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State rescinds agreement offer

Extra money declared "inappropriate"

By RANDAL YAKE
Staff Writer

The Novi Expo Center tax abatement agreement with the city hit a snag after the Michigan Tax Tribunal declared extra money to the city for off-site improvements

would be "inappropriate." The tribunal asked that \$500,000 in off-site infrastructure improvements to the city of Novi not be included as part of the tax abatement awarded to the new Novi Expo Center.

As part of the tax abatement agreement, the expo center was obligated to provide a half million in funding to off set any infrastructure improvements the city would need to do around the new complex. According to Novi's economic development coordinator Greg Capote, the MEDC did not

want the stipulation in the contract. The Michigan Tax Tribunal, who over sees the final version of the contract, pointed out the stipulation and asked it be removed.

"The state thought it would be quid-pro-quo to provide the \$500,000 for a tax abatement," Capote said. "The state said it would not be appropriate."

Novi Expo Center president Blair Bowman said the wording was included in the abatement but noted that he did not think the wording would be in the final draft.

"We never would have realized that amount, to be candid," Bowman said, talking about the \$500,000. "We never really wanted to put that figure in there. They [the treasury] did not want a quid-pro-quo. We had some concerns about it when it went in."

Bowman did say the expo center would pay for road improvements and a signalization problem that may occur at the new Grand River site but he also said that he didn't think it would cost half a million dollars.

Mayor Pro-Tem Laura Lorenzo, the council member to vote 'no' on the tax abatement amendment, said all that is holding Bowman and the expo center to the \$500,000 is his good name as a business man. "There is nothing holding him to the \$500,000," Lorenzo said. "Maybe he's a trustworthy person, but he doesn't have to give us on dime."

Michigan Department of Treasury's Diane Wright said she had would not comment on the deletion of the \$500,000.

New captain at helm



Nora Champion outside her new office at the Novi Chamber of Commerce.

Photo by TODD VAN SICKLE

Champion directs chamber

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Novi's new Chamber of Commerce director Nora Champion is hoping her effervescent enthusiasm and vigor will help earn her points with area businesses.

Champion, who replaced former director Stacey DeRoche, officially began her new position with the chamber on July 2.

"It's great to be able to work with the number of growing businesses here in Novi," she said. "I'm really excited about my new role with the chamber and look forward to getting more involved with the community."

While her title is new, Champion is no stranger to the chamber. In January, she was hired as the Chamber of Commerce's membership direc-

tor, during which time the chamber added over 60 new members.

"She's a fast learner and in just six months, she's made herself very visible in the business community," said board president Bud Scott.

Champion, who has lived in Novi for over 18 years, was formerly employed in marketing and sales.

The new director said while she is anxious to contribute to existing Chamber activities like the annual golf outing and auction, she is really eager to begin work on some brand new chamber projects.

"Two events we're really excited about this year are our Woman's Forum, which is a business networking event for women, and our first annual Benefit Expo," Champion said.

Champion explained that the Benefit Expo is an event in which members become acquainted and exchange ideas, while offering one another entertainment discounts.

Also a certified personal trainer and yoga instructor, co-workers are sure Champion will transmit her power and strength from the mat to the office.

"Nora's got a lot of enthusiasm and really wants to get people involved," Jane Thomas, chair-elect for the chamber board of directors. "She's been really dedicated to bringing in new members and I know that she'll bring a lot of excitement to the chamber."

Any Miller, chamber executive assistant, said she, too, is confident Champion will be a fine addition to an already wonderful staff.

"She'll be a great asset to the chamber. She's a perfect fit," Miller said. "She's been a great help so far and we're really lucky to have her here."

Champion, who keeps busy with her three children Jennifer, Ron and Katie, said she has felt very welcomed by both the Chamber of Commerce and the community and is really excited about her new role.

"I'm really looking forward to bringing new energy, new activities and fun to the chamber," she said. "I also look forward to meeting with the local businesses and working together to make Novi the great place that it is."

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RCOC issues road study

Needs of Oakland County roads exceed funds

By RANDAL YAKE
Staff Writer

The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) issued its biannual report which had little good news for Oakland County residents.

According to the report, Oakland County will need approximately \$1.7 billion over the next ten years just to maintain county roads.

The RCOC managing director Brent Bair and deputy managing director/county highway/engineer Gerald Holmberg will be meeting with officials from each municipality for a review of the needs in need of repair that are not already scheduled for repair in the near future.

The biggest news out of the report is on road capacity. According to the report, when it comes to road capacity in Oakland County, there is little hope for improvement.

"Nearly 70 percent of the needs identified by the communities falls into the improvement category," Bair said. "Most of the roads that the communities indicated need additional capacity are already congested. If you have any doubt about that, simply drive those roads during rush hour."

Bair said the long range plans and needs of cities such as Novi are not "wish lists" but represent actual needs that exist currently or are expected in the coming years based on

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City stills has high hopes for Chinese delegation visit

By DIANE DEMPSEY DEEL
Staff Writer

A Chinese delegation may be coming on July 29, to explore the Novi educational system so they can possibly bring local innovation back to China.

The Chinese officials from Tianjin, which is the second largest city out of Beijing, will visit in Novi until August 6 if they are approved for a Visa.

The delegation is made up of the mayor, vice mayor and educational officials from Chinese universities.

The officials had to postpone their trip several other times because their Visas were denied, said Steven Myers, a volunteer coordinator. City officials are still waiting to hear if they received a Visa this time.

The trip is the vision of William Mei of China who's son attended

the Novi school system, he said. Mei was so pleased with the education his son received that he wanted to share the experience with Chinese officials.

Mei contacted Myers at Suzuki, Myers & Associates, Ltd., an Asian translation company, to help coordinate the event.

They will talk with Novi Superintendent Emmett Lippe in order to get insight into the Novi educational system, said Novi Mayor Richard Clark.

The Chinese delegation, city and educational leaders will meet for a formal dinner during their stay in Novi.

"We haven't firm up the site yet," Clark said.

Not only will they be studying education but they will also be looking into joint business opportunities with the United States, he

said. It's a compliment to the Novi Community School District Clark said.

"Novi is one of the top 100 school districts in the United States," Clark said and added that neighboring school districts Northville and Walled Lake Consolidated Schools also provide quality education.

Myers pointed out that delegation members will probably be interested in Novi schools language laboratories, technical studies, and computer classes.

"That's what they will probably be interested in because a blackboard and chalk is seen the world over," Myers said.

He is looking forward to the visit that will provide an insight into

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Hair raisin'



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A Thomas Edison impersonator shows Novi Meadows' Science Camp volunteer Chelsea Rozek how some of the principles of static electricity can effect hair styles.

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Walled Lake prowler just looking "for a party"

WALLED LAKE
A prowler frightened a woman on July 11 who was saying good night to her guests.

He told the woman that he wanted to be in the house and when she shut the door on him, he began to peep through her sliding glass door in the back.

When police arrived, the man was walking out of the garage. The officer stopped him and noticed an odor of intoxicants coming from him and he was having trouble standing.

He said he was looking for a party.

Police took the man into custody and he was issued a violation for prowling.

LAKE TWP.
Walled Lake Police responded to the 1900 block of North Pontiac Trail on July 10 when an anonymous caller tipped them off to alleged drug activity in a trailer in the driveway.

No drugs were found on the premises, however, a woman was arrested because she had a

Police News

CRIMINAL BENCH WARRANT
A 50-year-old man in the 1300 block of Decker Road told police on July 10 that someone had broken his bedroom window.

The screen was torn off on the north side of the window that was broken. The man told police someone had thrown a rock at it.

The man said that nothing was missing in the house.

It appeared to police that someone had just wanted to break the window.

JAYWALKING
Officers were called when two men were seen walking in the

backyard in the 500 block of Woodland in Walled Lake.

The home was secure when officers saw the 18-year-old and 19-year-old men walking down the street two blocks away from the residence.

When the 19-year-old was patting down, fire crackers were discovered. He was arrested for possession of fire crackers.

The 18-year-old was arrested also when hempie wrappers were found at the man's feet. The officer could smell marijuana.

Both men were transported to the station and released on \$50 bond.

WIXOM SLEEPING ROBBERY
A 21-year-old Wixom woman had her purse stolen while she was asleep, July 13.

The victim stated that in the

middle of the night an unknown person(s) entered her Stone Ridge apartment while she was asleep in the bedroom and removed her purse from the kitchen counter.

The theft was discovered in the morning, when the complainant received a call from her mother who had gotten a call from her daughter's credit card company regarding unusual activity.

At first the victim thought the perpetrators entered through the front door with a key but later discovered her doorwall screen torn.

Police are still investigating.

HIT AND RUN
A 2000 Ford Escort on W. Maple was severely damaged after a hit and run.

The car was parked in front of the owner's home on July 10.

The rear window was broken, rear bumper and deck lid were damaged on the driver's side and the passenger side panel

was scraped. Bumper and quarter panel appeared to have been damaged by a vehicle hitting it and the window had an impact break at the top near the passenger side. Cause unknown.

STOLEN PURSE
A Wixom resident states that in the early morning hours of July 11, an unknown person entered her Pontiac Bonneville and removed her purse and

bookbag.

The items were later found at the side of the victim's home on Windlingway Street, scattered on the ground.

The woman states that the only item missing at this time was a small green change purse containing an unknown amount of miscellaneous change less than \$20.

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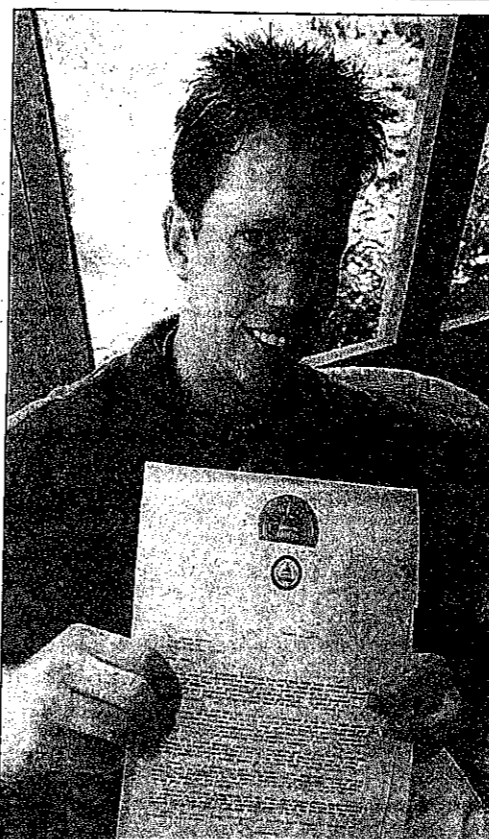
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Novi High School senior James Schram got some pretty official-looking invitations for his upcoming visit to Washington D.C. for the Young Leaders Conference.

Novi senior sets sights on Washington D.C. this month

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

Right now Novi student James Schram is rubbing elbows with some of Washington's key players.

The NHS senior was selected to attend the National Young Leaders Conference (NYLC) where he and 350 other high school students around the country are meeting with senators and representatives to discuss important issues facing the nation.

NYLC, which is being held from July 15-25 in Washington D.C., is an unique leadership development program for high school students who have demonstrated leadership potential and scholastic merit.

"I'm really excited," Schram said just before his departure. "I've heard from others that it's truly a life changing experience."

The program allows students to interact with top leaders and newsmakers from the three branches of government, diplomatic corps, and media.

Highlights of the program include welcoming remarks from the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives and a panel

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James Schram Novi High School senior

discussion with prominent journalists at the National Press Club.

"It's really quite an honor," Schram said. "What a great opportunity to prepare myself for the future and witness history in the making."

"To complement the schedule of special meetings and briefings, Schram will also engage in a number of leadership skill-building activities. Students will participate in a sequence of role-playing activities, where, for example, in a role play entitled "If I Were President," students act as cabinet members responding to an international crisis. Students also participate in a judicial simulation called, "Testing the Constitution," in which they examine actual Supreme Court

and band, was invited to the NYLC last fall, but due to his busy schedule with football, basketball, track, and marching band, was unable to attend.

"I'm really happy to have been nominated again," Schram, also a National Honor Society member, said. "I'm looking forward to learning a lot about politics and leadership, as well as meeting lots of other students with the same interests."

The Congressional Youth Leadership Council (CYLC) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan educational organization. Founded in 1985, the CYLC is committed to fostering and inspiring young people to achieve their full leadership potential. Over 425 members of the U.S. Congress join this commitment by serving on the CYLC Honorary Congressional Board of Advisors. Each year, 7,000 select, outstanding youth nationwide participate in the 20 sessions of the NYLC.

"Scholars not only gain knowledge and experience in the nation's capital, they leave with a sense of accomplishment and an increased ability to face the challenges of the future."

Schram, who is extremely active in high school sports

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Landscape with style

Splashy Designs' Martha and Casey Wright and Scott Babinski, center, pose near one of their backyard ponds they've recently completed in Livonia. Photo by JOHN WEDDER

High school gets new asst. principal

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

When Novi High School students start the new school year, they'll see around the building will be that of their newest assistant principal, Randy Gaweł.

Gaweł joins current assistant principal John Lawrence, and replaces former assistant principal Chuck Hughes who transferred to Hartland in the middle of the school year. For the remainder of the school year, Art Miller had stepped in as a temporary replacement.

"I'm very excited to be here in Novi," Gaweł said, who added that he was impressed with the community's reputation and its history of providing the best possible education for its children. "The school district is phenomenal and those who I've met thus far have been wonderful."

Gaweł, who brings with him a wife and two small children, comes to the Novi Community School District from South Lake High School in St. Clair Shores in Macomb County. There he taught English and Video Production for four years, as well as coached basketball, softball, and cross country. Gaweł holds a bachelors degree from Linden State College in Vermont, as well as a masters degree in English literature and curriculum & instruction, both from Boston College. He most recently completed his education specialist in educational administration from Wayne State University in April. "I'm really looking forward to the start of the school year," he said, "and I'm very anxious to get going."

The search for a new assistant principal began last October and on July 5, Gaweł was first introduced to the school board and the community by NHS principal Dr. Jennifer Cteal. "We are very pleased to welcome Randy to the high school," she said. "We know he will fit in

"The school district is phenomenal and those who I've met thus far have been wonderful."

*Randy Gaweł
now asst. principal*

well with our team and our community."

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Planning tables two road studies; Novi and Grand River

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

Two major road studies reached their heads last week, as the Grand River Avenue and Novi Road Corridor recommendations were submitted to the Planning Commission on July 11.

In the city's continued effort to implement its Master Plan for land use, the studies identify key improvements and possible land use recommendations for these two growing areas.

"These are exciting times for both the commission and the planning department," director of planning and community development David Evans told the commission last Wednesday night. "The studies really get to the core of why you as a planning commission and why we as a planning staff exist and that is to plan out the future of the community to improve the quality of life for our citizens."

While the planning commission voted to table any discussion of the studies, the recommendations were presented.

Factors warranting the studies, which involved data collecting and public input, include the upcoming extension of both corridors to 5 lanes, the potential relocation of Michigan CAT to heavy machinery

facility, and possible land use changes with the relocation of the Novi Expo Center.

As outlined by Novi consultant Rod Arroyo, highlighted recommendations for the Novi Road Corridor which extends from Ten Mile to Grand River Ave include:

- Injection of distinct entry and signage features to distinguish area as a key entrance to the city. This area, located near the railroad tracks, would highlight and direct travelers to key destinations: consider way-finding signs for public places.
- City owned property near post office to be turned into possible park area. This would allow for a pedestrian walkway to Main Street and a place to relax.
- Relocate post office due to poor accessibility. Point of relocation; the new downtown.

- Change area where Michigan CAT lies on Novi Road from Heavy to Light-Industrial to allow for high tech and light industrial buildings.
- Designate area on the northwest corner of Novi Road and Ten Mile from Office to Local Commercial.
- Change Northeast corner of Ten Mile and Novi from Light-Industrial to Local Commercial.
- Clean up Ten Mile Road and Novi Road intersection with the addition of streetscape, water walls and brick paving.

- Widen bike paths stretching from Arena Drive to Main Street from 5 to 8 foot sidewalks.
- With the number of industrial and commercial driveways along the corridor causing traffic woes, the study proposes these roads be improved through a "unified development."

"This would allow for a total change to the way access occurs along this corridor," Arroyo said. For example, the plan calls for the extension of Industrial Collector Road all the way to Novi Road. The extended street would in turn become the main road for traffic in the industrial sector, providing an internal system for other commercial developments and minimizing continuous drives onto Novi Road.

High-lighted recommendations for the Grand River Avenue corridor, which extends from Beck to Taft Road, include:

- Keeping the OST (office) district on the north side of Grand River, but in light of the Expo Center's relocation allow for an "Expo Overlay" zoning district, overlapping the OST in that area. Creating an "Exposition Overlay" allows for the development of an exposition, conference, and convention center.
- Change south side of Grand River (near Beck) from Light Industrial to Office in order to make both sides of Grand River cohesive with one another.
- With the use of landscaping and entry treatments, distinguish Taft Road entrance off Grand River as residential.

With Planning Commission chair Karen Pecchini absent and a full agenda that evening, it was moved by commissioner Brent Canup and unanimously supported by the rest of the members, to table the discussion of the studies to a later date.

Commissioner Andrew Match added that holding off on discussion would allow for the members to further evaluate and go over the studies. It has not yet been determined when the corridor recommendations will be discussed. The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 18 and as of Tuesday, July 17 (press time) neither were on the agenda. In order for the recommendations to move forward, the studies each need a vote of 6 or more to pass.

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Congestion tops road complaints

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planned or anticipated new development. Bair said that funding is not expected to keep up with needs over the next ten years and that areas like Novi Road are expected to get worse. "What we heard from the communities is that development doesn't occur in a vacuum." Bair continued. "Many communities told us their roads were congested as least partially as a result of development taking place in neighboring communities."

Board changes places

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

While they may be the same familiar faces, some Novi Board of Education members now have newly adopted titles.

On July 5, the ranks were rearranged as board officers received new positions for the 2001-2002 school year.

Nominated by trustee George Kortlandt, board member Carol Eilring was re-elected for a second term as President.

Eilring has been a Board of Education member for the Novi Community School District for six years. Beginning the new year with a new title is former board trustee Bruce Bagdely who replaced John Balagna as vice-president. Board member John Streit, also a former trustee, was named secretary, replacing Ann Newton.

Remaining board officers; Kortlandt, Newton, and Balagna will serve as board trustees. Stephanie Fordyce is a staff writer for the Novi News. She may be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 108 or by e-mail at sfordyce@ht.homecomm.net.

The board appoints its officers once a year. In conjunction with new positions, Novi Superintendent Dr. Ernest Lippe administered the swearing-in of recently re-elected board members Streit and Balagna, who ran unopposed in the June election.

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China leaders to visit Novi

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other cultures, he said. "It's the idea that you can always learn from others," Clark said.

