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Two robberies, one by gun point

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

As the suspect entered Novi's Standard Federal Bank and ordered everyone to the floor on July 13, one unlucky customer received a gun to her head as the robber began making demands.

Not one but two robbers hit banks in the city last week to total four robberies in the last six months.

The incident at Standard Federal Bank on West Oaks Drive occurred at approximately 9:54 a.m. when an armed, black male entered the

bank and announced a hold-up.

"He ordered everyone to the floor, grabbed one of the customers and held a gun to her head," said Det. Paul Stullgros of the Novi Police Department.

The suspect approached the cashier's counter and demanded money. An undetermined amount of cash was given to the suspect who then left the building.

At the time, there were about three customers inside and a number of employees. No one was harmed.

Police say the suspect was seen entering a white Pontiac Grand

"He ordered everyone to the floor, grabbed one of the customers and held a gun to her head."

Det. Paul Stullgros
Novi Police Department

Am-type vehicle. The license plate on the car was covered with what appeared to be a folded white cloth. The suspect then left the area and was last seen driving north on Novi Road from the West

Oaks Plaza.

The suspect has been described as a black male, 5'7-5'10, heavy set (250-270 lbs), wearing a dark colored scarf over his face with a light colored nylon stocking over his hair and forehead. The suspect was last seen wearing a dark colored long sleeve shirt with light colored pants. The man was armed with a black revolver pistol with a 3"-4" inch barrel.

The Standard Federal Bank robbery is currently under investigation by detectives from the Novi Police Department and agents from the FBI.

The most recent robbery occurred on July 18 at the Michigan National Bank on Pontiac Trail at around 10 a.m. when a man simply entered the bank and jumped over the teller counter.

"He told the tellers just to relax and went from booth to booth emptying the drawers," said Novi Police Department Det. Kevin Hebert.

The suspect, who police describe as a dark-skinned male, about 5'11" tall, placed several thousand dollars in a black bag and fled by foot.

"After getting the money, the

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WHEN THE TEMPERATURE RISES

Dangers arise when kids, pets are left in car

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Photo illustration by JOHN HEIDER

The thermometer approaches 100 degrees outside a car last week; inside autos, the temperatures would push well over the 100 mark.

becomes a problem.
If body temperatures continue to rise and the water lost through sweating is not replaced, dehydration sets in and the body will suf-

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Restaurant boom visible in Novi

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

With 64 restaurants and more on the way, Novi has quickly become a place to dine in the area.

Hungry residents can now eat Italian, Mexican, Japanese, Vietnamese, Chinese, Middle Eastern and Greek without ever crossing the city limits. Dozens of cafes, diners, and American restaurants of varying price ranges also await the famished.

In just the past two years, Novi has added a slew of new restaurants including Lazy Lizard, New Peking, Mesquite Creek, Mongolian BBQ, Red Hot & Blue, Bi Bin Bab, and Flaming Shish.

According to city manager

"Novi is experiencing a lot of growth right now and the demographics are great."

Beth Hussey
General manager, Mesquite Creek

Richard Helwig, Novi's booming population, demographic orientation, and high income of residents are all factors in the recent influx of new dining options.

"The growing number of residents and office and commercial

industries all significantly contribute to the need for more places to eat out," he said. "Novi is also blessed with a wonderful location. It's becoming the ideal place to live and work, so the community is thriving and things are only going to get better."

Like most transformations, it took time but as the city continues to grow, so do the number of restaurants and Helwig said there are still very many opportunities left for entrepreneurs.

According to Jim Geiermann, commercial and industrial appraiser for the city, there are currently 184 business vacant parcels still available in Novi.

Typically, restaurant owners

hire site selection companies to conduct market studies to discover the most profitable locations for new establishments and Novi, without a doubt, is one of those places.

Just ask Beth Hussey, general manager for the new Mesquite Creek, who says Novi is an ideal place to base a restaurant.

"It's really a 'great area,'" she said. "Novi is experiencing a lot of growth right now and the demographics are great."

Mesquite Creek, a steak and seafood restaurant which opened just last month, is one of many restaurants blanketing the streets of the new downtown district.

ture taking shape, we knew it was something we wanted to be part of," Hussey said.

With a current number of seven, Novi's Main Street offers a wide range of dining choices; from a quick cup of Joe and a bagel at the Coffee Trader to a hot sub sandwich at Quiznos. However, most of the restaurants in the district cater to those looking for full-course meals with places like the Lazy Lizard, Bi Bin Bab, and BD's Mongolian BBQ.

Adding to that list and opening any day now are Fatoosh, a Mediterranean restaurant, and Sunny's Cafe, offering omelets

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Music and Motor Fest comes to town

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Music and car lovers get your motors running for the most highly anticipated summer event is finally upon us.

Music & Motor Fest 2001 has organizers saying it's bigger and better than ever before.

Held at the Novi Expo Center from July 25-29, the annual five day extravaganza which is now in its 14th year, is expected to attract between 200,000 to 300,000 visitors.

"We're expecting wonderful weather this year," said Annie Madden, an events coordinator for the festival. "It's really going to be a lot of fun with tons of activities for the whole family."

With a number of well-known music acts like Sister Sledge and Three Dog Night, a number of classic and muscle cars, carnival rides, and casino games as well as plenty of food, this year's fest is packed with good times.

"With so much to see and do, it's going to be a great event," said festival

manager Jane Thomas.

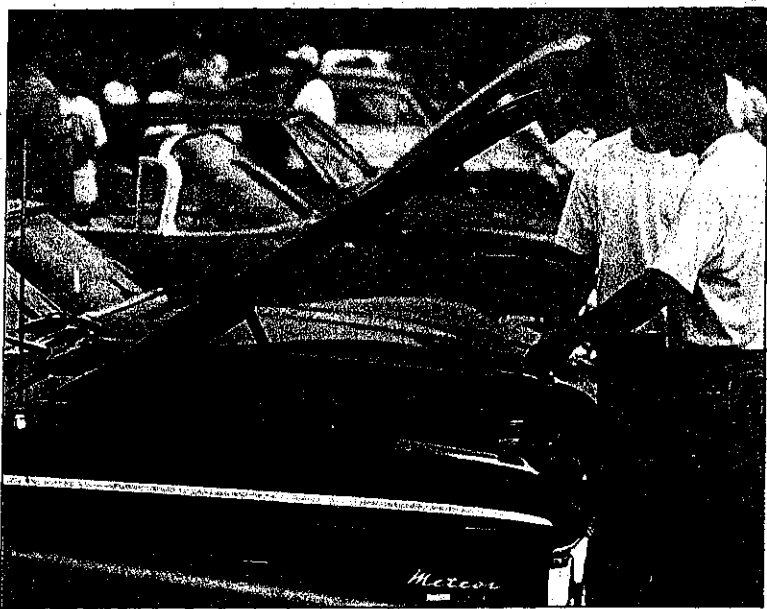
This week's event which started on Wednesday, will be featuring performances by Three Dog Night, Rare Earth, Living Soul, Sister Sledge, Fourth Avenue, and Mitch Ryder.

Thomas said visitors will find the same fun and excitement of previous years like strolling through the classic car show, viewing the bumper to bumper rides of the car cruise, putting money down at the casino tent, watching the Time Warner Mini Grand Prix, wheeling and dealing at the swap meet, and even some four-legged fun with the Dog Olympics.

"The car cruise is one of the biggest cruises in the area and it's going to be a real treat for car lovers," Thomas said.

"This year we've brought back the ice cream social, free concert nights on Wednesday and Sunday, the dog show and we've even opened up the entertainment tent for people of all ages," she said.

For more information on this event, check out the Music and Motor Fest special section or call (248) 349-1950.



Ken DeGreccho, left, shows off his 1963 Mercury Meteor to car enthusiast Rick Barlage during the Music and Motorfest 2000.

