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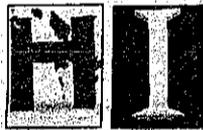
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Council says yes to hospital

By RANDAL YAKEY Staff Writer

Novi City Council has backed the proposal for a new hospital in Novi after voting for a resolution to support a new facility, 6-0.

On June 18, the president of Providence Hospital, Robert Casalou, came to ask for support for construction of a new hospital on the west end of the outpatient

care facility located on Grand River near Beck Road.

Two weeks ago, Casalou said he was aware Providence Hospital was looking at a 'tough fight' to bring a new hospital to Novi.

Providence filed its Certificate of Need (CON) application earlier this month and expects a response by the end of the year. If the response is 'yes,' Casalou said the hospital

will be ready to start preliminary plans immediately.

'We will be ready to go with the drawings by October 2002,' Casalou said. 'The project would be completed by 2005.'

The estimated \$110 million dollar project would be constructed on the west end of the current outpatient facility. Casalou said that if the CON is granted, Providence

would like to construct a five story structure that would include 316,210 square feet of new construction and renovate another 24,575 feet of existing space.

'We're already operating as a emergency facility without the long term capacity,' Casalou said.

Casalou said there have been at least 200 transfers from the Novi facility to the Southfield facility in

the last few months.

Mayor Richard Clark said it was unfair for the state not to give credence to the Providence Hospital application.

'They have to be given their due process,' Clark said. 'The state should not just say no.'

The city resolution called for

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Novi man to share personal cancer battle

By RANDAL YAKEY Staff Writer

There is nothing more terrifying, more heart wrenching, than the helplessness family and friends face when dealing with the ravages of cancer.

One Novi resident, 28-year-old Larry Gambotto, knows what it means. Larry has lived the battle. Gambotto, along with his mother, Maureen McIntyre, will be talking to other family members about their experiences and problems they faced when dealing with the disease.

Both mother and son will speak at the Bone Marrow/Stem Cell Transplants: Sixth Annual Education Forum 'Ask the Experts,' on June 23 at the Livonia Civic Center Library beginning at 9:30 a.m.

'When you first learn that your child, no matter how old they are, has a life-threatening disease its pretty devastating,' McIntyre said. 'I think immediately delved into an action mode and get more information.'

A graduate of Michigan State University, Gambotto currently works for a packaging firm in Howell and has been involved in coaching wrestling and football at Northville High School.

'I was in the doctor's office and he said he needed to talk to me right away. He came in the office

and told me 'We think you have leukemia. We want you to go to the doctor immediately and check yourself into the emergency room,' said Gambotto, who spend thirty days at University of Michigan Hospital receiving a bone marrow transplant.

When Gambotto was first diagnosed, he said he didn't really have time to react to the idea of having cancer he was just glad to be getting on with the process of healing.

'I didn't have an immediate reaction,' Larry said. 'It sounds kind of weird, but I was almost glad

to know what it was because I was feeling so bad. Once we knew what it was, and could focus in on it, it helped me relax a little bit.'

Maureen McIntyre Gambotto and his mother

both agreed that cancer patients should focus on getting better and taking things 'day-to-day.'

'You learn to live everyday,' Larry said. 'I'm thankful everyday that I get up now.'

Gambotto was originally told that he had between three and five years to live. And to him, that was a shock.

'When they said three to five years, you think 'Oh my god,' Gambotto said. 'I was diagnosed

'When you first learn that your child has a life-threatening disease, it's pretty devastating'

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Larry Gambotto was helped by his mother Maureen McIntyre during his battle with leukemia.

Mesquite Creek opens to major fanfare

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

You're sure to bring home a doggie bag after a meal at Novi's new restaurant, Mesquite Creek.

With football-sized potatoes and 20 ounce steaks, the Texan steak and seafoodhouse is sure to fill even the hungriest appetite.

'The food is plentiful here,' said the restaurant's general manager Beth Hussey. 'We're very well known for our generous portions.'

With nightly specials and 30 entrees to choose from, Hussey hopes their dishes will lure clients to a new savoring for the palate.

Using mesquite logs as opposed to charcoal gives each piece of meat a sweet smoky flavor, for an unmistakable taste of the Southwest.

'All of our food is cooked over an open flame of mesquite wood,' she said, hence the name of the restaurant. 'It really enhances the taste of our food. It's very tasty and gives everything a real Texas pit barbecue flavor. The customers love it.'

The strong aroma of mesquite

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Left: Beth Hussey, manager of Novi's Mesquite Creek, displays three plates of their mesquite-grill steaks and a platter of bacon-wrapped shrimp brochettes.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Mesquite Creek's Emilio Huerte heats up a Porterhouse, New York Strip, and a filet mignon on their mesquite grill.

fills the restaurant's kitchen where cooks prepare entrees from a 3 ft. wide charcoal grill.

'The grill is really the heart of our restaurant,' Hussey said. 'It's much like the grill in your backyard. It's not gas, it's not electric. We just throw in some mesquite and light it with lighter fluid.'

House specialties like their 20 ounce T-bone steak and six ounce filet mignon, are two of many entrees Hussey aspires will set Mesquite Creek apart from other steakhouses.

'All of our meat is Certified Angus Beef, so customers will only get the best choice cuts,' she said. 'We are dedicated in serving the freshest foods available, using only the most wholesome ingredients.'

For newcomers, Hussey recommends the Shrimp Brochette, which includes five jumbo shrimp stuffed with a sliver of jalapeno and Monterey Jack cheese, wrapped in

bacon and grilled. Another crowd pleaser, says Hussey, is their prime rib, which includes ten ounces of slowly roasted meat served with au jus and horseradish sauce.

For the most ravenous appetite, there's the 24 ounce Porterhouse del Pueblo with both strip and filet mignon, entilled on the menu as, 'a steak cut for a king.'

Mesquite Creek also offers an array of pastas, fish, lobster, and chicken entrees, including their Fajitas al Carbon, a half pound of chicken or portobello slices served with flour tortillas, pico de gallo, guacamole, and sour cream; as well as wide range of sandwiches that include hamburgers and French dip.

Each meal is served with Texas steak fries or their mammoth 1 pound baked potatoes loaded with

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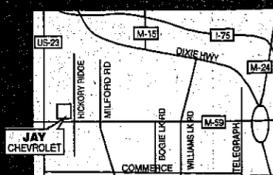
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Times for the Tye Dye Workshop will be Thursday and Friday 1-5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

The event will be held at 22617 Sheridan Dr. in Novi in the Village Oaks Subdivision.

Village Oaks Sub is located between Meadowbrook & Haggerty, 9 Mile and 10 Mile.

For more information call 248-735-0137.

Summer Day Care from C.A.R.E.

Novi Community School District's child care program - C.A.R.E., provides elementary students with a safe environment before and after school. C.A.R.E. is offered at all five elementaries as well as Novi Meadows for 5th and 6th grade students. Adults supervise activities such as: homework

time, sports, recreational activities, arts and crafts, computers, board games, reading, music, and free choice time.

Summer C.A.R.E. will be held at the ITC June 20-August 15. Registration fee includes all field trips and t-shirt. Weekly schedules must be turned in the Wednesday before each week that your child is attending. Registration and schedules may be turned into the leaders

at each individual school. Packets for registration may be picked from each C.A.R.E. site or at the Educational Services Building. Children must still be picked up at the normal time of 6:00 p.m. or late fees will be incurred.

C.A.R.E. offices are located at the ITC center. New telephone numbers will be: Summer C.A.R.E. office (Paul Hendricks) 449-1712; General C.A.R.E.

office information 449-1713. Sue A. Gilbert, a Novi resident since 1968, is retiring after 32 years of day care service. Approximately 250 students have graduated from Gilbert's school of love, at Stouxs Stouxs day care in Novi.

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Footnotes

Dr. Michael P. Burk

TENDONITIS

Tendonitis occurs when tendons, which connect muscles to bones, become strained due to stress or overuse. Pain and swelling are the main symptoms of tendonitis. Symptoms may come and go at first, then worsen if a person continues to stress the area.

Four foot tendons are common sites of tendonitis. The Achilles tendon will hurt when the foot touches the ground or when the heel lifts off the ground. The posterior tibial tendon will hurt when the foot moves forward while walking or when the heel shifts from side to side. The anterior tibial tendon will hurt when going down stairs or walking or running on hills. The peroneal tendon may hurt when

standing or pushing off the ground. We know it's not easy to ignore the pain and the problem to disappear. Most likely they won't and you'll be left with a worse condition than when the problem was still new and relatively minor. If you have any questions about today's column, or say questions about footcare, your own or a loved one's, please feel comfortable calling NOVI FOOTCARE ASSOCIATES, 248-476-1500. Our office is located at 39555 West Ten Mile Road, Suite 307.

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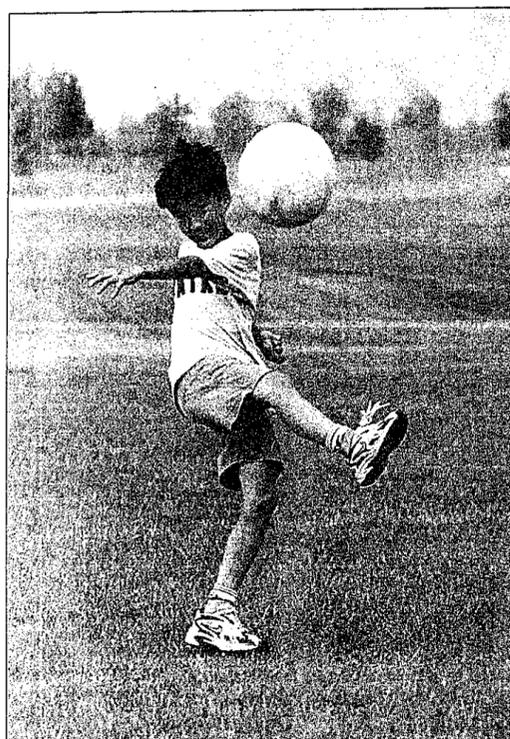
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Carefree
In the blazing sun and last week's heat and humidity Masato Kawasaki, 10, launches a ball towards a soccer net while practicing his skills last Thursday afternoon at Novi's Community Sports Park off of Eight Mile Road.

Council would like Providence to expand

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"support of Providence Hospital in their effort to obtain a Certificate of Need for a 200 bed in-patient hospital in Novi."

Gerilyn Lasher, director of communication for the Michigan Department of Community Health, said the state will go by the "letter of the law" when it comes to allowing construction of a new hospital in the area.

"Even if there is a hospital on every corner," Lasher said, "we will take an honest look at the CON. But, as I have said previously, there are no available beds in the metro Detroit area."

Lasher, who had originally said there would be no hospital beds in Michigan until the vast number of hospital beds were full, revised her statement by saying if Providence were to "transfer beds" to the Novi area that it would be "brought under consideration."

Casalou said even if the new facility is not constructed that Providence will be a continued supporter of the city.

"If this thing isn't built, we will continue to be a supporter of the city," Casalou said.

New eatery tests palette

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all the fixins, and a choice of garden or Caesar salad.

Appetizers like their chips and salsa or Chile con Queso aim to please, with their special house recipe and "whisper thin" white corn tortilla chips.

Customers will also enjoy unique "starters" like their Escargot and Shrimp Tetonika, six large shrimp coated with spices and garlic, served with oleo crust and celery sticks.

Be sure to save room for desert, with selections like their Hot Fudge Brownie Sundae with Hagen-Dazs vanilla ice cream and Saunder's fudge or their Empandita, a fried flaky pastry wrapped with your choice of bananas or apples filled with cinnamon and pecans, topped with ice cream.

For a finer dinner, guests are encouraged to sit at the bar where they can sip coffee or choose from

"It's really our limelight. It's the first time a restaurant has had anything like it."

Beth Hussey, manager on the Mesquite tree inside Mesquite Creek

the multitude of wines and cocktails.

Customers are sure to enjoy the rustic, cozy atmosphere of the restaurant provides, especially it's real Mesquite Tree located in the center, which typically can only be found in Texas.

Hussey explained that the tree, which cost \$26,000, was brought in by the artist himself and constructed piece by piece.

"It's really our limelight. It's the first time a restaurant has had anything like it," Hussey said.

Other unique items found inside

include a 200-year-old wooden table from France and gas lit lanterns scattered throughout for a romantic setting.

Mesquite Creek, which also offers outside catering, is located at 4315 Main Street in the downtown, next to the Coffee Trader.

Lunch prices range from \$6.95 to \$12.95 and dinners range from \$8.95 to \$24.95.

The restaurant is open Monday-Thursday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Parking is available in front of as well as behind the World Class Market. Underground parking is also available. For more information call Mesquite Creek at: (248) 380-5400.

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Blame gets passed around for price discrepancies

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Gas price wars are raging again, but no, not the kind where station owners constantly slash prices to steal customers away from their competition.

Rather, this is a war of words between Oakland County lawmakers and the state Attorney General over who should be doing something about continually rising prices at the pump.

Oakland's GOP House members are unhappy with Attorney General Jennifer Granholm over her response to their request for an investigation into possible "price fixing" among gasoline retailers or wholesalers.

Granholm has already looked at the issue, participating in a federal investigation and opposing mergers between suppliers, she said. But there is no evidence of collusion among those companies in setting their prices.

"There just no evidence," Chris DeWitt, spokesman for Granholm's office, said. "To go into court, you have to have evidence. It is not enough to show that prices among retailers or wholesalers go up at the same time, that's how the market often works. To make a case, you have to show they communicated with each other and agreed to raise those prices," DeWitt said.

Granholm has further stated that while she has looked into "price fixing," she lacks authority to investigate "discriminatory pricing," "zone pricing" or "unfair competition."

She asked Oakland's lawmakers to give that authority.

"She attempted to wash her hands of it and throw it back to the legislature," Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Nowi, said. "She told us she wanted to be the consumer advocate for the state, for all of us. Didn't she say that when she ran for office? I guess she doesn't want to be the state's consumer advocate."

Reps. Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills, Robert Gosselin, R-Troy, and Cassis all say they believe Granholm does indeed have all the authority she needs to investigate rising gas prices.

But just to make that clear, Cassis and Sen. Bill Bullard, R-Highland, introduced legislation Wednesday they say will give her the authority she needs to look into both price discrimination and zone pricing.

