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Postal worker saves life

By VICTORIA SADLOCHA Staff Writer

On one very hot day in July, United States Postal employee, Linda Bidwell, delivered more than just mail to Novi resident Robert Baskins. Bidwell delivered the quick thinking and willingness to help save his life.

Due to her heroic efforts, she earned a certificate of commendation from the city of Novi presented to her by Novi Mayor Richard J. Clark at the Aug. 27 city council meeting. The certificate recognizes Bidwell as an outstanding citizen and representative of the dedicated United States Postal Workers. Novi firefighter Kevin Pierce and

Baskins' wife Beverley attended the presentation to show their appreciation. "My husband is coming home this Wednesday," Beverley said. "He had a massive coronary." Bidwell was delivering mail on Edgewater July 16 at about 11 a.m. when she saw Baskins collapse by the garage. "I saw him go down," Bidwell

said. "He kept insisting he was ok. He kept saying it was his back." Bidwell helped Baskins to his porch and entered the house to look for a telephone. Beverley was not home. She couldn't find the telephone fast enough so she ran to her mail truck and grabbed her cellphone dialing 911. "It was remarkable how fast the

fire department got there," Bidwell said. "It is nice to know that small towns have efficient fire departments," Baskins said. Firefighters Pierce and Charlie Roberts arrived on the scene in four minutes. "It was real fast. It was Kevin's dialing 911."

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Two fatalities in two days

Motorcyclists killed; one hit and run

By VICTORIA SADLOCHA Staff Writer

Two motorcyclists were killed mid August in traffic related accidents with the hit-and-run still under investigation.

The first accident occurred in Novi Township at about 9:30 p.m. Aug. 17, at the intersection of Eight Mile Road and Chase Drive.

Northville resident, Kenneth Dittmore, was traveling westbound on Eight Mile Road through the intersection when a 17-year-old Novi resident waiting to turn left onto Chase Drive began executing his turn. At that point, he was struck by Dittmore.

According to a statement taken by Novi Police, a witness said Dittmore, 31, was traveling at a high speed and increasing speed "doing wheelies on the roadway." The 17-year-old driver told police he did not see Dittmore coming nor did he see a headlight.

The witness statement said it appeared that Dittmore was doing wheelies at the time of impact.

The next day, at about 11:15 p.m., Doug Logan of Clarkston was riding eastbound on Interstate 96 just west of Novi Road when he was struck by an out-of-control vehicle, said Sgt. Malcolm Irwin of the Michigan State Police Metro North Post.

"It could have been a drunk driver," Irwin said. Irwin continued to say that speculation as the accident remains under investigation.

After the cyclist was hit, the driver of the out-of-control vehicle fled.

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Back to the books



Photo by TODD VAN SICKLE

Novi High school students file out of their classrooms and head home after their first day of school.

First day filled with excitement

By KELLI COOLEY Editor

Whether it's the last year or the first year of secondary education, students found the first day of school to be filled with lots of different emotions.

Novi Woods Elementary Kindergarten students found school to be exciting and fun as Mrs. Benn's class read Spot Goes to School and made Spot the Dog hats.

"I'm nervous," said Lara Drake, 5, of beginning her school career. "I don't know why, but I am."

Balaj Singh, 5, formerly of London, England found everything different in

Novi. He said he likes it here, however, because he can play Nintendo at home.

Most students found the first day to be just as they expected, though.

"I was in preschool. I really wanted to go to kindergarten," said Cassidy Chika, 5.

"I like reading books," said Rilee Murphy, 5.

On the other end of the spectrum, some Novi High School seniors felt excited about the first day, while others were nonchalant about their last year of high school.

"It's fun because we're seniors and

we're kind of respected now," said Megan Crissman.

Adam Haberman agreed.

"It's a lot of fun seeing everyone," he said.

However, there are downsides to coming back to school, especially as a senior.

"It's weird being here because all our friends are gone," said James Slack.

"I didn't want to come back because I had a good summer and I didn't want to get up early," said Meghan McDonald.

Most seniors fell right back into the

school mode, though.

"It wasn't hard to get used to getting up again, I'm pretty excited about the year," said Nina Pak.

Assistant superintendent for instruction, Rita Traynor, said this was probably one of the smoothest opening days the school has had.

"Dr. Lippe (superintendent) and I went around to all the buildings. The kids were relaxed and happy, the teachers were relaxed and happy; bus transportation went smooth. The sun was shining and it was a very positive day. I really felt very good about today," she said.

Manager says 'no graves will be moved'

By VICTORIA SADLOCHA Staff Writer

No need to panic, future construction plans will not bring about relocations in Novi.

On Aug. 23, The Road Commission of Oakland County announced its plan to widen Twelve Mile Road between Novi and Meadowbrook Roads during the 2002 construction

season. The commission plans on converting the now two-lane section into a four-lane boulevard.

Because of this announcement, Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, located at W. Twelve Mile Road - just east of Novi Road, will be forced to lose a portion of their property to the road widening. However, actual graves containing bodies will not be moved. It is the previously purchased

plots that are not yet in use that will be affected.

If anything, the only active area that may be affected would be the Wayne State Garden, said Don Confer, Manager of Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens.

That particular garden contains about 250 to 350 cremated remains of donated bodies buried in a mass burial.

"Wayne State is aware and it is no biggie," Confer said.

Reports from local news channels and other news publications stating that "graves" will be moved caused a massive influx of phone calls from clients to the cemetery.

Customers were panic-stricken at the thought of their loved ones being extracted and then moved to another area of the grounds.

The section that will most likely be compromised by the road widening project is the Garden of Love.

The cemetery plans on notifying affected clients and allowing them the opportunity to reselect plots in another area when plans are finalized.

Any type of cemetery upheaval depends on the actual commencement of road work.

RCOC announces 2002 Novi road construction

By VICTORIA SADLOCHA Staff Writer

Novi residents will need to plan a little more time when traveling through the city next year, as a recent announcement made by The Road Commission for Oakland County includes three road widening projects for the 2002 construction season.

The roadways affected will be Twelve Mile Road from Novi Road to Meadowbrook Road, the intersection of Ten Mile and Novi Roads and Grand River Avenue

west from Novi Road to the bridge above the railroad tracks, said Craig Bryson, The Road Commission for Oakland County's public information officer.

The Grand River Avenue railroad bridge will also be replaced.

At some point during the months of April through November, Twelve Mile Road will be changed from a two-lane road to a four-lane boulevard, Grand River Avenue will be increased by three lanes and the approaches of the Ten Mile and Novi

Roads intersection will be widened.

"It will help the city tremendously," said Anthony W. Nowicki, city of Novi director of public services.

Nowicki explained that not only will the capacity of the roadways increase, but the projects will also help keep traffic on the main roads decreasing sidestreet cut-through traffic.

It is anticipated that the only complete roadway shutdown will

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Award winners

Photo by TODD VAN SICKLE

Lauren (left) Novi, Junior, and Sara Beth O'Connor, senior, recently won Journalism awards at the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association/Michigan State University Journalism workshop.