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Blues Festival will take year off to re-evaluate

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

With all the excitement of this week's Music & Motor Fest, many have seemed to forget another important summer concert series — the Blues Fest. The International Blues Festival, which has been a Novi tradition now for the past four years, has always been held a

week prior to the Michigan 50's Festival for Music and Motor Fest) at the Novi Expo Center, but this year the soulful sounds of guitars and harmonicas have disappeared. According to the Expo Center's Todd Smith, who is in charge of the Blues Fest, the event is simply taking a break this year to receive some fine

tuning. "We decided to take a year off to do some re-evaluating," he said. "We're trying to find out how we can open it up to more people and how to expand the line up to make it more mainstream." Over the years, the four-day fest has brought in the likes of blues performers such as

Buddy Guy, Wild Child Butler, Coco Montoya, Junior Wells, Eddy Clearwater and Thornetta Davis. While the fest has been placed on the shelf for this year, Smith said he hopes to have it up and running again next year. "There is definitely a big blues crowd out there, but it just hasn't been enough to support the

fest financially," he said. Smith said in recent years the event has lost money. When the event first began back in 1997, organizers had hoped the event would become as big as Mardi Gras. "Again — we really just want to take a year off to re-examine the whole thing," Smith said. "We want to come back and get it right." For the Blues Festival that may include adding new on-site activities and expanding outside its specific genre of music. Stephanie Fordyce is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700 or sfordyce@nt.homecomm.net.

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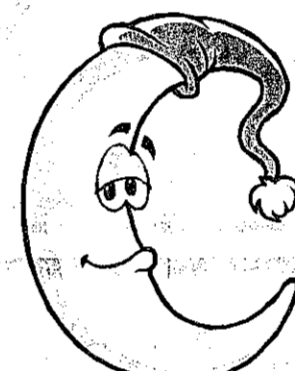
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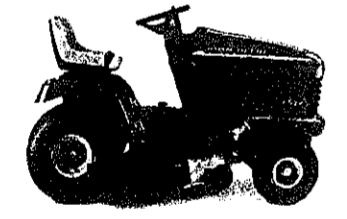
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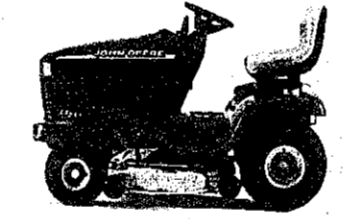
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Guernsey's will add additional freezer space

By LON HUHMAN
 Like a person's stomach after a large helping of Guernsey chocolate ice cream, the dairy business' location is expanding. "We have been slowly growing over the years and now it appears as though this will be the last addition due to our location here in Novi," Guernsey Farms Dairy President Marty McGuire said. "With the new addition we will have more centrally-located freezer space that will help our operations here immensely."

McGuire said the addition will also provide more storage capacity for their ice cream. There will be two new freezers placed in the addition under construction on the northeast side of the building. The larger of the two is called the blast freezer, and it will 60 feet in length and 40 feet wide as well as 10 feet in height.

According to McGuire, it will be capable of storing 70,000 to 100,000 gallons of ice cream. The other freezer will be 20 ft in length by 40 ft wide and its height will also be 10 ft. It will be able to store up to 30,000 gallons. A conveyor line is also being installed so products can be brought into the storage freezers quicker and more efficiently. An 18-by-40-foot cooler is also being installed to act as the storage area for the flavoring ingredients.

"The added office area will act as a screening for the equipment area, such as the freezer area, that will be to its rear," McGuire said. "This will allow the addition to look aesthetically better. With the added office space we may do some changes to our retail space."

McGuire attributes their success to the fact that it is a family owned and operated business. Over 20 of McGuire's relatives work at Guernsey.

"I learned from my father that great quality products and friendly service is what it takes to succeed. We care about our reputation and that's helped us," McGuire said.

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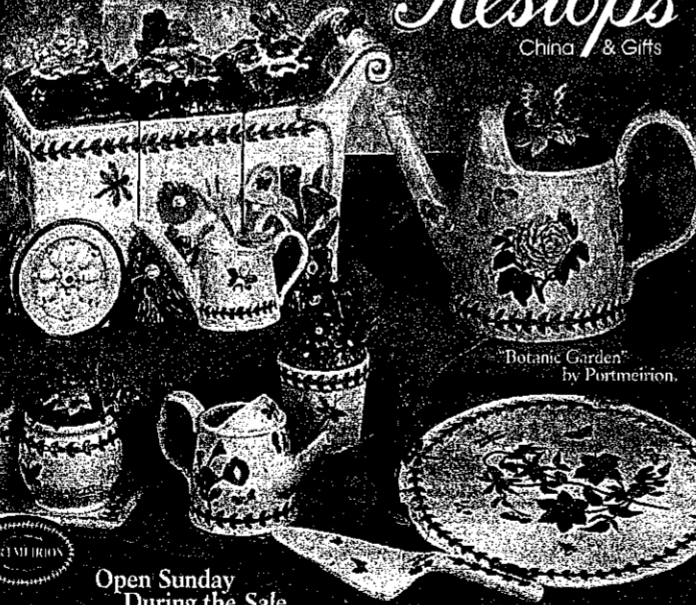
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Help center can do a world of good

There are many local people who are in need of short term assistance but don't know where to turn. Perhaps they lost everything they have in a fire.

There have been recent cases of residents becoming homeless after fires have ripped through their homes. Thirteen apartments were destroyed in The Village apartment fire in Wixom. A few weeks later, more apartment dwellers were forced out when their apartments caught fire at Walled Lake Villa.

Some of the people in the apartment fires did not have insurance so they can get back on their feet. Then there are other cases when the main bread winners are sick and cannot provide for their family. Long term disability in most companies runs out eventually and people have to meet certain criteria to qualify for state welfare.

We applaud St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Walled Lake United Methodist Church and First Baptist Church of Walled Lake for recognizing a need for assistance in the community. They are asking to form a help center in Walled Lake, which will benefit so many people.

We also applaud them for recognizing that they can come together to benefit the community although they are from different denominations.

Pam Janson, one of the coordinators for the project and

member of St. Anne's Episcopal Church, summed it up well. "We all have the same purpose," she said. "We just worship a little differently."

They will be able to move mountains because they are able to join forces and unite for this common cause. Yet, they will still be separate and keep their own identity.

The churches shared a joint picnic last Saturday to show their solidarity for the future help center. We understand that it was a major step for them to get the project off the ground.

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leaders pointed out that people need not be a member of any of the churches to help out. The only thing people need to have is a caring heart.

We hope that city leaders, merchants and residents will do whatever they can to get the future help center underway. We encourage people to help the project get started by volunteering their service and labor. Others can help by giving a financial donation.

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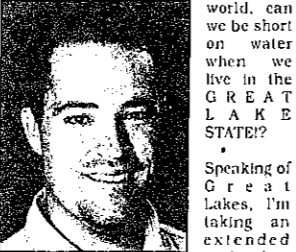
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Volunteers from the Northville Summer Kid's Club scrub away on a SUV as part of the club's summer activities at Amerman Elementary this week.

Random thoughts on life

More random thoughts and observations on life... My front lawn (and I use the term loosely) is about half a shade of yellow away from being a pile of hay. My flowers are limp as bunches of red dishrags.



Chris C. Davis

resort on the shore of Lake Michigan this weekend. You can have Jamaica and Aruba if you want them. For me, the inland seas of the Great Lakes can't be beat in summer. Just stay away when the gales of November come early.

upcoming \$26 million bond issue for Northville Public Schools. Pretty impressive, if I do say so myself. What was striking to me, though, was the somewhat casual views taken by those who said they'd cast a "yes" vote in September, while the prospective voters had dug in and were iron-clad sure that the proposed improvements weren't necessary. Don't ask me why, but I just found that curious.

less in this one episode, and for that, they should pay. With my plan, they do. If that's being "liberal," then I plead guilty as charged. I'll be spending some time on Thursday volunteering at the Music & Motor Fest in Novi. (Yes - I'll be back in Northville for the Victorian Festival in September.) Here's an idea I came up with last week. Let's give everyone in Michigan a handgun, just so we all start on the same playing field. Not from the state? You could get one for free when you pick up travel information at the Welcome Centers. In fact, why not rework the state's current travel motto: "Great Lakes, Great Times... Great Guns A-Blazin'."