House Bill 4914 and Senate Bill 523 would prohibit zone pricing by barring wholesalers from changing their rates, based on locations, for gas supplies they sell to stations. Cassis said she has noticed that in some suburban areas,

Granholm said she "has been active on the issue, participating in a Federal Trade Commission investigation nationwide into rising prices. That investigation, nationally, concluded there is "no direct evidence of collusion" among gas stations, and that there is "insufficient evidence of illegal conduct to support an inference of collusion."

Granholm said she has not dropped the ball on consumer advocacy. Along with her involvement in the FTC investigation, she has filed objections to gas company mergers, opposed changes in price setting for gasoline distributed to Michigan through the Wolverine Pipeline, and intervened in a U.S. Supreme Court case over giving patents to one company for "reformed" gas technology.

A patent on gas reformulation is significant, Raczkowski said, because Michigan requires a formula for gas that is different than that required in most other states. That, he said, can drive up prices here even further, when supplies nationally are tight because the oil companies have to reformulate gasoline specifically for the Michigan market. With a patent in the hands of just one company, there is no competition for that segment of the market, but the courts awarded the patent anyway.

"Times I have not been successful in court," Granholm said, "the next step is to ask for changes legislatively."

Along with expanded powers to investigate price discrimination, and unfair competition, Granholm asked that the state adopt federal wording authorizing her to review, anti-trust questions, adopt legislation that would "level the playing field" between independents and franchisees when purchasing gas from wholesalers, create a state gas price database to allow the government to monitor gas price changes statewide, and to increase storage capacity for gas supplies.

Gosselin said he was surprised at the requests from Granholm for increased storage capacity, saying he expected environmental concerns would likely be raised.

Both Gosselin and Raczkowski contended that the Attorney General has all the authority needed now to look into rise prices without need for further legislation.

Mother, son remember journey through cancer together

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when I was 26 and I thought there has to be more time than that. Yes, the transplant is high-dosage chemotherapy, and it could kill you, but you try not to think about that. You think about it killing the cancer."

Melnyre said she wanted to get across those in similar situations that the best that can be done in to show be song for the patient, do what you can to make the patient comfortable, and let the medication take its course.

"When the doctor said that [Larry] could die in three to five years if no treatment was given, that was the worst he told us," Melnyre said. "When I was alone I was feeling bad. And you cry but you work through your emotions. But one thing about Larry is that he's a very positive person. And not one day did I ever see Larry feel sorry for himself, or a we never saw him show that emotion."

Melnyre said she hoped she can give inspiration to those going through similar situations by speaking in Livonia.

"A caregiver's perspective is different from a patient," Marveen said. "You still have work responsibilities. You have responsibilities at home. And for me it was all about a balance. From taking care of my son to doing my work and taking care of my home. I think I managed it pretty well. I hope that some of the things I learned, and activity that I took part in will help somebody else keep that balance and that is what I'll be there for."

Melnyre and Gambotto are slated to speak between 12:45 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. The forum is expected to begin at about 10 a.m. after the registration at 9:30 p.m.

The forum will also host the debut of the film "The New Normal: Life After Bone Marrow/Stem Cell Transplant," a remarkable story of six survivors and their caregivers — five of whom are from Michigan.

Displays will be provided by The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Gillet's Club and My Friends Care, who raise money for worthy patients in need of financial help all over Michigan.

The National Bone Marrow Transplant Line is a non-profit organization committed to reducing the burdens of those challenged by bone marrow stem cell transplant through education and support.

For more information, or to register for the forum, call (248) 358-1886 or e-mail nbtlink@aol.com.

Remember to provide your name, phone number and people attending. Lunch will be provided to those who pre-register.

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Maybury State Park

The following programs are offered at Maybury State Park this June and July. All programs are free however, a state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry to the park. Maybury is located on Eight Mile Road one mile west of Deck Road in Northville Township. For more information about the park, call (248) 349-8390. For program information, call (248) 349-3858.

- Annual Dairy Day**
Maybury Farm's annual Dairy Day is on June 16 beginning at 2 p.m. Meet in the visitor center classroom to learn about dairy animals and how milk is processed from farm to table. Try your hand at churning butter and making ice cream.
- Summer Evening Serles**
It's time again for Maybury's "Summer Evening Serles" each Thursday at 7 p.m. beginning June 21. Each week we'll explore a different topic from Maybury's natural or cultural history with hikes and slide programs. Call the park for more details on weekly topics.
- Kids' Hike: "All About Birds"**
Join us for "All About Birds," a special program for children and their families on June 23 at 11 a.m. We'll take a look at nests, eggs and feathers, then take a hike to look and listen for birds at Maybury. Meet in the visitor center classroom at the farm.
- Hay is for Horses** Storytime
It's time for another great storytime program for kids. "Hay is for Horses" will be presented on Saturday, July 7 at 11 a.m. in the visitor center classroom at Maybury Farm. Join in for stories about horses, followed by a short activity.
- Summer Grain Harvest**
Maybury Farm will present its annual "Summer Grain Harvest" on July 14 at 2 p.m. in the visitor center classroom. Learn about the harvesting of small grains, try your hand at various methods of processing grain including winnowing, fanning, shelling and grinding. Find out about some of the interesting historical customs related to growing oats, wheat and rye while making a "corn dolly" to take home.
- Kids Hike: "Creepy Crawlies"**
Join the "Creepy Crawlies," a monthly hike for children and their families on July 21 at 11 a.m. We'll walk the trails at Maybury to look for the "very small" in the world around us, including insects, spiders, snails, and other little creatures. Meet in the visitor center classroom at the farm.
- Summer Night Hike**
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Semi-naked man has multitude of charges

A Walled Lake woman said that while she was walking through the West Oaks Shopping Center parking lot, a male subject drove up beside her and asked her for directions while masturbating in his car.

Police News

According to the police report, the woman heard the man ask where the Hudson's was around 4 p.m. on June 14.

When she turned around to look down at the man sitting in his vehicle, she noticed he was performing a sex act.

The woman rushed into a local business inside the shopping center and called police. Security spotted the man's vehicle turning southbound onto Novi Road heading toward the freeway.

Novi police picked up the man's vehicle as it was about to turn onto the eastbound I-66 freeway and pulled the car over after it made its turn.

The officer ordered the man, who was wearing only a black t-shirt and had his shorts down around his ankles exposing his genitals, to step out of the car.

When the man exited the car, his buttocks was fully exposed to passing vehicles, according to the report. Officers ordered the man to pull his pants up.

After the suspect agreed to his car being searched, the K-9 unit was brought in. Novi police dog "Colonel" was able to locate a suspected marijuana pipe in the console.

The man was placed into custody until bond was posted. The suspect was also charged with driving with

a suspended license. The man had eight previous suspended license charges against him.

The man was cited for driving on a suspended license and possession of drug paraphernalia. The exposure victim was not sure if she wanted to press charges at that time.

CVS STUNG
CVS pharmacy on Fourteen Mile was the latest establishment caught in a sting after police sent a decoy in to buy beer on June 11 around 5:15 p.m.

According to the report, the decoy was sent into the store, pulled out a six pack of Miller Genuine Draft beer from the cooler and placed it on the counter.

When the clerk asked, "What are you, 22?" the decoy said "No" but the sale continued anyway.

The clerk accepted the \$6 from the decoy and gave back the change. After receiving a citation for furnishing liquor to a minor, the clerk was issued a date to appear in 82-1 District Court in Novi.

The six pack, minus one beer bottle that was broken and empty at the time of sale, was put into evidence.

CVS was the second establishment within the city of Novi who was cited for liquor control viola-

tions. Police have cited JW's Sports Club, 24555 Novi Road, for liquor control violations after an employee of the bar sold alcohol to an underage police decoy on June 4.

CREDIT CARD FRAUD
A Novi man has been hounded by collection agencies after someone stole his identity and over the past year has had \$5,567.46 rung up on one credit card.

The man came into the Novi police station on June 12 to make an additional report, in addition to the report he made last August on identity theft.

The victim told police that credit card bureaus have been calling his home and demanding payment, according to the police report filed.

According to police, to pursue the issue, the man must also file a police report in the cities where the fraud took place no matter where that may be.

WALLED LAKE ANGRY PARTNERS
A 35-year-old Mayabe woman was cited for trespassing June 13 when she refused to leave the home of a 29-year-old man in the 1400 block of Harbor in Walled Lake.

The man pulled out a rifle although he didn't threaten her or

her with a digital camera. She walked in and noticed him putting the photos into the computer. She said he became angry when she asked him what he was doing.

Police took the unloaded rifle away for safe keeping.

The woman agreed to leave but she became uncooperative in the police car. She refused to take a breathalyzer test. She became even more uncooperative at the station and refused to get out of the patrol

car. She refused booking procedures and was lodged over night pending sobriety.

WEED LADEN
A 22-year-old Walled Lake woman was detained on June 12 after police stopped her on Ladd Road in Walled Lake and found a bag of marijuana in her car.

The woman said the marijuana

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SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

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Novi Meadows Elementary

Flowers Come Into Bloom



Illustration above by: Laura Mocha, sixth grade.

Reflections of self



Drawing by: Amber Aschwarden, sixth grade.



Drawing by: Litng Chen, sixth grade.



Illustration above by: Emma Niendorf, sixth grade.

Students celebrate black history



Sixth grade students (above) at Novi Meadows showcase their research projects during their "Black History Hall of Fame." During this evening families were invited to come meet these famous African Americans in full costume and find out more about them. Each historical figure presented a monologue when a visitor came to their station. The students also had all of their work from the unit on display.

NOVI MEADOWS INFO

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25345 Fair Road
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Principal:
John Ballis

Grades:
5-6

SCHOOL PROFILE

Novi Meadows is an upper elementary school serving grades five and six with an enrollment of 376 students. Novi Meadows is located in Novi on Fair Road between 10 and 11 Mile.

During the 1999-2000 school year, extensive renovation to Novi Meadows occurred, resulting in the re-creation of a fifth grade house and a sixth grade house connected by an instructional technology facility. The renovation cost over \$9.5 million and over 152,000 square feet of space was revamped.

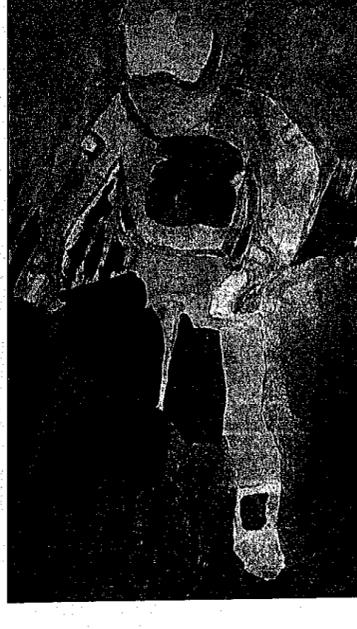
Headed by principal Tim Falls, the school includes state-of-the-art instructional areas, media center, physical education and fine arts areas, and a telecommunications system. All classrooms have e-mail and Internet accessibility, as well as voice communications and two-way interactive video within and between district buildings. Each house has its own cafeteria, gymnasium, media center, a full computer lab, and a commons area. In the Instructional Technology Center there is a large forum area for grade level assemblies.

Novi Meadows provides an academic program congruent with state and national standards with flexible options to support all learners. A Learning Enrichment Activities Program (LEAP) for gifted, an English as a Second Language (ESL) program, reading support, and counseling services are designed to meet the individual needs of our students. A continuum of programs and service options is available to meet the needs of our students.

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Poetry of the Holocaust



Train Ride to Sorrow

By: Melissa Levoska

Here we are on a cattle car riding, and riding on,
Getting bumped and thumped around like old raggedy dolls on the way to the dump.
I have been standing and standing until I can stand no more.
My stomach is aching while my thighs are breaking.

Here we are!
Finally I can sit down!
Thank the world I am here!
Two months have past,
I now hate this place.
Everyday I plead to leave.
"Oh God, please take me home."

Torture

By: Matt Schaffer

Concentration camps are torture and nothing else. The miserable fools work us down to dusk. We live in filthy conditions, sleep on dirt floors, and eat disgusting food that is covered with who knows what! The way those ruthless Nazis treat us is unthinkable. They torture us then kill us like children kill bugs. We are no more than puppets to them. They use us then kill us.

There is no hope, but if you don't have any you'll be next to go. I can barely remember happy thoughts but those few happy things are fuel that keeps me going. Freedom seems so far to reach, but I will not give in. I will not die.

The above are two poems taken from Mrs. Jeanne Dial's 5th grade class. The poems are part of their study on the Holocaust, which also included a guest speaker from a Holocaust survivor and a study of the novel, "Number the Stars" by Lois Lowry.

Crawford says no to raises

By RANDAL YAKY
Staff Writer

When elected last year, County Commissioner Hugh Crawford (R-Now) said he was a Republican but he also said that he was his own man and would vote in accordance. Last Thursday, he kept his word.

Crawford went against the majority by voting 'No' on raises for county executives.

"I didn't like the process," Crawford said. "It should have been part of the budget. I mean, it's a drop in the bucket as far as taxes are concerned but I still didn't like the way it went. It should have been up for (more) discussion."

Raises for six went into effect on June 15 for county executive L. Brooks Patterson, treasurer C. Hugh Dohany, Oakland County prosecutor David Gorceya, sheriff Michael Bouchard, drain commissioner John McCulloch and

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County Commissioner Hugh Crawford (R-Now)

clerk G. William Caddell. The vote was 17-4 in favor of giving the raises.

"Like I said during the election, I'm my own man," Crawford said. "I said I'd look at the facts. I decided to vote 'No'."

According to the Oakland County Department of Budget and Finance, the current \$140 million payroll would increase by an estimated \$74,000.

Patterson's pay will go from \$139,221 to \$151,221. Gorceya's will increase from \$120,339 to \$130,688, with Dohany, Bouchard, McCulloch

and Caddell's pay jumping from \$107,136 to \$116,353.

Voting against the pay raises were John Garfield (R-Rochester), Ruel McPherson (D-Hazel Park), Tim Melton (D-Auburn Hills) and Crawford.

The county finance committee approved the raises two weeks ago. The same officials received a 4 percent increase in pay last October when the new budget was put in place.

County officials will work on their new budget this July, which could have provision for additional pay increases for county employees across the board that would go into effect this coming October.

Randal Yaky is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at ryaky@ht.homecomm.net or 349-1700, ext. 105.

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Relay For Life remembers loved ones and survivors

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Novi Middle School teacher and cancer survivor Michelle Galecka will be celebrating her second chance at life this weekend by participating in the American Cancer Society's annual Relay For Life.

Diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease at the age of 18, Galecka, who has been in remission for over six years, is hoping to join other members of the community to celebrate survivorship and remember those lost.

"It's a wonderful way to unite with the community," she said. "Cancer has touched so many people and this is a great way to reflect on how it has affected our lives."

New in its second year with the city of Novi, the 24 hour fundraising event will be held

Saturday, June 23 at Novi Middle School.

Relay For Life is a community-based event designed to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. The money is used to fund cancer research and local education and community outreach programs.

Last year, the Relay For Life held in Novi raised over \$30,000 and brought over 170 people in the rally against cancer.

"The Novi area has shown tremendous enthusiasm for this event and we are looking forward to another great relay this year," said Barb Iovan, Community Development Director for the American Cancer Society in Southeast Michigan.

On the day of the event, teams of people from all over the county, including 19 communities

in metro Detroit, gather at school or community football fields, fairgrounds or parks to raise these life-saving funds.

"Cancer is one of the biggest health issues facing Americans today," Iovan said. "Relay For Life is very meaningful and proactive, and when the cure for cancer is found, people will look back on this event."

Teams of friends, families, and co-workers take turns walking, jogging or running laps, keeping at least one representative of their team on the track at all times.

While team members take turns engaging in the relay, camping members can enjoy entertainment, food, and games.

Kicking off the relay is a victory lap of cancer survivors around the track. And as the

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Barb Iovan, American Cancer Society

sun goes down, luminaries line the track in remembrance of those touched by cancer and remind participants of the incredible importance of their contribution.

Iovan said they would love to see as many people from the community attend as possible, "even if it's just for an hour."

She added that the event raises awareness for the many programs and services we offer throughout the greater area.

Relay For Life, which runs from 10 a.m. Saturday to 10 a.m. Sunday, has already received commitment from local teams such as Galecka's middle school team, AT&T, Holy Cross Family Church, Novi Library, NHS Pom Pon, NHS Cross Country, NHS Color Guard, and teams from Village Oaks and Parkview Elementary.

As the American Cancer Society's national signature event, Relay For Life is the most successful non-profit event in the country raising over \$169 million last year alone.

"Relay For Life is a 'community hug' from the American Cancer Society and provides hope, progress, and answers in the fight against cancer."

If you are interested in forming a team or would like to receive more information about Relay For Life in Novi, please call Iovan at (248) 657-3553, or just face up your tennis shoes and come to the middle school located on 11 Mile Road, between Tall and Wixom.

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W.L. teachers join Galileo project

By DIANE DEMPSEY DEEL
 Staff Writer

A group of Walled Lake teachers will have the opportunity to gain additional professional skills as they take part in the 2001-2002 Galileo Leadership Consortium.

The consortium, a leadership development program, is devoted to teaching professionals how to be effective leaders. They also teach them how to make their organizations a better place with the help of educational leaders who instruct them to achieve their goals.

Lauren Childs, the liaison for Walled Lake, said she went through the leadership training program in 1997 through 1999.

"I was part of the first cadre of leaders," Childs said. "It was a tremendous experience."

She wanted to participate because she had just finished her doctorate and she wanted to continue intellectual work.

Laura Stout, a former Walled Lake liaison, agreed that it's a great program to further professional leadership skills.

She said even though she is no longer involved, she enjoyed the program and she is still somewhat active.

"It's a very interesting program," Stout said.

It is funded by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation and by the schools

that are involved in the program. Novi, Northville, Farmington, Livonia and Southfield make up the school districts that are part of the consortium. Oakland Community College and Schoolcraft College and two regional educational service agencies in southeastern Michigan also are part of the leadership-training consortium.

"It's an academy that consists of weekend workshops, which all take part over a two-year period," Stout said. "What they do is take part in initiative and project programs that they take back to their own school districts."

The program is designed to give teachers the support they need to become ideal professionals who are ready to learn as well as lead.

They will be instructed how to develop strategies and skills to create some type of positive change, which will make learning more effective.

The teachers will also learn how to build skills that will enable them to develop powerful teaching and leadership and how to establish changes in the school to promote better student learning and focus on their achievement.

The program teaches the leadership trainees how to develop better communication skills, which will live on in the classroom and how

to have supportive colleagues.

Childs said the program promotes self confidence that they can take back to the classroom and to their colleagues. It also gives them a better understanding of how school districts work and how they can be an active in it.

It's a fourteen-semester program over a two-year period, which is followed by on-going participation in change initiatives in each school that is involved.

Childs said the program has been successful from the start and the teachers who will be participating this year and next, will gain from the experience.

"It has been a tremendous opportunity for districts to connect and network," Childs said.

Stout agreed.

"I think it's a very highly regarded project," Stout said. "It's a well-thought-out program."

The teachers' really enjoy the experience.

"Not only are they delighted to be chosen, but they feel they have benefited in many significant ways," Stout said.

MADD hosts picnic in Novi

The Oakland County Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and County 99.5 radio will be providing good old fashioned family fun on June 23 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at its first pre-Independence Day "Great American Picnic" (GAP).

MADD and County 99.5 are extending an invitation to all local-area families to join in this community-oriented event, hosted by the city of Novi at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road in Novi. Similar GAP picnics across the nation will be held in celebration of local safety and prevention efforts.

This fun-filled picnic will feature games and activities geared toward the enjoyment of the entire family. Carnival games, sea-serpent, climbing wall, dunk tank, puppet show, sports mobile and teen mobile for the kids. Craft show, classic car show and live entertainment for the adults. The Novi police and fire departments, as well as the Oakland County Sheriff's Department will have hands-on equipment displays and hand outs. Ice cream, root beer, pop corn, hot dogs, cinnamon roasted nuts and other food and beverages will be offered.

Live entertainment will include the Novi Senior Chuggers, Roxanne's Dance Studio Dancers, and the "Twee-M's." The main attraction of the day is Matt King-A Tribute to Elvis with the Wally Gibson TCB Band, who will be performing from noon-2:30 p.m.

In addition, the city of Novi and MADD will be presenting "Hallowed Ground," featuring the work of Bill Sampson, an artist from Marquette. This very impact-

ful exhibition, located in the Arboretum of the Civic Center, will display photographs of road-side memorials in and around Michigan and the stories of the people who died there.

"Our first MADD Great American Picnic will provide the ideal setting for having a good time with family and friends, while raising local awareness for MADD's efforts to stop drunk driving and preventing underage drinking during this pivotal time for summer celebrations," said Carole Ravocchio, chapter president and coordinator of this year's event. "We are looking forward to spending the day with so many families and groups from the tri-county area."

One of the goals of the Great American Picnic is to get more people involved in preventing impaired driving and underage drinking across the nation.

MADD realizes that awareness is a powerful weapon in the war on drunk driving, a war that needlessly claimed the lives of 15,786 people in 1999 - 641 killed and 11,830 injured in the state of Michigan. However, since MADD's founding in 1980, alcohol-related traffic deaths have decreased by more than 60 percent - a feat largely attributable to MADD's public awareness campaigns and initiatives. MADD continues to elevate community awareness about this violent crime through events such as the Great American Picnic.

For more information on MADD or the Great American Picnic, contact MADD Oakland County, (248) 623-6233 or visit MADD's national Website at www.madd.org.

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS INFRARED ACTIVATED, DATA-ENCODED, TRAFFIC SIGNAL PRIORITY CONTROL SYSTEM

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Infrared Activated, Data-Encoded, Traffic Signal Priority Control System according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375-3024, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

CITY OF NOVI
 CAROL J. KALINOVK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR
 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.,
 Novi, MI 48375-3024

All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED "Infrared Activated, Data-Encoded, Traffic Signal Priority Control System" BID

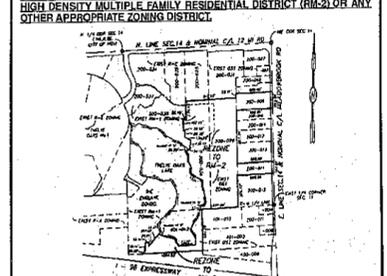
AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER. The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informality or both; to reject any or all proposals; and in general to make the award of the contract in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

CAROL J. KALINOVK,
 PURCHASING DIRECTOR
 (248) 347-0446

(6-21-01 NR, NN 1053585)

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 11, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider ZONING MAP AMENDMENT, 18.265 FOR POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR REZONING ON PROPERTY LOCATED SOUTH OF TWELVE MILE ROAD AND WEST OF MEADOWBROOK ROAD FROM OFFICE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY DISTRICT TO HIGH DENSITY MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (RM-2.0) OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE ZONING DISTRICT.



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning and Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 11, 2001.

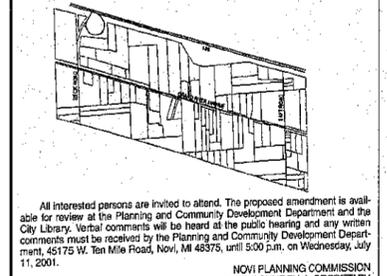
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Please note: The notices are being published pursuant to PA 285 of 1951 (Municipal Planning Act).



All interested persons are invited to attend. The proposed amendment is available for review at the Planning and Community Development Department and the City Library. Verbal comments will be heard at the public hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning and Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375, until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 11, 2001.

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AN ORDINANCE TO ADD ARTICLE 10A TO ORDINANCE NO. 97-48, THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE; TO ADD THE DESIGNATION FOR THE EXO "EXPOSITION OVERLAY" DISTRICT TO THE SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS CONTAINED WITHIN SECTION 2400 OF SAID ORDINANCE; TO AMEND FOOTNOTE (N) TO THE SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS CONTAINED WITHIN SECTION 2400 OF SAID ORDINANCE, RELATING TO OFF-STREET PARKING; TO AMEND SUBSECTION 2507.3 OF SAID ORDINANCE, RELATING TO OFF-STREET LOADING AND UNLOADING; TO AMEND SUBPARTS 2509.6 AND 2509.8 OF SAID ORDINANCE, RELATING TO BERMING AND LANDSCAPING; AND TO AMEND SUBSECTION 2519 OF SAID ORDINANCE, RELATING TO "EXPOSITION OVERLAY" ZONING DISTRICT, WHICH IS INTENDED TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN EXPOSITION, CONFERENCE, AND CONVENTION CENTER, AND SUPPORTING USES, IN AN APPROPRIATE AREA OF THE CITY.

All interested persons are invited to attend. The proposed ordinance is available for review at the Planning and Community Development Department. Verbal comments will be heard at the public hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning and Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375, until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 11, 2001.

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
 ROBERT CHURELLA, SECRETARY

(6-21-01 NR/NN 1053582)

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS DIGITAL SWITCHER

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Digital Switcher according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375-3024, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

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 CAROL J. KALINOVK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR
 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.,
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AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER. The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informality or both; to reject 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. KALINOVK,
 PURCHASING DIRECTOR
 (248) 347-0446

(6-21-01 NR, NN 1053586)

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 01-025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Agora Parthenon Taverna is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a tent for outdoor service for food and drink at 45317 Grand River Avenue from July 25 through July 29, 2001. A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit.

This request will be considered at 3:15 p.m. on July 5, 2001, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to July 5, 2001.

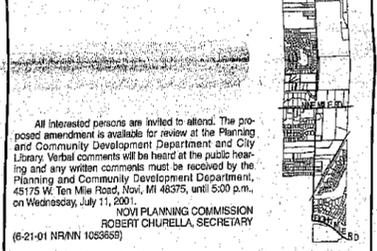
C. J. GILBRETH,
 BUILDINGS PERMIT COORDINATOR
 (248) 347-0415

(6-21-01 NR, NN 1053581)

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Neighborhood paving projects will start soon in Novi

By RANDAL YAYEY
Staff Writer

Ah, summer. With the advent of summer comes hot asphalt and scores of road workers and they are all coming to a neighborhood near you.

With council approval at the June 4 council meeting, Village Oaks subdivisions along with a number of miscellaneous "problem areas" will begin to see the work trucks begin to appear.

Novi City Council approved the \$813,317 for the paving of the Village Oaks, the Taft Road bike path plus miscellaneous road improvements in the city this summer.

It is expected to cost the city an estimated \$645,653 to pave the Village Oaks Subdivision. The next largest expenditure is for the Willowbrook subdivision on Beck Road with \$116,315

worth of repairs.

"The (contractors) will make their submissions to the city engineers, then the city attorney, and at that point, work can begin," Novi director of public services Anthony Nowicki said.

The Village Oaks project could begin as soon as next week, according to the Department of Public Works.

There is also \$27,802 of work to be done on the Village Wood and Cranbrook Road shoulder. The Taft Road bike path is expected to cost an estimated \$78,464. Improvements along the Beck Road corridors are in the \$138,030 range.

Village Wood/Cranbrook and the Beck Road improvements were awarded to Angelo Iafra Construction Co. and Village Oaks and the Taft bike path will go to Cadillac Asphalt, Cadillac

Asphalt is based in Novi and Angelo Iafra Construction is a Warren-based company.

The miscellaneous work will be done on "small" projects have been called in by residents or noted by Department of Public

(DPW) works employees.

Novi City Council approved the bid process at the May 7 city council meeting. The projects are part of the \$1.08 million road bond projects for 2000 Roadway passed by voters in

November. Estimated \$5.4 million will be spent on neighborhood roads over the next five years.

Future projects to be identified via a Pavement Management System.

Randal Yayey is a staff writer for the Novi News. His e-mail address is ryayey@home.com.net. He can be reached by phone at 1-(248)-349-1700 ext. 105.

Police Briefs Cont'd

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was not hers. Police discovered that she had \$592 in different denominations in her pockets.

She was taken into the station where she agreed to have her apartment searched. Police found more marijuana and weighing and drug manufacturing devices in the apartment.

The case is still open pending warrant review.

WIXOM SAFE PRACTICE

On Sunday, June 17, a stolen box of condoms caused a young teen to flee the CVS pharmacy on N. Wixom Road.

Store employees said the suspect, described as a 17-year-old male, purchased a greeting card and as he attempted to leave through the exit doors, the magnetic alarm sounded. At this time, the suspect dropped a box of condoms which he had concealed and fled on foot.

The man, who was wearing a blue button down shirt, tan pants, and a ball cap, was last seen west bound on Charms Road.

VANDAL

On Thursday, June 14 at around 5 a.m., a security officer at Meijer found a man vandalizing a jeep in the parking lot.