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# Credit card scam caught by Novi travel agency

A credit card scam artist received a big surprise when a Novi police officer was at the other end of the telephone line during the suspect's attempt to verify a fraudulent purchase. New Japan Travel filed a police report on Aug. 24 stating that someone had ordered two international airplane tickets on Aug. 18. The suspect tried using a Visa and an American Express, which were both declined. The suspect then had success using a Mastercard he said was his friend's. He left two phone numbers with the agency, both with San Juan, Puerto Rico exchanges. The tickets were e-tickets which were picked up at the airport. According to the report filed by the agency, several other tickets were purchased for several other people during the week. On Aug. 24, the Mastercard holder called the travel agency saying he never ordered plane tickets. After this was brought to New Japan Travel's attention, the police were called. While the officer was at the agency investigating, the suspect called to verify a previously purchased flight. The officer took the call, but the suspect hung up when he was questioned. The officer stated that there was no way to call back and he called the other numbers but they were recordings in Spanish. The owner of the allegedly stolen Mastercard said he had made hotel reservations in New York. Someone posing as a hotel employee called the credit card owner and told him they needed his card numbers again. The caller then said if he also gave an American Express card number, he could get a discount. The cardholder said he was suspicious and called the hotel. A hotel worker said no one had called him, and the hotel didn't offer an American Express special. The cardholder told police he reported his cards as stolen. The suspect has not called back and the case remains under investigation.

## Police News

**CASH BOX NOTICED**  
Sometimes advertising cash is not always the best thing to do as the Media Center at Novi High School learned Aug. 24. Between the time of June 13 and Aug. 24, Taurus, the manager said the teenagers then drove across Novi Road into the Town Center parking lot where he then lost them. Police were unable to locate the

**TEEN PRANK ENDS UP IN MISSING TABLE**  
On Aug. 25 at about 5 p.m., several young adults ran into Wendy's on Novi Road, stole a dining room table and then took off. The manager of the restaurant told police that two teenage males grabbed the table, valued at about \$200, and ran out - getting into a silver Taurus. The manager said the teenagers then drove across Novi Road into the Town Center parking lot where he then lost them. Police were unable to locate the

owner of the allegedly stolen Mastercard said he had made hotel

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**ARBY'S ROBBED**  
Police were called when they were notified that Arby's in Walled Lake had been robbed on Aug. 19. A truck driver said he was making routine deliveries to Arby's when he noticed that the back door was not locked. Police entered Arby's and found the safe open and cash drawers were on the floor. It was later determined that \$3,191.67 was stolen from the business. Police searched the building but did not find anyone there. The manager said he had an employee who did not show up for work and was tipped off that she was in the Oakland County Jail. However, her sister denied the fact and said she was out partying with her friends. The manager said the girl was a new employee and he gave her his alarm combination to get in and out of the store. The alarm company determined that the combination that was keyed in was the manager's code. All other employees have their own code. Police are questioning the

**ARREST CREATES MORE TROUBLE FOR NOVI RESIDENT**  
A 31-year-old Novi resident was stopped on Aug. 22 at about midnight for drinking and driving and possession of parrotcage equipment possibly containing marijuana. The Hispanic man was stopped at Twelve Mile Road and Meadowbrook Road. The officer reported the man had very bloodshot eyes and smelled of alcohol. The only test the driver would comply with was following the pen. It was noted in the police report that his eyes were very slow to follow the pen and bouncing badly. A small pipe with possible pot was found in the car. The resident blew a .21 and was taken to the station. Border Patrol was called and they came to pick up the man. It is possible that he may have been an illegal alien.

**WALLED LAKE**  
Police are questioning the

**CIGARETTES GIVE THIEF AWAY**  
A woman called police when her home in the 600 block of Finch Court was broken into Aug. 26. Officers determined that there was no one inside the home. The woman showed them an empty pack of cigarettes that were thrown on her patio. She said she didn't smoke that brand and she was a "nost freak" who didn't litter her home. Walled Lake PD called Novi Police to enlist the help of their R-9 unit to try and sniff out the culprit. The dogs tracked the suspect from the doorway, where the cigarettes were found. They tracked the

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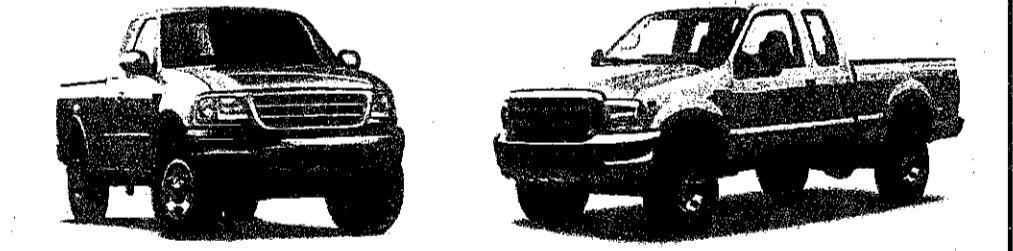
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# Down wire sets fire to mobile home in Novi

**By VICTORIA SADLOCHA Staff Writer**  
A down wire call to the Novi Fire Department, turned into a fire run with a couple of surprises. On Tuesday, Aug. 21 at about 8:20 p.m., firefighters responded to the call in the 3900 block of Blakeston Street, in the area of Haggerty and Twelve Mile Roads. When they arrived, the firefighters noticed power lines on an outdoor storage shed and mobile home resulting in both to catch on fire, said Novi Fire Chief, Arthur Lenaghan. According to fire department policy, the department had to discontinue its efforts to put out the fire because the power lines appeared to be carrying electrical current. "It was obvious there was some type of feed," Lenaghan said. The firefighters worked to keep the fire from spreading, but could not extinguish the actual fire until the power was turned off. During the time period the firefighters were waiting for the electric to be turned off, they smelled a strong odor of natural gas, Lenaghan said. The gas company arrived and after an investigation, it was determined there was a leak in a service lead going from the street to the home. The situation was under control and finally came to an end around 1 a.m. There were no injuries, and damages were estimated at about \$65,000. The bulk of the damages were to the mobile home roof and ceiling and the home's entire electrical system. The owner of the mobile home could not be contacted for comment. Victoria Sadlocha is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 348-1700, ext. 105 or at vsadlocha@hometown.com.net.

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suspect north toward Duck Lake Road and continued east on Eagle Pond Drive, where they lost the scent at the roadway. The woman said blank checks, 10 CD Rom games and a television were stolen from the home. Other items in the house had been moved. The case is still open. **FIGHT IN LABOUR LOT** Walled Lake officers, who were helping to clear traffic at Laborn, had to control a large light that broke out Aug. 25. The light began in the rear parking lot while a number of youths circled around the boys involved in the fight. An officer was able to restrain a male 18-year-old from Southfield who was fighting another minor. Everyone else that was fighting or watching ran in different directions when police stepped in. The 18-year-old was patting down, handcuffed and placed in an officer's patrol car. He had a strong odor of alcohol and a breathalyzer test showed his blood alcohol as .05. He was transported to the station, booked and lodged in city lock-up.

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After several seasons during which minimalist jewelry has been popular, the latest trend calls for women to wear multiple, mismatched necklaces around their necks. This mix-and-match approach, which began among stars and models, allows long chains to be worn with chokers and strands of crystal to go with leather cords. The resultant "funky" look has a decidedly 60's feel to it. For those who prefer to stick to a classic look, the multi-necklace trend can consist of strands of the same family - gold, for instance. For a quainter reflection of personal style, try wearing favorite charms on metal chains. This represents the millennium version of the charm bracelet. In any case, the look is distinctively personal. With our 3 generation of experience, be sure to come in to

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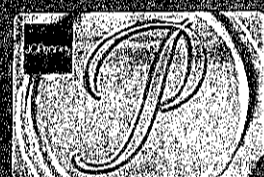
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## Ellis Island site unites resident with family history

BY JENNIFER NORRIS  
Staff Writer

Through the help of an Internet website, one Northville woman now has a link to discover details about her family's history of their immigration to America.

Teresa Polino has found out details of her grandparents' voyage to a new country by simply using a mouse and a keyboard.

The website, [www.ellislandrecords.com](http://www.ellislandrecords.com), was practically a goldmine of information for Polino.