Myers agreed. "I believe overall that diverse people should get together and when they do, it will promote world peace," Myers said.

Myers hopes that this visit will encourage Chinese officials to remember Novi when it comes time to pick a site to train host-jump skills for the 2008 Olympics. "I can see the need if we are fast enough and clever enough to get it," Myers said.

Myers recognizes that the possibility for Olympic training is just a dream right now. However, there are always opportunities that could arise from the visit. "It's a wonderful project in the beginning stages," Myers said. "There are obvious challenges and one is money exchange. If those various challenges can be solved, this is a nice opportunity."

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School aid bill threatens fiscal planning for districts

By MIKE MALOTT HomeTown News Service mmalott@homecomm.net

State government may renege on its promise to increase funding for school districts to \$6,500 per student next year after legislators failed to reach agreement on an \$1.3 billion school aid appropriations bill Thursday July 12.

Both the House and Senate then recessed for the summer, meaning a resolution of the budget impasse will have to wait until lawmakers return to session in the fall.

But Gov. John Engler has already warned lawmakers that unless a solution is reached, he will be required to enact across-the-board cuts of 5 percent which could mean reductions ranging from \$20 to \$100 per student in overall school funding. Engler sent a letter to the legislature giving them six session days, until about Oct. 1, to reach a compromise before cuts will be enacted.

Schools would still end up ahead, according to Kelly Chesney, spokesperson for the state budget office. Districts had been slated for an increase in basic per pupil aid, "foundation grants," from \$6,300 to \$6,500 next year. And districts would still receive some \$415 million more overall in the coming year, even after the 5 percent trim.

But it is still problematic for school boards and administrators, who typically finalize their budgets for the coming school year over the summer months. As it stands now, classes will be in session for two weeks, in some districts for nearly a month, before lawmakers are scheduled to return to Lansing.

Most contentious issue for House members was the fact that Senators had crossed out an entire \$56 million allocation for an early reading program, known as the Literacy Achievement Program, or LAP grants. At the same time, Senators

had preserved untouched \$45 million for a Parental Involvement in Education, or PIE, grant program. "It's extremely unfortunate. The governor had intended to give the schools a little more predictability in planning their budgets..." Kelly Chesney spokesperson for the state budget office

"It's extremely unfortunate," Chesney said. "The governor had intended to give the schools a little more predictability in planning their budgets. As it is, they (legislators) have known what the target has been since May 17."

It was the House that blocked the budget target by \$55 million, when representatives voted 10-54 on final passage. The bill had earlier won approval in the Senate 19-14.

But according to Rep. Ron Jehneek, R-Three Oaks, chair of the education subcommittee of House Appropriations, senators had made a number of changes to the budget that representatives just found unacceptable. First, he said, senators were over the budget target by \$55 million. House members were over budget too, Jehneek admitted, but only by \$27 million.

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Some legislators unhappy over new state districts

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Wayne by what Stewart calls a "14-mile dog leg."

His verbal objections turned into shouting at a conference committee meeting Tuesday, July 11, and were directed at Rep. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, chair of the House redistricting committee. Stewart is critical of Patterson over the speed with which the plans have been approved and a lack of public input.

Others in the GOP however were critical of Stewart's outburst from the audience in that committee meeting. One staffer labeled the incident "bizarre." By week's end, Stewart was avoiding further arguments with Patterson. "I want to be known as a team player," he said. He eventually voted for the plan even though his district boundaries had not been changed.

State lawmakers approved legislative redistricting in party-line votes before the Senate, 20-13, and the House, 55-46, Thursday, July 12. Gov. John Engler has promised to sign the bill.

Congressional boundaries were wrapped up Thursday in party-line voting 19-14 in the Senate and 55-40 in the House. Lewand argued that the plans will produce Republican majorities in the House, Senate and congressional delegation when the state overall is much more competitive than that. Based on voting in the last presidential election, he said voters in Michigan are actually 53 percent Democratic.

But the congressional delegation, as drawn, would give Republicans nine of Michigan's 15 seats. He said open seats were drawn for McCotter and Secretary of State Candice Miller, expected to run in Macomb County's 10th congressional district.

Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth, has been verbal in his objections over the way the state House plan for his district has been drawn. The new boundaries include Northville and Plymouth, connected to the City of

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Obituaries

PEDRO E. CASTRO
Pedro E. Castro, 63, died July 11 at Providence Hospital, Southfield. He was born March 20, 1938.
Mr. Castro was employed by Sears for 35 years. He was president of the Peruvian Club of Michigan and an active member of the Latinas of Livonia organization. An avid music lover, Mr. Castro was a member of the musical group, Peru Romantico.
He is survived by his wife, Marie C.; two daughters, Maria D. (J. David Hetrick) Castro and Mercedes (Robert) Williams, son, J. Peter; two sisters, Clara Castro and Yolanda Castro; and four grandchildren, Nicole, Kayla, Lysa, and Chase.
Services were held on Monday, July 16 at Holy Family Church, Novi.
Arrangements were made by O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi.
Memorials to the National Kidney Foundation, 2350 S. Huron Parkway, Ann Arbor, MI 48104 would be appreciated by the family.

HOWARD EVANS JR.
Howard "Ted" Evans Jr., 78, died July 16 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. He was born in Rutledge, N.J., July 29, 1922, to Howard O. and Margaret (Houseman) Evans Sr.
A resident of Northville for 40 years, he was captain of the 490th bomb group in the 8th Air Force, European Theater. He flew over 30 missions in B17 and B24 bombers, often as the lead pilot of his wing and group. Mr. Evans was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.
After the war, he flew for American Airlines where he met his wife who was a flight attendant. He later joined General Motors Air Transport as a co-pilot, and retired as director of air transport for General Motors Corp. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville.
He is survived by his wife, Gladys (Lapham), whom he married in 1947; son, Steve (Linda) of Tallahassee, Fla.; two daughters, Stacey (Gary) Becker of Novi and Suzanne (Mark) Johnson of Pittsford, N.Y.; and 10 grandchildren.
Mr. Evans was preceded in death by a son, Scott and brother, Warren.
Services were held on Thursday, July 19 at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, with the Rev. Kent Clise and the Rev. James Russell officiating.
Interment was in Rural Hill Cemetery, Northville.
Arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home of Northville.
Memorials to the First Presbyterian Church Christian Life Center, 200 E. Main St., Northville, MI 48167 or Camp Michawana, 5800 Head Lake Road, Hastings, MI 49058 would be appreciated.

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Lakes area looking for youth mentors

By DIANE DEMPSEY DEEL
Staff Writer

The Mentors PLUS program through Lakes Area Youth Assistance is looking for volunteers to make a difference in the lives of young people.

The program, which was established in 1973, provides mentoring for children ages 6 years old to 16 years old.

"Basically the mission statement is to strengthen youth and families and to reduce the incidence of delinquency and neglect through citizens involvement," said Terri Dunlop, chairperson of the Mentors PLUS program.

Mary Piper, a mentor, said she enjoys the program. She wanted to do something worthwhile after she retired and decided to answer an ad for mentors in a newspaper.

The kids are referred by schools, counselors, concerned citizens or by their parents, Dunlop said.

possible have a single parent who works a lot or the children could be adjusting to the United States after leaving their country.

Dunlop matches the mentors with children of the same sex.

"There are quite a few boys in need of someone to throw a football with," Dunlop said.

"These are the kids we consider to be at risk for drug addiction or delinquency in general," Dunlop said.

"I really like her and she really likes me," Piper said. "She'll say to me, 'You're my best friend.' It's the best, most enjoyable thing I've ever done."

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people who were mentored—they were helped emotionally.

"Of course children are always trying to make themselves look good for their parents but with friends they can just relax. They are with them because of who they are. They don't have to impress them."

Piper agreed and said the 10-year-old she is mentoring is much more secure now and she feels free to discuss personal topics with her.

Dunlop encourages mentors in the program to do simple activities with the kids that doesn't cost money but does promote conversation. Mentors can have picnics, rollerblade, bike ride or play board games with the children.

"We encourage mentors to do simple things like star gazing or bird watching. These are things that people aren't doing anymore. You are dealing with that child one on one, laughing, joking and communicating," Dunlop said.

"I think someone outside of the family is more accepting," Piper said.

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"We've taken her to our grandchild's dance recitals," Piper said. "She's part of our family to us. It's very rewarding."

"Dunlop said communication is important with children.

"A lot of kids these days are watching television, playing video games or they are on the computer. Many of these kids are at home alone. I know some of these kids are in the mentoring program because they could use a friend."

"Life has treated me really well and I wanted to give some of that back," Piper said. "This is a perfect program for anyone who wants to do something good."

"She hopes others will become mentors."

"Most of the time, the adults don't look at it as a burden, they really enjoy themselves," Dunlop said.

The program has been rewarding, Piper said, and she feels that men and women in any age group would benefit from mentoring a child.

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"In a few hours a week, you can really make a change in somebody," Piper said.

To become a Lakes Area mentor call (248) 858-0041.

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Power of Six Sigma will offer business strategies

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

New author Subir Chowdhury, one of the world's authorities on business strategies, has thrown his hat into the ring once again with his new book, "The Power of Six Sigma."

"The Power of Six Sigma" introduces an entirely new style of business writing - similar to that in Spenser Johnson's "Who Moved My Cheese?"

With his new book, Chowdhury has created a fictional story that exemplifies the benefits of the business philosophy called, Six Sigma.

"Six Sigma is a major management philosophy," Chowdhury explained. "To achieve Six Sigma quality, a company must strive for no more than 3.4 defects per million opportunities."

In simpler terms, Chowdhury said it's a level of perfection that a company aims for.

"It focuses on eliminating mistakes," he said.

"For example, if you ask people,

"Is 90 percent good enough?" they will tell you of course, but that missing one percent means 20,000 incorrect surgical procedures a week, four or more accidents at major airports a day, and 200,000 wrong drug prescriptions a year."

Achieving less than 3.4 mistakes per every million activities means getting things right approximately 99.99966 percent time.

While Chowdhury is not the first book about Six Sigma on the shelves, what makes his stand out is its simple approach for a broad audience.

"The beauty of this book is that it is written in such a format that anyone with any type of background can understand it, from the assembly line worker to middle managers and CEOs," he said.

"When writing this book I asked myself, 'How can I put this into layman terms so that virtually anyone can understand it?' and that, I found, was to make it fictional."

Chowdhury put his words where his mouth was, by giving his man-

uscript to people like a pizza delivery boy to a sales person at JC Penney.

"The feedback I got was incredible," he said about the book that only took him a month to write. "They all asked me, why aren't we doing this?"

While Chowdhury says the concept of Six Sigma is quite simple, it has to be fully integrated into the work place in order to be successful.

"If you are going to adopt the Six Sigma philosophy, you must be sure that everyone from the bottom-up understands and uses it, otherwise it's an organizational failure," he said.

For example, Chowdhury experienced his first real flag when a vice president of a \$20 billion company requested an order of 30,000 copies. Instead of being thrilled with the sale, the author was alarmed.

"How many employees do you have?" I asked him. He told me 60,000," Chowdhury said.

"I said, 'Then you must buy

30,000 copies more if you want it work.' So, you see the whole purpose for this to work in any type of corporation is to give it to everybody. Don't discriminate."

By applying the Six Sigma philosophy, Chowdhury said companies can save a quarter of a million dollars per project.

"That's a huge amount of savings," he said.

Chowdhury said that some corporations like GE and Delphi have already adopted the Six Sigma process and driven.

"But you have to keep in mind that it takes time," he said. "That is the problem with Detroit, we want immediate results. They want to go to Europe but they don't like to travel."

The book, Chowdhury's fifth, has seen tremendous success with over 100,000 copies sold in just two months of its release in April. It already has been released in a British, French, Spanish and German edition, with more languages to follow.

Chowdhury, who has nine other books in the works, said he hopes to make "The Power of Six Sigma" required reading for employees.

Born in Bangladesh, Chowdhury first made his mark in business book writing as the lead author of Management 21C.

A dynamic business leader, Subir is also currently the executive vice president of the American Supplier Institute, a quality management training and consulting organization.

Working for Apple Computers in India for two years, Chowdhury became interested in quality management and moved to the United States to attend Central Michigan University for a master's degree in engineering.

After working as a consultant for General Motors, Chowdhury later began working for the American Supplier Institute in Livonia.

Over the years, the 33-year-old has received a number of awards

including the prestigious Automotive Hall of Fame for his leadership in quality management. The Society of Automotive Engineers even awarded him its most prestigious recognition, the Henry Ford II Distinguished Award for Excellence. He also received the U.S. Congressional Recognition from the United States Congress and Certificate of Commendation from Governor John Engler.

Chowdhury has a lot to be thankful for, as he and his wife Maifni recently celebrated the birth of their new baby girl, Anandi.

"I am happy, but it's not the money. It's knowing that I'm changing things and doing something I love," he said.

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Library sponsors summer survival lesson

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer



Mike Banks, expert outdoorsman for REI, talked to residents and kids on the art of camping and learning to survive in the wilderness.

Matches or a lighter will help you cook food and stay warm and source of light. Like a flash light for the obvious, to help you see.

If you are ever to get lost in the woods, Banks says not to panic.

"We are the most dangerous beings in the woods," he said. "The difference between the animals that are alive and those who are extinct are that the ones that are alive were smart enough to stay away from humans. So don't worry that some animal is going to come after you."

Banks said if you're caught without your compass, it's best to sit tight and remain visible so others can find you.

"The most common reaction is to run, jump and shout about what remember that as long as you're alive, you're in good shape. So relax," he said.

Banks stressed that if you ever go alone into the woods, for example, to take care of business, make sure to tell someone.

"I love camping," said 10-year-old Christian Nienhaus who has been engaging in the recreational activity for the past four years. "You get to see all sorts of wild animals and sleep in tents."

Nienhaus, who came to learn more on Monday, has been camping at Yellow Stone National Park and said he even saw a grizzly bear up close.

"With all sorts of animals, like bears and wolves, roaming the forests, Banks said a much smaller type of creature is the most dangerous; bees.

"Over 2,000 people in the U.S. and Canada die from bee stings," he said. "Most of those are due to people with allergies, so make sure to take a bee sting kit if you're allergic."

Why is cotton fabric a no-no in the outdoors?

"If it gets wet, it's hard to dry," Banks said. "Synthetic clothing is always your best bet."

Banks also recommended to leave the jeans at home, because they take over three hours to dry.

Eleven-year-old Jennifer Ley said she enjoyed Banks' presentation on outdoor survival and said she gained a lot of insight.

"I'm in Girl Scouts and I wanted to learn more for when we go camping," she said.

Ten-year-old Aaron Croad, a student from Novi Meadows, said he too enjoyed the presentation, even though he was already very knowledgeable about camping.

"Camping is great because it allows you to explore nature and it's really adventurous," he said. "Even when I'm not camping, I love when the power goes out so we can sit by candlelight and tell ghost stories."

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Public can attend tax form hearing

A special Michigan House subcommittee will meet in Novi on July 25 to hear public testimony on simplifying Michigan tax forms and reforming the process for all residents, state Rep. Nancy Cassis announced today.

The bipartisan House Tax Policy Subcommittee on Tax Simplification meets at 9 a.m. in Room 507 at Walsh College, 41500 Gardenbrook in Novi. "I strongly encourage Oakland County residents, business people and industry experts to speak before the committee," said Cassis, chair of the House Tax Policy Committee. "We look forward to hearing local input. Our goal is to turn public testimony gathered throughout the state into sound reform policies to simplify Michigan's tax code."

Cassis, who organized the meeting, said the subcommittee will study alternative methods of filing, as well as ways to simplify forms and filing requirements.

"The complexity of today's Michigan tax filing system has created headaches from Novi to Negaunee," said Cassis, R-Nowi. "We must simplify the process and help reduce the stress involved in filing."

The bipartisan subcommittee will convene throughout the state to take public testimony and comment from tax policy experts. The panel also will meet in Lansing and compile recommendations for the full committee by Oct. 1.

The panel includes five House Tax Policy Committee members who volunteered for the assignment. The group also will research ways to mitigate common errors concerning tax filing, as well as examine combining forms and increasing use of e-filing, tele-filing and fax filing.

Local certified public accountants are scheduled to attend. State Rep. Steve Year, an accountant, is chairing the panel. For more information about the meeting, call Cassis' office at 1-866-38-NANCY.



Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-Nowi) chairs the House Tax Policy Subcommittee.



From Ruins to Rocks & Roses

In the shadow of the I-275 overpass, a property of colorful flowers and cascading waterfalls has risen from what was once a graveyard for old, junked automobiles.

The four-acre site on Schoolcraft just west of the freeway in Plymouth Township, which used to be the old City Auto junkyard, is now a garden and landscape supply center called Plymouth Rock and Supply.

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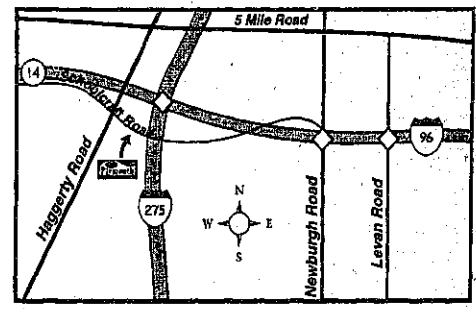
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Serious issues put on hold

I have long suspected that the best way to figure out what's really important in life is to look carefully at the behavior of our legislative masters in Lansing. Last week's news comes as confirmation of the principle.

Passed — right on time! — redistricting plans for districts for the U.S. House of Representatives and both the state House and Senate.

Failed to pass legislation defining what constitutes a "failing school" and establishing appropriate responses.

Failed to pass legislation on improving water quality by providing extra funding to fix up leaky sewer systems.

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That's mostly spin. The fact is that lawmakers get distracted for much of this year by redistricting, a close competitor to money in the hierarchy of things that define political success.

As things stand now, the legislature is the body that makes decisions about redistricting. And when confronted with that issue, lawmakers are likely to have trouble concentrating on anything else.

Mike Malott thinks that for the legislature to make redistricting decisions is an intrinsic conflict of interest. He's got a point. Certainly the business of the state ought not come to a grinding halt while the pots take care of their political futures.