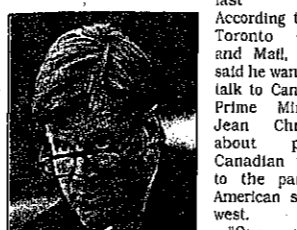
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Great Lakes are valuable

Water just might be the most important and valuable thing we have in Michigan. Whether it's the clear water in our streams, the rippling waters of our inland lakes or the water in the mighty Great Lakes — the largest source of fresh water on the planet — water is what makes Michigan.

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Phil Power

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Ottawa has long opposed such a move. Canadian Environment Minister David Anderson said, "The Prime Minister will tell the president that we have a policy of not exporting water and that, I guess, will be it. I imagine it will be a brief conversation."

That means any entrepreneur could imagine a business filling tankers with Lake Superior water to ship to Saudi Arabia or building a water pipeline, say, Midland, Texas.

What is troubling about the President's remark is the underlying mind-set it reveals: A natural resource is something to be exploited for economic gain, not to be preserved for future generations.

Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 955-2047, ext. 1890, or by e-mail at ppower@homecomm.net.

The issue is far more consequential than the casual comment of a politician who grew up in the dusty oil fields of Texas and whose first instinct is to treat most liquids as though they were oil.

idology of subsidizing water shipments to act in the hands of the states that border the dusty oil fields of Texas and whose first instinct is to treat most liquids as though they were oil.

This is not a trivial issue. In the next election, Michigan will lose a seat in Congress as a result of population loss recorded in the last census, while southwestern states will gain. The balance of federal political power will shift away from Michigan.

Gov. John Engler, who has argued that control over Great Lakes water ought to be left in the hands of the states that border them, might want to use this episode as a teachable moment to help his friend, President Bush, understand he's now something more than merely the governor of a parched state.

Soft money a problem for state

The Michigan campaign finance system is so weak in its regulation of electioneering communications that any corporation, individual, interest group or political party can spend as much as it wants and report nothing.

Pretty strong stuff, but that is nonetheless the conclusion of a report compiled by the Michigan Campaign Finance Network after three months of research into spending in last year's elections.

In fact, all of the concerns about "soft money" that led to the passage of the McCain-Feingold campaign finance reform in the U.S. Senate are also present in Michigan.



Mike Malott

than at the federal level. Hard money is the funding contributors give directly to candidates. In Michigan, that is all pretty well documented, and the law sets limits on contributions. Disclosure is extensive through reporting.

That's because the feds and the state don't regulate "issue advocacy." Even when that issue advocacy pertains to an election race, it is still considered issue advocacy as long as the advertisement doesn't use words like "vote for" or "elect." In Michigan law, there has to be a "clear inference" to a candidate running for office.

Basically, the MCFN found that voters often are not able to distinguish between the two.

A prime example was the Supreme Court races run last November.

The average amount raised by the candidates was more than \$1.1 million, a jump of 83 percent from 1998," the MCFN concluded. "But that still seems to be the smaller part of the overall effort."

Mike Malott reports on the local implications of state and regional events. He can be reached by phone at (810) 227-0177 or by e-mail at mmalott@homecomm.net.

Unlike the McCain-Feingold bill, Robinson said the MCFN's list of reforms do not seek to ban soft money, only increase reporting and disclosure of it. The MCFN proposes limits on contributions to political parties... and mandating electronic filing of reports.

ban soft money, only increase reporting and disclosure of it. The MCFN proposes limits on contributions to political parties, limiting cause contributions to individual candidates, and mandating electronic filing of reports. The last proposal, he said, would enable watchdogs, like the Network itself, to track contributions and spending through a computer database.

But the most important change is to redefine what constitutes "issue advocacy" versus "election advocacy." The network suggests that any ad be considered election advocacy if it contains a candidate's name or a picture of that candidate, and is broadcast within 60 days of an election.

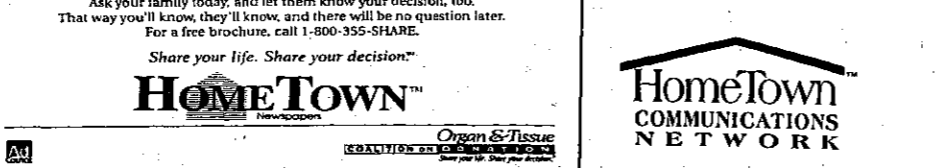
Robinson is skeptical about whether the political will exists in Lansing to crack down on soft money. After all, the politicians tend to like large contributors. But he also believes that if voters express to senators and representatives a desire for more accountability in state elections, lawmakers will warm to the idea.

GOVERNMENT

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

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senator2@levin.senate.gov
Local office: 1810 Michigan National Tower 124 W. Allcraig Lansing, MI 48933 (517) 377-1507
Debbie Stabenow (D-Lansing)
476 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington D.C. senator@stabenow.senate.gov
Local office: 280 East Saginaw East Lansing, MI 48823 (517) 203-1760
UNITED STATES CONGRESS
Joe Knollenberg (R-Bloomfield)
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Rural Hill Cemetery continues expansion

By LON HUHMANN Staff Writer

The Northville city council moved two steps closer to fulfilling its goal of completing a pair of projects at the Rural Hill Cemetery.

For several years, the city of Northville has been planning on developing the remaining portion of Rural Hill Cemetery as well as constructing a new roadway into the city-owned cemetery. There are six acres of undeveloped cemetery. The development of the remaining six acres is expected to take more than 40 years to complete.

The past two years the city has been following the develop-

ment of new ordinance requirements in Northville township regarding creation, expansion and development of cemeteries in the township, Gallo said. "For many years the city has had plans to develop the remaining portion of Rural Hill Cemetery, which is located entirely within Northville township."

Gallo said because the township board of trustees adopted its new ordinance governing cemeteries and now have it in place, the city proceeded to approve the services of Land Planning and Design Associates of Ann Arbor to assist in developing a master plan for the cemetery. He said the firm specializes

Novi Briefs

The city of Novi announces the following events:

Second Annual Farmers Market
Saturdays, Aug. 4-Oct. 27, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Wixom Community Center parking lot. Vendors will be offering flowers, herbs, produce and more. Event will be held every Saturday rain or shine. Interested vendors call (248) 624-2850 for more information.

Secretary of State Mobile Unit
Friday, Aug. 10, from noon to 6 p.m. at the Wixom Community Center. There is a fee: One pint of blood.

Rasco the Clown and Joe Chansey
For everyone, Aug. 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Cunnar Metla Park on Maple Road. A fee of \$2 per child.

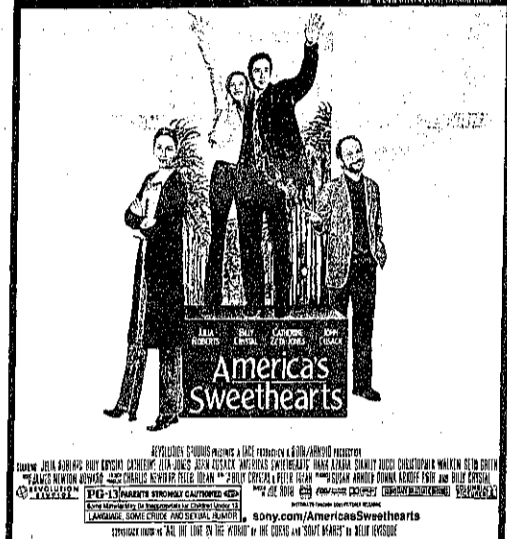
Pack a picnic and blanket and head to the park. Rasco the Clown will entertain with his bag of tricks and Joe Chansey will do his juggling and magic skills. At the end of the day, kids will create a make-and-take craft. Please preregister. Call (248) 624-2850 for more information.