"I received notification that the Ellis Island records website was now activated," said Polino. "They've taken 20 million records of all the ships manifests which list all the people that immigrated to the United States

through Ellis Island." She said the manifests from are dated from 1896-1924.

After visiting the website, Polino said she was able to find out information on all four of her grandparents, two of which have lived in Northville for 40 to 50 years.

As a result of her Internet search, Polino discovered that both her grandfathers came to the United States on the same ship.

"We didn't even know it until the website became available," she said.

Also on the site, she said she was able to learn more extensive details about her relatives' voyage to America.

"It shows all kinds of very neat information," she said, adding that

she was able to pull up information about the ship, its passengers, their general health, how much money they carried, where the immigrants' destination was and who their closest relative was in their original country.

"I spent hours on the site," said Polino. "It's just fascinating."

She said one of her grandfather's was in his 20s when he arrived in the United States. Her other grandfather was under age 10.

Polino was also able to find out the name of the boat and even day her family arrived.

She said all four of her grandparents came through Ellis Island from Italy.

Polino said the website has scanned copies of the ships' manifest,

which is a ship's record of who is on board. She said that officials use a manifest as an official immigration record.

Polino said at some places on the website, visitors can see what newcomers wrote in the records.

"You can kind of get a feeling of how proud they were to be coming to the United States a lot of them wrote 'forever. It's very neat. It's tracking your heritage."

Polino said one of her grandmothers, Alia Santaverere, 87, currently resides in Northville. Polino said Santaverere was three years old when she came over to the United States.

"She didn't remember all the things that I was able to find out on the website," said Polino. "She vaguely remembers being on the ship, but that's all she remembers because she was so young when she came over with her mother."

She also said that Ellis Island has a permanent reminder of her grandparents' arrival.

"I know that my grandparents had all come over through Ellis Island," she said. "I purchased four commemorative plaques — one for each grandparent — that are now on the immigrants' wall that they have at Ellis Island."

Polino is a member of the Ellis Island Foundation and was pleased that such a website exists.

"It keeps us connected with what our ancestors went through to come to America," she said. Polino said she also found two or three of her great-grandparents and six of her great-aunts and uncles via the website.

Polino also said the site offers a simple way to research information on your relatives.

"I think it's very easy to use," she said. "They allow you to search in a number of ways so you can be successful in finding your family."

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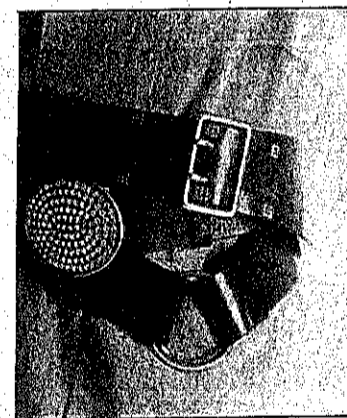
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 Medical, 30253 Celeste, 7:50 a.m., Squad 2.  
 Medical, 24130 Chipmunk Trail, 9:04 a.m., Squad 3.  
 Medical, 31130 Seneca, 10:49 a.m., Squad 2.  
 Squad, 40327 Oak Tree, 12:05 p.m., Squad 3.  
 Medical, 27500 Novi Road, 1:01 p.m., Squad 1.  
 Medical, 2206 Novi Road, 3:31 p.m., Squad 2.  
 Medical, 41056 Hollydale, 7:30 p.m., Squad 3.  
**Tuesday, Aug. 21**  
 Trash fire, 49551 Deer Run, 2:15 a.m., Engine 4.  
 Medical, 40209 Jefferson, 2:32 a.m., Squad 1.  
 Medical, 41757 Onaway, 7:26 a.m., Squad 3.  
 Gas leak, Grand River/Lannys, 9:52 a.m., Engine 1.  
 Garage fire, 22400 Garfield, 1:05 p.m., Engines 4, 3.  
 Personal injury accident, Eight Mile/Meadowbrook, 5:14 p.m., Squad 3.  
 Personal injury accident, M-5/Thirteen Mile Road, 5:49 p.m., Squad 2.  
 Fuel spill, Nine Mile/Haggerty, 6:37 p.m., engine 3.  
 Medical, 25660 Adams, 6:52 p.m., Squad 1.  
 Wreck down, 39525 J.R. Blvd., 8:18 p.m., Engine 1.  
 Building fire, 39597 Blakeston, 8:44 p.m., Engine 1.  
 Building fire, 39524 Blakeston, 8:44 p.m., Engine 1.  
**Wednesday, Aug. 22**  
 Trash fire, Garfield/Deer Run, 1:31 a.m., engine 4.  
 Transformer fire, 24570 Dinsor, 9:32 a.m., Engine 4.  
 Medical, 39500 High Pointe, 11:45 a.m., Squad 3.  
 Medical, 42191 Fourteen Mile Road, 11:53 a.m., Squad 2.  
 Medical, 27702 Novi Road, 2:25 p.m., Squads 1, 4.  
**Thursday, Aug. 23**  
 Medical, 45182 W. Park, 2:54 a.m., Squad 2.  
 Medical, 39640 Orchard Hill, 10:02 a.m., Squad 3.  
 Medical, Sears/Twelve Oaks, 11:48 a.m., Squad 1.  
 Medical, 39720 Squire, 12:46 p.m., Squad 3.  
 Medical, 41056 Hollydale, 6:06 p.m., Squad 3.  
**Friday, Aug. 24**  
 Trash fire, Grand River/Lannys, 8:49 a.m., Engine 1.  
 Medical, 45182 W. Park, 11:03 a.m., Squad 2.  
 Medical, 27475 Huron Circle, 1:05 p.m., Squad 2.  
 Personal injury accident, Beck/I-96, 1:36 p.m., Squad 4.  
 Personal injury accident, Twelve Mile/W. Park, 2:50 p.m., Squad 4.  
 Personal injury accident, Grand River/Haggerty, 8:41 p.m., Squad 1.  
**Saturday, Aug. 25**  
 Medical, 31190 Portside, 11:05 p.m., Squad 2.  
 Service, 22351 Connemara, 11:33 p.m., Squad 3.  
 Medical, 43250 Crescent, 11:56 p.m., Squad 1.  
**Sunday, Aug. 26**  
 Investigation, 43753 Galway, 12:53 a.m., Squad 3.  
 Medical, 1155 S. Lake, 9:15 a.m., Squad 2.  
 Medical, 42047 Chalel, 10:54 a.m., Squad 2.  
 Medical, 1155 S. Lake, 10:54 a.m., Squad 2.  
 Vehicle fire, Portsmouth Building, 13:10:55 a.m., Engine 2.  
 Medical, 25660 Adams, 1:01 p.m., Squad 1.  
 Medical, 23507 Rockledge, 7:13 p.m., Squad 3.  
 Medical, 50413 Arizona, 8:21 p.m., Squad 4.  
 Trash fire, 41793 Borchart, 9:50 p.m., Engine 3.

## With Dems in control, Michigan's senior senator concentrates on gas prices and defense strategies

BY MIKE MALOTT  
 HomeTown News Service

Sen. Carl Levin is confident he'll eventually find the "mechanism" that causes gasoline prices to occasionally spike in Michigan, and then lawmakers will be able to decide whether they want to address it and what they will do about it.

The Federal Trade Commission has been unable to find any evidence of price fixing, collusion or even "leader-follower" pricing, Michigan's senior Democrat said. He believes there must be some trigger for sudden the price movements.

Stations 20 miles apart will adjust prices upward simultaneously, Levin noted.

"It is not as if they all get deliveries yesterday," he said. "There is something there is some mechanism that causes prices to move about the same distance at the same time."