The security guard was leaving for the day when she heard a noise and approached a male subject next to a white Jeep Cherokee. When she asked the subject what he was doing, he replied, "Go ahead and take my number, what are you going to do about it?"

The subject finished keying and gouging the vehicle, then entered a red Jeep Cherokee and drove out of the parking lot.

The security officer looked at the vehicle as it drove away and observed that it had no license plate.

A customer that had just exited the store and observed the incident, followed the vehicle to the Meijer gas station where the suspect looked up a small trailer to his jeep and drove off on Grand

FREE GASOLINE

On Friday, June 8, a green Ford pickup with mag wheels left a \$48 tab at the Marathon gas station on N. Wixom Road.

The vehicle who left without payment, was last seen southbound on Wixom Road.

PUMP WITHOUT PAY

Another "pump without pay" incident happened on June 15, this time at a Mobil gas station.

The driver of a red Ford Ranger pumped \$26 into his vehicle and drove away, heading northbound on S. Wixom Road.

The cashier was able to get the plate number which came back stolen belonging on a different vehicle. The suspect driver was described as a thin, 18-year-old male with blond hair, about 5'3".

The listed plate was reported stolen off a 2001 Ford pickup to a subject, off of Meadows Circle in Wixom.

HELLO, FOR FREE

A Village Apartments resident stated that last month, someone entered his residence and used his telephone to make over a dozen calls to 900 numbers, totaling \$176.

The 25-year-old man said at the time the calls were made, he was at work and his wife was at school. No one else has a key to the apartment.

The apartment had been scheduled for maintenance between the 23-25 of May. Complainant believes maintenance personnel entered his apartment and used the phone. The resident filed a report with the management, who is checking into it.

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Fire Log

Monday, June 11
Medical, 24141 Elizabeth Lane, 6:26 a.m., Squad 4.
Service, Eight Mile/Haggerty, 7:28 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 40000 High Pointe, 8:51 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 45182 W. Park, 8:53 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 27475 Huron Circle, 10:10 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 24062 Taft Road, 11:24 a.m., Squad 3.
Fire alarm, 43455 Ten Mile Road, 9:25 p.m., Engine 3.
Fire alarm, 25082 Newberry, 3:29 p.m., Engine 1.
Wire down, 24660 Taft Road, 5:23 p.m., Engine 1.

Tuesday, June 12
Wire down, Ten Mile/Dinsler, 12:33 a.m., Engine 4.
Medical, 22413 Cranbrooke, 5:06 a.m., Squad 3.
Wires down, 1935 W. Lake, 9:11 a.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 439750 Grand River, 12:42 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 27414 Novi Road, 2:42 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 27500 Novi Road, 4:11 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, Thirteen Mile/M-5, 6:27 p.m., Squad 2.
Wires down, 1322 East Lake, 7:38 p.m., Engine 2.
Car fire, Novi/Grand River, 11:01 p.m., Engine 1.

Wednesday, June 13
House fire, 21944 Pleadilly, 2:18 a.m., Engines 3, 1.
Medical, Nine Mile/Novi Road, 7:35 a.m., Squad 3.
Personal injury accident, 1-96/Novi Road, 8:03 a.m., Squad 1.
Investigation, 43420 Twelve Mile Road, 12:31 p.m., Response 508.
Medical, Ten Mile/Meadowbrook, 12:55 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, Lakeshore Park, 1:04 p.m., Squad 2.
Car fire, 1-96/Novi Road, 3:17 p.m., Engine 1.
Fuel spill, 45200 Grand River, 3:38 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 41288 Llewellyn Court, 8 p.m., Squad 3.
Fire alarm, 43055 Crescent, 9:10 p.m., Engines 1, 2.

Thursday, June 14
Wires down, Twelve Mile/Novi Road, 7:25 a.m., Engine 1.
Fire alarm, Novi Road/West Oaks, 7:50 a.m., Engines 4, 2.
Medical, 41288 Llewellyn, 8:31 a.m., Squad 3.
Fire alarm, 43045 Nine Mile Road, 10:53 a.m., Engine 3.
Medical, 27475 Huron Circle, 4:42 p.m., Squad 1.
Personal injury accident, Twelve Mile/Novi Road, 5:23 p.m., Engine 1, Squad 1.
Gas leak, 1735 East Lake, 6:17 p.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 26243 Louisiana, 7:47 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 26903 Cornada, 7:53 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 44490 Eleven Mile Road, 8:49 p.m., Squad 1.
Personal injury accident, Taft/Ten Mile Road, 9:06 p.m., Squad 4.
Fire alarm, 23687 Stonehenge, 9:29 p.m., Engine 3.
Medical, 39455 Ten Mile Road, 10:16 p.m., Squad 3.

Friday, June 15
Fire alarm, 45200 Grand River, 5:10 a.m., Engines 1, 4.
Chemical spill, 42115 Park Ridge, 6:32 a.m., Engine 1.
Oil spill, Nine Mile/Novi Road, 10:46 a.m., Engine 1, Squad 1.
Medical, 29701 Carousel, 1:39 p.m., Squad 2.
Personal injury accident, Ten Mile/Novi Road, 1:51 p.m., Squads 1, 3.
Medical, 24460 Millstream, 3:51 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 45033 Pontiac Trail, 4:11 p.m., Squad 2.
Fire alarm, 45235 Courtview, 6 p.m., Engine 3.
Arcing wires, 41575 Woodland Creek, 6:07 p.m., Engine 3.
Wires down, 23711 Meadowbrook, 6:12 p.m., Squad 3.
Arcing wires, Nine Mile/Taft Road, 6:22 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 50395 Ten Mile Road, 7:26 p.m., Squad 4.

Saturday, June 16
Fire alarm, 45200 Grand River, 4:32 a.m., Engines 1, 4.
Medical, 31016 Beachwalk, 8:03 a.m., Squad 1.
Service, 27475 Huron Circle, 11:30 a.m., Squad 1.
Personal injury accident, Ten Mile/Taft, 12:31 a.m., Squad 4.
Fuel spill, Twelve Oaks Parking, 2:30 p.m., Engine 1.
Investigation, 29782 Pierre, 5:25 p.m., Engine 2.
Service, 27475 Huron Circle, 7:51 p.m., Squad 1.
Trash fire, 315 Duana, 10:08 p.m., Engine 2.

Sunday, June 17
Medical, 24997 Fairway Hills, 6:13 a.m., Squad 2.
Fire alarm, 43635 West Oaks, 6:35 a.m., Engines 1, 2.
Medical, 40800 Thirteen Mile Road, 11:33 a.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 40000 High Pointe, 1:34 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 43640 Wendling, 3:09 p.m., Squad 3.
Investigation, 41835 Ridge Road, 11:05 p.m., Engine 1.

Monday, June 18
Medical, 45747 Lakeview, 1:25 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 45182 W. Park, 8:39 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 42017 Loganberry, 11:27 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, Grand River/Fountain Park, 1:07 p.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, 43500 Gen-Mar, 2 p.m., Engines 1, 3.
Medical, 41386 Llewellyn, 2:04 p.m., Squad 3.
Fire alarm, 45182 W. Park, 3:01 p.m., Engines 2, 1.
Medical, 26206 Kentucky, 9:31 p.m., Squad 4.

Tuesday, June 19
Medical, 23052 Enlishore, 1:25 a.m., Squad 3.
Service, 24300 Karin, 9:02 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, Ten Mile/Taft, 10:24 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 45182 W. Park, 10:58 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, Meadowbrook/Ten Mile Road, 1:53 p.m., Squad 1.

Wednesday, June 20
Medical, 247 Wainwright, 1:17 a.m., Squad 2.
Fire alarm, 49000 Eleven Mile Road, 9:28 a.m., Engines 4, 3.
Service, 14625 Hardeer, 11:19 a.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 47801 Grand River, 12:23 p.m., Squad 4.
Trash fire, 28640 Beck Road, 1:04 p.m., Engine 4.
Medical, 21111 Haggerty, 3:33 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 26750 Novi Road, 4:16 p.m., Squad 1.
House fire, 21320 Woodland Glen, 5:59 p.m., Engines 3, 1.
Medical, 29535 English Way, 6:42 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 119 Ricford, 9:07 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 29916 Bolkau, 9:21 p.m., Squad 2.

Thursday, June 21
Trash fire, 44485 Grand River, 12:08 p.m., Engine 1.
Personal injury accident, 1-96/I-696, 1:10 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 41840 Ten Mile Road, 1:37 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 42524 Violet, 3:04 p.m., Squad 4.
Fire alarm, 43045 Nine Mile Road, 3:15 p.m., Engines 3, 1.
Fire alarm, 42600 Eleven Mile Road, 3:16 p.m., Engines 1, 4.
Wires down, Nine Mile/Venture Drive, 3:40 p.m., Engine 3.
Medical, 40000 High Pointe, 5:49 p.m., Squad 3.
Fire alarm, Eleven Mile/Crescent, 8:53 p.m., Engines 1, 2.
Medical, 42051 Ridge Road, 10:13 p.m., Squad 1.

Friday, June 22
Medical, 26500 Arena, 9:34 a.m., Squad 3.
Fuel spill, Novi/West Oaks, 1:15 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, Twelve Oaks/Twelve Mile Road, 3:43 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, Ten Mile/Beck, 6:37 p.m., Squad 4.
Personal injury accident, Haggerty/Eight Mile Road, 7:50 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 25549 Taft Road, 8:42 p.m., Squad 4.

Saturday, June 23
Personal injury accident, Eight Mile/Haggerty, 1:21 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 45797 Taft Road, 6:40 a.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 41160 Thirteen Mile Road, 9:33 a.m., Squads 2, 1.
Medical, 45182 W. Park, 1:52 p.m., Squad 2.
Personal injury accident, Ten Mile/Beck Road, 2:30 p.m., Squad 4.
Personal injury accident, Grand River/Meadowbrook, 3:16 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 41069 Mallot, 8:09 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 43150 Grand River, 8:11 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 8:36 p.m., Squad 3.
Trash fire, Andry/Montmorency, 9:54 p.m., Engine 2.
Trash fire, Summit/Twelve Mile Road, 10:19 p.m., Engine 1.
Fire alarm, 27000 Sheraton, 11:09 p.m., Engines 1, 4.

Sunday, June 24
Medical, 1331 S. Lake, 12:18 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 24062 Taft Road, 2:24 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, Ten Mile/Beck, 8:28 a.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 47281 Sunnybrook, 9:27 a.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 24505 Meadowbrook, 11:05 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 45182 W. Park, 11:28 a.m., Squad 2.
Service, 29782 Pierre, 2:52 p.m., Squad 2.
Wires down, 41801 Aspen, 2:57 p.m., Engine 3.
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Medical, 24141 Elizabeth, 11:23 p.m., Squad 4.

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Students explore Japanese culture

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Orchard Hills Elementary first graders looked down at their Japanese kinomos and marveled over the beautiful colors and unusual designs.

As part of their study unit on the world, in which students examine different cultures and countries, the students celebrated Japanese Day on June 6.

With the help of over 20 Japanese mothers, the students learned all about the customs and traditions of Japan, engaging in a number of fun activities such as origami, Japanese games, painting, eating habits, learning how to say "hello" and "good-bye," engaging in Japanese storytelling and wearing Japanese costumes.

"We have a very large Japanese student population here, some 60 students and families, and this is a wonderful way for our students to learn about the Japanese culture,"

said art teacher Emily Samuels. Samuels, who spent a month in Japan as part of the Rotary Club's Group Study Exchange Program, said Japanese Day was a way for her to share her own experiences and at the same time enrich the minds of her students.

"It was my goal when I came back to expose my students to the Japanese culture and way of life," Samuels said.

First graders Leah Shaheen and Allison Wick said the event was both fun and educational.

"This has been tons of fun," Wick said. "We've learned a lot about life in Japan - how they sit, how they eat. We've got to learn about some of the games and toys from there and even got to dress up in kimonos."

Classmates Krystal Odis and Alex Davis said the kimonos are extremely expensive and only worn for special occasions like weddings and holidays.

"The girls looked fine, but the boys looked bad in the dresses,"

Davis laughed.

The students said they learned a great deal about Japan and found that Japanese students change shoes when they come to school the most fascinating.

"They have indoor shoes and outdoors shoes, so they don't get the floors dirty," Odis explained.

With the help of volunteer and parent Katsuko Ogino, the students discovered how to make rice and seaweed rolls - which the students thoroughly enjoyed eating.

"They're really good," said 7-year-old Max Alestra, before showing the last morsel into his mouth.

Ogino also demonstrated the use of chopsticks, which posed quite a challenge to most first graders. However for 7-year-olds Gabriela Baldovino and Miki Wazara, the task was a cinch, since both use chopsticks at home everyday.

Samuels said the event even helped some of her Japanese students come out of their shells a bit - as they assisted American students in reciting hello and good-bye and showed them how to spell their names in Japanese.

Throughout the rest of the day, the students engaged in origami and played games like the Japanese version of rock, paper, scissors.

Samuels said she is glad that the students had fun, but more importantly, was happy they gained a deeper insight into another culture.

"It's important to expose children to other cultures at a young age," she said, "to further their perceptions on the world and make them appreciate others for their unique differences."



First grade students at Orchard Hills Elementary dress up in kimonos, as part of their exploration on Japanese culture.

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'We're not cheaters,' educators tell state lawmakers

By MIKE MALOTT
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"We're not cheaters" was the message dozens of superintendents sent to state lawmakers at a hearing on the MEAP test Thursday, June 14, in Lansing.

And despite a "sincere" apology from state Treasurer Doug Roberts for releasing the names of 71 schools where "irregularities" were spotted in MEAP test answers, educators say the damage has already been done.

"I am here today to sincerely apologize for the way this issue has unfolded," Roberts said at the outset of a special joint meeting of the Senate and House Education committees.

"Obviously, it was never the state's intention that schools, teachers and students be subjected to what was essentially an indictment of their integrity. I can't go back and undo what happened this year, but I can learn an important lesson about how this issue will be handled in the future. I can assure everyone here today, as well as school officials throughout Michigan, that there will be no future press conferences about test irregularities prior to school districts being contacted for response."

Department completes its review of the irregularities and the responses from school districts that it will find a few instances of actual cheating, but the vast majority will be exonerated.

"I look at that one example, out of a class of 20 in which six students gave identical answers, three sentences long, with every word spelled correctly. I find that a bit beyond chance," he said. Although that "irregularity" was included in a set of examples, the Treasury Department has not identified which school it came from.