American Red Cross Blood Drive
Friday, Aug. 10, from noon to 6 p.m. at the Wixom Community Center. There is a fee: One pint of blood.

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NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 01-028

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Providence Hospital & Medical Centers is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of tents for the annual employee picnic at 47601 Grand River Avenue at Providence Hospital which is located at the southwest corner of Beck Road and Grand River Avenue from August 11, 2001 through August 13, 2001.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit.

This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m. on August 1, 2001, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to August 1, 2001.

C.J. KILLBREW BUILDING PERMIT COORDINATOR (248) 347-0415 (7-26-01 NR/NV 1059482)

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PROVISIONS OF THE NOXIOUS WEED AND REFUSE ORDINANCE

TO: All owners, occupants or possessors of subdivided lands or lots:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Section 21-20 of the Novi Code, all noxious weeds or other weeds, grass, brush or deleterious, unhealthy growths exceeding a height of twelve (12) inches, or any refuse or debris growing, standing or lying upon any property in the City of Novi, shall be cut down, destroyed or removed as the case may be, at least twice in each year, once during the last half of the month of May and again during the last half of July of each year and more often as may be necessary.

In the event the owner or occupant, or any person or persons, agent, firm or corporation having control or management of any subdivided land in any subdivision in which buildings have been erected and where such subdivisions have a zoning classification that is "residential," shall fail, refuse or neglect to comply with the above mentioned Ordinance, the City shall cause said weeds, grass, brush, deleterious, unhealthy growths, rubbish or debris to be cut down, destroyed or removed. Provided, further, that any lands which are situated within the flood plains or any natural streams or water courses, or any area between the lower or upper banks of such streams or water courses shall be exempted from the provisions of this Ordinance. The expense incurred by the City in the cutting, destruction or removal of same together with a ten (10%) percent administrative charge will be levied and collected against such property in the manner provided by law.

Failure to comply with the requirements set forth in Section 21-20 of the Novi Code may also result in the prosecution for same, and liability to the extent of the penalty therein provided.

DONALD SAVEN,

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 1, 2001 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider, **VISION SPA SALON SP 01-22A**, located on the east side of Beck Road, south of Grand River Avenue, to consider **PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN APPROVAL, WOODLAND PERMIT APPROVAL AND SECTION NINE FACADE WAIVER**. The applicant is proposing a one-story spa and salon building.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 P.M. Wednesday, August 1, 2001.

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Woodlands Review Board, of the City of Novi, will hold a meeting on Wednesday, August 1, 2001 at 4:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, Community Development Conference Room, Novi, Michigan to review the Woodlands Review Board Permit Application for Mr. and Mrs. Maltese, 48085 Ravello Court, (Case 401-07).

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are invited to attend. Any written comments may be sent to the Department of Public Services, Attention: Woodland Review Board, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, until 3:00 P.M., Wednesday, August 1, 2001.

KAREN AMOLSCHEW CUSTOMER SERVICE-DPS (7-26-01 NR/NV 1059732)

NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 01-027

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Cronk & Tocco, Inc. is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a construction trailer at 29175 Grand River Avenue at the Amertonsites of Novi project which is located north of 12 Mile Road on the west side of Haggerty Road from August 2, 2001 through August 2, 2002.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit.

This request will be considered at 3:15 p.m. on August 1, 2001, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to August 1, 2001.

C.J. KILLBREW BUILDING PERMIT COORDINATOR (248) 347-0415 (7-26-01 NR/NV 1059479)

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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 P.M. Wednesday, August 1, 2001.

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Tobacco? Don't get me started...

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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 P.M. Wednesday, August 1, 2001.

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Silver Springs picks up pieces after break-in

By JENNIFER NORRIS
Staff Writer

The majority of the damage caused by the break-in at Silver Springs Elementary School July 14 has been cleared away and maintenance and custodial staff are busy preparing the building for opening day next month.

"I fully expect us to have a successful opening at Silver Springs," said Chris Gearn, administrative assistant for operations for Northville Public Schools.

Clean-up crews at Silver Springs spent hundreds of hours scrubbing and cleaning after four Northville teenagers broke into the school building inflicting extensive damage to school property.

"We spent over 200 hours just in the cleanup of the vandalism," said Gearn.

Gearn said after the district learned of the incident, 20 workers were involved in cleaning the first day.

He also commended the custodi-

al staff for their efforts in setting the school back in order.

"It's amazing," said Gearn. "We have the finest custodial crew I've ever seen over there. They had a monumental task and they exceeded anyone's expectations. I can't say enough about the custodians. They're a terrific bunch of workers."

He also said the district is currently tallying up the total amount of damage done as a result of the break in.

Some of the damage within the building included several broken windows; paint was poured on computers, telephones and carpeting; glue was poured on the floor and onto telephones and the contents of fire extinguishers were released throughout the building.

"Every room sustained some damage, but some were minimal," said Gearn.

He said the majority of the

mess from the vandalism has been cleaned and contractors will be brought in later to handle such projects as window replacement.

Computers, telephones, and some carpeting will also likely need to be replaced, said Gearn.

He also said that the district will be checking with teachers to make sure all the items in their rooms are accounted for.

"We have no idea if anything is missing," he said.

District custodians are also in the process of conducting normal summer cleaning procedures, such as stripping the wax on the floors, cleaning the furniture, walls and ceiling lights and shampooing the carpeting.

However, the clean-up from the vandalism will likely not be soon forgotten.

"This has been the worst summer as far as vandalism goes," said Gearn.

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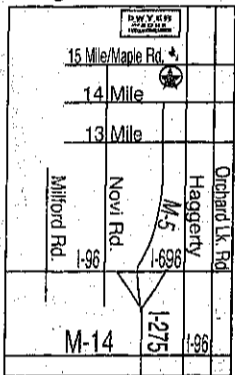
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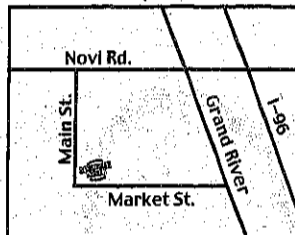


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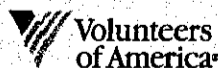


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Novi gets two infielders named to All-Area



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Megan Colligan provided the spark the Wildcats looked for in the hitting game, getting on base when it was needed most.

The 2001 softball season was a lesson in perseverance and delayed gratification. Three seasons in the making, and coming off some serious off-season work, South Lyon turned the KVC on its ear this past season, battling for first place the entire way and even spending some time in the state's top 10. For their efforts the Lions have three players on HomeTown East's All-Area team, including Player of the Year Melissa Tavidian.

And then there's the team that improved as the season went on. Lakeland found itself in a regional final, thanks in no small part to the efforts of first-team selections Kira Maloney and Kristie Richmond. While Northville, Novi and Milford didn't see the same kind of team success as the first two schools, they certainly weren't without talent, as seen below.

HomeTown East's Player of the Year

Melissa Tavidian South Lyon senior pitcher

Tavidian's senior season was one for the ages, as she was the dominant pitcher any team needs to be successful. Tavidian won 20 games for South Lyon. Over half of those wins — 11 — were shutouts. One

of those shutouts was a perfect game, against Brighton no less.

Tavidian struck out 339 batters, a school record. Her 206 innings pitched were far and away the most in the KVC.

Despite all that work Tavidian's earned run average was only 0.68.

Offensively, Tavidian led the Lions with 32 runs scored and 22 stolen bases. She had 17 RBI.

She was South Lyon's most valuable player, first-team KVC and an all-district selection.

Lindsay Noren South Lyon freshman outfielder/pitcher

A gift from Nebraska, Noren had an immediate impact on South Lyon's program.

And she's going to be doing it for three more years.

The freshman was the Lions' offensive MVP after leading the team with a .367 average. Her 44 hits tied her for first in the KVC. She scored 27 runs, drove in 16 more and stole 12 bases.

Noren will be South Lyon's number one pitcher next season. Spelling Melissa Tavidian in 2001 she won eight games, striking out 75 with an earned run average of 0.81.