Gas prices have been one of the main issues Levin has had to confront since Democrats took over control of the U.S. Senate in June. That takeover, spurred when Sen. James M. Jeffords, R-Vermont, left the Republican party, gave Levin the chairmanships of two of the most powerful committees in the Senate — Armed Services and the Permanent Investigations Subcommittee of Government Affairs.

Back in Michigan while Congress is on summer recess, Levin talked of his increased responsibilities in an interview with HomeTown News Service editors in Howell Friday, August 17.

As chair of the Investigations Subcommittee, that makes Levin the only chair of a standing committee with subpoena power. He said he will use it if he has to get answers about gas price spikes.

Promising to conduct further hearings in October, Levin has already received hundreds of documents from the FTC and taken testimony from oil company executives.

Gas prices have been closely

watched in Michigan as prices rose to nearly \$2 per gallon early this summer. That spurred calls from state legislators to investigate possible price fixing or collusion.

Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm said she'd already been looking into the problem, in conjunction with the FTC, and could not find evidence. Eventually, State Sen. Bill Bullard, R-Highland, and Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, introduced bills

this spring to outlaw zone pricing. Zone pricing is among the issues Levin will study.

Levin said other issues that have taken his attention include: — His Armed Services Committee's review of the proposed \$329 billion defense budget. While Bush has already submitted his spending plan, Levin said he has been working on his own proposal for that budget.

— Debate about President

George W. Bush's proposals for a missile defense system before the armed services committee.

Levin opposes the development of such a system. He said it would quickly develop counter-measures and would not address low-tech delivery systems, "like a truck."

Levin has announced he'll run for re-election next year. Although does not yet have an opponent, he anticipates he will have a chal-

enge. And he is already fundraising in anticipation. But with his new responsibilities, he said he won't focus on the election until the turn of the year.

Mike Malott reports on the local implications of state and regional events. He can be reached by phone at (810) 227-0171 or by e-mail at mmalott@hometown.com.

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Obituaries

FLORENCE L. DARLAK
Florence Louise (Wimmer) Darlak, 88, of Southfield, formerly of Farmington Hills and Detroit, died Aug. 21 in Westford Hospital, Farmington Hills. She was born Aug. 9, 1912, in South Lyon.

Burchard, Christine Reyes, Robert Kerr, and Daniel Kerr, and five great-grandchildren.
Mrs. Emery was preceded in death by her husband, G. Merrill in 1960. They were married in December 1939.

Southfield. He was born Nov. 29, 1924.
Mr. Jackson is survived by his wife, Josephine and son, David. Services were held on Monday, Aug. 20 at O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi.

Mr. Keefer was preceded in death by his first wife, Alice. Services were held on Saturday, Aug. 25 at Heesey-Sundquist Funeral Home of Farmington, with the Rev. James E. Britt officiating.

husband, Russell R.; daughter, Sheryl (Greg Walter) Martin; and two grandchildren, Nicole and D.J.
She was preceded in death by a son, Mark Anthony. Services were held on Monday, Aug. 27 at St. Mary Magdalen Church in Brighton.

ADLINE SMITH
Adeline Smith, 76, died Aug. 22 at her residence in Brighton. She was born in 1925.
Mrs. Smith is survived by her

NORVAL C. KEEFER
Norval C. Keefer, 72, of Novi died

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Dubuar Street project stirs neighborhood ire

By LON HUHMANN Staff Writer

The possible extension of Dubuar Street has some residents concerned.
Northville resident Frank Bauss went before the Northville city planning commission earlier this month seeking preliminary approval for a lot split and street extension on West Dubuar to connect with Caldwell Road to the west. Bauss' initial request was denied and tabled by the commission, but he was told to go back and fill in some of the missing details before he came back in front of the commission again.

Bauss said he wanted to see Dubuar extended in order to have two access points for three houses on his one-acre plot of land so that they could be serviced by emergency vehicles and snowplows.
"I meet all of the ordinance requirements," Bauss said. "I'm hoping my plan will get approval at the next meeting."
According to Bauss, there was one detail the planning commission pointed out to him that needed correction and that was the front yard setback for each planned house. He said planning commission consultant Don Wortman informed him that a 25-foot front yard setback is required in the city's R-1A district. Bauss said his plan does have the front yard setback at 25 feet, but it appeared as 23 feet on his drawings at the meeting. He said that was an error that would be corrected before the next presentation.

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Marsha E. Toth
Marsha Ellen Toth, 63, died Aug. 26 at her home in Novi. She was born Jan. 30, 1938.
Mrs. Toth was a resident of Novi for 30 years. She was active in the Novi Community School District, especially with the Village Oaks Elementary School. Mrs. Toth was one of the founding members of the Holy Family Catholic Church in Novi.
A memorial service was held on Wednesday, Aug. 29 at O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi.

Memorials to the Novi Public Library or Hermelin Brain Tumor Research would be appreciated.

Area Briefs

WIXOM PUBLIC LIBRARY
Sept. 11 - Book Discussion "Up Island" by Ann Siddons (1997).
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Oct. 9 - Relationship Astrology
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Nov. 13 - Graphology
Your handwriting holds the secrets of who you are. Ruth Holmes, a professional handwriting and document examiner, will discuss how graphology is used, and she will also give a limited analysis of a few of the samples submitted by the audience.
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A number of area residents from such streets as Rogers and Dubuar expressed their concern over the possible destruction of the woods just west of Dubuar. Dubuar resident Tom Holleman obtained and presented to the planning commission more than 150 signatures from residents opposing the connection of Dubuar and Caldwell. Holleman said the road is to narrow for such development.
"Since the proposed road would be a direct route from Rogers Street to Main Street, it would undoubtedly be used as a convenient route to and from Hillside as well as Our Lady of Victory," Holleman said. "Parents driving children would not use this new short cut. In addition, children that walk to school would have no choice but to walk in the narrow road. This is obviously an unsafe situation."
Holleman said the connection would provide the only route from Main to Eight Mile Road between Clement Road and Rogers Street. He believed that would generate additional automobile and truck traffic on a dangerously narrow roadway, as well.

Bauss said he wanted to work with the city and residents. He said he would make certain concessions, such as converting the road extension into private driveways. He said the private drives would not be for through-traffic and there could be indicators that would designate the road extension as being private.
"There is going to have to be some give and take on both sides," Bauss said. "I fully agree the land is beautiful, but I believe the way Caldwell abuts Dubuar that it was intended to be connected eventually."
Bauss said the commission indicated to him the road would possibly have to be widened to 30 feet and be private. He said the commission also wanted his plan to address the city's fire ordinance. In addition, the commission wanted him to continue coordinating the stormwater management with the city.
"In regard to any aspect of the plan, I will and have followed the set ordinances," Bauss said. "I have already and will continue to work with the city on the storm water management. Trees will be lost, but the city ordinance states they must be replaced and this will happen."

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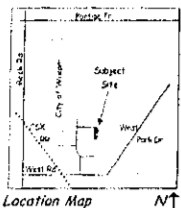
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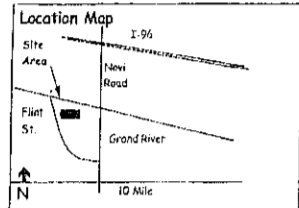


All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 P.M. Wednesday, September 5, 2001.  
NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION  
LODIA RICHARDS, SECRETARY

(8-30-01 NRANN 1066379)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 5, 2001 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider: **PROPOSED GAS STATION SP 99-52**, located on the south side of Grand River Avenue, east of Novi Road, to consider a **PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN APPROVAL, WOODLAND PERMIT APPROVAL AND SECTION NINE FACADE WAIVER**. The applicant is proposing an expansion and re-establishment of a former gas station.