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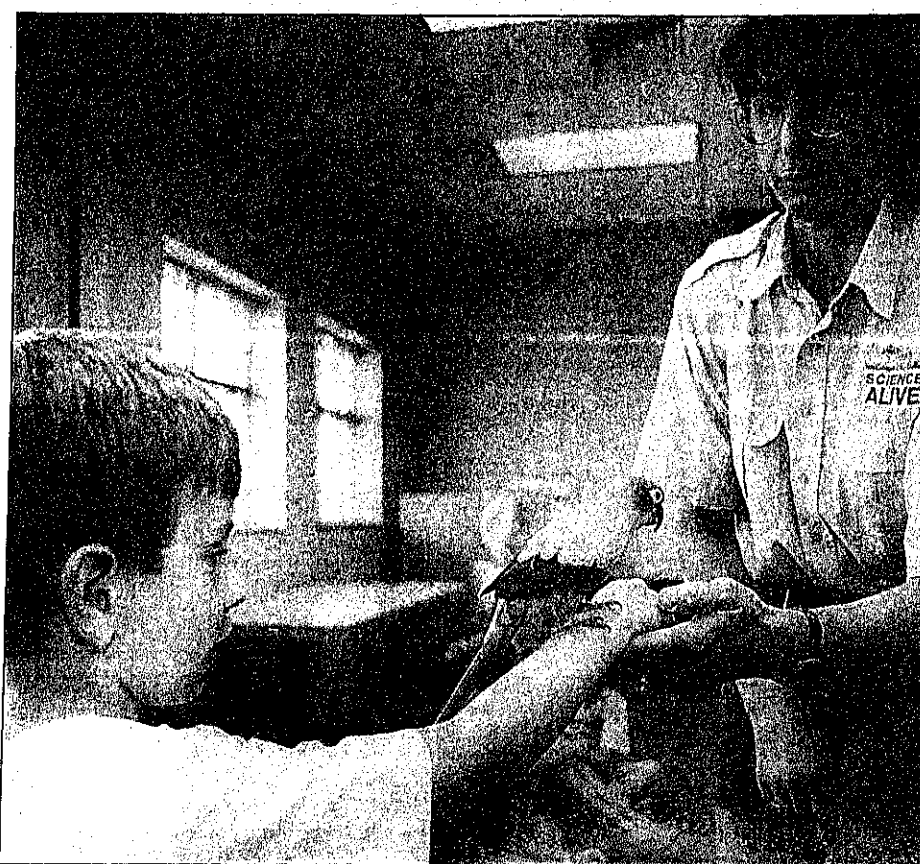
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Not only is this a perk for the school district, but Novi itself will reap in the benefits. After Chinese delegates have seen the school system, they will also eat in Novi and tour the city.



Terri Neil of Novi's Science Alive puts a sun coney parrot on the arm of a youngster during her visit last Thursday to the Northville District Library.

Rules are supposed to apply to everyone

Michigan's Supreme Court is apparently feeling the heat of the criticism being heaped on its recent ruling to block a referendum on the state's new concealed weapons law.

Markmen insisted the state Constitution has to be read in a strictly literal fashion, as the court ruled, and that you have to go by "the plain language" of its text.

Letters

Votes undermined city manager

What happened at the May 21 city council meeting? The budget was finally passed on an unanimous vote, that in my opinion, cuckooed our city manager.

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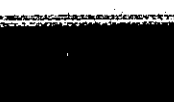
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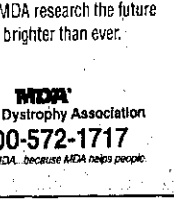
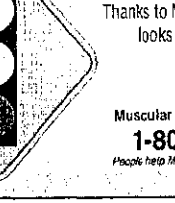
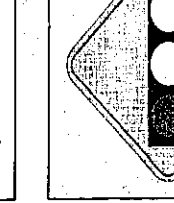
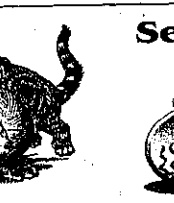
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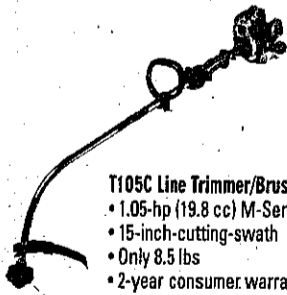
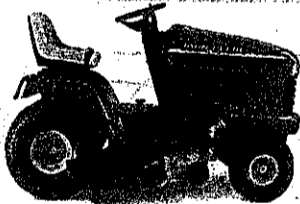
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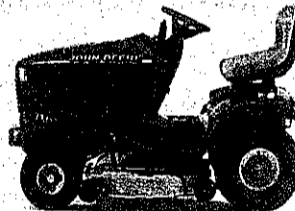


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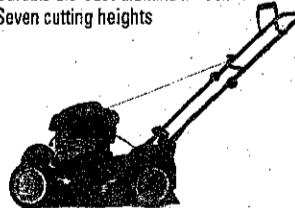


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Grand slam

Mustangs send Hughes, Harmer to All-Area team

If you enjoyed the 2001 KVC baseball season — one which saw Milford and Novi finish atop the league standings with identical 14-7 marks — then you're going to love the 2002 campaign. Why? Just check out the classes of the Redskins and Wildcats who make up sixth-10ths of HomeTown East's All-Area team. They are all sophomores and juniors.

Their play belied their age, however, as Novi's Brandon Davis and Milford's Ben Darga and Ryan O'Neill won games on the mound and at the plate and Novi's Trey Simpson and Milford's Eric Ziem were stalwarts at catcher.

Then there are the old guys. Like Northville pitcher Tommy Hughes, who went toe-to-toe with the Western Lakes' pitchers twice a week. And sluggers like South Lyon's Tony Kern and Lakeland's Chris Hardin, two of the most productive players in their schools' histories.

Here's the 2001 All-Area Baseball team. If the team selected a year from now looks strikingly similar, now you know why.

HomeTown's Player of the Year

Ben Darga
Milford sophomore

The really scary thing about Milford's rise to first place in the KVC was that the Redskins did it on the arms of two sophomores, Darga and Ryan O'Neill.

"Ben got the ball once a week and did his job," Melynychek said. "He set the tone for in the opener when he beat [Brighton all-stater Charlie] Christner. That helped the kids realize, hey, we're good."

They were. Especially Darga. Including that statement game, Darga went 7-3 with a 3.16 earned run average and a team-high 69 strikeouts. He was a workhorse, throwing 73 innings, 27 more than his next-highest teammate.

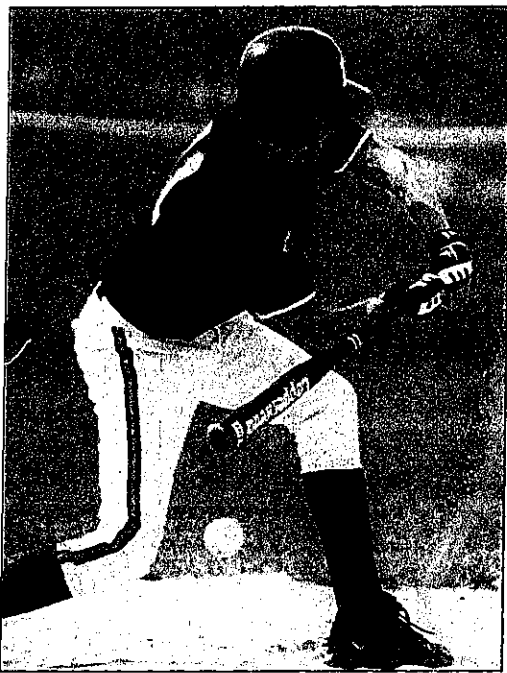
Darga's improvement at the plate was remarkable. After batting .061 as a freshman he came with a .407 average, scoring 36 runs and stealing 14 bases, both numbers which led the team.

"He works at baseball," Melynychek said. "Ben put on 25 pounds of muscle and that helped his stick. His bat came up really big for us at the end of the season."

"Ben knows the game, he's a smart, tough kid."

Eric Ziem
Milford junior catcher

What can you say about a guy who, battling illness the last three



Mustang Robbie Harmer tries to check his swing on a low pitch in Northville's first inning against Walled Lake Western Monday. Harmer reached first base on a walk.

weeks of the season, saw his batting average drop to "only" .423? Ziem was Milford's leading hitter and also drove in a team-high 35 runs, while scoring 31 and hitting four home runs. And one more statistic for fun, Ziem's 4.0 grade points average. But that was just the half of it.

"He was our leader, as just a junior, he took control," Redskins coach Jason Melynychek said. "We won some games because teams were just afraid to run on him. Eric caught the majority of our games and gave us solid defense. I've been spoiled having him around, and it seems like he and Jordan Delling have been around forever, but there's still another season."

Second-team All-KVC as a sophomore, Ziem was first-team all-conference as a junior.

Ryan O'Neill
Milford sophomore

pitcher/first baseman

The Redskins' go-to arm, O'Neill went 6-1, the only loss coming one-legged in the regional final to West Bloomfield, one of the state's best teams. O'Neill led Milford with a 2.56 earned run average, he struck out 58 batters.

"Ryan's a lefty whose ball moves more than anyone's I've seen," Melynychek said. "He has a good fastball and hits his spots."

Offensively, O'Neill hit .360, driving in 20 runs.

Brandon Davis
Novi junior pitcher

When Novi graduated nearly its entire starting lineup last summer, coach Rick Green had several holes to fill and a lineup full of backups

and junior varsity players to help fill those voids.

Davis, last year's starting shortstop, helped out in a major way. Just a junior, Davis proved to be one of the KVC's top pitchers and all-around talents. He posted a 7-2 overall record, and had a .071 earned run average in 59 innings on the mound.

His coach called him the MVP of the co-KVC champs.

"He had a great curve and he really knew how to hit the corners," Green said. "That was his trademark, his accuracy."

At the plate Davis hit .378 and drove in 29 runs. He had six doubles, three triples and a pair of homers.

He was a first-team all-league selection.

Matt Gorman
Novi junior outfielder

Wherever you see Brandon Davis, Gorman is sure to be found. One of the KVC's best football talents, Gorman translated that athleticism over to the baseball field where he patrolled centerfield much of the time.

Gorman finished the season with a .345 batting average and demonstrated his speed by swiping a team-high 27 stolen bases.

"We were very athletic up the middle of the field," his coach said. "From Trey Simpson to the plate all the way out to centerfield where Matt was. That was our strength."

Trey Simpson
Novi junior catcher

A year ago Simpson backed up one of the KVC's best athletes,

Mitch Malar, behind the plate. With Malar off earning Freshman of the Year honors in the Mid-American Conference, Simpson had his chance to shine.

And he did. Simpson hit a solid .321 and led the team with six homers and 35 runs driven in. He is one of several Juniors who led Novi to a co-KVC title with Milford and will be a key ingredient in Novi's battle with the Redskins next season.

Tony Kern
South Lyon senior outfielder

One of the KVC's best hitters found his stroke a third into the season and had his way from there. Kern led the league with six home runs and 42 runs batted while hitting a team-high .456.

Kern's exploits weren't limited to the batter's box. He had the ideal rightfielder's gun for an arm and, as a pitcher, struck out a South Lyon-best 50 batters.

Chris Hardin
Lakeland senior first baseman

From the first family of Lakeland baseball, Hardin was a rock during a four-year career during which he played under three different coaches.

Hardin was an offensive machine for Lakeland, leading the Eagles with a .437 batting average, 39 runs batted in and four home runs, while scoring 25 runs. He also stole 14 bases, not bad for an first baseman/football lineman.

Tommy Hughes
Northville senior pitcher

A three-year letterwinner and captain of the 2001 squad, Hughes had nothing given to him this season.

Unlike the KVC, which schedules weekly doubleheaders, the Western Lakes Activities Association pits its best pitchers against each other on Monday's and Friday's.

Hughes drew the toughest pitching assignment every time out. The numbers tell the story. The senior finished the season with a subpar 3-4 record but his 2.28 earned run average was anything but subpar.

He started eight ball games and completed five of them. He struck out 59 opponents in just 49 innings.

"What was most impressive was that he was playing on a hurt right knee for much of the season," coach Mickey Newman said.

He was all-division in the WAAA and hit .289 at the plate. He had a .438 on-base percentage and stole 14 bases in limited batting time.

Robbie Harmer
Northville junior infielder

Much of the time, Northville relied on the arms of its top pitchers Tommy Hughes and Joe Evans.

When it needed a big hit, Harmer's name was called out. Harmer hit .381 with seven doubles, 16 RBI and 16 runs scored. He even found time to swipe 13 bases and had an on-base percentage of .494.

"He was our biggest power threat and our most-consistent hitter," his coach said.

Northville prepares for return of NABF World Series to town

By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

The World Series is coming to Northville — the National Amateur Baseball Federation (NABF) 2001 World Series that is. The NABF 2001 World Series will be back in Northville July 26-

29 and the host Northville Broncos baseball team is preparing to face some of the best 15 and 16-year-old baseball players from all around the nation.

The Broncos, who automatically receive a spot in the tournament for being the host team, finished 1-3 in last season's tournament and is returning three World Series Veterans to lead Northville.

Matt Sebastian, Kyle Ghedotte and Tyler Carter will be grading the diamond with another World Series appearance and behind them is a slew of baseball talent.

The Broncos local talent includes Roger Garfield (Northville), Alex Richard (Northville), Carter (Northville), Jeff Huguelet (Northville), Ghedotte (Northville), Sebastian (Novi), and Jimmy Reihl (Novi). The Northville squad's roster rounds out with Pat Green (Brighton), Eric Niesen (New Boston), Ryan Powell (Canton), Clay Welton (Plymouth) and Jason Krug (Redford).

Northville's tournament will kick off July 26 at 9 a.m. at the Northville High School baseball diamond and will pit the host Broncos against the regional winners, from Norman, Oklahoma.

For more photos of NABF participants, see page 3B.

The Northville team is led by head coach Aaron Kuleper, who will be assisted by coaches J.D. Villasenor and Joe Ghedotte.

According to tournament director David Jerome, this year marks the 19th year the NABF World Series has been held in Northville.

"I think this is the biggest national tournament to come to Northville," Jerome said. "It takes a high caliber team to get here. If you win your league then you go to the regionals and if you win the regionals you come here."

Jerome noted the tremendous fan support of the round robin tournament, is what keeps the World Series coming back to the area.

"It cost \$2,500 to bring the tournament here," Jerome said. "We raise the money through the sales of T-shirts and when we sell ads in the tournament program. Any profits go aside to keep up the quality of the field and for a scholarship fund."

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Erin Nelson



Pat Green



Jimmy Reihl



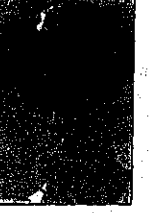
Roger Garfield



Clay Welton



Kyle Ghedotte



Jason Krug



Matt Sebastian

ALL-AREA BASEBALL 2ND TEAM

SECOND TEAM

PLAYER	SCHOOL	YEAR	POS
Kyle Fedorka	Lakeland	junior	pitcher
Adam Haberman	Novi	junior	infielder
Mike Crawford	Novi	junior	pitcher
Mike Stesinski	Milford	sophomore	outfielder
Greg Jarmusevich	South Lyon	senior	infielder
Joe Evans	Northville	senior	pitcher
Justin Boscarino	Lakeland	senior	outfielder
Mark Westenberg	Milford	sophomore	utility
Tony Wiseman	Lakeland	junior	infielder
Dan Marion	Milford	junior	outfielder

HONORABLE MENTION

Jake Ray, Eric Zorza — Novi; Lawrence Walters, Chris Kopchick — Milford; Jon DeGroot, Brandon Cislo, Jamie Gasparella — South Lyon; Justin Warner, Andrew Campbell — Lakeland.

What is it that gets our hearts pumping?

Maybe it is the excitement in a last second scoring situation that could mean the difference between glory and agony that makes me such a sports fan — or maybe not.

Perhaps it is the thrill of a last second touchdown or a great pitch off the mound that closes out a no-hitter. Could it be the amazing feat of an undefeated season or the awe of a record being broken? Actually, it's none of this. It isn't the smell of the peanuts and crackerjacks or the joy in winning or the tears in defeat that draws me to the parks and courts time and time again.

It's the athletes.

You know who I am talking about.

Your son or daughter, friends, family and even the kid next door. They practice day in and day out to be the best they can be for the sake of the fans and because they love the game.

Have you ever seen the twinkle in a child's eye when they stepped up to home plate for the first time? How about the ear-to-ear grin a child gets when they notch their first win? These athletes who range from short to tall and from heavy to skinny are the reason I watch sports. It could be a tee-ball game, a high school football contest or a keg-league rugby match, they are all the same to me because each and every player on the field and on the sidelines are there for one reason — to play. They are not there for a million-dollar contract or even necessarily a win, they are just there to play a game and to have fun doing it. Isn't that what sports are all about?

Athletes who love the sports they play are why I consider the job of a sports reporter to be more of an honor than a job. I consider the

opportunity to watch and report sports that you or your sons and daughters play or support an honor and I want to thank you for making such a wonderful job possible.

I could sit at home and watch professional level sporting events on television if I wanted to, but that wouldn't bring the joy of watching the truest form of athletes take to the sports they love.

I honestly believe that sports can only better the children, young adults and adults who play them. Each and every day I strive to make myself a better person — both in and out of my career — and it all started with the swing of a bat on a Minor League, baseball team in a small town called Rock snuggled in this wonderful state's Upper Peninsula. From there I moved on to track and field, football, basketball and more baseball before finally ending my sporting career in college rugby and a short stint on a semi-professional football team called the Northern Michigan Arctic Blast.

Each and every one of the teams I was part of made me a better person thanks to the interaction, camaraderie and accomplishment I was able to be an active part of.

Even though I was no longer fit enough — or talented enough — to further my own athletic career I am given the opportunity to relive all of the thrills, tears and memories every time I cover a sporting event. I hope to pass on the emotion and events of the games I cover to the readers of this sports section.

To show my appreciation of the readers and the athletes and fellow fans of the sporting events I cover I will strive each and every time I write to make your reading experience as enjoyable as the sports played by the athletes of this community.

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Around The Bases

The Athletics Jessica Fellwock, Jessica Casey, and Kelly Wasalski joined together and pitched a 10-0 shutout June 28 against the Rockies. Rachel Adamein had a double in the fourth inning.

Athletics 5, Town & Country Eye Care Cardinals 13
Lucy Hough made two put outs at catcher and Megan Sklut, Kayla Hogan and Meredith Mulder had key hits for the Athletics. The Cardinals' Nicole Miller and Tori Posa both hit two singles and a double hitting three-for-three. The whole team contributed to a strong defensive game.

Marlins 16, Athletics 15
Sara Fort and Shelby Buschbacher hit home runs and Jennifer Smith had two hits for the Athletics.

Marlins 14, Town & Country Eye Care Cardinals 8
For the Cardinals, Kelli Ford hit two-for-three at bat and Amy Johnson hit three-for-three with

an RBI. Marlins' Julia Peters tripled, singled and drove in five runs. Allison Varley had four hits, three RBI's and scored three times.

Town & Country Eye Care Cardinals 15, Marlins 13
In the final championship game, the Cardinals held tight against the ever-strong Marlins to end the girls primary season. For the Marlins, Amy Badtold had three hits and three RBI's. Kara Weber and Lauren Leakey each had three hits and scored three times. The Cardinals' Gina Giordano hit a triple, bringing in two runs and Katie Kowal hit two singles and two doubles and had one RBI. Kelsey Lewis and Blair Powers helped seal the win with a double play in the bottom of the 6th.

ATHLETICS V. DIAMONDBACKS
Brian Kosinski had a grand slam homer and Matthew Hermiz, Steven Townsend and Nick Peper had two hits for the Athletics.