Jessi Harmon South Lyon junior catcher

Sometimes it might actually be

easier to catch an average pitcher than a good one, where the pitches don't move as much.

But Harmon caught two quality pitchers and excelled calling their games.

South Lyon's only real slide of the season came when she was injured.

Harmon led the Lions with 23 RBI and was second on the team with 37 hits.

She was a first-team All-KVC and district selection.

Megan Colligan Novi junior first baseman

If consistency comes with age and experience, then Colligan should have been a fifth-year senior in college. Any time Novi needed a key hit, their three-year starter was there for it.

Novi graduated a slew of talent from last year's KVC champion. Many times it was Colligan keeping the team afloat this season. She was a first-team all-KVC selection.

Kendall Hobart Novi sophomore shortstop

Hobart helped bridge the gap between Novi's terrific 2000 team and what the Wildcats hope is a bright future. The sophomore shortstop hit .402 on 39 hits, scored 32 runs and had 29 stolen bases.

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Novi Pom Pon earns seventh Grand Champs trophy at CMU

The Novi Varsity Pom Pon squad recently returned from three days at Mid American Pom Pon Camp at Central Michigan University. The girls learned speed learning routines, kickline routines, and had to present an original routine of their own.

It was a very successful camp for Novi Varsity, as the team came home with many awards. First and foremost, they were awarded the Grand Champs trophy for the seventh year in a row. Grand champs trophies go to teams who get "1" rankings in speed learning and kickline all three days of camp and who also get a "1" ranking on their original routine that they present at camp. This is considered the top award a team can win at camp.

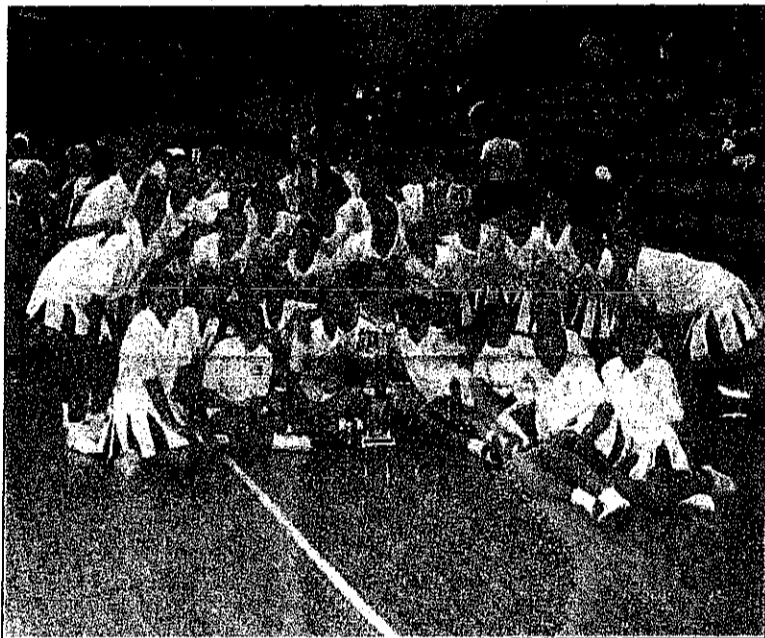
In addition to being Grand Champs, the 12 seniors who attended camp won the Senior Kickline competition for the third year in a row. Senior Kickline is a competition only for senior members of teams at the camp. The

seniors performed an original kickline routine that they choreographed themselves.

The third award that they received was the Showmanship Award. This is a special award given to one team at camp who demonstrates exceptional poise and confidence during the competition and presents their original routine with positive enthusiasm and polish.

The team is coached by Jennifer Hubenschmidt. The senior captains are Courtney Harfoot and Laura Brandau. The other seniors who attended camp and won Senior Kickline are: Carmen Decker, Madeline DiRocco, Marcy Golota, Erin Holmes, Danielle Kazakos, Hillary Kroll, Stephanie Regan,

Erin Reid, Erika Slateng, and Sarah Wilson. Junior members of the team are Brittney Bixman, Ashlee Doster, Kiley Elfring, Kristen Fraser, Megan Kemski, Kristen Kern, Christina Morandi,



Submitted photo

The Novi Varsity Pom Pon squad posing with their Grand Champs trophy at Central Michigan University.

Lauren Powell, and Christy Stewart. Sophomore members of the team are Meredith Anan, Shawn Calvin, Amanda Kowalski, Julie Perreca, and Katie Sloan. Not attending camp were Erin Chuplinsky and Elizabeth Kossik.

These awards add to a long list of honors Novi Pom Pon had won in the last several years. They have been Mid American Pom Pon State Champs in 1996, 1998, 1999, and this year 2001. They were also Mid American High Kick Champs in

1999. They also placed second nationally in the High Kick Division at UDA National Dance Team Competition at Walt Disney World in February of this year. Their performance at UDA was televised on ESPN.

Denyer tops golf field, wins Junior

By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

Novi golfer David Denyer made short work of the par 70 White Lake Oaks golf course as he propelled himself to Medalist of the 27th Annual Oakland County Junior Golf Championship June 29 with rounds of 75 and 67.

The championship, which is hosted at Springfield Oaks and White Lake Oaks Golf Club, included junior golfers from age 11 to 19 and was held over two days from June 28 and 29. Thirteen-year-old Denyer not only outplayed the older players by leaving his nearest competitor four strokes behind, but annihilated his 12 and 13-year-old bracket by a dominating 11 strokes.

"I had everything on, I had my putting and some nice shots," Denyer said. "I putted like a mad man, putted real nice. I also had some nice shots on the greens that set up my putts."

Denyer's control and shot placement helped construct his career best 67, which included four birdies and only one bogey at White Lake Oaks.

The hilly terrain of Springfield Oaks, with a wide open front nine and a well wooded back nine, found Denyer leading his age bracket by only two strokes before his well-placed shots on the fast and hard greens at White Lake Oaks led to his domination of the tourney.

"I give it all I got when I play golf," he said. "That was the first time I won the Oakland County Junior. Two years ago I got third."

Denyer, who crushed his previous career best of 77, has competed on the PowerBilt Junior Tour since 1999 but has not won a PowerBilt tournament yet but is "pretty confident." Denyer also qualified for the state finals for the Optimist Club Junior Tournament.

A good shot and finesse putting didn't just come to Denyer overnight, it has taken a lot of practice and a lot of tournament exposure.

"I've played tournament golf since I was seven," Denyer said. "I started playing the sport when I was three."

According to Denyer, playing professional golf as a career

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Going, going, gone!

This time of year is when baseball season gets really exciting and not just for the teams that are heading to state, regional and national tournaments.

Some teams are indeed taking their season to the next level and continuing to compete with the best of the best in hopes of earning the right to call themselves the number one team in baseball. Others are just wrapping their seasons up.

Here are some of the local teams that are advancing in the tournament and some that have wrapped up their seasons:

The Northville Broncos 11-year-old travel team will be playing for the American Amateur Baseball Congress (AABC) State Championship in Rochester Hills this weekend after winning the Little Caesar's League title with a 17-1 league record (35-5 overall).

The Broncos trotted through this season's schedule and notched a couple of tournament wins as well with first-place finishes in the Northville Early Bird Tournament in May and in the WABA Classic Tournament in June. The Broncos also managed two second-place tournament finishes in the Sylvania, Ohio Fourth of

July Tournament and the Grand Blanc Classic played July 20-22.

The Grand Blanc Classic found the Broncos defeating Saline 3-2 in their opener with Ross Riehl going 2-for-3 at the plate and Matt Pape going 2-for-2. Tyler Scott, who was the game's winning pitcher, relieved Joe Mitchell after three scoreless innings. Northville's second game found Northville spanking Frankenuth 15-4 with Riehl going 3-for-3 with three runs scored, Dan Kirkpatrick sending three runs home and Scott and Marty LaRouere notching two hits each with Mike Baldwin adding a double and two RBIs.