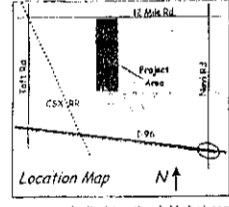


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REQUEST FOR BIDS  
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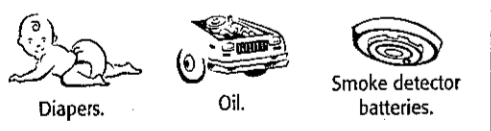
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REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY  
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TUP 01-036**

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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.  
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(8-30-01 NRANN 1066374)

**NOTICE  
CITY OF NOVI  
REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY  
USE PERMIT  
TUP 01-037**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Gateway Village of Novi, LLC is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a temporary construction trailer and sales trailer for Gateway Village of Novi project which is located at the northwest corner of Grand River Avenue and Meadowbrook Road from September 6, 2001 through September 6, 2002.

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REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY  
USE PERMIT  
TUP 01-035**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Cort Furniture Rental is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow a temporary tent for furniture sales at Cort Furniture Rental which is located at 42850 Grand River Avenue between Novi Road and Meadowbrook Road on the north side from September 11-16, 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.  
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REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY  
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TUP 01-038**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT S. R. Jacobson Development Corporation is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a temporary construction trailer for Phase III at Bristol Corners Subdivision which is located northwest of West Park Drive between 13 and 14 Mile Roads from September 6, 2001 through September 6, 2002.

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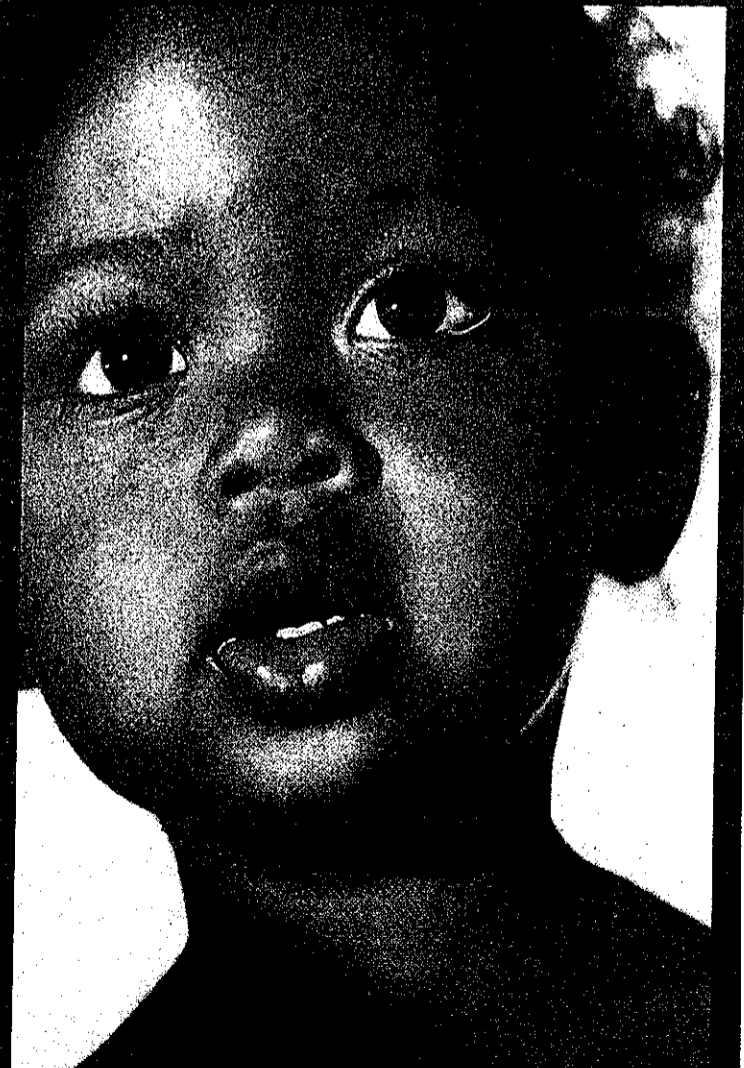
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## Broe Tabernacle choir entertains OLP crowd

BY JENNIFER NORRIS Staff Writer

Choir have each sustained some form of traumatic brain injury during their life.

The Broe Tabernacle Therapeutic Choir sang a variety of songs including traditional, folk and spiritual selections.

McCulloch said the performance was so touching that some audience members were moved to tears.

There were a lot of tears shed. It was really touching," he said. "There's a real therapeutic experience that occurs whenever we perform."

He also said various gifts and prizes including a bike helmet, balloons, crayons and colored markers were distributed.

"That went over real well," he said.

McCulloch said the month of October will mark the three year anniversary for performing in schools, hospitals and centers for disabled people. The choir does two public performances a month and rehearsals are hosted every week, he said.

The choir and its performances have key objectives.

McCulloch said, "The mission is three-fold: to provide therapeutic experience for our choir members, raise community awareness about brain injury and provide entertainment pleasing to the listening audience."

He added that the performance is not only an impact on the listeners, but on the choir members as well.

"We find that it's very therapeutic," said McCulloch. "It raises their self-esteem a great deal, exercises their brain and it socializes them to go back into the community."

Since the choir's inception, the choir has grown to 24 members. The group has also recorded three CD's and two television videos, said McCulloch.

The choir is based out of Broe Rehabilitation Services, Inc., which is located at 33634 W. Eight Mile Road Farmington Hills.

Jennifer Norris is a staff writer for the Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 107 or by e-mail at [jnorriss@nl.hometown.com](mailto:jnorriss@nl.hometown.com).

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# Northville is new home for Ecuadorian student

By JENNIFER NORRIS Staff Writer

The world just got a little bigger for Celia Burbano.

Burbano, 18, a foreign exchange student from Ecuador, will be residing and attending school in Northville as part of the Rotary Youth Exchange Program.

As part of the exchange program, Burbano will stay with three Northville host families throughout her visit.

Joanne Inglis, youth exchange officer with the Northville Rotary Club, said accommodations with the first family have already been established. However, an additional two host families will be needed to volunteer.

Inglis said having exchange students live with several families serves an important purpose.

With the Rotary program, we do encourage the students to stay with 2-3 families so that they can learn more about the American culture by having different experiences with different families," she said.

Currently, Burbano is staying

with Sue and Bob Taylor and their two children, Stacy and Scott, in Northville.

According to Sue Taylor, Burbano will be staying with her family for approximately three months.

Burbano will be joined by two additional Rotary exchange students at Northville High School.

According to Inglis, Matthias Westra and Citra Djaja, a resident of the Plymouth Rotary club, Ingles said both students will be attending Northville High School because their host families live in the Northville school district.

Burbano, who arrived in Michigan in mid-August, said she is anticipating the beginning of the school year.

"I'm looking forward to seeing what school is like here," she said.

Spending time abroad as a foreign exchange student is not a new experience for Burbano. She spent three

months studying in Germany in 1999.

Burbano said she has already graduated high school in her native land of Ecuador, but she is interested in participating in American high school courses.

Some of her classes will include courses in German, chemistry, math and art classes.

Burbano will be spending a year studying at Northville High School and said she decided to become involved as a Rotary exchange student before beginning college.

"Last year I had so much to do," said Burbano. "I had so much stress. I just needed a break."

Since her arrival, she has visited a

number of Northville hot spots including the high school and art classes.

The Rotary club also provides support, said Inglis, adding that Burbano will be attending Rotary lunches every other week and also travel places with the Rotarians.

There is even a trip to Cedar Point planned.

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## Good news - no moving of graves

When visions of excavating coffins and digging up loved ones come into our head, all rational thought stops.