Of the superintendents who appeared before his committee, most gave perfectly reasonable explanations for the "irregularities" seen in their test results. He noted that the original list of irregularities, after test scorers were done grading, included more than 400 schools. Educators tossed out many of those on review, paring the list to 71.

Roberts told lawmakers that what had been included as "irregularities" were test answers in which different students had answers that were virtual copies, different handwriting in a single answer, identical phrasing in different students' answers, and vocabulary that was "inconsistent with the grade level of the student."

Test reviewers explained how they spotted irregularities. They said they were looking for similarities in large numbers. It's not practical for more than two or three students to copy each other's answers. But when eight answers

are identical or very similar, it may indicate "teacher interference," said Garden City Superintendent Michael Wilmut explained why the phrase "descendants of Native Americans" showed up in the answers of five students at Memorial Elementary School. They had had a teacher who was married to a Native American and instructed the children that the term "Indian" is derogatory. So when asked about who migrated to North America in prehistoric times, students answered "descendants of Native Americans." That's an incorrect answer, Wilmut noted. It should have been "ancestors."

"Once this had been reviewed, you will find there is nothing improper here," he said. "But the accusation has been made and it cannot be corrected. The damage has been done. The kids know they have been accused of cheating."

Of Roberts' comments, Wilmut said, "I accept his apology but it doesn't fix it."

Wilmut noted that the information was released one day before an election in Garden City for \$36 million in bonds. While it still passed, he said several parents told him they would not vote for it because "cheating" was going on in the school district.

Oak Park's Pepper Elementary made the list because several students mentioned Oakwood Street in their essay answers to a question asking them to tell about a time when they got lost.

"Oakwood is three blocks from the school, and it's five blocks long.

We have a lot of students who live on Oakwood," Superintendent Alexander Baily said.

But beyond that, he couldn't find any similarities in the state handed out examples that constituted the worst irregularities seen in the test, but others, like those in his school district, were much less clear.

"How do you even assess irregularities when you have only one or two answers to look at?" he said.

Baily contended that the state should indeed be reviewing the test for irregularities and cheating. But he said the release of the information, before it was reviewed by the schools, hurt students.

"They need to make sure the

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MEAP blunders could hit home

When you make a mistake, you apologize for it. When you make a big mistake, you not only apologize for it, but you also send in the top brass to do it.

It adds credibility to the acknowledgment for the error. And to the state's credit, that's what it did this week when the state Treasury Department admitted it had messed up in a big way in the way it handled the announcement of supposed cheating at 71 Michigan schools, including Northville's Winchester Elementary.

As it turned out, there was no cheating.

Northville superintendent Leonard Rezmierski wasn't ready to let bygones be bygones quite yet.

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So what could be done in the future to prevent this sort of thing from happening? We have a few suggestions.

First, return control of MEAP oversight to the state Department of Education. Let the Treasury Department manage the dollars and cents of the state and let the Education Department tackle the ABC-123s of Michigan. The argument that the Treasury Department should have oversight of the MEAP on account of the financial incentives for good testing is absurd. Nearly everything in the state has some sort of financial element to it, but that shouldn't be enough reason to be the all-

Various ramblings of the local sort



Lon Huhman

Bear with me. I won't take long. I hear talk from Northville's city council, planning commission and downtown development authority about increasing foot traffic in the downtown and in the last two weeks, I have seen it increase two-fold during the day as I have been traveling about town.

The main reason, as far as I can see, are the kids. The kids I see in large groups outside various locations in the downtown have added to traffic immensely.

Second, allow district superintendents to be the first parties to see MEAP results. The public has the right to see those results too, especially since they're the ones footing the bill for education, but it wouldn't hurt anyone to let superintendents have first dibs on the scores.

Finally, consider heavily the merit in the writing portion of the MEAP. Nearly every other dimension to the test involves objective questions and answers. Persons making \$8 an hour to read tests from students from a school 600 miles away probably don't have a complete understanding of the student writing the essay.

While we believe writing skills are crucial to a student's success in the world, we think those are lessons best taught and evaluated by local teachers, not test clearingshouses. It was, after all, the writing portion of the test that started this whole mess in the first place.

Don't let us be misunderstood. We have serious worries about the MEAP in general, and are increasingly convinced that students are being taught for a test whose purposes have been skewed and maligned through the years to the point where their only real relevance seems to be for real estate agents.

But if the state insists on staying the course and sticking with the MEAP, then some things have to change — and quickly. What happened earlier this month is tangible evidence that the test has taken on a life of its own and could affect more districts in this manner including Novi and Walled Lake. It's up to the MEAP's creators to rope in and tame the beast once again.

didn't get voted on until September, but my gosh — I would think just for the sake of having somewhat of a handle on Northville, a person would pick up a paper and read it. A Detroit paper doesn't have the localized feel of the Northville Record. Maybe you do pick up another paper and that's why you are not reading this illustrious column right now.

One thing is for sure: how the heck can you determine the future of Northville by not staying on top of all of the issues? We may have critics and these people may not want to read our stories because they may think the stories are no good or twisted, perhaps. However, information is power and the more you know about a subject — which can come from a number of resources such as our paper — the more knowledgeable and powerful your opinions or ideas can become.

I get this sense sometimes that people in high places feel as if they are above the peacantry, but I could be wrong. Someone put me wrong, please.

Now on to another, maybe bigger, subject. If the Cambridge Place is finally approved, then downtown Northville will be forever changed. It's definitely a big statement and parents, want to see more downtown business owners instead of residents at the June 5 public hearing held at the city planning commission meeting.

There were several residents on hand, but not enough to get a complete picture of the residential voice. Some of the business owners may be residents, but I would assume they are more interested in the bottom line.

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I will and on a lighter note and sound more like Larry King. Custard Time was a great dish called a Glacier. Try it, folks.

There is a scary amount of useful information inside of DDA board meetings. Greg Prezza's head. Why does Europe think they can make America rethink our opinions on matters purely American? And if you want to shed the weight gained at Custard Time go out, side and sweat a little by running, jogging or walking.

I'm all talk.

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LETTERS

Errors need to be corrected

Although I thoroughly enjoy reading the Novi News, the lack of proofreading and the spelling errors in the paper are truly disgusting. It is bad enough to read these errors tucked in the middle of a paragraph, but the error on page 15A truly tops the list — Novi park now bares new name with students help in the June 14 issue.

What kind of example do we want to set for the next generation? Spellcheck programs do not relieve your responsibility to proofread and check for errors.

Joan Wysocki Novi

Saddened by alumna response

I am writing in regards to Chris Davis' article on "Vals and Sals." As a member of the Novi High School, I am very saddened and upset to see a new section of the community and a Novi alumna belittle the accomplishments of the 26 outstanding students in this year's graduating class.

Mr. Davis makes mention of looking at each student's non-academic achievements and picking a val and sals based on that and not just on the 4.0 they have earned. I challenge anyone to accept the daunting task of deciding what means more in a well-rounded student. What is more important: many achievements in the musical department, a strong presence in the school or community, an amazing athletic record or something else entirely?

I would not want the responsibility and I dare say, neither would Mr. Davis. As far as the growing number, shouldn't we be happy to have a visible sign that, yes, our public school systems are working. In fact, it seems they have only gotten better. How much different, I wonder, would Mr. Davis' article been had he been one of the nine valedictorians in his class? I know I will not be a val or sals of my class but it makes me no less proud of my peers who do achieve those titles.

Congratulations Class of 2001 — I am proud of all of you and wish you all the best of luck for your future.

Becca Grech Class of 2002 Novi

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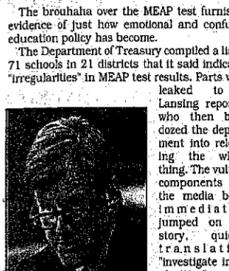
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Thrash over MEAP irregularities was outburst waiting to happen



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The brouhaha over the MEAP test furnishes evidence of just how emotional and confused education policy has become.

The Department of Treasury compiled a list of 71 schools in 21 districts that it said indicated "irregularities" in MEAP test results. Parts were leaked to a Lansing reporter, who then blathered the department into releasing the whole thing.

Obviously, it was never the state's intention that schools, teachers and students be subjected to what has been portrayed as an indictment of their integrity.

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State ranks dead last in ethics laws

We like to think of Michigan as a leader, one of the states out ahead of the curve. In many respects it is.

Case in point: When George W. took office, his first priority was to get us a tax cut, one of the first at the federal level in years. But Michigan has been trimming the taxes for some time.

Congress has launched into debate on a Patient's Bill of Rights, but Michigan has had one for two years. Done that.

Still, there is one area where Michigan isn't a leader. In fact, it falls in last place — ethics laws.

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GUEST COLUMN 'Let's do it again because it's fun'

They're at it again, those talented canine Olympians are back for the 14th Music and Motor Fest July 25-29 at the Novi Expo Center.



Jane Thomas

toddlers to teenagers. We first brought in the carnival two years ago and we are very happy to be able to bring it back again this year. The carnival opens on Wednesday evening and runs through Sunday night.

Speaking of running, Time Warner Cable is again sponsoring the annual 5K Run/Walk on

Thursday evening. This is the 11th time that Time Warner has sponsored this event for both the competitive runners among us and those out for an invigorating walk. T-shirts are provided for all participants. In addition, door prizes are given out after the run. The course is flat, fast and accurate with split times and water at each mile. Pre-registration forms are available throughout the festival office (248) 349-1950 and at all Time Warner Cable offices.

We call this festival The Music and Motorfest for two obvious reasons — one, the music and the motors. And motors will abound with the return of one of the state's best classic car shows and cruises. Sunday morning, July 29 at the Novi Expo Center, will transform into a classic car lover's dream with classic vehicles of every make and model. Then Sunday evening, the display goes mobile with the annual Grand River Cruise. Over 1,000 classic cars will be on display throughout the day along with musical factors displays and live music from Steve Dingley and the Ditties. Spectator admission to the car show is \$5 and vehicle registration for the show is \$12. That price includes a position for the Novi Expo Center, will transform into a classic car lover's dream with classic vehicles of every make and model. Then Sunday evening, the display goes mobile with the annual Grand River Cruise. 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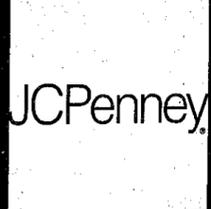
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Obituaries

GEORGIA M. BRAUER
Georgia M. Brauer, 93, died June 11 in Menora House in Southfield. She was born in Gagetown on May 3, 1908, to George and Minnie (Burder) Munro.

Prior to retirement, Mrs. Brauer was a registered nurse. She is survived by two sons, Donald G. of Wilmington, N.C., and John M. of Southfield; two daughters, Sally J. Brauer of Clawson and Mary J. Brauer of Clawson; and eight grandchildren and many great grandchildren.

Mrs. Brauer was preceded in death by her husband, Harold T. in 1987. Services were held on Friday, June 15 at Northrup-Sassaman Funeral Home, with the Rev. Jennifer Bixby of the First United Methodist Church in Northville officiating.

Interment was in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, Novi. Memorials to the Lighthouse of Southfield Hospice or the Friends of the Thumb Octagon Barn Fund would be appreciated.

MARK A. BUONICONTI
Mark A. Buoniconito, 49, of Novi died June 15 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. He was born in Worcester, Mass., Oct. 2, 1951, to Pasquale and Aline (Cabana) Buoniconito.

Mr. Buoniconito was a self-employed computer consultant and a lifelong member of the community. His memberships included St. James Catholic Church of Novi and the Northville Golf League.

He is survived by his father, Pasquale Buoniconito of Novi; one sister, Phyllis (Patrick) Doyle of Fort Wayne, Ind.; and two nieces and two nephews.

Services were held on Monday, June 18 at St. James Catholic Church, with the Rev. James Korkm officiating. Interment was in Rural Hill Cemetery, Northville.

Arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home Inc. of Northville. Memorial contributions to cancer research would be appreciated by the family.

SHARON A. CARPENTER
Sharon Ann Carpenter, 63, died June 18 at her residence in Davison. She was born in 1937. Mrs. Carpenter was an employee of Con Rail for 25 years. Her most

recent employment was at Hudson's Department Store and National City Bank.

She is survived by two sons, Michael (Lari) and Kevin; one daughter, Sandra (Greg) Mazza; and seven grandchildren, Kathleen, William, Shannon, Meghan, Molly, Nicholas, and Nolan.

Mrs. Carpenter was preceded in death by her husband, William D. Services were held on Tuesday, June 19 at Prince of Peace Church in West Bloomfield.

Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Arrangements were made by O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi.

Memorials to the William and Sharon A. Carpenter Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Catholic Central High School, 14200 Breakfast Drive, Redford, MI 48239 would be appreciated.

GARY FRY
Gary Fry, 49, of Wilcox died June 17 at his residence. He was born in 1952.

Mr. Fry is survived by four brothers, Timothy, Michael, Terry, and James; and one sister, Judy.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Howard and Edna Fry. Visitation will be held on Thursday, June 21, from 1-9 p.m. at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi, (248) 348-1800.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, June 22 at Parkview Cemetery, Livonia. Memorial contributions to the Alzheimer's Association would be appreciated by the family.

SANDRA R. MARESH
Sandra Ruth Maresch, 61, died June 8. She was born in 1939.

Mrs. Maresch is survived by sons, Scott (Debra), Kenneth (Christal), Edward (Debbie), and Stacy (Aimee); one daughter, Pamela (Gil) Vaughn; two brothers, William Scott and Robert Scott; and nine grandchildren, Colin Taylor, Kelsey, Trevor, Kelsey, Emily, Carter, Cody, and Kaylie.

Services were held on Tuesday, June 12 at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home. Memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society would be appreciated.

Library Lines

LIBRARY HOURS
The Novi Public Library, 45245 W. Ten Mile Road, just east of Fair is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library is closed on Sundays during the summer. For more information, call (248) 349-0720.

"ALL ABOUT EVE"
The library will show the 1950 drama, "All About Eve" starring Bette Davis and Anne Baxter on Tuesday, June 19 at 6:30 p.m. No advance registration is required for this free program.

"HIGH NOON"
The library will show the classic 1952 western, "High Noon" starring Gary Cooper and Grace Kelly on Thursday, June 21 at 6:30 p.m. No advance registration is required for this free program.

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Join us for a live concert by the Keller/Kocher Quartet, featuring four of Detroit's best jazz musicians on piano, bass, drums, and vibraphone. The free concert will be held in the library meeting room on Sunday, June 24 at 3 p.m. No advance registration is required.