ATHLETICS V. METS
Jack Sine had a grand slam homer. James Gill, Cody Schwartz, and Drew Accardo had key hits for the Athletics.

Marlins beat the Cardinals on June 29 by a score of 11-10 in extra innings to win the Intermediate League Championship. The Cardinals' Bridget Hughes pitched four shutout innings and Kelly Fraser scored the winning run in extra innings.

The Cardinals' Caitlin Wheeler and Natalie Pedler played outstanding games. They both pitched three innings, had a couple of hits, and made several plays in the field.

Marlins beat the Tigers on June 27 to advance in the Intermediate League Tournament. The Marlins' Ashley Jones and Michelle Jones had two hits and played solid defense. The Tigers' Chelsea Jener and Tessa Keller were outstanding in the field and at the plate.

The Cardinals beat the Marlins on June 29 to advance to the Championship Game. The Cardinals' Jackie Elder and Jenna Hansen led the team with a pair of hits and several outstanding plays

Marlins 14, ROCKIES 7
Marlin Ashlee Sherman had three hits and pitched one scoreless inning. Marlin Allison Hughes also had three hits. Ann Marie Nelson reached base safely three times for the Rockies.

MARLINS 12, GIANTS 10
Stefanie Sherman and Jessica Morga each had three hits for the Marlins. Katie Mues scored three runs for the Marlins. Giant Amy Wild had two hits and scored two runs.

The Cardinals beat the Tigers on June 25 by one run. The Cardinals won in the last inning in a close game when Katie Moran, Angela Grimmer, and Kate Rober all reached base and provided the winning run.

The Tigers got great defense from Katie Schesky and Bethany Flyer.

The Northville girls 16-and-under travel faspitch team defeated Garden City 5-1. Candra Nabozny pitched a three-hitter in the game. Singles were hit by Lindsay Tomassak and Lexi Mimikos. Allison Long hit a triple.

The team tied the Livonia Storm 3-3 in eight innings. Nabozny and Carrie Banner combined pitching duties, holding the Storm to five hits. Tomassak, Long, and Amy Prentiss had singles, while Samantha Cooke had a double. Triples were knocked in by Kim Larson and Banner.

In a doubleheader, Northville thumped the Livonia Thunder 16-0 and 15-3. Nabozny and Banner allowed only four hits in the games. Kim Hayes, Prentiss, Nabozny, Larson and Banner all had singles. Cooke had two singles. Tomassak had a single and two doubles. Ashley Katschey had three singles, and Mimikos and Jamie Gest each had two singles.

Views from the Bleachers



The Cardinals clinched the Northville Primary Girls 2001 league championship on an undefeated 8-0 season. Pictured are (back row), Kelsey Lewis, coach Carol Kowal, Gina Giordano, Melissa DiRado, Blair Powers, Amy Johnson, assistant coach Lori Lewis and Katie Kowal. Front row: Emily Jankowiak, Tori Posa, Samantha Doud, Nicole Miller and Kelli Ford. Not pictured: Nara DeMuro.

The Northville 9-year-old Bronco baseball team won the Holly Baseball tournament in June. The Broncos won three consecutive games in their first tournament experience. The Broncos beat Holly 15-0, Flushing 9-7 and Mount Morris 7-4. Pictured above are (back row): coaches Terry Mills and Bob Kwiatkowski; (middle row): Trevor Grigg, Jeremy Alain, Tommy LaFouere, Greg Cheslik, Joey Mortiere and Davin Montgomery; (front row) John Alandt, Kevin McCann, Mike Bagain, Dan Mills, Steve Grimmer and Joey Close.

Local students named to our All-Area soccer squad

The 2001 girls' soccer season provided some exciting moments and continued growth for this country's fastest growing sport.

Northville won its first Western Lakes Activities Association title by defeating Livonia Stevenson in the conference championship game. The win was the third in a row over the Spartans. The Mustangs finished the season 18-2-1 and was among the top five teams in the state all year. At one point, Northville was ranked seventh in the country. All three of the blemishes on its record came to state-ranked teams - Canton, Salen and Royal Oak Kintland.

The same could be said for Novi, which took second in the Kensington Valley Conference behind Brighton, a team which reached the Division I state semifinals.

South Lyon saw a lot of improvement in coach Gretchen Clatterback's second season, finishing third in the KVC.

Here is a look at HomeTown East's all-area soccer team.

Kelly Anderson, Northville junior defender
Every team has a defensive specialist. But not every team has a Kelly Anderson filling that role for it.

Anderson had the unenviable task of marking the best players on some of the state's best teams this year. She held the nation's top player, Anne Morrell, scoreless in Northville's first meeting with Canton. Stevenson dream teamer Lindsay Guskic and Brighton's Division I all-stater Kelly Lord

were two others who were shut out thanks in large part to Anderson.

"Teams can't overlook her," Northville coach Ron Meteyer said. "She's very tenacious and a very good leader. She doesn't mind sacrificing her body to get the ball out."

Her teammates nicknamed her Rodman because of the way she throws her body around on the field.

"Not everybody wants to mark the best players because they feel that eventually they're going to look bad out there," the coach said. "Not Anderson."

The three-year starter earned all-division and all-district honors.

Katie Ballo, South Lyon junior goalkeeper
When we began the year slowly, Katie was able to keep us in games," South Lyon coach Gretchen Clatterback said. "Then when we started to click, she was able to elevate her game even more. It gives her teammates so much confidence to have her back there and allowed us to play more aggressively. Katie could make up for a lot of errors in the first half."

Ballo had five shutouts and was named South Lyon's team MVP. She was a first-team All-KVC selection.

Emily Carbutt, Northville senior defender - player of the year
If it seemed like Carbutt had been around for an eternity, well, it's been close. A four-year starter on defense, Carbutt led Northville to an 18-2-1 record this season, three

wins over its toughest rival Livonia Stevenson and a trip to the state quarterfinals where it fell to Plymouth Canton and its all-American Anne Morrell.

She garnered many post-season honors including spots on the first team all-Western Lakes and first team all-state squads. Her state honor was the second-consecutive first team honor.

Her coach experimented on occasions, sending Carbutt up field for her sweeper position. Many times it worked as Carbutt finished the season with 10 goals and 13 assists.

"She's been around for a long time," her coach said. "And again, she led the team in every way this year as far as providing that leadership on the field."

Lindsay Dunmead, Northville junior midfielder
She's not a player you want to forget about on the field if you're on the other team.

Dunmead made other teams pay for that mistake this season, scoring 16 goals while assisting on 16 others.

"She's a very physical and strong player who can win the ball out of the air," Meteyer said. "You have to have somebody you can do that. She's a very potent player who explodes quickly."

Her overtime goal against Stevenson in the district semifinals gave Northville its unprecedented third over the Spartans in one season. She was named to the all-conference, all-district, all-region and (first team) all-state squads in recognition of her talents.

Nikki Hermann, Novi freshman forward
She and fellow freshman Maureen Pawlak had a combined zero years of high school experience coming into the season, but all that time on the field for the

Michigan Hawks paid off as Hermann totaled 27 goals and 19 assists for the Wildcats in 2001. Hermann earned all-KVC first-team honors.

Fili's four goals against Stevenson in the Western Lakes Activities Association championship game may just be a record. It's a feat that not many can claim against the stingy Spartans.

Fili is a Bruise player with excellent ball handling skills. She finished the season with 25 goals and five assists.

"Many times she'll lull a player with her soft touch and then beat her to the inside or the outside. She spent 16 games in goal this season, allowing just 13 goals. She was the team's top goalkeeper as a sophomore before playing in the field last season."

Katona proved that when given the chance to play the field, she could make an impact.

The senior captain scored eight goals and picked up four assists when her coach needed an offensive spark.

"She's very vocal and she takes control of the defense back there," Meteyer said. "Without Alex back there, we've got a problem."

She was member of the all-district and all-region squads as well as an all-division selection in the W.L.A.A. Katona was recently chosen as an honorable-mention all-state selection.

Michelle Manarina, Northville senior defender
Don't let her looks deceive you. "Other teams don't expect her to be a brute out there on the field," Meteyer said. "But she's very

deceiving with how quickly she can play the ball."

She scored two goals and had six assists as she and Kelly Anderson controlled the play in Northville's end.

Manarina was one of the tri-captains for Northville and earned all-district honors. She is also an honorable-mention W.L.A.A. member.

Maureen Pawlak, Novi freshman forward
Having spent the majority of her life on the soccer field, Pawlak had no problems making an impact in her first year at the high school level.

She scored a team-high 33 goals and picked up assists on 16 others. She was one of four freshmen starters for O'Leary.

"She is an unbelievable talent that is good in all areas of the game," her coach said. "She has great skills, plays aggressive and works hard in practice. In every game we played this year Maureen was the best player on the field."

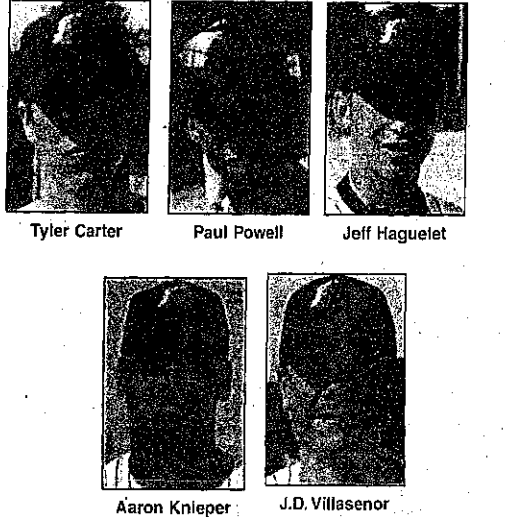
For her hard work, she earned all-KVC and all-district honors this year.

Nina Schmitt, Novi sophomore defender
One of the area's best distance runners, Schmitt transferred that dedication and hard work to the soccer field this year.

"She is the most aggressive player on the team and always covers the other team's best forward," O'Leary said. "She does a great job of not letting her mark get the ball."

She is a first-team all-KVC selection.

NABF's Staring Lineup



Over Memorial Day Weekend, the Novi Jaguars were champions at the 15th annual Warrior Soccer Classic in Dayton, Ohio. The Jaguars played a total of six games, accumulating a record of 6-0-1. The Jaguars were one of 28 teams in the U-17 division. The players are (top row): coach Doug Olson, Tyler Mohr, Vince Slovan, Nate Meyer, Matt Stafford, Ryan Koel, Josh Clark, Brian Swift, Dave Wendland, Jake Kaufman and coach Fred Olson. Bottom row: Eric Schleuder, Tracy Stewart, Christian Koch, Mike Crawford, Shane Smith Scott McKee and Mike Hildebrandt.

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Northville High School, as well as teachers and employees are welcome to participate. Up to 80 golfers can make reservations for the event,

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Holy Family Roman Catholic Church in Novi is seeking a car, truck or van (in good working order), a vacuum, grocery store gift certificates and yarn to assist persons in need. For more information, call (248) 349-8847.

First Presbyterian Church of Northville's Single Place offers several weekend activities, including

Friday evening meetings at Tremor's in Livonia, Saturday morning walks at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills, and Sunday morning worship and brunch at Northville Crossing. Single Place also offers two divorce recovery workshops — one for persons early along or in the midst of the divorce process, and another for those beyond the grieving point. For more information on any of these programs, call (248) 349-0911.

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church is hosting a one-day grief seminar, "From Grief to New Hope," on July 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The seminar will be presented by New Hope Center for Grief support director Cathy Clough. All adults who are learning to cope with the death of a loved one are eligible to attend. A \$7 donation is requested.

To register, call (248) 348-0115. Also at Ward — the church is seeking volunteer assistance during the noon hour at the receptionist's desk. For more information, call (248) 374-5928.

First Baptist Church of Northville will be hosting a blood drive on July 23 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Appointments are encouraged but not required. For more information, call (248) 348-1020.

Restaurant in Midland. The trip will leave First Presbyterian at 8 a.m. The trip is \$21, while the luncheon is \$15. For more information, call (248) 349-0911.

The groom-elect is a 1997 graduate of Northville High School. She is currently pursuing her bachelor's degree in microbiology at San Diego State University. The groom-elect is a 1996 graduate of Novi High School and is currently attending Schoolcraft College. She is employed at Isuzu Motors America in Plymouth. The groom-elect graduated from Novi High School in 1992, and is currently employed at Milford Lanes in Milford. An August wedding is planned and will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Detroit.

Engagements

Daniel and Susan De Koker of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Mary Eiken, to Timothy James Martin, the son of Larry and Ruth Martin of Livonia.



De Koker-Martin

The engagement of Patricia Harris to Timothy Brian Swickard, son of Robert and Suzanne Swickard of Novi, is hereby announced by Patricia and Thomas Harris of Novi and William and Susan Juraneck of Chicago.

The bride-elect is a 1996 graduate of Novi High School and is currently attending Schoolcraft College. She is employed at Isuzu Motors America in Plymouth. The groom-elect graduated from Novi High School in 1992, and is currently employed at Milford Lanes in Milford. An August wedding is planned.



Harris-Swickard

Community Events

Paintings by Barbara Eko Murphy will be on display at the Novi Civic Center through July 13. The display will be available for viewing from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Northville will be hosting a blood drive on July 23 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Appointments are encouraged but not required. For more information, call (248) 348-1020.

The raffle drawing for a children's playhouse will be held July 21 at 1 p.m. in front of Pizza Cutter in Northville. Tickets for the 50-square-foot playhouse, designed for both boys and girls, are \$5 each or \$10 for three. The drawing will be performed by a neighborhood girl. For more information, call (248) 374-0200.

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Oakland County Health Division will sponsor a breastfeeding support series. Sessions, which are taught by public health nurses, are held at the Health Division's West Office, 1010 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake, one block east of Pontiac Trail.

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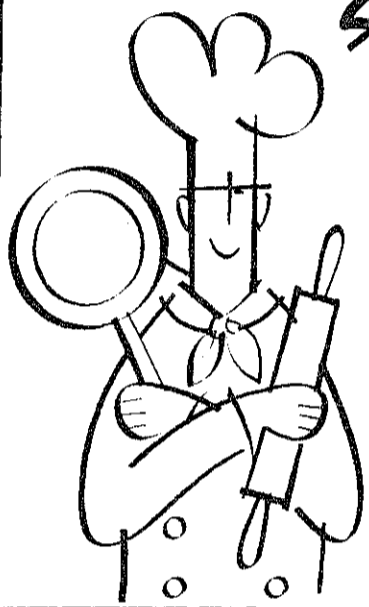
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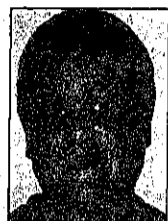
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The sun was shining brightly on my campground. It was shining right in my eyes so I woke up. But when I went outside to stretch, I saw a long snake.

I just stared at the striped beige and brown king cobra. In the leaves, the other animals were moving away. The king cobra stared right back at me. It's shiny skin glistened in the sun-

light and it started shedding it quickly. It stuck out its pointed pink tongue and hissed at me. Its red fangs seemed like it was about to strike me or spit poison at me. It slowly slithered closer and closer.

His yellow and black eyes looked deeply into me. The king cobra was 10-feet long and two-feet wide. It was starting to get more frightened at the moment and it was not hurt. I went back into my tent and asked if I could keep it for a year. They told me I could keep it for a year.

THE MALL DOVES AMY KING, GRADE 8 NOV! MIDDLE SCHOOL

The silver morning dove males were having trouble finding food this winter night. They had found food with ease last winter, but this winter gathering their food had become difficult. This was because the robins had over populated and they competed for food with the morning doves. All the bird food in the Hampton area had disappeared.

The male morning dove spotted a heavily dressed family on the path across the street. He flew over to them and the female followed. They perched on a bench near to the little brown-haired boy sitting next to his mother and father on a bench. They were eating ginger cookies and talking with each other. The little boy noticed the two morning doves and approached them. Being that they were so hungry and hoping for a bite of the ginger cookies, the doves did not fly away. The boy gave each of the doves a corner of his cookie. The doves had not eaten all day so they really appreciated the bite, but it was not enough. They searched long after the lights had been turned off and the mall deserted. He finally rested inside the "no" of a large sign that read "Northern Reflections."

When the mall opened in the morning, he began searching for his mate. He circled all the hallways in the mall, but there was no sign of her. The male became frantic. He thought that maybe she had been hurt. He had to find her soon. So he decided to search inside the stores in the mall. He looked through about 20 stores when he came to one called "Natural Wonders." He flew inside and noticed some birchhouses made of wood with little built in nests. Maybe his mate was hiding in one of those birchhouses. He approached the closest house but she wasn't inside. There were at least 20 houses so he kept looking. Sure enough inside the third house was his mate. When he flew inside she looked up. Underneath her in a little straw nest lay three eggs. He then realized she hid in this birchhouse to lay her eggs. The male was both surprised and happy. They were going to raise a family.

The "Hampton Mall" was warm and had plenty of food so the two doves decided to raise their babies in the mall. When summer came, the babies wanted to see the outside world. So the mommy and daddy doves let the babies explore. In a few days the babies came back to the air-conditioned mall. They preferred the cool mall compared to the scorching summer air outside. All five birds lived together in the mall. They became known as the "mall doves."

On Campus

Alan Jere Lyskawa has been named to the Dean's List at the University of Notre Dame for outstanding scholarship during the spring semester. He is a junior majoring in mechanical engineering.

Lyskawa is the son of Michael and Grace Lyskawa of Novi and a 1993 graduate of Novi High School.

Arts, has received a Chancellor's Scholarship and a Smith-Phillips Lumber Scholarship for the 2001-02 year at North Carolina School of the Arts.

The Chancellor's Scholarship is awarded to returning students who have demonstrated artistic excellence and potential. The Smith-Phillips scholarship is awarded to outstanding design and production students.

Meissa N. Vartanian, a senior at North Carolina School of the

Arts, and Mrs. Gary Vartanian of Novi.

Two Novi students at Howe Military School received awards for their outstanding academic excellence. Cadet Daniel Burke, one of two high school cadets scoring the highest in all Algebra I classes, received the Outstanding First Year Algebra Gold Medal.

Cadet Burke has just completed his 11th grade year at Howe. He is

the son of Susan Burke of Novi.

Gregory Jacob received the following awards: Gold Medal for Excellence in Algebra II, a Gold Medal for Excellence in French, the Cecilia Gauss Radio Club Award, the McKenzie Gold Medal for the Most Trustworthy Cadet, and the Association of Military Colleges and Schools medal.

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Stupid behavior

There are some behaviors exhibited in the human race that just defy logic. Sometimes silly and sometimes just plain absurd, these are the everyday heroes who add color to our world.

Okay — enough of the hokey stuff. Meet the world's morons, compiled for your reading enjoyment by the XTRA's world-class crack team of reporters.*

Michael Carter was arrested for kidnapping and robbery in New Haven, Conn. but all the while maintained his innocence. Police officers asked Carter to return to the scene of the crime so witnesses could identify him, to which Carter responded, "How could they identify me? I had a mask on."