The first thing we think to do is call the cemetery and make them stop. The second is to call media or government officials and get help.

No need to worry about resurrections anytime soon, however. The rumors about digging up graves to make room for the widening of Twelve Mile Road are false, very false.

Last week, the Road Commission for Oakland County announced its plans for next year's construction projects: one of those being the widening of Twelve Mile Road from two to four lanes.

Because of this announcement, Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, located at W. Twelve Mile Road - just east of Novi Road - will be forced to lose a portion of their property to the road widening. However, this portion of land is pretty small and actual graves containing bodies will not be moved. It is the previously purchased plots that are not yet in use that will be affected.

According to Don Confer, manager of Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, the word about the graves became those horrible visions of digging up loved ones through inaccurate reports. Confer said he received a massive influx of phone calls from clients about the possible removal of grave sites.

And rightly so. However, the rumor mill in this case caused a wide spread panic that made

Confer's job a little harder. It's those little tales that get spun out of control and become an urban legend in their own right. We're sure years from now, teens will be telling the story of when Novi's Oakland Hills dug up graves so we could have our four lane road. We're also sure the tale will become bigger and expand to walking mummies and the like.

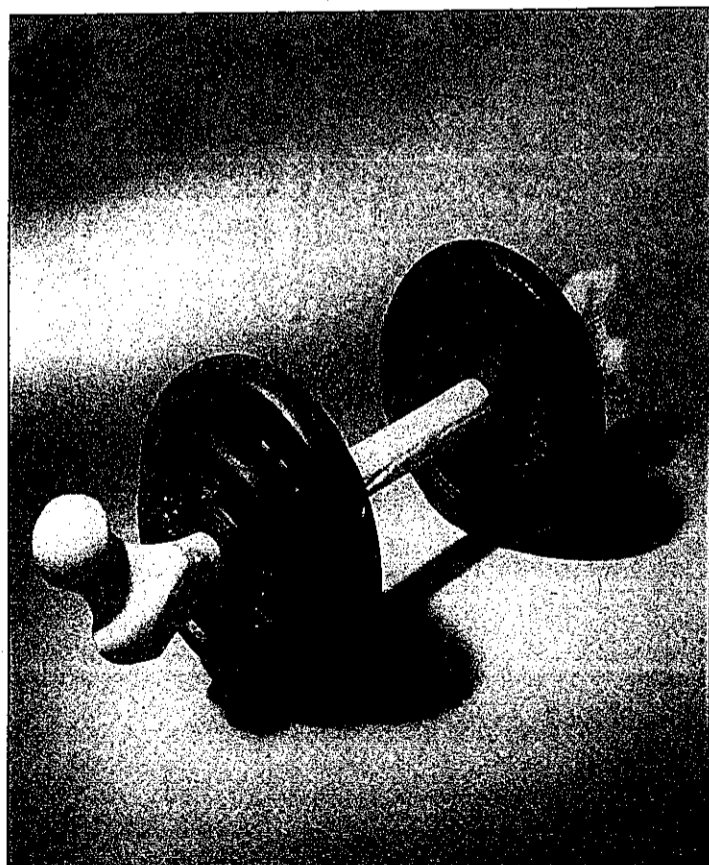
However, we are thankful that none of those things are true and the city will get the badly needed space for more lanes on Twelve Mile and the cemetery will continue with work as usual.



## Summer's end

Here, the last flowers of the summer season still in bloom. As school started this week for half of the area schools, we are reminded that the weather will turn colder and the leaves will start to change very soon.

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## 'High summer' for vegetables

In England, where they don't have much of it, these days at the end of August are called "high summer."

The Brits are right. Now is the height of the summer, especially here in Michigan. Maybe because the sun is lower, the light has turned to golden, bringing out the strong colors of the black-eyed Susans and cardinal flowers that brighten the late summer gardens. The nights are getting cooler so the sleeping is better, certainly better than it was just a few weeks ago.

The farmers' markets are jam-packed with the bounty of the season — corn, peppers, eggplants, cantaloupe and watermelon, tomatoes, peaches, the first of the fall raspberries.

When I was a kid, my parents used to pack me off to summer camp, all seven weeks of it. Once I got over being homesick, I liked it OK. But to me, the high point of the summer was coming home in August.

My father would grill steak in the back yard, my mother would make peach pie and I would eat corn on the cob to my heart's content. What a homecoming in high summer, especially after having to endure seven weeks of Mystery Meat, so beloved of so many camp cooks.

I've been thinking about all this in recent days because my wife, Kathy, and I have been experimenting with our vegetable garden this year.

Sure, we grow the standards: Rhubarb to greet the first warm days of spring in pies or stewed (my grandmother insisted it was the best spring tonic); fresh-dug potatoes, beets and carrots; sweet peas and green beans (what

a lot of work for such a small yield of deliciousness); raspberries (ours bear in June and again in August and September).

Early this spring, Kathy pulled out the garden catalogue, smiled happily and announced: "This year we're going to grow heirloom tomatoes. I'm sick and tired of those miserable excuses for tomatoes we get in the supermarkets." So, heirloom tomatoes it was. And when the young plants arrived in April, they looked so miserable and slight in their black plastic pots!

We planted them with limited expectations. And for a while, they just sat there, looking grumpy at us. Then the weather warmed, we got a little rain and they just took off. Today, they've grown far beyond their cages and we've got heirloom tomatoes all over the place. And what tomatoes! Little cherry tomatoes, bright orange and so sweet as to remind me the tomato is a fruit, not a vegetable. "British ones that look unique at first but taste sensational when paired with a little olive oil and a couple of basil leaves. Bright golden little globes that burst with flavor, served alone or with a few grains of salt."

The intensity of flavor of these old varieties has been a revelation to us as the summer has come into its height.

All this has led me to reflect on what's happened to our eating over my 60-odd years.

Back when I was a little boy, our family diet varied with the season. In winter, when you couldn't get anything fresh at the store, we'd eat potatoes, Brussels sprouts and apples, things that would keep in the fruit cellar. And we'd eat all the vegetables from the garden that my mother-in-law would grow.

Come spring, we'd rejoice in the first fresh rhubarb. As summer came on, we'd eat all kinds of fresh fruits and vegetables, some fresh from my grandparents' garden, some from the store.

In the fall, we'd have squash, cauliflower, turnips, pumpkins and maybe some game (my father liked to hunt).

Today's supermarkets are crammed with all kinds of what might be called "Industrial food." The freezers are filled with packages of frozen

foods of all kinds, regardless of the season. "Fresh" produce is trucked in from California, or even flown in from South America or Israel.

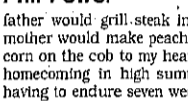
Thanks to our modern food-growing and distribution system, we can eat what we want when we want, regardless of the season. I can get "fresh" tomatoes in the winter, but the varieties are selected for mass production, to be picked green and shipped long distance around the country in ethylene-filled containers. And I'll gladly trade a bite of a peach, sweet and juicy, picked fresh off the tree to the ones you see in the supermarkets off-season.

Kathy's heirloom tomatoes were bred when the idea of picking stuff before it was ripe and shipping it around the country was considered nonsense. That was a simpler time, certainly, but it also was a time of more vivid flavors and a family diet that seemed to fit the feel of the seasons as they turned.

I'm delighted some of the older varieties are coming back on the market. Growing them and eating them subject to the discipline of the season and the uncertainties of the weather help keep us rooted in simple reality. And they sure taste great!

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## Phil Power



Michigan Republicans have in their arsenal for the 2002 elections one very potent weapon in Gov. John Engler.

Yes, it's true that he can't run again due to term limits, nor does he have his eye on any other elective office. But he most assuredly will still have a major impact on the outcome of the vote.