READING ROAD TRIP
Brochures describing the 2001 Summer Reading Program, "Reading Road Trip U.S.A.," are now available at the library. Sign-up for the program, which is for children in the fourth grade and under, begins Monday, June 25.

CRUISIN' WITH BOOKS
Kids going into the fifth grade and beyond are invited to sign up for "Cruisin' With Books." Featured will be groovy programs, cool projects, and hip prizes throughout the summer. Sign-up begins June 25.

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Kids going into fifth grade and above are invited to try the ancient art of paper folding on Thursday.

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DROP-IN STORYTIMES
Storytime for children ages 4 to 7 will be held Thursday, June 28; storytime for 2- and 3-year-olds will be held Friday, June 29. Each 30-minute session starts at 11 a.m. No registration is necessary.

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Senators focus on large costs in 1994 airport contract

By MIKE MALOTT
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Senators honed in on one of the most questionable contracts found during the state Auditor General's two-year review of Detroit Metro Airport in the opening session of a new committee charged with the task of looking at airport finances Wednesday, June 13.

That contract, an \$11 million agreement with American International, Inc. for installation of new airfield lighting and signage back in 1994, caught the eye of lawmakers because of \$8.8 million in cost overruns and because county commissioners were not asked to approve those extra costs.

Originally estimated at \$21 million, the project was awarded for just over \$11 million, to be done in 570 days. Overruns brought the price back up to \$19.8 million, and although the airport attributed overruns to "acceleration" of the contract, it allowed an extra 298 days for completion.

Airport director Lester Robinson explained that, while mandated by the Federal Aviation Administration, the FAA had not completed setting rules for airport lighting. Then, he said, the FAA rejected a deadline extension for Metro signage. The result was that the contract had to be split, portions accelerated and others delayed, causing the entire program to be re-engineered. Metro was not the only major airport to get caught in the trap, he said.

Shouldn't someone have sent the cost overruns to the county board of commissioners for review and approval? Sen. Leon Stille, R-Spring Lake, asked.

"It's hard for me to understand how \$8 million in cost overruns can be assumed to be authorized," he said.

That was not the process in 1994, Robinson explained, although he has only recently become the director. At the time, overruns were assumed to be approved if the project was included in the facility's capital improvement program, which the county board did review and approve.

These are the kinds of questions airport officials can expect from Michigan senators between now and September. Auditors have reviewed some 50 airport contracts over the past two years and the new committee, headed by Sen. Glenn Stille, R-Grand Rapids, wants to go over them one at a time with airport officials. Stille said he hopes to issue a final report then.

Of seven reviews on the agenda for that opening session, senators and airport officials managed to get

through only one before running out of time, indicating it could be an arduous process.

Auditors have raised questions about a number of contracts.

"There's a consistent pattern of management practices that would not be acceptable in private business," Assistant Auditor General Michael Becker told the committee.

"The critics of the airport are giving an extremely distorted view of airport management," Robinson responded. "With nearly 700 active contracts, the auditors have focused in on only a few ... To date, there has been no statement that the airport has done anything illegal. There may have been mistakes in the execution of nearly 700 contracts, but there certainly is no attempt to break Wayne County's ordinances or rules of management."

Tom Naughton, Chief Financial Officer for Wayne County, called for an end to the state review. He pointed out that state auditors are conducting reviews as opposed to official audits.

"The report letters issued to the committee might suggest that the reader beware. After you read the reports, you are left with the impression of a whole lot of minutia, a little bit of whining and very little balance."

"After two years," Naughton concluded, "there really are no findings of any consequence; there is no evidence of criminality; no evidence of widespread corruption ... It is time to move on. Thousands of contracts have been handled lawlessly since 1987."

Stille rated questions about Wilbourne Kelley, an engineer who worked on the project for the airport and later went to work for the contractor.

"I question the ethics of going to work for a vendor," Stille said. "It smells."

Auditors said Kelley had processed the final change order to the contract, for \$8,000, then signed off on it as an employee of the vendor.

Robinson said there had been an interim employer, Detroit schools, and Kelley did not go directly to the contractor's employment from the airport.

"This is not anything that I think is unusual, to go to work for a contractor," Sen. Robert Emerson, D-Flint, said. "If you are going to look at this, you need to look at everybody. Have you ever looked at our own Department of Transportation?"

Emerson contended that government officials later going to work for contractors is not uncommon.

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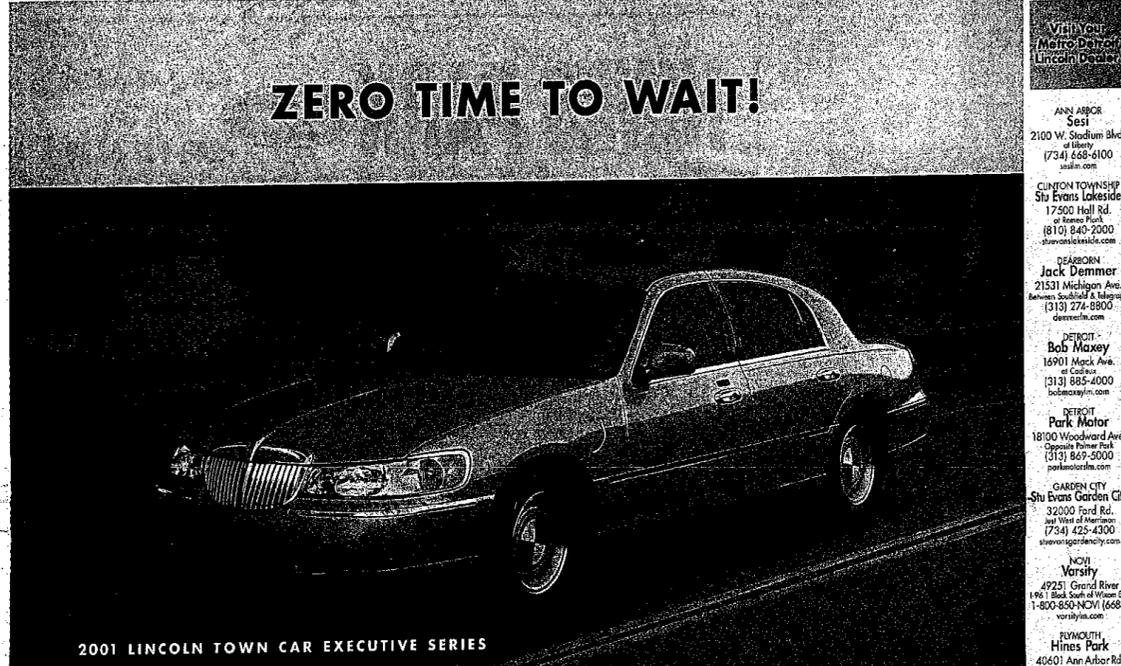
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Northville pilot dies in crash in Wisconsin

By LON HUHMAN
STAFF WRITER

Those who knew Roger Simpson said what happened to him last week was nothing short of a tragedy.

Indeed it was. Simpson, a 47-year-old Northville resident, died in a plane crash on June 16 during a flight at a Wisconsin air show.

Simpson was taking 22-year-old Sarah Hanson of Holmen, Wis. for a ride in a Fouga Magister two-seater plane on the morning the

Deke Slayton Airfest was set to begin. The fatal crash that also claimed Hanson's life took place at the La Crosse Municipal Airport. Hanson had been given the jet ride as a wedding gift a week before.

"It's a tragedy. He promised me a ride in his jet," said Norman Baker, a friend and neighbor of Simpson. "He was a terrific guy."

Hanson's husband Brad had gone up with Simpson the prior evening in the twin-engine jet. On Saturday just before 10 a.m. her husband recorded his wife getting into the plane and finally crashing.

"It's a tragedy...He was a terrific guy."

Norman Baker
friend and neighbor of Roger Simpson

According to witnesses, the plane's left wing fell off in the air causing the plane to flip, crash and explode.

The fatal crash occurred at approximately 9:45 a.m. local time, several hours before the air show was to begin," La Crosse Municipal

Airport manager Mike Daigle said. "We are not exactly sure what caused it just yet, but that's something that is being examined into right now."

Daigle said investigating officials from the National Transportation Safety Board and Federal Aviation Administration are now performing a detailed, on-site investigation after having a stress debriefing on Monday at the airport for the rescue personnel who assisted in the crash.

According to Daigle, the investigation includes the reconstructing of the jet plane in Chicago to find out what went wrong.

According to Daigle, both Hansons were going to take a ride on Friday night, but only Brad did because after his ride along, Simpson told him one of the plane's engines was working at just 80 percent. Later on Friday night Simpson called the Hansons to tell them it would be all right to fly the next day.

Baker's wife, Susan, said Simpson grew up in Livonia and was divorced with two children. She said Simpson had put his house up for sale several months ago, but had recently decided to

stay and renovate it. According to the Bakers, Simpson was very involved in air shows and he was trained as a stunt pilot.

"He traveled throughout the country to different air shows. I think he owned several antique planes he used at the shows," Susan said. "I believe he lived a full life."

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Woman escapes uninjured before car bursts in flames

By LON HUHMAN
STAFF WRITER

True enough — it was hot in Northville last Wednesday, but for customers at one downtown restaurant, what they saw sent the mercury climbing even higher.

Dandy Gander customers witnessed a car fire on the afternoon of June 15 that was extinguished by the Northville city fire department before it had a chance to cause any further damage.

According to eyewitness and Northville resident Jack Peters, an elderly woman parked her white 1988 Mercury Sable, which appeared as if it had been in an accident, next to his truck in the Dandy Gander parking lot and

entered the restaurant to get something to eat.

"I could see that her car was steaming and I asked her if she was going to get it checked out. She said she would after she got something to eat," Peters said. "Shortly after that, it was in flames."

Dandy Gander co-owner Steve Papas said he called the fire department. Officers arrived to the scene rather quickly. Papas said prior to calling the fire department he observed anti-freeze leaking from the car when the woman arrived, but did not think anything would happen.

"It was pretty scary. The flames were shooting up pretty good," Papas said. "The flames were

shooting out so well that they were near the other parked vehicles."

According to city chief James Allen, Gladys Bauer hit a tree with the front end of her car outside of a bank on Seven Mile Road and proceeded to the restaurant where it caught fire. Allen said Bauer was not injured in the accident, but her

car sustained enough damage to start a fire. Allen said the exact cause of the blaze it was not fully known, but he was assuming that it was caused by damaged wiring or gas line.

The car was fully involved when we arrived on the scene. Our first task was to spray it down before we

could pop the hood open to spray the engine area where the fire was coming from," Allen said. "Our crew did a good job in getting the fire extinguished."

City firefighters Jason Jordan, Paul Burns, John Sassaman and Nicki Allen were at the scene to put out the flames. Papas said the fire-

fighters performed their duties quickly and admirably.

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Salon will donate hair to group for kids with hair loss

By JENNIFER NORRIS
STAFF WRITER

If there was ever a time to cut your long hair, now is it.

During the month of June, Charisma Salon and Day Spa is offering a free hair cut to anyone who has 10 inches or more of hair cut off. The hair will then be donated to Locks of Love, a non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children under the age of 18 with medical hair loss.

Lia Asztalos, owner of Charisma Salon in Livonia said the salon agreed to participate after the Silvestri family of Novi approached her with the proposal designed to benefit children.

"I think it's a wonderful cause, especially for the young children," said Asztalos.

Josephine Silvestri of Novi initiated this idea to have area residents donate their hair to the Locks of Love organization, located in Palm Springs, Fla.

The Silvestri family has a son, Joey, who has been diagnosed with alopecia, a condition that causes body hair to fall out and perhaps never grow back.

Although Joey does not want to wear a hairpiece, the family is hoping this drive will benefit other people afflicted with medical hair loss by having residents contribute their hair to Locks of Love.

The Silvestri family hopes word of the hair drive will spread throughout the community. One of Joey's sisters even volunteered to help kick off the hair drive by having several inches of her hair snipped.

"Hopefully, it will start the ball rolling," said Josephine. "It was her

idea to [donate]."

Ten-year-old Florianne Silvestri said she was willing to have her long locks cut to support her brother Joey's cause and help others with similar illnesses.

After Joe Coshatt, a hairdresser at Charisma Salon, finished trimming Florianne's tresses, the young girl smiled as she looked at her "new" reflection in the mirror.

"It's pretty cool and I love it," said Florianne.

According to the Locks of Love organization, donated hair must meet several requirements. The hair must be a minimum of 10 inches in length, be bundled in a ponytail or braid, be clean, dry and placed in a plastic bag. Hair may be colored or permed, but not chemically damaged. Hair that is swept off the floor is not usable and hair that is short, gray, or unsuitable for children will be separated from the ponytails and sold at fair market value to offset the cost of manufacturing.

Once hair is clean and dry, it can be placed in a plastic bag and mailed in a padded envelope.

More information on Locks of Love and requirements can be found on-line at www.locksoflove.org or may be reached at (561) 963-1677 or (888) 896-1588. The organization is located at 1640 S. Congress Ave., Suite 104 Palm Springs, Fla. 33461.

"It's really nice," said Asztalos. "I hope we have a lot of people donate their hair."

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Mustang Shannon Lewicki chips out of the rough during practice before a game against Livonia Stevenson.



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Mustang Golfer Kate McDonald tees one up at the first hole of Livonia's Fox Creek Golf Course in a Monday match against Livonia Stevenson.

All-Area golf Vermeulen gets honorable mention

Parity was in play during the spring KVC golf season. And nowhere were there bigger players than in the Huron Valley schools, as Lakeland and Milford had record-setting seasons. The Eagles rolled undefeated through their dual matches, becoming the first league team to ever beat Brighton head-to-head, and made their first appearance in the state finals, finishing eighth in Division II. Milford won the Post-KVC tournament for the first time and, with their top three player returning, the Redskins will be eyeing the state finals in 2002.

Meanwhile, "out east," Northville found life difficult after having lost a few of its best golfers to graduation. After finishing seventh in the state in the 2000 Division II state meet and sixth in 1999, Northville found itself a little out of its league in Division I this season. Competing against four of the state's top-10 teams in the regional tournament, Northville was denied a chance at returning to the state finals.

Here are the players that made the 2001 season so memorable, many of whom will do more of the same in the future. HomeTown East's All-Area Golf Team:

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ASHLEY GARDNER

South Lyon junior

A member of South Lyon's 1999 KVC championship team, first-team all-conference as a sophomore, Ashley Gardner just continued to get better this season. She began with a second-place finish at the Oakland County meet and a third-place showing at the Pre-KVC tournament, then ended up as the medalist at the Post-KVC with a score of 79. But Ashley's season didn't end there.