The Broncos third game found the squad faltering 10-4 to the Clio Mustangs, the eventual tournament champions. Jeff Cheslik, Steve Anderson and Riehl had two hits while Andrew Distler, Kyle Asher, Kirkpatrick and Scott added one. Northville wrapped up the tournament with a 10-0 blanking of Grand Blanc. Michael Collins hurled three innings and reached base with all three at bats. Matt Pape, Collins and Anderson shared mound duty and combined on a two-hit shutout.

The Northville Broncos U-

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NABF Broncos looking to capture World Series title

By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

Play ball! The National Amateur Baseball Federation (NABF) World Series is underway and the Northville Broncos are looking to climb their way to the top of the food chain by defeating the teams from around the nation that have converged on Northville to see who is the best of the best.

The Broncos, who are the tournament host team for the 19th straight year, have set lofty goals for themselves. According to first-year Broncos head coach Aaron Knieper, Northville's "not going to settle for one win this year. Our goal is to win it."

"I've been stressing it all year we've been working for it and it is what we have on our minds now we have to see what we can do. The Broncos will be facing off against the Texas Knights in the opening game of the tournament at 6:00 today and will be following the lead of a trio of baseball talent."

Tyler Carter is one of our

standout pitchers and he leads the team by example," Knieper said. "Kyle Ghedotte is more of a vocal leader for the team. He gets the team pumped a little bit more. Jason Krug, our catcher, coordinates everything on the field and also leads by example."

Knieper said that even if the Broncos fall behind in a contest they will continue to be a formidable foe.

"They'll play it all the way to the end," he said. "We have probably five or six comeback wins this year. They know it's not over until it's over. That makes it hard for a lot of teams to beat us."

The NABF World Series draws some of the best talent from across the country in the 15 and 16-year-old age bracket, but Knieper isn't worried about who the Broncos will face on the field.

"It doesn't matter who we are playing because we are out playing a ball game," he said. "It could be Little Leaguers or the (Detroit) Tigers, it doesn't matter to us. We just go out and do the best we can do."

No matter the level of talent, a team brings to the field, it all comes down to fundamentals and work ethic for this year's Northville Broncos.

"We try to practice the fundamentals of baseball and that helps us when we are in a game situation," Knieper said. "This team stresses hard work. The harder you work the luckier you get."

Knieper said that if his team walks away with nothing else, he hopes they walk away with knowledge.

"They have come a long way this season with each individual learning about baseball," he said. "They have definitely grown and each one has learned a little more about what it takes to move up to the next level of baseball or any sport."

Sometimes a game is won with the swing of a bat and a deep home run while others are won by persistence.

"This team will put in effort all the way through," Knieper said. "They don't give up until the final out and take it all the way down to the end."

Knieper, who was selected as Michigan's 1990 Mr. Baseball and spent three and a half years with the Montreal Expos, hopes the players he coaches improve themselves through the game.

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Denyer dominates

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"I guarantee the when he reaches ninth grade he will be on the varsity golf team," Koch said. "He will be an All-State player as long as he keeps his work ethics, which I think he will do. He is very coachable and a great student."

Koch associates one of the reasons Denyer is so talented and dedicated to golf is his father.

"His dad (Don) has a lot of influence on him," Koch said.

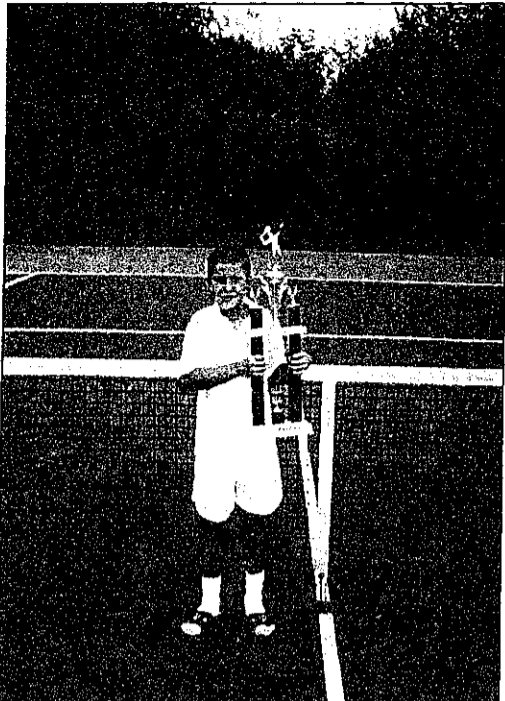
"He (David) enjoys the game and his dad doesn't pressure him. Don has impressed on him that you have to enjoy the game and you do have to enjoy this game to play it."

With the remainder of the summer stretching into the months ahead, Denyer said there should be plenty of golf to keep him occupied with both golf and the traveling needed to play it.

"It (the PowerBall Tour) is played all over the state so I get to see a lot of the different courses," Denyer said. "It lasts pretty much the whole summer."

"I have a golf coach named John Koch at Oak Pointe in Brighton," Denyer said. "His son (Shawn) just won the (Iowa) Tournament of Champions up north so he has got some experience."

John Koch said that Denyer has been "the most turned around player I have ever taught" in a one year period.



Eight-year-old Little Mo Regional Tennis Tournament Champion Justin Rossi hoists his championship trophy after winning the title game 6-3, 6-3. Rossi has been seeded number one for the Little Mo National Tournament scheduled for October in Austin, Texas.

Tennis champ is headed for nationals

By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

Look, there on the tennis court is it a bird? Is it a plane? Is it Pete Sampras? No. It's Justin Rossi!

Rossi, a Novi resident and Thornton Creek Elementary School student, took a gigantic step towards Austin, Texas after defeating a slew of opponents and defeating Nick Chappel 6-3, 6-3 in the championship game of the Little Mo Regional Tennis Tournament in Homewood, Illinois. Rossi is not only qualified for the national tournament to be held in Austin in October but earned a number one seed in the process.

According to the eight-year-old Rossi, he might have a surprise or two for his opponents in the nationals.

"I think I'll surprise them because I am so good," he said. "I am real good at placing my hits and I am very fast."

The road to the national tournament wasn't an easy one for Rossi, who had to finish in the top eight players in the Sectional Tournament in Homewood, but the work was well worth the results.

"We are very proud of him," Rossi's mother, Wendy said. "It started out just as a little thing for fun with his friends. He ended up liking it and hasn't stopped."

Team sports like football and hockey draw the attention of many kids, but not Rossi.

"I a sport like hockey you are on a team, you do things as a team," Rossi said. "In tennis you are by yourself and only you can decide what you are going to do."

Rossi's talent and love of tennis doesn't just come from thin air, his mother and his father, Claudio, play tennis at the Sports Club of Novi. Playing tennis might not be the only thing Rossi inherited from his parents, it seems Justin isn't the only Rossi to be in the national spotlight.

"My husband played the accordion," Wendy said. "He competed and won at the state level and then the national and then won the world."

Rossi has his tennis goals set pretty high.

"I want to be number one in the whole world," he said. "I am going to be Andre Agassi. I am going to be better than him."

Winning the regional tournament at the age of eight isn't going to be enough for Rossi.

"I am going to do this for my whole life," he said. "I love this sport."

Broncos ready to play ball

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they play.

"Hopefully (what they learn) carries over to other sports," he said. "I hope each individual improves as a person and as a player."

The teams which will be visiting Northville to participate in the NABF World Series include the Texas Rangers (Texas), Lexington Dixie (Kentucky), Long Island Tigers (New York), B and C Construction (Tennessee), East Cobb Rangers (Georgia), Dayton Classics (Ohio), Indiana Bulls (Indiana), NFWB Cobras (Farmington Hills, Michigan) and the Long Island Cardinals (New York).

Colligan, Hobert get first-team honors

Wildcat hurler Breisacher gets second-team All-Area nod

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Lacie Rudolph Milford senior shortstop

Rudolph was a rarity in the KVC. In a league where pitchers like South Lyon's Melissa Tavolani, Brighton's Jill DeRoche and Kristin Burkless and Hartland's Amanda Wallace and Janie Von Ehr more often than not had their way with hitters, she turned the table. When Rudolph, batting in the second and third slots, came to the plate it was nearly a 50/50 proposition that she would get a hit.