For one, Engler can anoint an heir apparent, which of course he has done in supporting Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus.

But more importantly, he can warn off potential challengers.

Yes, Sen. Joe Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, is in the race for now, but he's well behind and Engler is likely to keep out any others.

That's a very definite advantage in the contest for the GOP Democrats, on the other hand, appear to be headed toward an August blood-



## Mike Malott

letting.

Of the three top candidates — former Gov. Jim Blanchard, Attorney General Jennifer Granholm and Congressman David Bonior — Lansing polls say they don't see any reason why any of the three would back away from the race.

Two other contenders, Sens. Gary Peters and Alma Wheeler Smith, would cut up the vote even further.

While the Dem contenders are spending campaign bucks shooting at each other, a primary-less GOP would leave Republican voters free to

cross-over and cause mischief.

Still, Democrats don't have a party leader comparable to Engler, in a position to sit the contenders down and settle the question of who the party flag-bearer will be without a primary clash.

It can't come from the state party organization itself. The party keeps its hands off the primary, by policy and tradition.

Perhaps the job would fall to Michigan's most powerful and senior Democrat, Sen. Carl Levin. Levin politely declines.

He is unable to do that because he has real carrots and sticks," Levin said. Engler's influence comes from the fact he is governor, not because he's the head of the party, Levin said.

The governor has plenty of time to hand out rewards and punishments, through support of legislation or by the naming of appointees to various state positions.

Levin, despite the influence he now holds as a senior member of the U.S. Senate and as the chair of two of its most powerful committees, does not have a way to hand out prizes or discipline in the same way.

Besides, Levin said, that kind of thing can backfire on the party. "Voters don't like that, when the candidate is chosen for them," he said.

That may be, but Democrats need to get back in the game in a state where Republicans have effectively seized control of all three branches of government. Partisans in Lansing say their best shot for quickly taking back a piece of the state apparatus, and bringing back a little balance in the Capitol, is the governor's race.

So that lack of leadership could well prove costly.

Many in the party worry that Blanchard could do very well in the primary, if for no other reason than that he has good name recognition, but that he would not do well the general.

And there is justification for the fear. A Blanchard-Posthumus runoff would quickly

turn into a referendum on the Engler years versus the Blanchard years. It would essentially be a replay of the 1990 Blanchard-Engler contest.

Blanchard's service from 1989 to 1999 were not happy years. While it is true that you can't attribute that all to Blanchard — the economy was bad, he was saddled with huge budget deficits coming into office, and he had to hike the income tax — he still gets the blame.

Engler's margin in 1990 may have been small, but his policies have proven popular with voters ever since. Starting with Proposal A in 1994 and continuing with some 30 tax cuts, Engler's has played the issue of tax reform to good effect.

With party leadership that is willing to send a message to Blanchard, telling him that he has already had his day in the gubernatorial sun, he's not likely to get such a message.

Even if no Democrat has a position in which real "carrots and sticks" can be handed out, it might serve the party well if one of its elder statesmen stepped forward in an attempt to direct where the August primary is headed.

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## School day nightmares revisited

I walked into Walled Lake Western High School as students were filing out of their new classrooms and headed for their next class on their newly printed schedules.

Freshmen looked slightly panicked as they tried to find their way to the room next on their agenda. In the school that must have seemed larger than life.

A few students looked at me with my writing pad, pen and camera and stopped me to ask where their classroom was.

My heart cried out to them. I wanted to tell them where their classroom was but I had to inform them that I was just a reporter visiting their school. I could tell they were disappointed but I knew that they would soon see P r i n t p a l L a w r e n c e Barlow and other teachers in the hallway who were happy to guide them.

Everyone can remember the slightly lost feeling these students had when they went into middle school or high school.

I remember going into junior high school and high school vividly. So vividly that after almost 20 years after high school,

(oops, I just gave away my age!) I have dreams about being lost in school.

Sometimes it's an alternative dream such as I lost my schedule. I don't know what class to go to next. Actually they're not dreams. They're frightening nightmares that continue to haunt me to this day.

Wow! I must have issues! Entering high school didn't seem like such a large transition. However, rewind a few years before high school to junior high and that's a different story.

In sixth grade I remember all of the kids talking about how the older kids would give the new junior high school kids swirlys.

Swirlys! Ahhhhhh! I had never heard of the word before. However, when I found out what it meant I was terror struck. One girl in my class told me it was when some older kid would grab some poor 7th grader's head, stick it in the toilet and flush.

My stomach was in knots for most of the summer leading up to beginning of junior high school. The whole swirly thing sounded awful.

I didn't end up having anything to worry about. Not as far as the swirlys went anyway. I never got a swirly or heard of anyone else get a swirly. What really was scary though was trying to figure out how to get into my locker.

The things I ended up learning that first semester about elementary school far out-weighed the bad things. As a matter of fact my life lessons that semester were

priceless and have stayed with me all of these years.

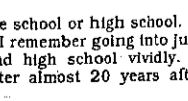
I did get into my locker by learning how to use a combination lock. I also learned how to sew by taking a required home economics class. I ate something for the first time that I still include often in my diet.

My best friend sat down next to me in the large lunch room and said "You're not going to believe what they have. They have these things that look like doughnuts but they taste like bread!"

Yes, I still have nightmares about finding my way around the school, however, whenever I eat a tasty bagel, I look back fondly on that year.

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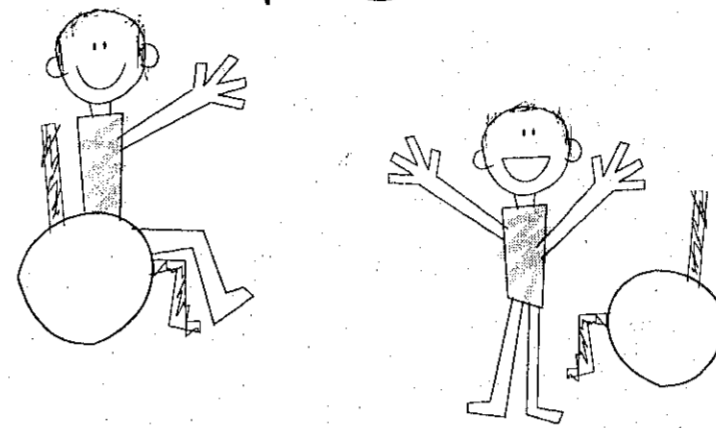
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## Milford stops Central in their tracks

### Redskins surprise Vikings in football season opener

BY STEPHEN BELL  
Sports Reporter

In a surprising season opener for Walled Lake Central, the Vikings took a beating from the Milford Redskins, 34-14.

Back East, they call it "having a catch."

Last spring, any regular to Milford High School sporting events would have seen them out there, Jeff LaClair and Matt Marinucci, on whatever field wasn't currently occupied, having a catch. Good American fun, no doubt, but not without a larger purpose. So Walled Lake Central learned Friday as LaClair and Marinucci, accounted for four of Milford's five touchdowns.

It wasn't until the second quarter that LaClair and Marinucci started making like it was May all over again, for however brief a moment, just those two were on the field. Fourth-and-10 on the Central 26, LaClair found Marinucci wide open for a touchdown, the first points of the season and a 7-0 lead on Joe Whipple's extra point.

There were a number of fateful moments on the Redskins' opening scoring drive. The first was a converted first down from Milford's own 25 on a keeper by LaClair. Then, while Milford failed to convert a third-and-11, Central's Mike Crowe was flagged for a personal foul on LaClair and the Redskins found new life. LaClair found Marinucci for a 39-yard pickup, then the touchdown with 7:26 left in

the half.

Milford went up 14-0 just over a minute later after Central went three-and-out. LaClair kept the ball on the option, twice, the second time busting out for a 60-yard score.