Gardner made the Division I state final as an individual qualifier after shooting a second-place 79 at the Carrington Golf Club regional. She

made the most of the opportunity, finishing seventh in the state with scores of 84 and 88 at Forest Akers West.

She averaged 41.3 per nine holes. Gardner shot a school-record 35 in a win against Novi, in a round at Downing Farms which included a hole-in-one.

KATE MACDONALD

Northville junior

Continuing the improvement that has made the junior a top-10 golfer in each of her first two years on the team, MacDonald broke the school record for a nine-hole round after firing a 34 on Tanglewood's South course.

MacDonald was the Western Lakes Activities Association medalist at the conference tournament, shooting an 86 at Hudson Mills. She missed qualifying for the state meet as an individual by a single stroke. She led her team in scoring nine times this season and finished with a nine-hole average of 41.6.

"From the get go, she's been real consistent on the course," her coach, Trish Murray said. "It was a little hard for her this year because she's been used to going to the state meet with her team. She finished among the top 10 in the state the last two years."

LESLIE MATTHAEI

Lakeland senior

Making her fourth appearance on the all-area team, Matthaei's final season was her finest. It concluded with an 11th-place finish at the Division II state finals, where she shot 84 and 83 in unfortunate conditions.

"Leslie's a good all-around player," Lakeland coach Tom Milkovich said. "She's not a real big hitter, but she hits the ball under control. She has nice touch, nice hands. Leslie only averaged 1.88 putts per hole."

Her nine-hole average was 44. Matthaei set the school record at Highland Hills — 40 — in the Eagles' historic win over Brighton.

ANNMARIE JASZENIECKI

Milford sophomore

Jaszeniecki emerged as Milford's top player in her second season, missing the state finals by just one stroke. Which is no surprise, as Jaszeniecki excelled in a number of crucial, 18-hole matches. She shot 88 at the Pre-KVC, where Milford was third, then came with a school-record 82 to help the Redskins to their first Post-KVC victory. Jaszeniecki averaged a team-best 46.7 over nine holes.

CHRISTIE MACRITCHIE

Lakeland senior

MacRitchie is the definitive big game player. She holds Lakeland's school records for nine holes — 38 — and 18 holes — 81. The latter score couldn't have come at a better time. MacRitchie did it in the regional, placing second individually and helping Lakeland make its first-ever state finals appearance.

MacRitchie shot 91 at the Post-KVC, where the Eagles were third, and earned first-team all-conference honors.

She was strong during the regular grind, too, averaging 48.6 per

nine holes as Lakeland went 11-0 in duals.

"She's a very strong young lady with lots of talent," Lakeland coach Tom Milkovich said. "Christie was probably our longest hitter."

ERIN DAVIS

Milford junior

Just as she was as a sophomore, Davis was one of Milford's top players all season, along with Jaszeniecki and Allison Birndorf.

Davis medaled twice for the Redskins and averaged 48.2 per nine holes.

SECOND TEAM

SHANNON LEWICKI

Northville sophomore

Two years ago Northville coach Trish Murray had a roster full of underclassmen.

They matured and led the team to two-straight top-10 finishes at the state tournament. Kate MacDonald is the lone remaining member of those teams. Lewicki is a member of a new crop of freshmen and sophomores ready to lead the Mustangs back to East Lansing.

This season Lewicki steadily improved throughout the season, finishing top 16 at the WLAA meet for all-Division honors. She was a team medalist two times and finished with a 51.6 average.

"She's someone who has worked hard to get where she's at and I know she'll work hard over the summer to improve her game," Murray said.

LAYNE SCHERER

Northville freshman

The Mustangs had yet another solid season in 2001 and some of that success must be attributed to their young golfers who broke into the lineup. Scherer, one of the youngest to do so, finished with a solid 52.1 average per nine holes this spring. She proved to Murray right away that she's spent plenty of time on the links.

"I knew she had a lot of prior playing experience," the coach said. "She's just a smart golfer with a very good mental game."

JULIE CRAIG

Lakeland junior

After averaging an impressive 48.7 during the dual match season, Craig really came on in the post-season, shooting 93 at the regional then 94 and 85 at the state finals.

ALLISON BIRNDORF

Milford junior

The third member of Milford's triumvirate as the Redskins look to be even better in 2002. Birndorf's nine-hole average was 51.3. She shot 92 at the regional, just three shots off making states.

SATOMI ABE

South Lyon junior

A steady number two behind Ashley Gardner, Abe, in her second year on the team, averaged 51.4 per nine holes.

Honorable Mention

NORTHVILLE

Lauren Farris, junior
Kelly Harrison, sophomore
Andrea Fillips, freshman
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Carolyn Vermeulen, junior



Photo by HAL GOULD

Rzepka clears 10' in the pole vault at the state finals in 2000.

Rzepka ends senior year on good note

By JOHN HEIDER
Staff Photographer

In her 12 years as coach of Novi High's varsity track program, Sue Tomanek hasn't seen a lot of student-athletes like the one she calls "a real spark plug" — Mickie Rzepka. An athlete who set school track and field records in her freshman and senior years, who excelled in sports, the classroom and as a person.

Rzepka, a recent graduate of Novi High School can look back on these accomplishments:

- Setting a personal, school and Kensington Valley Conference record of best pole vault of 11 feet.
- Finishing fourth in the Michigan

High School Athletic Association meet at Rockford recently with a vault of 10'-3".

- Sixth in the KVC this year in the 200 meter.

- Part of the fourth-place KVC 4x400 meter relay team.

- Set the school records as a freshman in the pole vault, 100 and 200 meter.

- Graduating summa cum laude from Novi High School.

- Voted captain of the girls' track team for 2001.

Rzepka was noted for her immediate impact as a freshman on the varsity squad.

"You never know, sometimes you

get very talented freshmen and sometimes they bloom as seniors," Tomanek said. "Even as a freshman, I credit her for turning our team around and making it a first-class organization."

Tomanek said Rzepka was a jack-of-all-trades for the track team.

"You could put her anywhere and she could score. Those kind of kids are hard to let go," Tomanek said.

In the 2001 season, Rzepka placed well enough for the team in shot-put — an event she normally doesn't compete in.

"She obviously has some natural

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All-Star Classic comes to town

It's a chance to celebrate the past and the future. For some it may be their last game; for others, merely another stepping stone to even bigger fields. It's the second-annual HomeTown Newspapers East/West All-Star baseball game to be held tomorrow, Friday, June 22, at 4 p.m. at South Lyon High School. The game, which follows Wednesday's softball contest, pits the best graduating seniors from Lakeland, Millford, Northville, Novi and South Lyon

high schools against those from Brighton, Fowlerville, Hartland, Howell and Pinckney. Last year's game featured some of the state's best players. Take Novi alumnus Mitch Maier, for instance. Less than a year after he caught the debut HomeTown All-Star game at Brighton, Maier was named the Mid-American Conference Freshman of the Year at Toledo. Who will be this year's Maier? Charlie Christner will be the West's starting pitcher. The Western Michigan signee went

10-2 and led the KVC with 110 strikeouts. Christner and the rest of the West pitchers will have some offense behind them. Fowlerville's Jon Curry hit a blistering .494 as a senior and was the area's leader in stolen bases. Hartland's Aaron Ollila led the KVC in home runs and hits. The East will be looking to defend the 2000 championship. There's the firepower to do it. Lakeland firstbaseman Chris Hardin led the KVC in RBIs.

South Lyon's Tony Kern was tied with Ollila for the league lead in homers. Representing South Lyon are Kern, Greg Jarnusevich, Brandon Osho and Evan Jackson. Representing Lakeland are Hardin, Kyle Benson, Justin Warner and Justin Boscarino. Representing Millford's KVC and district championship team is Chris Kopechick. Going to bat for Northville will be Brian Ashby, Robbie Harmer, John Hatchinson, Tommy Hughes, Billy Sallotte and Joe Evans.

Soccer fans unite from all over area

By David Troppens
DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

HAMBURG — People still in denial about soccer's recent boom in the United States will be in for a surprise, should they travel past Hamburg's Manly W. Bennett Memorial Park during the spring or fall Saturdays. If they do, they'll notice cars that are parked stretching about a quarter-mile from the park's entrance and full parking lots headed to the soccer fields. If they do, they will notice hundreds of children ages 5 to 18 playing soccer on 14 different fields around the grounds during the course of any afternoon. Finally, that same person will notice that there are about 100 volunteers roaming the area. Many are coaches, referees or just other support people. Those numbers don't include the hundreds of fans. Indeed, soccer is a booming sport in Hamburg. And most of the credit can be given to the Hamburg Community Soccer Club. The club, which consists of primarily children from the immediate area but also kids from Brighton, Howell, Ann Arbor and other surrounding areas, concluded its fall-spring season Saturday with its annual final event called Saturday Soccer.

The day was designed as a way to unite and all the area teams at the season's end. All of the teams in the organization took part in pregame festivities which included lining up and walking around each field. A team picture also was taken of all the teams. The day ended with most of the age-group teams playing several 20-minute exhibitions against other squads in the program. Younger groups also played special games, which really were designed to develop strong fundamental soccer skills. During each half of the soccer season the squads were scheduled to play 10 games, 20 during the entire year. By all accounts, the 2000-01 soccer season was a huge success according to first-year club president Jim Clark.

"We have roughly 64 teams in house about 17 travel teams and we are getting bigger every year," Clark said. "Today is what we call Soccer Saturday. It's a day we all come together and have some fun. We also have the teams come together in their groups and their colors and walk around the fields and give participation medals to all the kids. Today is just a fun day. We are not keeping anything as far as first place or anything like that. We also had all the kids put together on a united (soccer field) and took a huge group picture. We also had a few speeches too." The coaches also seem to agree with Clark's views concerning the organization's status. "I like how the program is located at one big location, located at one big facility," under-10 coach Brian Woodward said. "There are a lot of volunteers and a lot of help preparing the fields and making sure the soccer runs well. The parents for the most part have good

attitudes and encourage the kids in a positive way. Soccer is definitely growing in the United States. We're finally starting to catch up to the rest of the world." "I've been with it for 10 years and for awhile it grew pretty slow," said board member Chuck Clevinger, who also coaches junior varsity boys at Pinckney High School. "Once we changed leadership it really began to grow. This is a great feeder program for the high school. We have to improve to keep up with other schools and this is our way of doing that. We have to now, especially now that we are in the (Kensington Valley Conference). We now have over 1,000 kids and we have to get even bigger." "Our primary goal is to develop fundamentals and teach the kids to use their skills as one team," under-14 coach Kevin MacKillop said. "Sportsmanship is one of the main things we try to teach them on and off the field — we try to keep in touch with what they are doing in school. We pretry much who who's doing what in school and who needs to have an eye kept on them. We try to do more with them than just soccer." The program fields teams based on ages. The age groups are under six, under eight, under 10 and under 14. There are also several age-grouped travel soccer teams. Most squads are not sex-specific teams, with a few co-ed teams still participating. Dan Stripp and Lara Czabanik are two players who have reaped the benefits of the program. Both played in the program for at least seven years and played at the JV level for Pinckney last season. They returned to the program Saturday to run a food stand to benefit the Pinckney girls soccer program. Both remember their fond days with the program with great fondness. "I started playing when I was five and I just got into it and liked it a lot," said Stripp, who will be a sophomore next year and was on a travel team last year. "It was great because you didn't have to practice the weekends with all your friends. It was a great relaxed setting." "The program definitely taught me a lot of skills," Czabanik said. "We had a lot of soccer minicamps that we learned some drills and learned better fundamentals. It's also taught me a lot about sportsmanship and how to work together with others while playing." The program also concluded its walk-in registration. However, registration sheets can still be mailed in. The cost ranges from \$90 to \$105 for a full season for in-house league teams, while travel teams costs are \$140 for a recreational travel team and \$145 on a select/premier team. Mailed registration forms will be accepted until July 15. Questions about registration can be answered through e-mail at scottw@charter.net. Completed registration forms can be sent with payment to HCSS c/o Scott Weiser, PO Box 419, Hamburg, MI 48139.

A gift of kindness goes far in fishing

A true gift is not one that is expected, needed or asked for. It comes so out of the blue that it leaves one amazed, speechless with a what-did-I-do-to-deserve-this feeling. Four years ago at the Northville Record, reporter Randy Coble and I completed a photostory on John Long. Long is a recently-retired engineer at Detroit Edison and has the eye-catching and inspiring ability to make custom fly rods out of bamboo and carvers and kayaks out of other woods. I first ran into John at the local fly-fishing bum hangout of Bueker's Outdoors in Northville. Long told me what he did as his "hobby" and my ears perked up like an opera lover's approaching a Three Tenors concert. I asked him if the Record could do a story on his fly rod making business and show our readers some of this fascinating craft. Long agreed to open his basement shop to our newspaper and made it as easy as possible for us to do a story on his abilities. Early in the fall of 1997, reporter Coble and I went to Long's Northville Township home and spent an hour or so with him interviewing and photographing as he worked on a bamboo fly rod. Long had to skip a few steps and we improvised where we needed to (especially for the sake of the camera) but overall I felt that we were able to show in words and photos how John goes about crafting a fly rod. One of my favorite photos from this story was a shot of Long casting one of his bamboo creations at Northville's Waterbend Park. The horizontal telephoto image shows John from a distance with about eighty feet of line out in a perfect parabolic loop. Few people these days have the patience or exacting abilities to make one of these fishing rods.