At a Sesame Street theme park near Philadelphia, a Maryland man has been charged with assault after he beat up the Cookie Monster because the costumed character refused to pose for a photograph.

Police arrested 37 year-old Pareena Jabbar in Colombo, Sri Lanka for trying to pass a \$1 million U.S. bill — a currency that doesn't exist. The suspect produced a "certificate of authenticity" signed by officials of the "International Association of Millionaires."

An upstate New York parolee slowed while driving his stolen car to wave "hello" to a sheriff's deputy he recognized from his jail term.

Twenty-five year-old David Worrell was given a 12-year suspended sentence for attempted bank robbery in London. The judge felt Worrell wasn't a major threat to society. Worrell, who is blind, wielded a cane as a weapon. When he heard police sirens outside, Worrell panicked and ran into a closed door.

Buddhist monks at Japan's Yakushido Temple perform a purification ceremony by setting fire to their pants.

Researchers at Rutgers University discovered the underarm smell of older women "had an uplifting effect" on the 300 students who sniffed gauze pads used to collect body odors. Body odor of younger people was found to have the opposite effect.

Animal control workers in California received a call from a woman who insisted she obtain a marriage license for a male and female cat before they bred.

* staff of one, paid for with a bag of Cheez-Its and a case of Coke.



A pastel portrait called "Proud Mary" was created by Barbara Eko Murphy.

The Artist

by Randal Yakey

photos by John Heider

When trotting over to the dance classes at the Parks and Recreation Department or simply taking a break from the Novi City Council meetings are both perfect times to catch a glimpse of works of local artist at Gate VI Gallery inside the Novi Civic Center.

Gate VI has become one of the only places in Novi where an artist can show their works.

This past week, local artist Barbara Eko Murphy has been showing her water colors.

Murphy, who has been involved in the art most of her life, has just recently taken up the craft of painting and was a dancer for the Detroit City Ballet Company before turning her focus strictly to painting in the last few years.

"I started taking ballet when I was eight," Murphy said. "By the time I was eighteen, I was dancing for the Detroit City Ballet. I was in the first major company they had in 1968 and I danced for them for two years."

Murphy, who taught in the Livonia Schools for thirty-four years, said she regularly integrated the arts with her elementary school class.

"It was trained by the Getty Foundation which is a foundation that encourages the knowledge of the arts," Murphy said. "We had teachers come up from the University of Chicago to help teach how to integrate the arts in everyday classrooms but I wasn't an art teacher."

And after heart surgery, Murphy was forced to retire and decided to turn her attentions to painting.

"I started to do portraiture arts," Murphy said. "I went to the Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Center to take classes. Bob Blanchard is my instructor who also teaches at the Center for Creative Studies (CCS) in Detroit."

Murphy won local acclaim after she began showing her work at the Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Show and the Farmington Arts Council Festival of the Arts.

"Being in these shows is the equivalent of being in the hockey playoffs or March Madness," Murphy said. "I'm very honored to paint with my colleagues who have been painting for many years."

Most of Murphy's contemporaries have been painting for 20 years or more. And Murphy says she has taken advice from them whenever she can on subject mat-



Barbara Eko Murphy touches up a charcoal portrait she's been working on.

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ter. "Right now I'm doing landscape and flowers," Murphy said, who has actually sold some works that have been hanging in the gallery.

"I've also been commissioned to do a cover of a book," Murphy continued. "I've been commissioned to do a painting in a spa in Plymouth."

Murphy said she is asking from between \$150 and \$500 for her painting on display in the civic center.

The human form, according to Murphy, is what she wants to concentrate on, especially in water colors.

"I love John Singer Sargent's work," Murphy said, of the famous portrait artist. "That is what I want to do. I also like Mary Cassatt. She likes to paint mothers and children. But I want to emphasize dancers. That is what I did. And I want to emphasize placement of the body. (Edgar) Degas, the most noted painter of dancers, well, his positions were not correct. I know the correct positions of dance and I trained in dance for twelve years."

Murphy said that she would like to see more done to encourage the arts and possibly get more artists and some more permanent displays at the civic center. A friend of Murphy's, and fellow teacher, will bring her works to the civic center next week.

"Penny Thorsen, my sorority sister at Alpha Delta Kappa, also displays her work and she was the one who encouraged me to," Murphy said.

Betty Marianetti, chairperson of the Novi Arts Council, gave Murphy the chance to show her work at the civic center. For more information on showing your work at the civic center call (248)-347-0400 and leave a message.

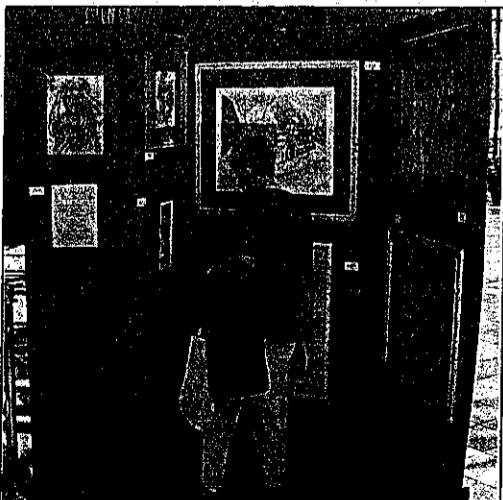
Thorsen and the Novi Civic Center Group will be displaying their work from August 15 through September 14. Noted Detroit photographer Linda Soloman will be showcasing her work beginning July 16 through August 14.

Gallery hours are Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. or anytime the civic center

is open to the public.



Murphy's "Ilmatar - Finnish Goddess."



Agnes Hay takes a look at some of the art work of Barbara Eko Murphy on display at the Novi Civic Center.

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MUSIC AND MOTOR FEST 2001



This year's Music and Motor Fest will feature a broad variety of music from rock to caribbean, and disco to R & B. However, Saturday Night Fever will still be alive when the festival hosts a disco night with Sister Sledge. Cover by Scott Piper.

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Music and Motor Fest heats up for 2001

The Music and Motor Fest (formerly the Michigan '50s Festival) is back for its 14th annual celebration, July 25-29 at the Novi Expo Center.

Over the past 13 years, this event has grown to become the third largest festival in the state (behind the National Cherry Festival and the State Fair). On behalf of the festival's board of directors, we wish to thank the citizens of Novi who have made this tremendous growth possible.

In our first year, the festival was a virtual "wash out" due to some untimely thunderstorms. We had a pretty good run for the next 11 years and then last year, the rains came again. There are many things under our control but the weather is not one of them. Thanks in large part to our corporate sponsorships, we are able to bring this wonderful event back for another year.

We changed our name last year from the Michigan '50s Festival to the Music & Motor Fest. That was a very difficult decision but we had heard from many of our patrons that told us it was time for a change. In that it was becoming increasingly difficult to find original music acts from the Rock and Roll '50s era (we insist on original acts), we decided to move forward and embark on a new era. After all, the 1950s last 10 years and the '50s Festival lasted 12. Nevertheless, we are still about cars and we are still about music so the Music & Motor Fest was born.

Every year people ask, "Where does all the money go?" The answer is simple, right back into the community. Not one member of the board of directors is paid for their time. This is truly a labor of love. All of the net proceeds of this event go back to the city of Novi in various different forms. In the past, we have purchased everything from a mobile show trailer to holiday decorations at city hall.

Our next project is the construction of an outside stage on the corner of Main and Market streets in the Main Street project so that residents of Novi can take advantage of an outdoor concert series to be staged throughout the summer months.

In addition, all the service groups and charitable organizations who work throughout the week serving beverages, folding chairs, picking up the trash, all the things that need to be done to make the venue ready for you, use the festival as a major fund raiser for their organizations. All told, the festival has raised tens of thousands of dollars and donated them back to the community. We couldn't do this without your support.

Some might call this year's Music and Motorfest entertainment line-up an "eccentric mix." Perhaps even unusual by comparison. The range of music goes from Parrot Heads to Disco Duck and his everything in between. One thing is for sure, you will definitely find it incredibly entertaining.

We open on Wednesday night, July 25 with Living Soul and the Pearl Drivers, one of the most entertaining musical

comedy bands in the Midwest. With their hit song, "I'm in love with an Astronomer," this group is a take-off on the ever popular Jimmy Buffet style of music and even features "Fingers" Taylor and Peter Mayer, former Buffet band members.

We stroll into Thursday and rock to Detroit's own Mitch Ryder and Rare Earth. It's classic rock - Motown style. When Mitch performs, his fans know that something special is going to happen. And by the time he performs his classic hits, "Jenny Take a Ride" and "Devil with a Blue Dress," the house is rockin'. Also on stage Thursday is Rare Earth another hometown favorite with such classic hits as "Losing You," "Hey Big Brother" and "I Just Want to Celebrate." Thursday, July 26's show is sure to be a classic with admission only \$5.

The retro revolution comes to town on Friday so get out your best Saturday Night Live dancing shoes and boogie with Sister Sledge. It's disco mania when these three real-life sisters perform. Starting in 1979 with their smash hit, "We Are Family," Sister Sledge has become one of the world's most successful female groups. Adding to their repertoire you can disco dance to other hits like, "Lost in Music," "Love Somebody Today" and their international gold record, "Frankie." Also on stage Friday and Saturday, July 27 and 28, are festival favorites Rocky and the Rollers. Back for another performance in Novi, the Rollers tour over 200 dates a year all over North America. Featuring Gerry "Rocky" Seader on drums and Dave Parker on lead guitar, Rocky and the Rollers have become a festival tradition. Friday admission is \$10.

Saturday night we go to the dogs. Three Dogs to be exact. From 1969 through 1975, Three Dog Night placed 22 songs on Billboard's top 40 list. Including 12 in the top 10 and five number one hits. The Novi Expo Center will definitely be the place to be on July 28 as we enjoy songs like, "Mama Told Me Not to Come," "Try a Little Tenderness," "Easy to be Hard," "Eli's Coming," and of course their No. 1 smash, "Joy to the World." Saturday admission is \$15. We are happy to welcome all ages every night for the entire concert series.

Sunday, July 29, we feature two of the area's finest bands on two separate venues for your enjoyment. On stage from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. during our car show on Sunday, you can enjoy the sounds of Steve King and the Dittilies. Sunday at 7 p.m. in the entertainment tent, you'll enjoy the special R & B



Jane Thomas



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

This year's Music and Motor Fest is sure to be fun for the whole family.

style of The Sun Messengers. Both concerts are free although there is a \$3 admission fee to the car show.

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Jane Thomas is the festival manager for the Music and Motor Fest.

Mitch Ryder rolls into town on July 26

By RANDAL YAKKEY
Staff Writer

When the Carnival wheels were spinning and Saturday dances at the Walled Lake Casino jumping, local Rock n' Rollers would make the trek to the lakes area and kick-out-the jams.

It was there that many local rockers began their legendary careers. Mitch Ryder was one of those musicians.

A blues singer by profession, Ryder would travel from gig-to-gig, sitting in with whomever he could and soon was starting down fame as the self-described "high octane, turbo, high performance" rocker, the first in a line of rockers such as Iggy & The Stooges, MC5, Nugent and Bob Seger.

"I played out there (Walled Lake) with Ten Nugent," Ryder said, from his Wayne County home. "I was the first to really break out."

Ryder, who attended Warren High School, said he would often head off to what is now the Wayne State University area of Detroit, where he would find other musicians plying their trade.

"I'd go down to Woodward and Alexander where the transients (musicians) would go," Ryder said. "There was always a new house band and you'd have to learn material quickly."

Ryder said he also was influenced by southern gospel music and the black music scene in Detroit.

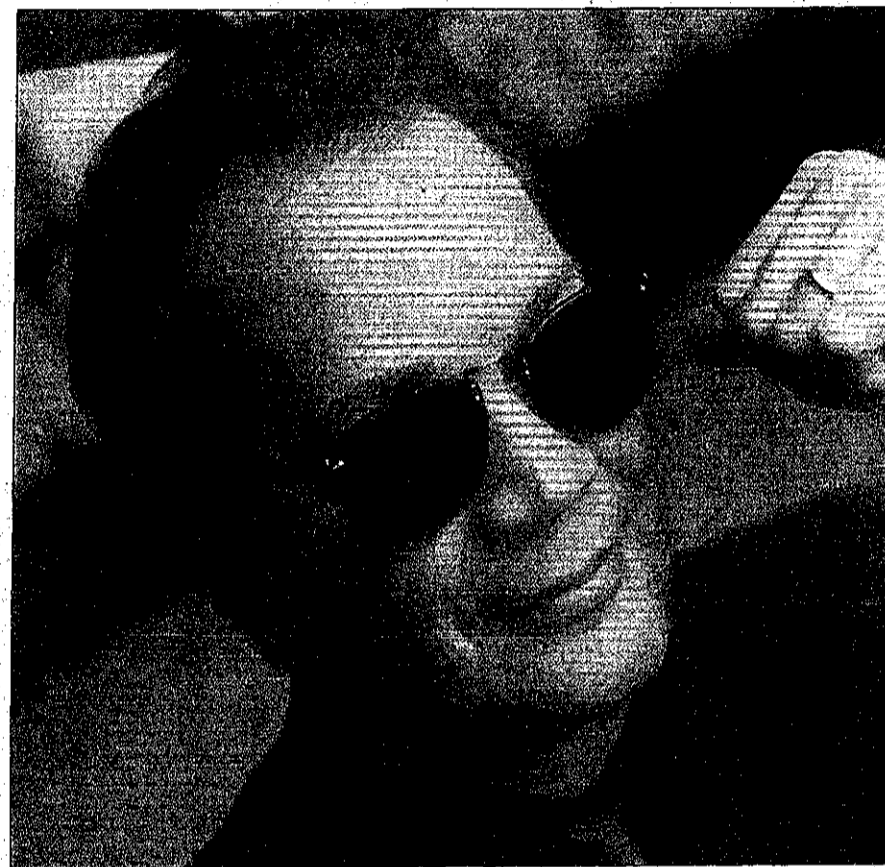
"My mother was from the south," Ryder said, talking of his education in music. "So I learned a lot from her and chorus singing. I've been classically trained. I do read and write music."

Ryder, who was born William Levies, Jr., has been performing since high school when he played under the stage name "Billy Lee" and cut his first single in 1962 for a gospel label.

And Ryder paid his dues; "jamming" with some of the most famous bands in rock history. From The Dave Clark Five to Booker T. & MGs, Ryder was on the scene of rock's beginnings. And he quickly learned to "work" a crowd.

Ryder said getting the crowd into the music, from a musician's point of view, has more to do with the "psychology" of the crowd than the rhythms of the music.

"A musician does what works well for them," he said. "There are things you can do like the chant, when you call back to the



Mitch Ryder will be performing at the Novi Music and Motor Fest on July 26.

audience. But, in most cases, people are already there because they are interested in you."

And interest in Ryder's music isn't just limited to the North American market. European audiences, especially in Germany, have taken to the bluesy sound that makes up Ryder's repertoire.

"The Europeans have a real sense of history," Ryder said. "They really understand how things (Rock n' Roll) evolve."

In the 1980s, Ryder's popularity in

Europe surged and he was doing a lot of shows across the ocean where audiences, like fellow blues player Buddy Guy, can eclipse even his legendary status in the United States.

"The best experiences have been in the small clubs," Ryder said. "You can see every stubbed toe and cut finger. The audience is right there. The interaction is tremendous."

And Ryder really wants his audiences to "take a ride" with him. He's much more

interested in an active crowd. "I can't understand the performer who is satisfied with polite applause," he said. "The greatest thing in the world is to have the audience right there every step of the way."

Ryder, along with his band - The Detroit Wheels, are best known for their songs "Jenny Take a Ride," "Devil with a Blue Dress On," "Sock It To Me Baby" and "C.C. Rider." Ryder had a major hit with his version of Little Richard's "Jenny, Jenny."

Enjoy a night jog at the 12th annual 5k run/walk

By COLBY J. CAVALIERE
Sports Writer

In conjunction with this year's Music and Motor Fest, Time Warner Cable will be hosting their 12th annual Mid-Summer's Night 5k Run/Walk on July 26.

The event will be 3.1 miles in length, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Running Fit location in the Novi Town Center, with awards being given to the best overall male and female runners, as well as to the top three finishers in each age group for men and women. Ribbons will be given out to

all that participate. The allure of this race is its versatility of runner participation.

"This is a fun race because it's a family event as well as [an event for] solo runners and walkers. In past years, we have had participants ranging from little ones in jogging strollers, to people aged 73. We always have a good turn out and fun is had by all," commented race coordinator Marsha L. Watton.

The race was originally started in 1992 as a way to raise funds for the (50s) fest Music and Motor Fest events. Time Warner

Cable, the race's sponsor, will be buying shirts for the participants and hopes that in addition to raising money, the race can add some spice to the weekend's festivities.

"We want to make the Music and Motor Fest more varied, and generally just make it a more enjoyable experience for everyone," said Time Warner's Bob McCann.

For those who register before July 21, the entry fee is \$13, which includes a T-shirt and refreshments. The late entry fee is \$15, but the late fee will be waived if entries are paid at any Time Warner office up until July 25. Additionally, interested

parties can enter the day of the race from 4-6 p.m. at the Running Fit location at the Novi Town Center. All proceeds generated by the race will go to the festival.

Because of the hard work and generosity of many, the event's success looks to continue.

"This will be another successful year with the help from Running Fit, WCSX and all the behind the scenes crew that work hard year after year," Watton said.

For more information contact race coordinator Marsha L. Watton, at 553-7303, ext. 2200.