Her .479 batting average was the best in the KVC.

A four-year varsity player, Rudolph was a first-team All-KVC selection.

Kristie Richmond Lakeland senior outfielder

When one of the state's best teams has a game plan designed top specifically stop you, you must be on to something good.

That's what Richmond found out in Lakeland's regional final against eventual state runner-up Waterford Kettering, when the Captains moved almost its entire defense in to keep Richmond off base.

Could you blame them?

For Richmond, a single was basically a double, as the senior centerfielder led the KVC and set a school record with her 45 stolen bases. She hit .361 on a team-high 48 hits.

Kira Maloney Lakeland junior pitcher

As a junior Maloney evolved into a reliable number one starter for Lakeland, striking out 101 batters in 140 innings of work.

And she became an offensive star, leading the Eagles with a .427 average and driving in a team-high 30 runs.

Maureen Emaus Northville senior pitcher

Her coach called Emaus her own personal trainer, pushing herself to bigger and better things in her final season on the mound for the Mustangs.

Her most-impressive performance may have come in a loss to Livonia Churchill. Emaus struck out a career-high 29 Chargers, but took the loss in a 2-1 defeat in 15 innings.

She earned first-team All-Western Lakes honors this season.

Fumiko Kawamura Northville senior shortstop

For three years Kawamura played on the right side of the infield alongside her sister Makiko.

This year she switched over to short and didn't miss a beat.

The senior finished with one of the highest on-base percentages in the Western Lakes Activities Association (.480).

The leadoff hitter-every coach craves-Kawamura earned all-division honors in the WLA.

Sport short

NBSA Fall registration

Registrations are currently being accepted for the NBSA Fall Baseball and Softball program. Boys and girls ages 8 to 13 are eligible to participate. Registration cost is \$55 per player. The Fall program is designed not to interfere with fall soccer. The program consists of one practice the week of August 27, followed by six Friday games running through September and mid-October. Games start at 6 p.m.

Registrations can be made at the Northville Parks and Recreation Department. Individuals interested in coaching or for more information, call Mark Greenman at (248) 348-0319 or (313) 873-6200.

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League Standings

Beach Volleyball Standings			
Monday Night Men 4's (as of July 17)			
Team Name	Wins	Losses	Spikers
Super Heros	6	0	3
Colorworks	3	3	3
DPS	3	3	0
Spikers	0	6	6
Tuesday Night Women 4's (as of July 18)			
Team Name	Wins	Losses	
Deadwood Bar & Grill	4	2	
Pun In The Sun	4	2	
Sandy Girls	4	2	
Sand Diggers	3	3	
Deadwood Too	2	4	
Dig This	1	5	
Wednesday Night Coed 4's (as of July 19)			
Team Name	Wins	Losses	
Six Feet Under	6	0	
Focus	5	1	
The Honeyman is Over	5	1	
Deadwood Bar & Grill	4	2	
Death Volley	4	2	
Net Effect	0	6	
Sand Puppies	0	6	
Tengoo Marketing	0	6	
Thursday Night Coeds 2's (as of July 20)			
Team Name	Wins	Losses	
Vondracek's	6	0	
K-R	5	1	
Chips II	3	3	
Rocky	3	3	
Campbell's	1	5	
Tiggers Diggers	0	6	
Spring Summer Softball Standings			
Coed Softball (as of July 15)			
Team Name	Wins	Losses	Ties
Deadwood Bar & Grill	9	0	-
Pubcrawlers	8	1	-
Leon's	5	3	1
Nexus Team	5	4	-
Water Wheel Health Club	4	4	-
Brasscraft	4	5	-
Bonfire/NCP	3	6	-
Muttley Crew	3	6	-
Domino's	2	7	-
Swingers	1	8	-
Men's Softball (as of July 17)			
Team Name	Wins	Losses	
Belanger's	9	4	
Page's	6	4	
Northville Moose	6	4	
Starting Gate	6	4	
Mr. Spots	4	6	



Tae Kwon Do champs

Dedication and training paid off for eight Tae Kwon Do students as they walked away with the title of Michigan State Champions after proving their abilities May 19. The students are listed with their age, hometown and belt (from left to right): Front row: Alexandra Czukkermann (7, Canton, green stripe), Second row: Coach Stephen Wegener (18, South Lyon, second-degree black), Harrison Eichholtz (9, Northville, green), Tony Dresaj (8, Novi, green stripe), Stephanie Wegener (9, South Lyon, green stripe) and Assistant Instructor Joseph Eichholtz (12, Novi, red), Back Row: Logan LaPerriere (information not submitted), Amanda LaPerriere (information not submitted), Patricia Eichholtz (11, Novi, blue) and Katrina Dresaj (12, Novi, green stripe). Also Tae Kwon Do students but not pictured: Erica Blvens (14, Novi, black), Mark Hudson (14, Northville, red stripe), Daniel Keys (10, Northville, blue) and Bobby Baumann (17, South Lyon, blue).

Sport Shorts

Basketball camp offered

Schoolcraft College is offering its Fourth Annual Camp of Champs Basketball Camp for boys grades first through 12. The camp, which will be held at Schoolcraft College from August 6-9, will be coached by Schoolcraft College Head Coach Carlos Briggs and Assistant Coach Steven Norgrove as well as experienced coaches from Michigan.

Coaches will work with players at their individual levels with a ratio of 10 players for each coach.

The coaches will strive to help each participant to become a "total player" — a player who is skilled in the game's fundamentals.

The stress of the camp will be fundamentals and the finer points of dribbling, passing, shooting and ball handling as well as focusing on defense, rebounding and one-on-one play.

The cost of the camp is \$100 and players who participate will need gym shorts, sweat socks and basketball shoes.

For more information and to request a registration form, call the Schoolcraft College Athletic Department: (734) 469-4400 ext. 5954.

Softball and baseball coaches needed

The Northville Baseball Softball Association is currently accepting nominations from individuals who would like to be considered for travel team coaching positions during the 2002 travel season. Interested candidates should submit a letter of qualification stating the league level in which they would like to be considered along with their qualifications and prior coaching experience to: NBSA Travel Committee, P.O. Box 220, Northville, Mich. 48167. All travel nominations are due by August 3, 2001.

Baseball is in its final swing

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12 girls' softball travel team took first place in Division 1 of Western Wayne County League after topping the league with a 12-2 record.

Leauge Bronco Division Cardinals hoisted their trophy in celebration after defeating the Novi As to become the National League Champions at the Annual Jets Pizza Tournament. Chase Stevens was named the championship game's MVP.

The Baldwin Capital Giants took the NBSA H League Championship with a double-header win over the Moose defensing the Novi As to become the Diamondbacks at the Annual Jets Pizza Tournament. Chase Stevens was named the championship game's MVP.

The Baldwin Capital Giants took the NBSA H League Championship with a double-

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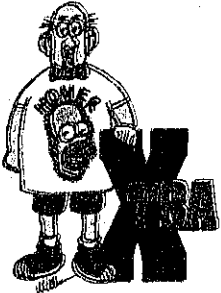
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"What is a wedding? Webster's Dictionary defines a wedding as The process of removing weeds from one's garden."

"Kids, you tried your best and failed miserably. The lesson is, never try."

"If you really want something in this life, you have to work for it. Now quiet! They're about to announce the lottery numbers."

"If the Bible has taught us anything — which it hasn't — it's that girls should stick to girls' sports, such as hot-oil wrestling, foxy boxing, and such-and-such."

"Kill my boss? Do I dare live out the American dream?"

"English? Who needs that? I'm never going to England!"

"They took my dignity away, and I'm going to get it back. Lisa — do I have my pants on?"

"TV respect me. It laughs with me, not at me."

"Son, you don't want to start drinking. Beer is for grown-ups and kids with fake IDs."