John Heider

The bamboo fly rods are pieced slowly together by adding section after section of planed, tapered pieces of aged bamboo. The rods are actually cross-sectionally six-sided in shape and require the maker to be able to shave off a hair-width's of wood in order to meet exacting tolerances. The finished bamboo fly rods can weigh anything from a few ounces to nearly a pound or so. They're prized for their naturally slow casting abilities, for their glowing wood finishes, and their all-hand-crafted reel seats, guides and connections for the two-piece rods. In the industrialized era and the efficient methods of assembly-line production, bamboo fly rod makers occupy one of the last frontiers of fine craftsmanship. They meticulously make products that are valuable not only for their sheer beauty and functionality, but also for the fact that they cannot be readily or quickly made. Take that, Henry Ford. Bamboo fly rods are completely made by hand. It takes the average rodmaker about a month to make one model. Rarely do bamboo flyrod makers subsist only on their rodmaking earnings. There's just not enough profit to be realized, too much overhead and they take too long to make. Heider said that the average rod, when available to the flyfish-

er, costs more than a \$1,000. Sometimes a lot more and rarely less. As there are no more than a few hundred full or part-time rodmakers in the U.S. at any one time, waiting periods between ordering and actually seeing one's flyrod can be anywhere from one to four years. Since our 1997 article on John Long's basement business craft, I've run into him dozens of times at the local fly-fishing shop and have shared countless stories with him about fishing experiences. This past Tuesday, at Northville's Mill Pond, Long and I and a dozen or so fly-fishing bums were huddled around the pond's banks taking in a spy-rod casting demonstration from a professional guide from Sedro Wooley, WA. After I took a few dozen photos for my newspaper, Long sidled up to me and told me he had something he needed to talk to me about, and would be around the office later in the week? I told him I would and received a general message that he'd called on my voicemail later that week and wondered what the fellow fly-fisher needed. I suspected some photos of an event he was participating in or he needed to give me a newsprint on something that was up and coming in our community. The next Monday I was in our Northville office and preparing

for another busy day when I saw a "while-you-were-out" message that said Long was going to stop by and as soon as I finished reading the message my intercom went off and our receptionist said that John was downstairs hoping to see me. I greeted the graying goateed-sporting Long downstairs with him about fishing experiences. As we walked to his van, John mentioned that once again he really enjoyed the article we'd done on his fly-rod making abilities and that sometimes it took him awhile to clear backorders. Long reached into the back of his car and pulled out a long piece of white PVC. My heart skipped a beat or two and I began to sense what he was doing. John un-capped the tube and pulled out a six-foot long object covered with a fabric "sock." Long peeled off the sock and revealed a six-foot long bamboo fly rod and handed it to me. As he was doing so, he may have once again said that he enjoyed the coverage we'd given him, but I think my mind was elsewhere. I'm not sure that I heard anything he said after that. Maybe it was because I was admiring one of his bamboo creations and reading the tiny words he'd printed in black ink on the fine finish of the rod's surface near his signature by J. Long, rodmaker. "for John Heider."

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Rzepka will head to MSU this fall

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ability and awesome strength and was able to put it all together," Tomanek said. "This year at Millford, when I won the pole vault event, so many events were being pushed back later and later into the night, so I vaulted at 11:30 p.m.," Rzepka said. "They had floodlights set up and everything - it was just crazy. I can say I vaulted under the stars." Rzepka said her teammates inspired her to be a better competitor and that she appreciated the support fans gave their entire team. "People came all the way up to Rockford to watch me compete," Rzepka said. Things changed for Rzepka as she matured in her track career. "As she got older, and more athletes presented more challenges, Mickie had to start thinking at a higher level, not just relying on her natural ability," Tomanek said. Her

track career, some now in the record books at Novi High, but her most cherished memory of this past year was in a late-night competition. "She's everything you'd look for in an athlete. She could really hit the ball," Fisetse said. "I don't think there's a game in the last two years that she didn't start. She was spectacular on the court." Fisetse found that every other coach in the KVC noted Rzepka's ability and if possible, would try to avoid her on the court. "Mickie was never a weak point on our team and she was involved in about 90 percent of the plays on the court and when Mickie was doing well, everyone was doing well," Fisetse said. "She's only the second outside hitter I've coached that's had the caliber and talent that she does. In my eyes, with the perfect team, she'd be my outside hitter. I'd love to have twice of her," she said.

running was at its peak in her freshman year and later on she had to compete differently as her body changed and learn how to deal with frustration and downfall. She learned how to lose. Tomanek, who coached Rzepka as a first-stringer in basketball in the eighth grade, recognized her abilities even then. "Her quickness is what makes her good. She's just so strong and very, very athletic. Mickie is track." The girls' varsity track coach had these parting words for Rzepka. "She will certainly be missed," Tomanek said. As adept as Rzepka was in track and field, she also contributed to her school's volleyball team during the winter months. Eight-year Novi volleyball coach Julie Fisetse called Rzepka "a joy to coach" and "a tremendous athlete." As an outside hitter for the net, Rzepka was a force on the left side and was rarely taken out for

brothers.

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Saving for college? A Section 529 may be the answer

Let me start with something you already know — college is expensive. Saving for that daunting goal presents a major challenge for most families.



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Savings Plan. Recognizing the financial challenges families face when preparing to send a child to college, Congress enacted Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code in 1996 allowing states to establish plans to encourage saving for higher education. Each state can sponsor its own plan, which is managed by a professional money manager. The manager pools your contributions with those of other investors and invests them in securities specified by the plan. While this section of the tax code has been around for almost five years, not

too many people have actually heard of these things.

Currently, approximately \$2.5 billion is invested in 529 plans. Projections indicate this amount could be \$10 billion by the end of 2002. The opportunity for investment growth is one of the advantages offered by 529 college savings plans. But there are other significant advantages.

Tax-free distributions: Although contributions aren't federally tax deductible, distributions can be made from the plan tax-free to pay for qualifying college expenses (typically tuition, fees, room and board, supplies, equipment, and in some cases laptop computers).

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Income limits, age limits, contribution limits: Because there are no income or age restrictions, everyone saving for higher education expenses can take advantage of 529 plans. In addition, the contribution limits for 529 plans are quite high. Some plans provide for maximum contributions of \$125,000 and some others as high as \$250,000.

Gift and estate tax benefits: Normally, gifts exceeding \$10,000 per person per year (\$20,000 for joint tax filers) is subject to gift tax. While 529 plan contributions are considered gifts, provisions unique to 529 plans allow a donor to gift up to five years of contributions in a single year for each beneficiary without gift tax consequences. For example, let's say grandparents want to financially support the education of a grandchild. Each spouse can give \$50,000 per beneficiary in one year (five years' worth of the \$10,000 annual gift tax limit).

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On Campus

In recognition of their academic achievement for spring semesters, **Kate Blessed** and **Kevin Gilchrist** were named to the Dean's List at Hillsdale College.

Blessed is a junior majoring in elementary education. She is the daughter of Dale and Mary Blessed of Novi and a 1998 graduate of Novi High School.

Gilchrist is the son of Martha and Stan Gilchrist of Northville. He is a junior majoring in mathematics and a 1998 graduate of Northville High School.

Jennifer Taylor of Northville has been named to the Dean's List at the University of Pennsylvania for successfully attaining a 3.5 or higher grade point average for spring semester.

Taylor is the daughter of Daniel and Diane Taylor of South Lyon.

Ashley Doster of Novi was selected to attend the National Young Leaders Conference from June 17 to 27 in Washington, D.C. This is a leadership development program for high school students who have demonstrated leadership potential and scholastic merit. Doster is among the 350 outstanding national scholars attending the conference.

This year's conference theme is "The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today." Doster will interact with key leaders and newsmakers from three branches of government, the media, and the diplomatic corps.

Doster will participate in role-play

ing activities: "If I Were President," a simulation acting as president responding to an international crisis; "Testing the Constitution," a simulated examination of actual Supreme Court cases; and "Model Congress," assuming the roles of U.S. representatives.

Walden College held its commencement ceremony June 2 at Gobo Hall. Northville graduates receiving degrees were: **David C. Balala**, master's business administration; **Beth Nina Boginski**, bachelor's business administration; **Jacqueline A. Brymek**, master's management; **Suzette M. Colton**, master's finance; **Michelle Dawn Dingman**, bachelor's business administration; **Kathleen Dion**, master's business administration; **Ronald Charles Fedoronko**, master's finance; **Christine Joy Gambino**, master's business administration; **Kenneth Allan Grove**, master's finance; **Shilpa H. Patel**, bachelor's business administration; **Vince Plursich**, bachelor's business administration; **Debra A. Piper**, bachelor's business administration; and **Shelly A. Smith**, bachelor's accountancy.

David Raimondo of Northville was named to the Dean's List at the University of Michigan-Dearborn College of Arts, Sciences and Letters for fall and winter terms.

A part-time student, Raimondo is a senior majoring in general studies.

Marshall Music Co. annually gives several hundred scholarships in the amount of \$307.50 each to students in schools serviced by the firm throughout the state.

Northville students awarded music

scholarships at Blue Lake Fire Arts Camp for summer study are: **Ashley Booms**, Mends Mill Middle School, bassoon; **Brian Carroll**, Hillsdale Middle School, percussion; and **Evan Clough**, Mends Mill Middle School, saxophone.

Tracy L. Crawford of Northville and **Andrew L. Busch** of Walnut Lake were named to the Dean's List at Central Michigan University. Both students received recognition for maintaining a 3.5 grade point average for the semester and having a 3.3 cumulative GPA.

Jessica Zhou, a Novi High School student, recently attended the 18th annual Chemistry Study Camp at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. She was one of 20 selected from approximately 1,000 high school chemistry students from across the country who took the national chemistry exam in April. The students are vying for a spot on the four-member U.S. team competing at the International Chemistry Olympiad in Bontalaj, India, July 6-15.

Zhou is one of nine camp attendees from last year who qualified to return this year by placing in the top 20. According to the USAF chemistry professor and program director for this year's study camp, if the U.S. team has a good chance to bring home the gold as did the American team that competed in Thailand in 1999.

Recent graduates of Madonna University, Northville, include: **Nancy S. Baumhart**, hospice education; **Rhonda L. Brown**, gerontology; **Kelly J. Calabrese**, social work; **Sharon M. Giammarco**, psychology major-minor health concentration;

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ACORD
Where: 734-349-1343

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Where: Faith Community United Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48377

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS
Where: 248-625-0877

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN - NORTHVILLE/NOVI BRANCH
Where: Promotes equity for all women and jobs, life-long education and positive social change.

AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION - NOV/OLDS CHAPTER
Where: Bringing together businesswomen of these organizations and provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow professionally.

AMERICAN LEGION NORTHVILLE - POST 167
Where: 248-349-1060

AMERICAN LEGION NORTHVILLE - POST 18
Where: Service group open to all eligible veterans of all wars and conflicts as prescribed by the U.S. Congress. Auxiliary is open to all female members of eligible veterans families.

AMVETS
Where: Provides services and assist with obtaining benefits for veterans and their families of military service during and after World War II through present.

BUSINESS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL
Where: Novi Hilton, 2111 Haggerty Road, Novi

CHILDREN'S GARDEN
Where: 248-349-2835

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Where: 248-349-2835

WOMEN'S CHAPTER
Where: Leo's Restaurant, 29710 S. Wagon Trail, Wagon, between Durbin Trail and I-96

CALLING CARP
Where: 248-349-1060

CIVIC CONCERN
Where: 248-349-1060

CIVIL AIR PATROL NORTHVILLE
Where: 248-349-1060

CIVIL AIR PATROL SIXTH GRADE COMPOSITE SQUADRON 1001
Where: 248-349-2837

COMMUNITY CLOTHES CLUB
Where: 248-349-2837

DETROIT OAKLAND CHAPTER - GENTLE-MEN SOCIETY'S CHORUS
Where: 248-349-1060

FRIENDS OF MAYBURY STATE PARK
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FRIENDS OF NORTHVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY
Where: 248-348-6023

FRIENDS OF NORTHVILLE MILL POND
Where: 248-349-0712

GOODFELLOWS
Where: 248-349-2837

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Where: 800-437-2888

KIWANIS CLUB
Where: 248-349-0611

KIWANIS EARLY BIRDS
Where: 248-347-3470

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NORTHWEST OAKLAND
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LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE - LODGE NO. 1190
Where: 248-349-0920

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE - NORTHWEST DETACHMENT NO. 162
Where: 248-349-0920

NORTHVILLE BANDWAGONS NO. 29
Where: 248-349-1714

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Engagements

The Hon. and Mrs. John R. Kirwan of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Colleen Doran, to Michael Terrence Brady, son of Terrence and Maryann Brady of Northville.

The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Mercy High School. She graduated in 1992 from Madonna University and is currently employed at Carlson Marketing Group.

The groom-elect graduated in 1991 from Catholic Central High School. He is a 1995 graduate of Madonna University and is also employed at Carlson Marketing Group.

A September wedding is planned.



Kirwan-Brady

Mr. and Mrs. Gene F. Burkett of Novi announce the engagement of their son, David F., to Sara J. Zollo, the daughter of Sandra G. Zollo of Liverpool, N.Y., and Robert A. Zollo of Denver, N.C.

The bride-elect is a 1991 high school graduate and is currently employed at Syracuse University in New York.

The groom elect graduated from South Lyon High School in 1999, and is now employed at United Parcel Services in East Syracuse, N.Y.

A June 14, 2002 wedding is planned.

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Community Events

Northville Psychiatric Hospital will host two health seminars today. The first, entitled "Hormones and Breast Cancer," will run from 10 a.m. to 11:30



Hey, we recycle too!!!

No theme this week. Just junk we pulled from the XTRA's recycling bin. (We don't throw anything away...we use other people's stuff all over again. Kind of like a journalistic garage sale.)

• In his book, "The Mammoth Book of Oddities," it's suggested that King Louis XIV of France expressed his admiration for the Duchess of Orleans by breaking wind in her presence.

• While at Dolly's Books in Park City, Utah, former president Bill Clinton attempted to purchase several books by using his American Express card. The card had expired the day previous, forcing the president to pay \$63 in cash.

• Baking soda in toothpaste doesn't make any difference to the health of your teeth. Neither do any whitening agents.

• The standard U.S. drinking straw is 7 3/4 inches long.

• One-third of the world's annual food crop is eaten by insects.

• Want to know if an Amish man is married? He'll have a beard.

• Speaking of beards, the average man will spend 2,965 hours shaving in his lifetime.

• Before the American Revolution, there wasn't a single bank in the U.S.

• Your birthday is shared with 9 million people around the world.

• When polled, three out of four college students expect to be a millionaire.

• Coca-Cola can replace oil in cars in an emergency.

• The most battles in World War II were fought in the U.S.S.R.

• In two out of three cases of flirtation, it's a woman that makes the first move.

• Bob Hope, Billy Joel and Sammy Hagar were all boxers before they became singers.

• Left exposed to the elements, one ton of iron can turn into three tons of rust.

• U.S. law requires Yankee bean soup to be served in the Congressional diner at all times.

• King George I may have been from England, but he couldn't speak a word of English. He was German.

• Your brain is only 2 percent of your body weight, but it uses 20 percent of your body's energy.

— From Uncle John's All-Purpose Extra Strength Bathroom Reader

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