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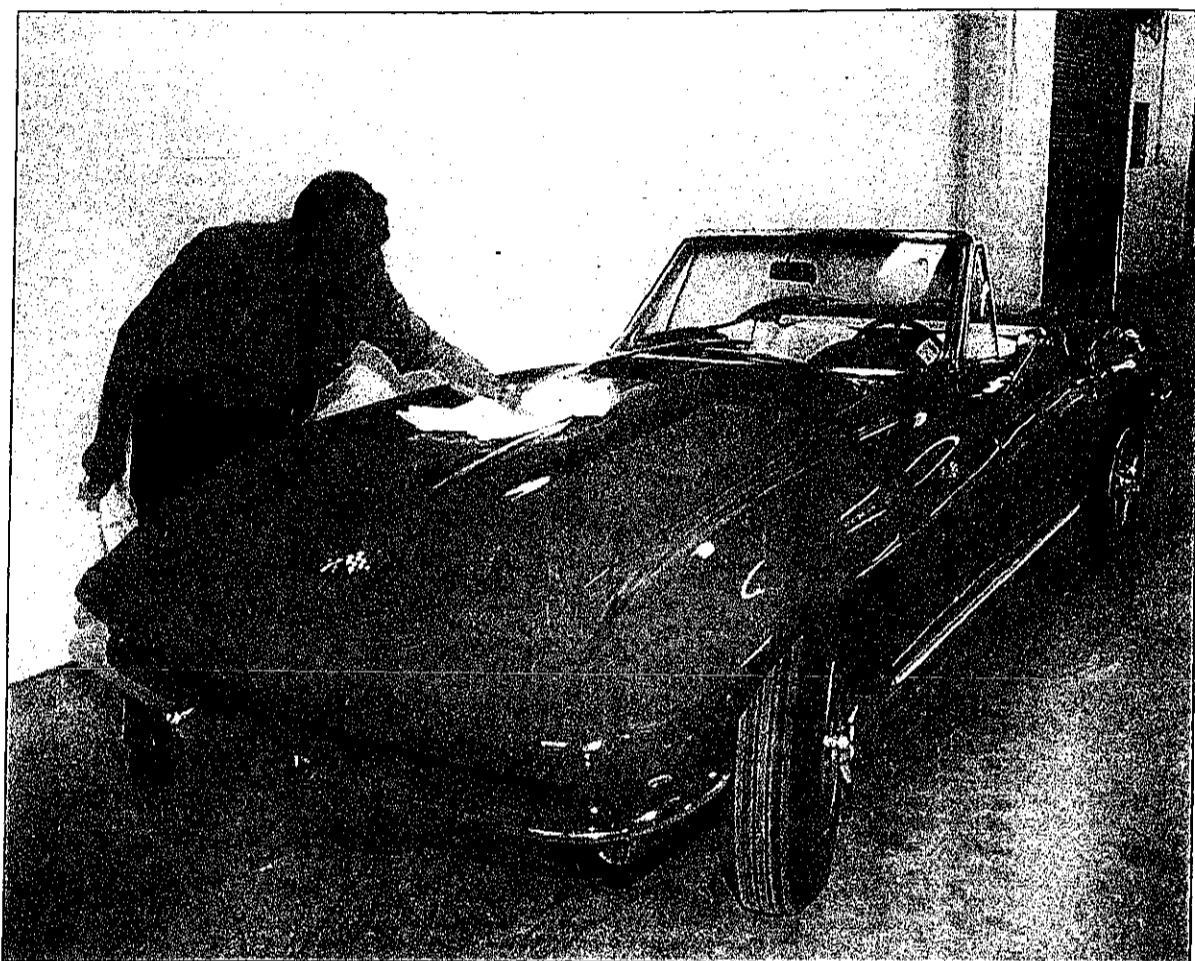


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Keith Wilson of Bob Sellers Pontiac polishes up the '65 Corvette Roadster that he and the Novi Chamber of Commerce will be raffling off during the Music and Motor Fest at the Novi Expo Center in July.

Sleek

Chamber of Commerce will raffle off a 1965 Corvette Roadster

By CHRIS C. DAVIS
NORTHVILLE RECORD EDITOR

It's red. It practically screams "bad to the bone."

And it can be yours for as little as \$3. It's a 1965 Corvette Stingray roadster, and it's being raffled off by the Novi Chamber of Commerce. Tickets for the raffle will be on sale in earnest at the Music and Motor Fest, and event coordinator Keith Wilson said demand for the tickets will be high.

"It's a fun, fun car," Wilson said. "It's really in great shape."

In addition to its crimson exterior, the car has white leather seats, a four-speed transmission and a 327 cubic-inch engine

that pumps out 350 horses. Wilson said raffle organizers located the car from a Mount Clemens resident, who discovered that boating was his new passion.

When he was told that proceeds from the raffling of the car would benefit a charity, Wilson said the seller was quick to part with the car.

Wilson, who works at Bob Sellers Pontiac in Farmington Hills, said the Corvette is the kind of car auto lovers dream about. For him, it's the kind of car he used to sell when he got into the business years ago.

"This is an all-American sports car," Wilson said. "You can't say that about too many cars on the road these days. This car is something special."

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Keith Wilson
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The raffle drawing will take place at the Novi Chamber's annual dinner auction on April 27 at the Novi Hilton. Ticket buyers do not need to be present at the auction to win the car. A portion of the

raffle ticket sales will benefit the Paralyzed Veterans of America.

"I think it'll be a good event for everyone — the Chamber, the community, and the person who has the lucky ticket," Wilson said.

Tickets for the auction are \$5 each, or three for \$10. They may be purchased at the Novi Chamber of Commerce office, at the Music and Motor Fest, and at various Novi Chamber events throughout 2001 and 2002.

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Dr. Duncan decided to pursue a degree as a Doctor of Chiropractic and graduated president of her class at Life Chiropractic College in 1986. She decided on Novi for her practice because of the friendly atmosphere and community support. She and her receptionists, Debbie, Mary and Denise are celebrating their 11th year at their location.

"One of the reasons I came to this area," said Duncan, "is because I liked the family atmosphere and have since tried to treat each patient as a family member." Duncan's Soft Touch Chiropractic specializes in gentle, non-invasive pressure point treatment to solve a variety of health problems caused by tight muscles surrounding the spine. After the muscles are relaxed by pressure point treatment, the spine readjusts naturally. Stress, tension and injury can pull the spinal column out of alignment, which can cause pain or discomfort.

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Strong ties

Family bond remains tight between Sledge sisters

By DIANE DEMPSEY DEEL
Staff Writer

Sister Sledge, who made "We Are Family" a classic hit, really are family and they will entertain local families with their timeless tunes at the Music and Motor Fest in July.

The concert will start at 8 p.m. on July 27 at the Entertainment Area and promises to be wholesome entertainment with a beat to dance to.

Kathy Sledge said she is looking forward to coming to Novi. Her sisters have performed in the Detroit area not long ago, however, she hasn't performed with them in Michigan for a long time.

"We will be performing for a whole new generation of people who do not know we are sisters," Sledge said. "We Are Family" is so much bigger than the group.

The 1979 hit made the group an overnight sensation and it has been used at family reunions and also used as unifying anthems for sporting and other events around the country.

"It's actually incredible that the song has lived that long," Sledge said. "And that we did it. It's a theme song. To me, it's not a disco song. It just came from a disco era."

It's always a pleasant family reunion when they are able to perform together. At least three of the sisters perform at each concert.

The sisters live long distance from one another but they are still close. Debbie lives in Holland, Joni lives in Phoenix and Kathy and Kim live in Pennsylvania. Their sister, Carol, who is a teacher but sometimes fills in when one of the other sisters can't make it, also lives in Pennsylvania.

Carol Sledge was able to get the group their first recording deal through a friend who was in the Stylistics. They called themselves the Sledge Sisters until an executive accidentally announced them as Sister Sledge and they decided to keep it.

The sisters still tour regularly. Kathy pointed out that touring is tiring, however, it's nice to travel throughout the country

and the world with her family. Her teenage son and daughter stay at home when she tours because they are in school. "My husband holds the fort down," Sledge said.

Show business from holding true to her family values.

"It's so important to have that balance," Sledge said. "I knew from the beginning that I wanted a family."

"They perform together but they also do separate endeavors. Joni is working on film production in South Africa and Kim is working on a gospel music project.

"We're at a point in our lives where we do what we like to do and we respect each other," Sledge said.

She said as Christians they keep their music clean for everyone to enjoy. "I think it goes with the territory that when you decide that you want to be in the public eye that you are setting yourself up to be a role model."

People can expect to hear all of their hits, ballads, new music and maybe some Stevie Wonder.

"It's definitely a lot of dimensions in the show," Sledge said.

They will perform "He's the Greatest Dancer," "Lost in Music," "My Guy," and "Frankie," which was the song that made song writer Denise Rich known in the music business. They will entertain the audience with other crowd pleasing hits as well.

She's excited to step on stage in Novi. "We are so looking forward to coming to Detroit," Sledge said. "It's the original sisters. I will be singing and I am looking forward to performing. Detroit is always a welcoming crowd."

Sledge said she wanted to thank all of their fans over the years.

"It's going to be an explosive amount of fun," Sledge said. "We're looking forward to partying with the folks in Detroit."

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Sister Sledge will perform during Music and Motor Fest's Disco Night, Friday July 27.

Children's area expands to include reptiles, butterflies

By Jennifer Norris
Staff Writer

While you won't find any lions, tigers or bears at this year's Music and Motor Fest in Novi, both young and old alike will find plenty of entertainment at the petting zoo.

And this event is sure to draw crowds of curious tots and adults too.

Jane Thomas, festival manager, said the petting zoo is coming through the Carousel Acres company. Along with the seeing plenty of furry, four-legged friends, visitors will also be able to see some reptiles and even

a butterfly exhibit.

Young or old, nuzzling wooly heads and gently petting a friendly critter will bring smiles to many faces.

Thomas said the petting zoo will be hosted inside Novi's Expo Center.

Hours will be Friday, July 27 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The petting zoo will also be open Saturday July 28 and Sunday July 29 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

There is no admission charge to visit the petting zoo.

"I think it'll be great," said Thomas. "It'll be great for the adults seeing the children interact with the animals [and] it'll be great for the kids."

Thomas said visitors will be able to interact with a wide array of animals including donkeys, sheep, ponies, rabbits and ducks.

Kids will giggle with delight and adults will smile as they tour the petting zoo and become acquainted with the various animals at the annual festival.

"It's always fun to watch," Thomas said. "I think it'll be great to see all kinds of animals. The adults will have fun watching the kids. There's something for everybody to do."

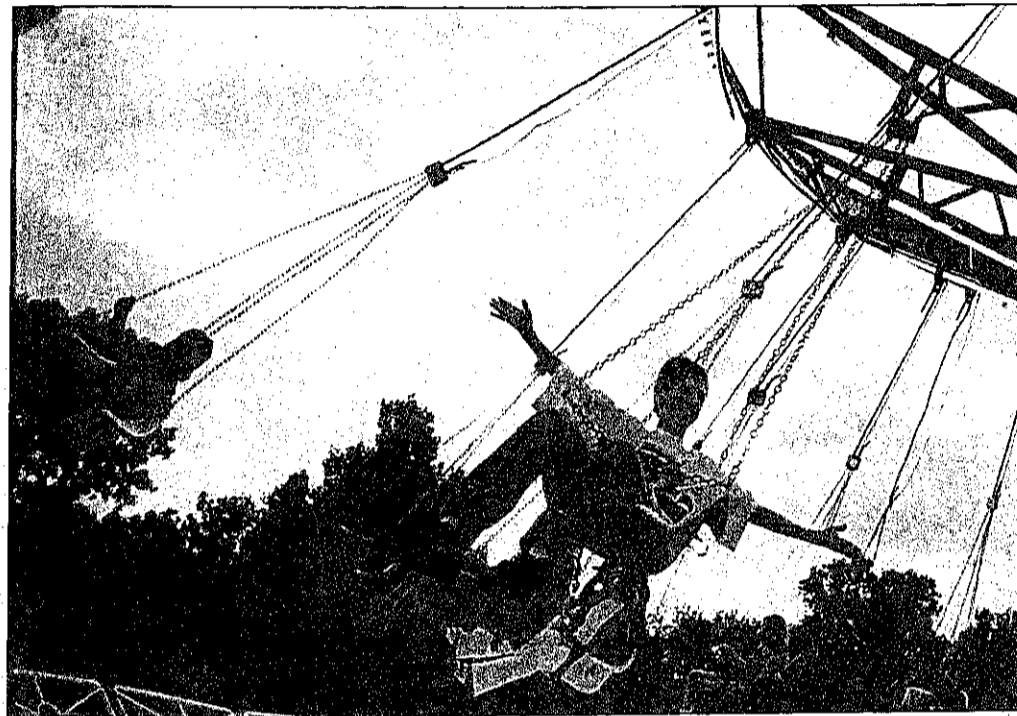
Thomas said this marks the second year that a petting zoo has been a part of Novi's festival. And the first year that

reptiles are being introduced in the festivities' limelight.

She also said by hosting a petting zoo, this year will provide more activities for children and their families and will conveniently tie in with the slated ice cream social on Friday from 2-4 p.m.

Whether you're young in age or simply young at heart, the petting zoo exhibit at this year's festival will be one to see.

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Kids and kids at heart will enjoy carnival rides at the 2001 Music and Motor Fest.

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70s flashback; Three Dog Night performs

By DIANE DEMPSEY DEEL
Staff Writer

Music and Motor Fest enthusiasts will be singing along to "Joy to the World" and other Three Dog Night hits when they step on stage.

They will perform at 8 p.m. on July 28 at the Entertainment Area in Novi. Lead singer Corey Wells promises a great show for everyone.

"We will be performing all of the number one and number two songs they remember in the 70s," Wells said. "It will be all of our own stuff."

The group, which began in 1968, became famous after Cher saw their performance at Whiskey-A-Go-Go on Sunset Strip in Beverly Hills. She invited them to go on tour with her and they have been touring fairly steady ever since.

However, they became exhausted from touring in 1975 and went their separate ways for awhile. By 1980, they decided to reunite. There has been some changes in the band over the years. Fans will still be able to enjoy the original vocals of Wells and Danny Hutton, keyboardist Jimmy Greenspoon and lead guitarist Michael Allsup. Paul Kingery on bass and Pat Bantz on drums joined the group in 1981.

Band members decided to call their band Three Dog Night after Hutton's girlfriend and aspiring actress, June Fairchild, suggested it after reading about the Australian Aborigines.

"Australians use the slang expression for a very cold night when they would sleep with dogs to keep warm," Wells said. "They say, 'It's a three dog night!'"

It took some adjusting to get used to their band's name.

"I didn't like it at first," Wells said. "I thought it was weird. Now I like it." He thinks it's great that "Joy to the World" has become a classic tune that has been played in movies and television shows and widely loved by many.

Every musical group usually has one song that people remember them by and "Joy to the World" is that song for them, he said.

"I'm glad that people associate us with that song," Wells said. "It lives on and has



Three Dog Night will make their way to Novi on July 28.

its own life." The group is also finding new life with new music.

"We have been doing a lot of shows with symphony orchestras," Wells said. "We went to Abbey Road, where the Beatles played and recorded with the London Symphony Orchestra."

The band really enjoyed the experience. "It was very exciting to have the London Symphony Orchestra play along with us," Wells said. "It gave our music a new dimension. It sounded so beautiful that

we started playing with other symphony orchestras around the country."

They made a video tape with the Tennessee Symphony Orchestra and two new songs on CD with the London Symphony Orchestra, he said. They can also be seen performing on DVD.

A new CD with all new songs is in the works, he said. However, it's months away from completion.

"It's exciting to be putting out new music," Wells said.

It will be their first time performing

in Novi, but they are familiar with Detroit area audiences.

"We've always performed at Pine Knob (DTE Energy Music Theater)," Wells said. "It's always great to do when the weather's great. It's magical."

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Rides and food will abound at this year's festival

By JENNIFER NORRIS
Staff Writer

Better bring an appetite to this year's Music and Motor Fest. Nothing beats a full tummy as you try your hand at carnival games and watch the kids race to the rides.

According to Victor Muscat, director of carnival and food for the festival, a great variety of foods will be available and the event will be complete with an assortment of carnival games and rides for children.

A smorgasbord of treats will be available to tantalize your taste buds. Muscat said ethnic foods such as Greek and Chinese cuisine will be available as well as plenty of elephant

cars, pizza by the slice, cotton candy, sno-cones, soft and hard ice cream, hot dogs, polish sausages and popcorn.

"I don't think they'll go hungry," he said. "It'll be a great selection of food."

Muscat said there will be an estimated ten food stands located at the Expo Center to whet your appetite and quench your thirst.

But food won't be the only attraction at this year's festival. Participants are also in for a treat as they test their abilities at the various carnival games or watch the kids race to the rides.

"There's something for everybody," Muscat said.

He said the rides will be geared to children under the age of 12 and there

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Victor Muscat
director of carnival and food

will not be any thrill rides. A complete list of the rides has not been finalized yet, Muscat said, but he does plan to have a merry-go-round, a Rocoplane and a big slide.

"They'll have a great time," he said. Muscat said D & D Amusements is slated to bring the rides and games.

The games, he said, will be suitable for people of any age.

Muscat, who said he has been involved with the Music and Motor Fest for 14 years, said this year's festival is set to be a great success if weather conditions cooperate.

"If it doesn't rain, we'll have a great year," he said.

Games and rides will be open Wednesday through Sunday as long as weather permits.

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Canines to go for the gold in Dog Olympics

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Everyone, four-legged and two-legged alike, is sure to have a great time at the Music and Motor Fest's annual Dog Olympics.

Running throughout the duration of the festival, the show, put on by the Rock n' Roll Canines, will feature the silly stunts and antics from dogs of all ages, shapes, sizes and breeds. Participating in events such as the barrel race, fly ball competition, musical chairs, high jump, and "Grand Prix Racing" — an agility race, spectators are sure to have a dog-gone good time.

"Everyone, from children to senior citizens, really enjoy it," said Pam Koons, team manager for the Rock n' Roll Canines. "It's high pace, exciting, and fun for the whole family."

While the dogs are "professionals," Koons said the shows do come with their little blunders and bloopers.

"That's what makes it fun," she laughed. "Dogs are dogs. They're going to mess up sometimes."

25 dogs participating in the Olympics will race and jump through a number of obstacle courses, which includes tunnels, jumps, see-saws, ramps, and more. "The crowd really gets into it," Koons said. "Everyone has their favorite and wants to see them win."

Koons said the fly ball competition in particular, is a real crowd pleaser. A relay with two teams, dogs jump hurdles and catch tennis balls in a race against the clock, she explained.

Koons said after the relay, children are invited to participate in a race against the winning team.

Shows run July 25-29. Times are Thursday 3 p.m. and 5 p.m., Friday noon-4 p.m. and 6-30 p.m., Saturday 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 6 p.m., and 8 p.m., and Sunday 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., and 6 p.m.

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This year's Dog Olympics will be sure to astound you.

1970s Trivia Quiz

Think you know all there is to know about the Seventies? Grab those Dingoes from the closet. Find the widest shirt collar you can get your hands on and see if you've got what it takes to pass our trivia quiz. Answers appear on page 25.

1. The 1975 film "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" hit for the cycle, winning Oscars for all but which of the following categories?

- a) Best Picture
- b) Best Actor
- c) Best Actress
- d) Best Supporting Actress

2. Which of the following Hollywood celebrities wasn't born in the 1970s?

- a) Ben Affleck
- b) Sean "Puffy" Combs
- c) Christina Applegate
- d) Neve Campbell

3. Appointed to his position in 1973, he served less than one year as director of the Central Intelligence Agency — the shortest tenure of any such director since the CIA's inception in 1946. Who was he?

- a) William F. Raborn
- b) Richard Helms
- c) James Schlesinger
- d) William Colby

4. There were a lot of musical hits in the 1970s, but which of these chart-topper singles reigned supreme in sales throughout the decade?

