risk appraisal includes blood pressure, total cholesterol and hdl readings. There is a \$50 fee and an appointment is required. For registration and information, call (248) 477-6100.

Child Clinic

Oakland County Health Division's Child Health Clinics provide free ongoing well care for children from birth to school entry. Families who do not have an hmo or Medicaid may be eligible. Clinics are held at 14 locations throughout Oakland County. Services include heights and weights; head to toe physical examination; immunizations; vision, hearing and lab testing; growth and developmental screening; and counseling as needed. Appointments are required. For more information, call: north Oakland, Pontiac: (248) 858-1311 or 858-4001; south Oakland, Southfield: (248) 424-7066 or 424-7067; west Oakland, Walled Lake: (248) 926-3341.

Breastfeeding Basics

This workshop covers the "how to's" of breastfeeding and answers questions and concerns of women who are already breastfeeding. The fee is \$20, and the classes are held at Botsford's Health Development Network in Novi. For information and registration, call (248) 477-6100.

Circuit Training

This is a multi-stationed exercise and education program designed for the individual with limited experience using fitness equipment. Participants will be instructed on the proper use of weight and cardiovascular machines. The class meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. The fee is \$70 and preregistration is required. For registration and information, call the Botsford Center for Health Improvement at (248) 473-5600.

Martial Arts for Special Children

Conducted by a black-belt martial arts instructor, a physical therapist and an exercise therapist for children ages 5-16 with special needs such as cerebral palsy, add, or sensory integration dysfunction. This is a continuously revolving eight-week course held on Friday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi. There is a charge of \$100. To register, call 1-800-968-5595.

Cancer Support Group

"Focus On Living," a self-help group for cancer patients and their families, meets the first Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society, "Focus on Living" provides an opportunity to discuss concerns, obtain answers and gain support from others who share the same experiences. Registration is not necessary, and there is no charge to attend. For more information, call (313) 655-2922; or toll free 1-800-494-1650.

Diabetes Education

This comprehensive program includes self-monitoring of blood glucose, diet and meal planning, disease management with exercise, potential complications of the disease, and presentations by a pharmacist and a podiatrist. This is a continuously revolving six-week program held on Monday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Office Center, Ten Mile and Haggerty roads. There is a \$20 fee. Call (248) 424-3903 to register.

Surgical Preparation

Through the Sally the Surgery Star program, children scheduled for surgery are taken on a tour and familiarized with the surgical experience. A variety of educational materials and supportive teaching tools are used to help children deal positively with the idea of a hospital stay. Admission to the program is by appointment only. There is no charge. Call the Providence Medical Center-Providence Park at (248) 380-4170 to register.