"Crying isn't going to bring your dog back... unless your tears smell like dog food."

"When you participate in organized sports, it's not whether you win or lose — it's how drunk you get."

"Old people don't need companionship. They need to be isolated and studied so it can be determined what nutrients they have that might be extracted for our personal use."

"Now, wait a minute — you doctors have been telling us to drink eight glasses of gravy a day for years!"

"Weaseling out of things is important to learn. It's what separates us from the animals. Except the weasel."

"Donuts: is there anything they can't do?"

"This is true — the term 'Doh!' was added to the Oxford English dictionary earlier this year, giving Homer an eternal spot in history."

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The swimming pool at Highland Lakes awaits legions of water lovers.



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Charlie Rodriguez enjoys a swim at the Highland Lakes pool with a "noodle" last Thursday afternoon.

Stayin' cool at Highland Lakes

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"Hey, watch me!"

When summer temperatures cause the mercury to lurch upwards, one can bet that there is a busy swimhole somewhere. Whether its heading to the nearest lake, river, pond or swimming pool, there is bound to be plenty of sloshing water, floating toys, water games and a youngster's squeal of delight.

The private pool at the Highland Lakes Condominium Association is no exception to that.

When the mercury climbs, HLCA officials said many of the tenants and their guests flock to the facility's pool.

Donning swimsuits and sunblock, residents commonly spend an afternoon lounging by the poolside or cooling off as they venture into the water.

"It's a very popular place," said Kathie Crossman, administrative assistant with the condominium association, adding that as the temperature climbs, many children come to the pool.

The HLCA features a large swimming pool along with a separate kiddie pool. The pool facility is situated to overlook a scenic stretch of lake.

According to Crossman, the ample facility has plenty of room for those seeking an escape from the scorching summer heat.

"This is a nice size," she said. "It's a good size for children."

The facility's pool, which ranges in depth from three to ten feet faces some of its busiest times during the beginning and closing of the season, said lifeguard, Jeremy Lovell.

The pool season opens on Memorial Day and closes on Labor Day.

To help provide a bit of entertainment during the sweltering days of summer, Crossman said officials have set aside a portion of the day for "toy time."

Toy time, which ranges between 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. and again from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., allows swimmers to borrow a variety of swim toys.

Crossman said the pool committee purchased the toys for the children to use during play time. Such favorite items include water "noodles," a diving brick, and basketball equipment.

Lovell also said children sometimes bring their own play equipment, such as flippers or snorkels.

Adults also have their own designated time in the pool, which is slated for the last 15 minutes of every hour.

When it comes to fun and keeping cool in the pool, children also participate in a wide array of games.

Some favorites, said pool officials, include Colors which is similar to playing tag in the water. Another popular game is called Water Polo, a game where opponents try to knock over the other team's kickboard with a ball. Diving for a special brick in the pool, also poses a competitive challenge for swimmers.

Area students and red-hot summer temperatures have kept pool officials busy.

But students said they are enjoying a bit of playtime and relaxation in the private pool.

"I like playing with my friends and swimming," said Rachel Ronk, age 10. "All the people are nice."

Ronk added that one of her favorite games to play while she's in the pool is "Colors."

Ten-year-old Marion Rodriguez, agreed that colors was also a popular game among her friends.

She explained that when a color is called, whoever is thinking of that color must swim to the other side of the pool without being "tagged."

The pool hours are weekdays from noon to 8 p.m. and weekends from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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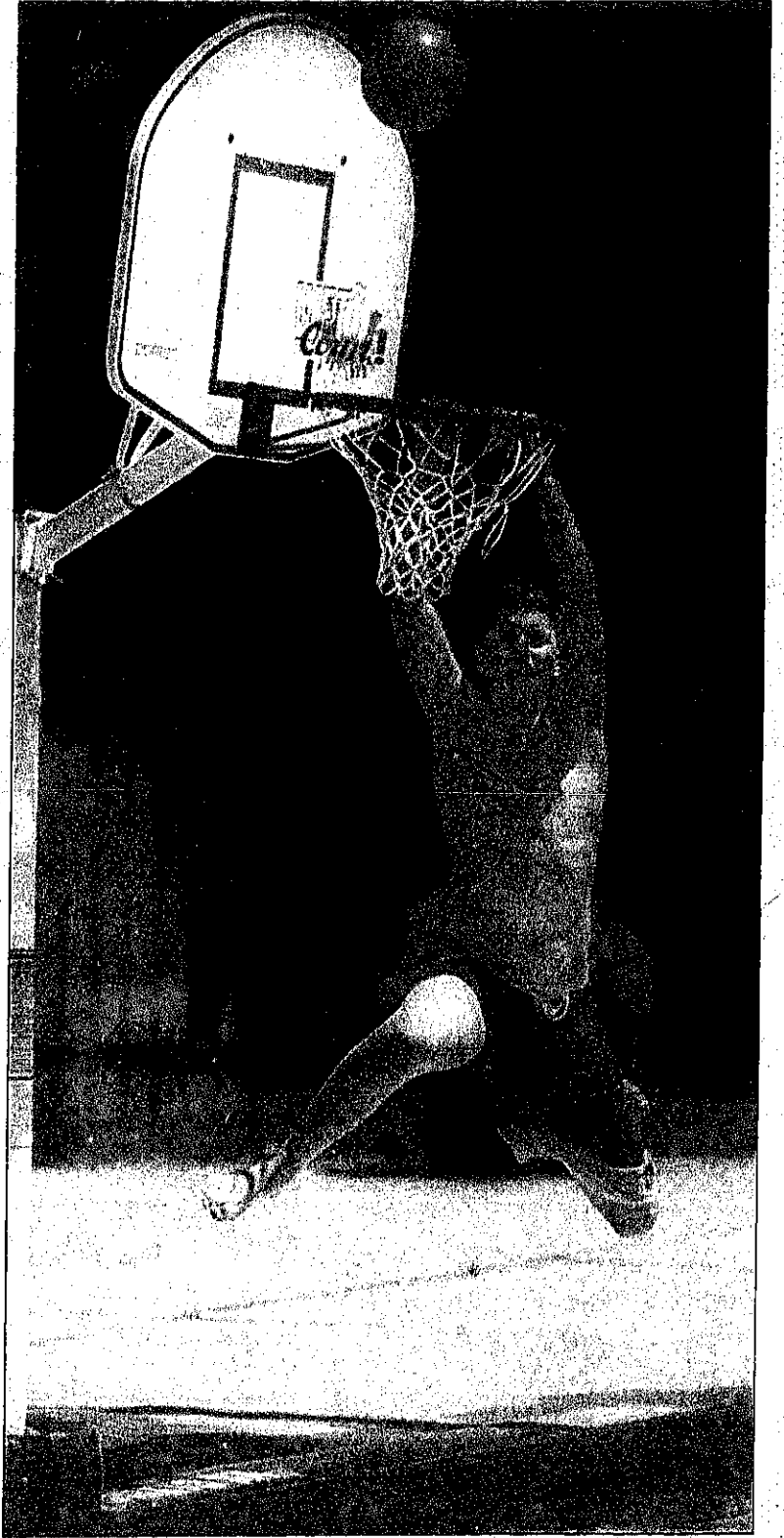


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With a hoop mounted near the edge, Evan Price tries a little slam-dunk action in the pool of Highland Lakes Condominiums.



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Kids get set to dash across the pool in a swimming game in the Highland Lakes community pool last Thursday

PLAYIN' IT SAFE IN THE POOL

- Make sure an adult is always watching young children while swimming, playing or bathing in water. Do not read, play cards, talk on the phone, mow the lawn or do any other distracting activity while supervising children around water.
- Never swim alone or in unsupervised places.
- Never drink alcohol before or during swimming, boating or water skiing. Never drink alcohol while supervising children around water.
- To prevent choking, never chew gum or eat while swimming, diving or playing in water.
- Learn to swim! Enroll yourself and your children aged four and older in swimming classes. Swimming classes are not recommended for children under age four.