- a) "Star Wars" theme song / Cantina Band (Meco)
- b) "Stayin' Alive" (Bee Gees)
- c) "Joy To The World" (Three Dog Night)
- d) "You Light Up My Life" (Debbie Boone)

5. Which song was the top-selling single for 1979?

- a) "I Will Survive" (Gloria Gaynor)
- b) "Night Fever" (Bee Gees)
- c) "The Way We Were" (Barbara Streisand)
- d) "Disco Lady" (Johnnie Taylor)

6. "Star Wars," originally released in 1977, is the second-biggest grossing film of all time in the United States. Which film stands ahead of it for box office revenue?

- a) "E.T.: The Extra Terrestrial"
- b) "Jurassic Park"
- c) "Titanic"
- d) "Forrest Gump"

7. "All In The Family" was the top-rated television program of the 1970s. Which of the following series wasn't among the remaining top five?

- a) "60 Minutes"
- b) "Laverne & Shirley"
- c) "Happy Days"
- d) "Three's Company"

8. For almost 100 years after Coca-Cola came to it, it was the only soft drink produced by Coke. What was the first Coke product to come out in the 1970s?

- a) TAB
- b) Mr. Pibb
- c) Mello Yello
- d) Diet Coke

9. On Oct. 23, 1970, American Gary Gabelich set what was then the land speed record of 622.4 mph in the Salt Flats of Utah. What was the name of the vehicle he was driving?

- a) The Blue Flame
- b) Thrust
- c) Thrust 2

d) Green Monster

10. In March of 1976, President Francisco Mancias Nguema of Equatorial Guinea became the world record-holder for what feat?

- a) Remaining seated in a vat of boiling water for 3 minutes, 27 seconds. The previous record had been 2 minutes, 58 seconds.
- b) Ordering boys age 7 to 14 to enlist in the military, or face punishment up to death. It was the youngest mandatory conscription ever ordered.
- c) Giving the longest inaugural speech for any head of state, at 13 hours, 41 minutes, 7 seconds.
- d) Extorting the largest sum of money from his homeland — the equivalent of nearly \$6 billion.

11. By the time he retired, Brazilian soccer legend Pele had scored 1,281 goals — a career benchmark that remains unsurpassed to this day. What year did he call it quits?

- a) 1974
- b) 1975
- c) 1976
- d) 1977

12. The 1970s weren't exactly kind to air travelers, as three of the 10 worst airplane disasters of all time occurred during the decade. In Chicago, 273 people died in the crash of a DC-10 at O'Hare International Airport. What year did the tragedy occur?

- a) 1976
- b) 1977
- c) 1978
- d) 1979

13. On his first full day in office, what controversial action did President Jimmy Carter take?

- a) He signed an executive order doubling the federal subsidy for peanut farmers.
- b) He signed an executive order which pardoned all those who evaded the draft during the Vietnam War.
- c) He called the Vietnamese foreign ministry and extended an apology for American actions in the Vietnam War.
- d) He lobbied for the purchase of a new presidential airplane, as the existing Air Force One lacked a hot tub.

14. What do Vincent Furnier, Henry John Deutchendorf, Jr., and Mary Cathleen Collins have in common?

- a) They're the given names of 1970s entertainers Alice Cooper, John Denver and Bo Derek.
- b) They all parachuted off the top of the CN Tower of June 15, 1973.
- c) They went over Niagara Falls in a titanium-reinforced barrel on Sept. 2, 1978.
- d) Up until 1976, they were the three most-wanted fugitives in the U.S., until they were caught in a Wheeling, W.Va. Burger King wearing paper crowns.

15. When the country entered the 1970s, the cost to mail a first-class letter was 6 cents. How much did it cost when the decade ended?

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17. All of the following persons were awarded the Spingarn Medal, the award given by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, for the greatest achievement made by a black the previous year. Which individual didn't win the award in the 1970s?

- a) Jason
- b) James
- c) Andrew
- d) David

18. Much credit is given to Washington Post investigative reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein for helping to crack open the Watergate scandal, which eventually led to the downfall of President Richard Nixon. Despite the notoriety received, which of the following bits of irony in Woodward and Bernstein's legacy is true?

- a) Travel costs for the Woodward-Bernstein investigation ended up costing the Post so much money that several exclusive stories unearthed

along the way never made it to print, as the paper had to cut back its newsprint costs.

19. The places Gerald Ford called home throughout his life were many and varied. Which of these communities wasn't one of the places President Ford lived before he became president?

- a) Baton Rouge, La.
- b) Omaha, Neb.
- c) Grand Rapids
- d) New Haven, Conn.

20. The year 1973 was a busy one in American history, but only one of the following news items occurred that year. Which one was it?

- a) The bombing of North Vietnam continued after Paris peace negotiations reached an impasse.
- b) A total ban on oil exports to the U.S. was declared by Arab petroleum-

producing nations.

21. Which facility hosted the most Super Bowls during the 1970s?

- a) Tulane Stadium (New Orleans)
- b) Los Angeles Coliseum
- c) Rose Bowl (Pasadena, Calif.)
- d) Orange Bowl (Miami)

22. The Arizona Diamondbacks, Tampa Bay Devil Rays, Colorado Rockies and Florida Marlins are the four newest Major League Baseball franchises. Previous to that, which of these teams joined MLB in the 1970s?

- a) Seattle Mariners
- b) Kansas City Royals
- c) Montreal Expos
- d) Milwaukee Brewers

23. UCLA set the standard for college basketball domination in the 1970s by winning four championships in 1970, 1971, 1972 and 1973 (not to mention the three in 1967, 1968 and 1969). In what year, though, did UCLA make their first

appearance in an NCAA championship game?

- a) 1950
- b) 1958
- c) 1964
- d) Never — 1967 was the first appearance for the Bruins.

24. Nate Archibald and Bob McAdoo were both scoring leaders in the NBA during the 1970s. What do the players have in common?

- a) They both attended Thomas Edison High School in Menlo Park, N.J.
- b) They both suffered career-ending injuries when they dove out of bounds to save a ball.
- c) They were both considered by Sports Illustrated for the coveted "Sportsman of the Year" award.
- d) Both played for teams that no longer exist today.

25. Which song won the 1974 Grammy Award for best single?

- a) "I Honestly Love You" (Olivia Newton-John)
- b) "It's Too Late" (Carole King)
- c) "The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face" (Roberta Flack)
- d) "Love Will Keep Us Together" (Captain & Tennille)

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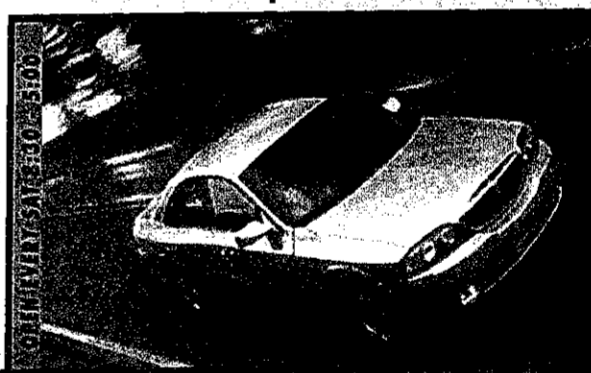


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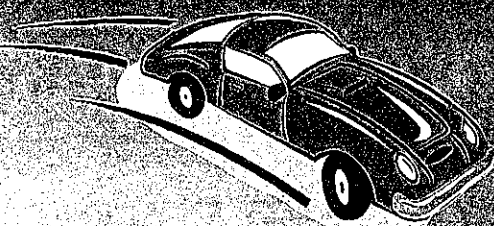
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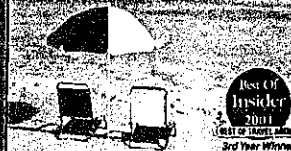
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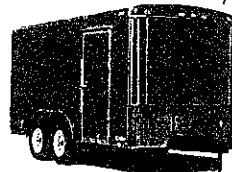
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This year's festival will include even more family fun as A Cappella act Fourth Avenue takes the stage over the weekend.

Bob McCann of the Music and Motor Fest said this year's event will provide families with numerous activities during the day and evening hours.

Besides magician Chris Clark, Clowns Lovely and Derby, face painting and balloon sculptures, kids and parents alike will enjoy the smooth sounds of Fourth Avenue on Friday and Saturday, July 27-28 at the Twelve Oaks family stage.

Fourth Avenue is a five man vocal band that performs a diverse number of songs including pop, soul, R&B, gospel, doo-wop and jazz. They started in 1993 and have since performed at stadiums, universities and schools around the country.

The band, who performs all their music vocally including sounds of instruments, released their debut album "Fourth Avenue" in September of 1997.

The band members include Jim Brown, Scott Dawson, Matt Cunningham, Ryan Holway and Maurice Harris.

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Schedule of Events

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

5:30 p.m. V.I.P. Reception for sponsors, media and special guests. Sponsored by Anglin Supply
 Food Vendors Open
 Carnival Rides Open
 7:00 p.m. Ribbon Cutting by Mayor
 Entertainment Area Opens
 8:00 p.m. Performance by "Living Soul" (Calling all "Parrot-heads")
 No Admission Fee - All Ages Welcome
 12:00 a.m. Entertainment Area Closes

THURSDAY, JULY 26

11:00 a.m. Information Booth Opens
 Food Vendors Open
 Carnival Rides Open
 12:00 p.m. Corvette Raffle Sales Begin
 Vendor Exhibits Open in the Expo Center (until 10:00 p.m.)
 3:00 p.m. Dog Olympics in the Family Area (one-hour show)
 5:00 p.m. Dog Olympics in Family Area (one-hour show)
 6:00 p.m. Entertainment Area
 Vegas Area Open (inside the Novi Expo Center/Hall A)
 6:30 p.m. Time Warner 5K Run/Walk at Novi Town Center
 8:00 p.m. Mitch Ryder with special guests - Rare Earth
 All Ages Welcome *\$5 admission. Tickets available through Tickets Plus at 1-800-585-3737 or all Meijer store locations.

FRIDAY, JULY 27

11:00 a.m. Information Booth Opens
 Vendor Exhibits Open (until 11:00 p.m.)
 Corvette Raffle Tickets on Sale
 Food Vendors Open
 Carnival Rides Open
 12:00 p.m. Dog Olympics in Family Area (one-hour show)
 1:00 p.m. Butterfly exhibit, reptile exhibit, and petting zoo in the Family Area
 2:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social Begins
 Dog Olympics brought to you by Petland in Family Area (One-Hour Show)
 Chris Clark Magic Show on the Twelve Oaks Family Stage
 Lovely and Derby Clowns (face painting and balloon sculptures) in Family Area until 4 p.m.
 4:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social Ends
 Butterfly exhibit, reptile exhibit, and petting zoo ends
 Dog Olympics brought to you by Petland in Family Area (one-hour show)
 6:00 p.m. Entertainment Area
 Vegas Area Open (inside the Novi Expo Center/Hall A)
 6:15 p.m. Novi Parks and Recreation Softball Tournament (until 10:15 at Power Park)
 6:30 p.m. Dog Olympics in Family Area

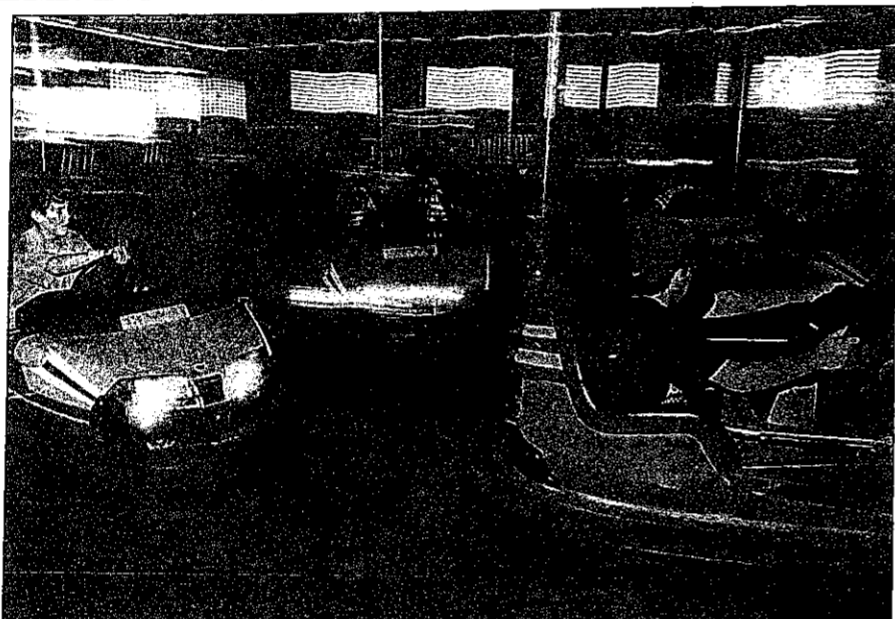


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Bumper cars, swings and more carnival rides are expected at the 2001 Music and Motor Fest.

Area (one-hour show)
 7:00 p.m. Fourth Avenue on Twelve Oaks Family Stage
 8:00 p.m. Disco Night with Sister Sledge - with special guests Rocky and the Rollers in Entertainment Area - All Ages Welcome *Admission \$10. Tickets available through Tickets Plus at 1-800-585-3737 or all Meijer store locations.
 11:00 p.m. Vendor Exhibits Close
 1:30 a.m. Entertainment Area Closes

SATURDAY, JULY 28

8:00 a.m. Gasoline Alley and Registration open at Time Warner Grand Prix
 9:00 a.m. Softball Tourney Resumes at Power Park
 10:00 a.m. Food Vendors Open
 Carnival Rides Open
 Information Booth Opens
 11:00 a.m. Vendor Exhibits Open
 12:30 p.m. Qualifying Time Trials/Tire Changing Contest at Time Warner Grand Prix
 1:00 p.m. 94.7 WCSX Live Broadcast (until 5 p.m.)
 Dog Wash brought to you by Petland in Family Area (one-hour show)
 Butterfly exhibit, Reptile exhibit, and Petting Zoo (in the Family Area)
 1:30 p.m. Time Warner Grand Prix Open Heat Race No. 1 (28 laps)
 2:00 p.m. Time Warner Grand Prix Open Heat Race No. 2 (28 laps)
 Lovely and Derby Clowns (face painting and balloon sculpt-

tures) in Family Area until 4:00 p.m.
 Whistle Stop Cloggers perform on the Twelve Oaks Family Stage.
 3:00 p.m. Dog Olympics brought to you by Petland in Family Area (one-hour show)
 Time Warner Grand Prix Ladies Race (24 laps)
 3:30 p.m. Time Warner Grand Prix L.A. Race (200-pound minimum for drivers) (18 laps)
 4:00 p.m. Time Warner Grand Prix Mechanics Race (18 laps) at Grand Prix

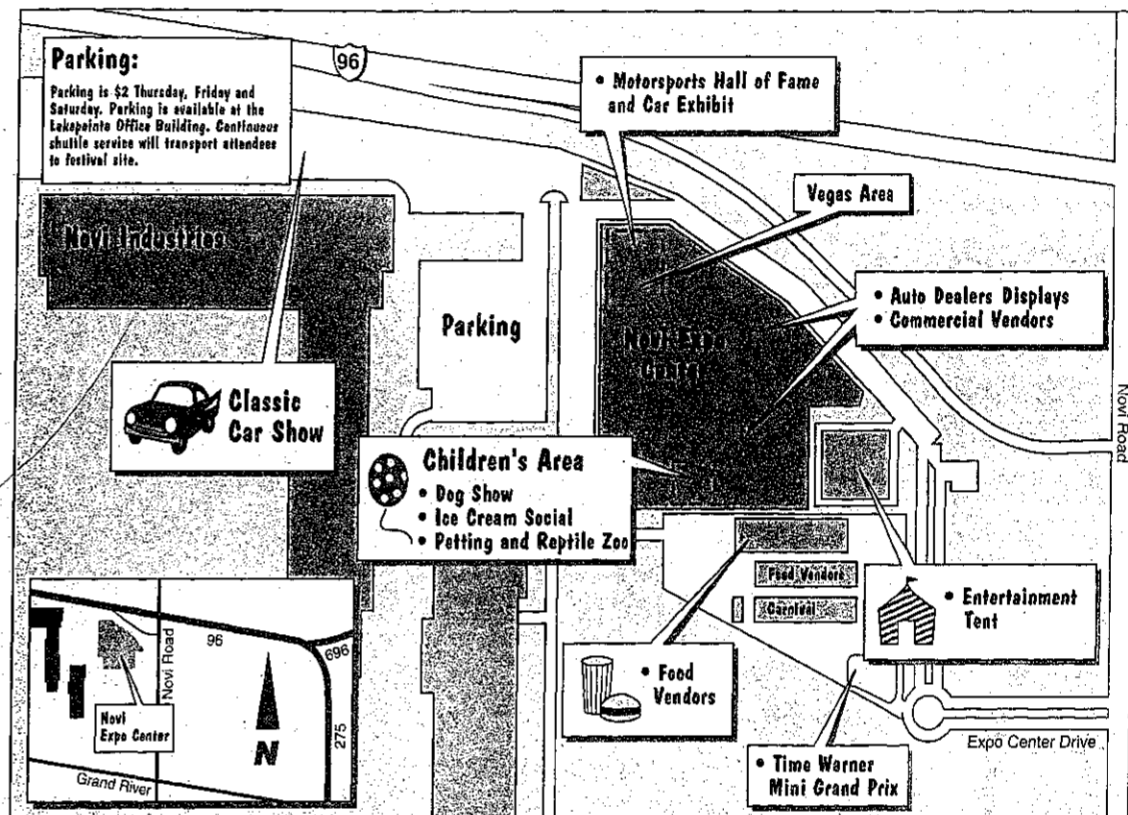
Butterfly exhibit, Reptile exhibit, and Petting Zoo ends
 Dog Wash ends brought to you by Petland
 4:30 p.m. Just for Kicks Dancers on Twelve Oaks Family Stage
 6:00 p.m. Dog Olympics brought to you by Petland in Family Area (one-hour show)
 Entertainment Area/Vegas Area Opens (inside the Novi Expo Center/Hall A)
 7:00 p.m. Fourth Avenue on Twelve Oaks Family Stage
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 Dog Olympics brought to you by Petland in Family Area (one-hour show)
 2:00 a.m. Entertainment Area Closes

SUNDAY, JULY 29

6:00 a.m. Car Show Lot Opens
 8:00 a.m. Gasoline Alley and Registration Open at Time Warner Grand Prix
 9:00 a.m. Food Vendors Open (until 10:00 p.m.)
 10:00 a.m. Car Show Begins (until 4:00 p.m.)
 Carnival Opens
 Information Booth Opens
 Vendor Exhibits (until 9:00 p.m.)
 10:00 a.m. Time Warner Grand Prix Parade and Pageantry
 Marty Feldman Chevrolet Swap Meet
 10:30 a.m. Softball Tournament Continues at Power Park
 11:00 a.m. Dog Olympics brought to you by Petland in Family Area (One-Hour Show)
 11:15 a.m. Time Warner Grand Prix Semi Final No. 1 (32 laps)
 11:30 a.m. Steve King and the Ditties at the Car Show (until 3:30 p.m.)
 11:50 a.m. Time Warner Grand Prix Semi Final No. 2 (32 laps)
 1:00 p.m. 94.7 WCSX Live Broadcast (until 4 p.m.)
 Warner Bros. Characters on Site
 Time Warner Grand Prix Ladies Race (24 laps)
 Dog Olympics brought to you by Petland in Family Area (one-hour show)
 Butterfly exhibit, Reptile exhibit, and Petting Zoo
 1:30 p.m. Time Warner Grand Prix Challenge Race
 Marty Feldman Cruise Fest

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Schedule of Events, Con't

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2:00 p.m. Vegas Area Open (inside the Novi Expo Center/Hall A)
 Country Time Dancers on Twelve Oaks Family Stage
 2:15 p.m. Time Warner Grand Prix Championship Race (48 laps)
 3:00 p.m. Dog Olympics brought to you by Petland in Family Area (one-hour show)
 Time Warner Grand Prix Awards Presentation
 4:00 p.m. Car Show Trophy Presentation
 Butterfly exhibit, Reptile and Petting Zoo ends
 5:30 p.m. Grand River Car Cruise Begins (until 7:00 p.m.)
 6:00 p.m. Dog Olympics brought to you by Petland in Family Area (One-Hour Show)
 Entertainment Area Open
 7:00 p.m. Vegas Area Closed
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 8:00 p.m. Vendor Exhibits Close
 10:00 p.m. Carnival Closes
 12:00 a.m. Festival Closes

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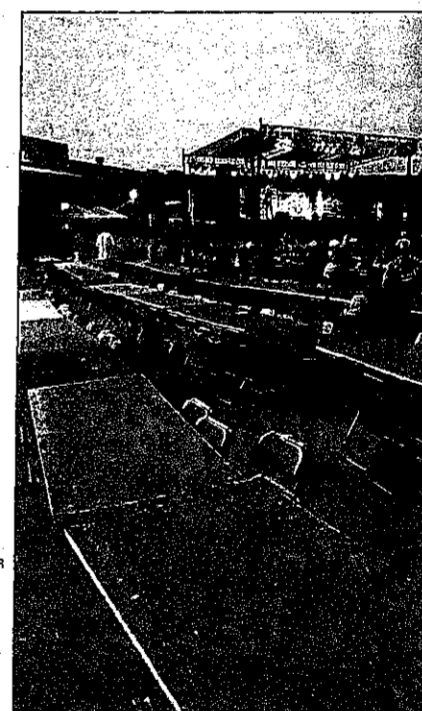
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Rare Earth will open for Ryder

By LON HUHMAN
Staff Writer

If you "just want to celebrate", then look no further than the appearance of Rare Earth at the 2001 Music and Motor Fest.

Rare Earth, an established name in the music industry for over two decades, are now back touring the country because of their thirst for performing in front of a live audience. Rare Earth is set to perform along with Mitch Ryder at the Novi Expo Center on July 26 at 8 p.m. The annual Music and Motor Festival is set to begin on July 25 and run through the 29.

Rare Earth features Gil Bridges, Ray Monette, Randy Burghdoff, Rick Warner and Floyd Stokes. Bridges plays the sax, flute and sings lead vocals along with Stokes who is also on drums. Monette is on guitar and Burghdoff is on bass. Warner rounds out the band on keyboards. All three help out on the vocals.

After some time off, Rare Earth has decided to tour again and showcase the many songs that made them a sell-out group in the 1970s. The group had sold millions of records due to such classics as "Get Ready," "Hey Big Brother," "Losing You," "Born to Wander," and "I Just Want to Celebrate." Music and Motor Fest visitors can see the group recapture such great moments in their history as the 1970 Madison Square Garden Concert, the Atlantic Pop Festival in 1971 or the memorable nationally



Rare Earth will perform with Mitch Ryder on July 26.

broadcast California Jam concert.

Rare Earth has released nine albums. Two of them, "Get Ready," and "Rare Earth in Concert," have gone Double Platinum. "One World" went Platinum and the other three "Ecology," "Willie Remembers," and "Ma" went Gold. In 1994, they released their first studio album in 17 years called "Different."

Rare Earth has performed with rock legends Jimi Hendrix, Sly and the Family Stone as well as Ike and Tina Turner. Earth, Wind and Fire, Steely Dan and the Doobie Brothers are a few of the big name groups that have opened a Rare Earth concert. The group has an amazing track record of over 3,000 that has included performances on the "Ed Sulli-

van Show," "The David Frost Show," "Dick Clark's American Bandstand" and "Don Kirshner's Rock Concert."

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Viva Las Vegas - Novi Motor Fest style

By LON HUHMAN
Staff Writer

It might not be Las Vegas or downtown Detroit, but the Novi Expo Center may prove to be an exciting, fun way to give some visitors an opportunity to win a little pocket change.

If the competitive itch hits a Music and Motor Fest visitor, then the Vegas area is a great place for individuals to test their skill and luck. There will be four games available to festival-goers, including blackjack, roulette, craps and the wheel of fortune. There will be a \$5 maximum bet per hand, roll or spin in each of these games. According to the Music and Motor Fest manager Jane Thomas, the Vegas area has a few

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Jane Thomas
Festival Manager

changes from last year.

"One major difference that we are excited about is that the Vegas area has been moved inside this year," Thomas said. "Festival-goers interested in going into the Vegas area will be pleased that it will be cooled by an air-conditioner."

Thomas said the Vegas area will now

be located inside Hall B within the entertainment area. Another change is there will be no entry charge for the area. Thomas said the area gives festival-goers an opportunity to enjoy the games while sitting and listening to the different music groups.

"We are also pleased to have the Novi Lions Club with us this year," Thomas

said. "They will help run the area."

The Novi Lions Club is bringing in the volunteers who work as the dealers and other workers inside the Vegas area. Under current state laws, the Vegas area can only bring in and pay out so much money each night, despite all the proceeds going to the Lions Club charity.

The Vegas area will be open from 6 p.m. to midnight Thursday through Saturday and 2 p.m. through 7 p.m. on Sunday. A person must be 18 years-old or older to enter the Vegas area.

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Ken DelGrecco, left, shows off his 1963 Mercury Meteor to car enthusiast Rick Barlage Saturday night during the Music and Motorfest 2000. Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Race fans will flock to the Mini Grand Prix

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Come witness the excitement as local men and women rev up their engines at the Music & Motor Fest's, miniature Grand Prix.

Running all day July 28 and 29, the racers will compete for trophies and find out who will be crowned king or queen of the road.

"It's still fairly new, but it continues to grow," said Pat Webb, member of the festival's board of directors, on the event that is now in its third year. "It's a lot of fun and everyone really enjoys it." The 20-25 race cars, one third the size of standard cars and reaching top speeds of 40 mph, are purchased for around \$4,000 by local companies and businesses.

Webb said the grand prix is sponsored by Time Warner, with the racing autos supplied by USA/M-Car, a sanctioned racing circuit.

The cars feature hand controls for easy operation, safety features, and a 3.5 horsepower engine by Briggs & Stratton.

"The major change this year is that the event will take place on site, rather than the parking lot at Mervyn's like in previous years," Webb said.

Webb, who has participated in the race herself, said the event is very real.

"The race cars are also quite beautiful in that they are decorated and custom painted."

Pat Webb
Festival board of directors

istic to that of a real grand prix in that there is a pit crew, an electronic tracking system and inspections of all engines and vehicles to ensure a fair race.

"The race cars are also quite beautiful in that they are decorated and custom painted," she said.

Webb added that the event is highly competitive and something great for spectators of all ages.

"It's really a great event," she said. "Especially now that it is on site, I think people will really take to it and see how really exciting it is. It's a great sport to see in action."

For more information on this event, please call festival headquarters at (248) 349-1950.

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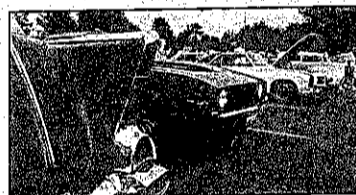


Photo by JOHN HEIDER
Classic and custom cars line the parking lot of the Novi Expo Center during Music and Motor Fest 2000.

MUSIC & MOTOR FEST TIME WARNER RACE SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JULY 28	SUNDAY, JULY 29
8:00 a.m. Gasoline Alley and Registration Open	8:00 a.m. Gasoline Alley and Registration Open
9:00 a.m. Mandatory Driver and Crew Chief Meeting	9:00 a.m. Mandatory Driver and Crew Chief Meeting
9:30-10:00 a.m. Track Open for Practice	9:30-10:00 a.m. Track Open for Practice
10:15-10:45 a.m. 1st Practice Race - 34 Laps (First Racers only)	10:00-10:30 a.m. Parade and Pageantry
11:00-11:30 A.M. 2nd Practice Race - 36 Laps (Open Race)	10:30-11:00 a.m. Track Open for Practice
11:30-12:00 p.m. Track Open for Practice	11:15-11:40 a.m. Semi-Final No. 1 - 32 Laps
12:00-12:30 p.m. Track Closed for Lunch	11:50-12:15 p.m. Semi-Final No. 2 - 32 Laps
12:30-1:30 p.m. Qualifying Time Trials/Tire Changing	12:15-1:00 p.m. Track Closed for Lunch
1:30-2:00 p.m. Open Heat Race No. 1 - 28 Laps	1:00-1:30 p.m. Ladies Race - 24 Laps
2:00-2:30 p.m. Open Heat Race No. 2 - 28 Laps	1:30-2:00 p.m. Challenge Races - 24 Laps
3:00-3:20 p.m. Ladies Race - 24 Laps	2:15-2:45 p.m. Championship Race - 48 Laps
3:30-3:50 p.m. L.A. Race - 18 Laps. Must be 200 Pounds	3:00 p.m. Awards Presentation
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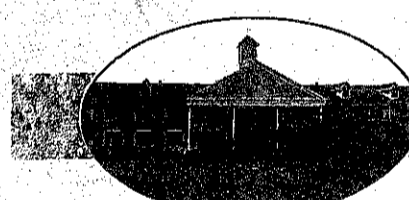
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Sun Messengers shine light on blues

By RANDAL YAKEY
Staff Writer

With an ecstatic horn sections and 'party band' flavor, this group of musicians are all about fun.

And to those who know them best, they are considered the 'hardest working band in Detroit' and are currently the unofficial house band for the Greektown Casino.

The Sun Messengers are probably the best know local band today - playing local clubs and concerts from Freedom Hill to the Novi Music and Motor Fest.

"We've been around and working for over twenty years," Saxophonist Rick Steiger said. "We started out as a big horn band and then moved to a bluesy rhythm band. We're pretty much a blues band."

Steiger said the band has been together and doing an assortment of venues since back in the early 1980s.

"The band has really been a rhythm and blues band since 1987," Steiger said. "And a lot of the guys in the band are from the east side of Detroit."

Most of the band are far east-siders. Steiger, who attend Grosse Pointe North, said that other members of the group attended Grosse Pointe South and Denby High Schools in Detroit. Most of the members of the band played in their school bands and were influenced by jazz groups.

"The band started playing out in the Jefferson/Chalmers area," Steiger said. "We were playing with all these hippie types at that time and they all got up and

started dancing. We all looked at each other and said 'Hey, we've really got something here.'"

The Sun Messengers, who pride themselves on being people-oriented and noted for their "workman" like attitude, are a "down to earth group."

"Musicians have a reputation of not showing up on time," Steiger said. "That is not us. We take care of business when we are up there. Hey, we're a party band. We like to see people having a good time."

The Sun Messengers take their 'hard working' persona seriously. Weddings, outdoor-indoor concerts and clubs, the band is always working.

"We did about 250 jobs last year. We'll do about 300 this year," Steiger

said. "(Our) guys have played with everybody from Otis Redding to Martha Reeves (and the Vandellas). We've got one guy who did the entire southern circuit. There is a lot of experience in this group."

And with the opening of the casinos in Detroit, the Sun Messengers are doing a lot of work off Beaubien Street.

"When the Greektown Casino opened up, we started doing dates there and next thing you know we're playing there all the time," Steiger said. "We're, like, the house band for them right now."

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Paradise found

Living Soul brings Caribbean to Novi

By KELLI COOLEY
Editor

Break out the Hawaiian shirts, grass skirts and fruity drinks; Living Soul will be drifting into Novi on July 25.

Their music is deemed "Parrot Head" - like, but Don Middlebrook terms their style Caribbean soul.

"I call it Caribbean soul. We play 60 percent original material," Middlebrook said.

Living Soul started 10 years ago in Sagatuck. Middlebrook thought he had left music behind. He bought a summer home and began playing for fun on his deck. People began to take notice and Middlebrook says, it just went from there.

"I'm doing something I really enjoy. There is a lesson in there; don't be afraid of fun," he said.

Part of the reason fans and critics alike may compare the band to Jimmy Buffet is a member of Living Soul, Greg "Fingers" Taylor, was Buffett's harmonica player for 26 years.

Taylor has played on the last two CDs for Living Soul and writes songs with Middlebrook.

"It feels pretty good," Middlebrook said. "You wake up one day and it's been a year and a half (since you've been playing.)"

Other band members include Chad Bnut on the saxophone, Christopher Brooks on the keyboard and Suzie Novakowski with vocals. However, there are a few others that play with Living Soul.



Living Soul will perform on Wednesday, July 25.

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Don Middlebrook
Living Soul

"We have different members who play in different places. Half the band goes in one direction, half goes in another. We have eight members total," Middlebrook said.

The band has played at the Cherry

Festival in Traverse City, the Harbor Fest in South Haven and with bands such as the Doobie Brothers and Hall and Oates.

"I think the radio stations have given us support. We have 18 stations that play our songs and we don't have a record deal. WCSX - 94.7 is one," Middlebrook said.

One song fans may hear on July 25 was written in apology to the man himself, Jimmy Buffett.

"I Can't Spell Caribbean was written last summer. I stole Jimmy Buffett's T.V. Guide in Key West on accident. I wrote the

song as an apology," Middlebrook said.

He said Living Soul is looking forward to playing the Music and Motor Fest because of the size of the festival and number of friends they have here.

Living Soul will play on the entertainment stage at the Music and Motor Fest on July 25 starting at 8 p.m. All ages are welcome.

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Trivia Quiz (answers)

1. D — The Best Supporting Actress honor was given to Lee Grant for "Shampoo."

2. B — Puff Daddy...P-Diddy...Jennifer Lopez's ex...call him whatever you want, but don't call him a product of the Seventies. He was born Nov. 9, 1969.

3. C — As far as we know, no relation to the radio and TV personality who's made her claim to fame through "preaching, teaching and nagging."

4. D — Admit it: when that song comes on the radio, you and everyone else in the car can't help but break into a very bad rendition of the tune. "Youuuuuuu...light up my lyyyyyyffe..."

5. A — When it's just girls on a dance floor, watch this become a momentary anthem for females everywhere. Watch out, fellas...

6. C — Let's hear it for the Man In The Iron Mask Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet starred in the 1998 James Cameron epic that took over the top spot from George Lucas' sci-fi odyssey.

7. A — Even though Mike Wallace and friends didn't make the cut, it's the only program of the bunch that has continued to this day. You've got to give some points for endurance.

8. B — Around here, you may know Mr. PiBB by its regional name, Dr. Pepper. The cola is sold by the name Mr. PiBB on a market-to-market basis.

9. A — The current land speed record is owned by Andy Green, who drove Thrust on Oct. 15, 1997 at 763 mph.

10. B — And to think some kids over here get unnerved because they're the last ones on the street without a PlayStation2.

11. A — Interestingly enough, 1,281 is also the same number of times riots have been caused by rabid parental fans at kids' games since the end of Pele's career. (Just kidding...put down the knife...)

12. D — Two hundred and seventy-one passengers died in the flight, and two more on the ground died as the flight crashed just after takeoff.

13. B — Carter's presidency ended with the same kind of pomp and circumstance, as the American hostages held in Tehran, Iran for 444 days were released on the day President Reagan was sworn into office.

14. A — Sure, 'A' may be the answer, but wouldn't it have been a lot funnier if it actually was one of the others?

15. B — Yeah, it's pricey. But look at

it this way. For 34 cents (the rate today), you can get someone to pick up the mail from your front door, sort it, and deliver it to anywhere in the United States you so desire. You couldn't get your son to lick the stamp for 34 cents.

16. D — 'David' fell from favor in the 1980s, and completely dropped out of the Top 10 given names in the 1990s. (A few vignettes: 'Michael,' translated from Hebrew, roughly means "Who could ever be like God?" For 'Christopher,' it's "bearing Christ," and 'David' means "darling.")

17. D — The late mayor of Detroit was given the award in 1981. Following his death, Young's name was attached to the Detroit City / Wayne County Building.

18. C — When Nixon resigned from office in 1974, not a single Post staffer was given a Pulitzer, including Woodward and Bernstein.

19. A — Ford was born in Omaha, studied law at Yale University and began a practice in Grand Rapids. He succeeded President Nixon in 1974.

20. B — Stop whining about gas prices these days. Conditions were

far worse in the mid-Seventies, when gas prices spiked some 40 percent in one week's time. The ban was lifted on March 18, 1974.

21. D — The Orange Bowl was the host site for Super Bowls V, X and XIII. The Pittsburgh Steelers apparently found comfort in the subtropical town, winning two championships in the Orange Bowl.

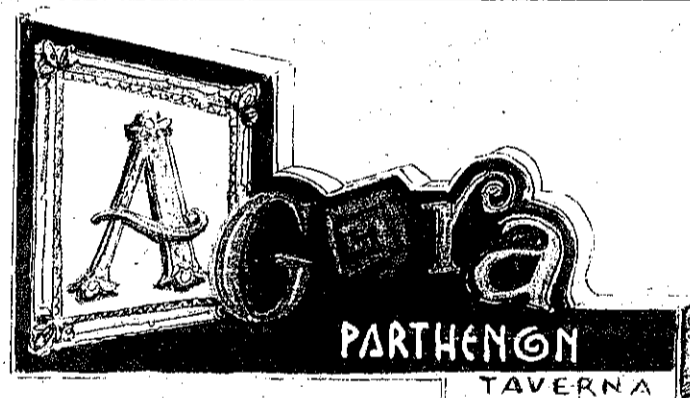
22. A — The town most famous for rain, grunge music and Starbucks Coffee got a baseball team in 1977.

23. C — Not only did John Wooden lead his team to a record seven-consecutive championships, but he also brought home a trophy in 1964 and 1965, and returned to glory again in 1975 and 1995. UCLA's 1980 championship appearance was stained when players were deemed ineligible, albeit after the fact.

24. D — Archibald put in 34 points a game for Kansas City-Omaha, while McAdoo averaged 32.1 for the three years he was the NBA's scoring leader at Buffalo.

25. A — Go, Grease Lightning! A.B.C and D all won Grammys, but it was ONJ's hit that got the gold record player trophy in '74.

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