On the other side, Milford's defense gave the Vikings, playing without four starters, little to nothing. Central earned only one first down in the first half as linemen Presley, Mark May, Jason Granroth and Pat Adams held their own and linebacker Eric Ziem got his head in on some plays, as well. Adams, only a sophomore, recovered a fumble. So did senior linebacker Josh Boudreau in the fourth quarter.

Boudreau's recovery couldn't have been more choice, as it came with the Redskins' lead cut to a touchdown, 21-14, after two scores by Central junior Scott Long and the Vikings again threatened. Milford made the most of the opportunity as Marinucci broke through the line and turned it on for a 56-yard touchdown and a 28-14 lead.

Central coach Chuck Apap said those two plays took away whatever momentum the Vikings had. The Redskins put it away with a 11-yard touchdown pass from LaClair to senior Matt Eastwood, the backup QB.

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The Vikings found Milford to be a skillful opponent Friday as the Redskins came out and surprised coach Chuck Apap and the Walled Lake Central gridders.

## Hogan makes U.S. Open cut

By SAM EGGLESTON  
Sports Reporter

It is not every day your swim team wins the Central Zone championships, nor is it every day you notch a 50-meter freestyle swim time good enough to qualify for the U.S. Open.

When those things happen, it is a safe bet you are Northville High School swimmer Shannon Hogan or as some call her - Oklahoma.

"She is probably the best swimmer I have ever coached as far as high school kids," said Mark Winter, the head swim coach of the Sports Club of Novi Sturgeons. "She is extremely disciplined and is a good leader. She has a lot of experience. I think she has been a top swimmer since she started swimming."

Hogan, who was part of Team Michigan in the Central Zone championships held at Oakland University August 10-12, was one of the elite swimmers of Michigan

selected to swim against six other states in the zones. Two other Novi Club swimmers were part of the 217 member Team Michigan as well - Stephanie Kuo and Julia Schramm.

"Team Michigan won convincingly," Winter said. "I have known Shannon for not quite a year. She moved here from Oklahoma last fall and decided to come over and swim for the Novi Sturgeons last December."

Hogan, who is a swimmer with the Northville Mustangs high school team, not only qualified for the U.S. Open with her time of 27.2-seconds in the 50-meter free, she also set a new zone record in the process. She also took a second place in the 100-meter freestyle in 1:00.02 and a third in the 100 backstroke in 1:08.6. As if that were not enough, Hogan participated in two first place relays in the 200 free and the 400 free while also notching two second-place nods as a member of the 200 and 400

medley relays.

"I am really happy with my swims," Hogan said. "It was a real great meet. I had a blast being on the Michigan team and getting to know other Michigan swimmers."

"When Hogan isn't in the pool she is like - well, she will tell you."

"I am like a fish out of water when I am not swimming," she said with a laugh. "It has a lot to do with who you swim with. The club is great and the girls on the high school team are fun to be with too. If you are not having fun, then it is not worth swimming."

Hogan said that although swimming sets you against other competitors, it has a lot to do with challenging herself as well. "It is more of a match-up against myself," she said. "I am always concerned about doing my best time when I am competing."

Hogan and swimming have

been a combination for a while.

"It is so much fun. I love it," she said. "I have been swimming for nine or ten years and I still love jumping in the pool at 5 a.m. for practice."

According to Hogan, she wants to take swimming as far as the sport will let her.

"I plan on swimming in college," she said. "My dreams as far as that are much like other swimmers. I would love a chance to go to the Olympic swim trials and maybe swim in the Olympics."

But Hogan said that loving what she does is the key ingredient to it all.

"I think I will love it forever," Hogan said. "I will probably be swimming when I am 80 years old."

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Photo by SAM EGGLESTON

Shannon "Oklahoma" Hogan smiles at the Northville pool. Hogan recently broke a zone record and qualified for the U.S. Open.

### Wildcat boys soccer preview

## Wildcats looking very strong

### Novi tops Livonia Churchill in season opener

By SAM EGGLESTON  
Sports Reporter

The Novi Wildcats boys soccer teams used key plays by senior forward Brandon Davis and quick decisions by goalie Sean McClinchey to walk away with a win over Livonia Churchill Friday.

The Wildcats took the field tied at 0-0 before following the lead of Davis to a 3-0 victory.

"About 10 minutes into the second half, Brandon Davis beat a defender and made a nice crossing pass to Eric Schleuder who one-timed it into the goal," sixth-year coach Brian O'Leary said. "After that goal, we started playing more loose and much better."

About seven minutes later, Davis chipped the ball over the defense to a slashing Alan Holdorf who made a move on Churchill's sweeper and fired the ball into the lower left corner of the goal.

Davis secured the game for the Wildcats after being hauled down in the box by Churchill's goalie. He scored Novi's final goal off the penalty kick.

According to O'Leary, junior goalie McClinchey played very well.

"Sean McClinchey played very

well in the net, making seven saves to get his first varsity shutout," O'Leary said. "The saves don't sound like much, but what was really impressive was his decision making. He played very aggressive and came out of the goal on many opportunities to stop Churchill's scoring chances."

According to O'Leary, Novi should be a tough competitor in the KVC and elsewhere this season.

"We only graduated three starters," he said. "We are right up there with anybody in the state. We should be able to play anybody in the state if we do what we want to do."

The Wildcats will follow the lead of senior captains Mike Crawford (midfield) and Vince Slovan (midfield), who have been starting on the Novi varsity soccer squad since they were sophomores. Rounding out the senior class is Davis (forward), Holdorf (forward), Tyler Mohr (midfield), Schleuder (midfield), Brian Swift (midfield), Tracy Stewart (midfield) and Steve O'Keefe (defense).

Returning from the 2000 season are juniors B. J. Humphrey (defense), Josh Churella (midfield) and Brent Coles (defense) with junior McClinchey taking the spot between the posts at

goalie. Junior Mike Aille is one of the new starters on the field at defense.

"We have a lot of experience and a lot of talent on this team," O'Leary said. "We are starting all senior forwards and a very experienced midfield. They are pretty much guys who started 75 percent of the games last year."

Topping off the varsity roster are juniors Corey Arrington (defense), Jeff Dodds (midfield), Matt Kurmick (midfield), Adam Southworth (forward), Matt Ulrich (forward) and Yufuke Yoda (midfield).

A new addition to the varsity squad is the first ever freshman O'Leary has selected to take the field on one of his varsity squads. Goalie A. J. Glubzinski will see time in the net as the back-up goalie to starter McClinchey.

"I have a lot of confidence in this team," O'Leary said. "One of our goals is to win the league; we did that last year. Our second goal is to win the districts, which is probably a much harder goal to accomplish. The districts are pretty tough."

According to O'Leary, the Wildcats should have a better idea where they stand after the Plymouth Canton Chiefs match

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi soccer team has a lot of experienced players back and are looking to make some noise in the KVC.

### LOCAL ATHLETIC SCORES

#### Football

- Northville 41, North Farmington 12
- Walled Lake Western 20, Belleville 18
- Milford 34, Walled Lake Central 14
- Novi 44, Farmington 6
- Farmington Hills Harrison 55, Oxford 14
- Livonia Churchill 27, Redford Union 6
- Plymouth Canton 37, Ypsilanti 6
- Westland John Glenn 28, Detroit Keettering 8

Note: Novi football's win over Farmington will be in next week's paper. Details on the win were not available at press time.

# WALLED LAKE WESTERN

## Walled Lake Western rally edges Belleville

Steve Bell, VanNortwick follow big boys upfront to rush over, around and through Tiger defense



Photo by CHRISTIE K. EGLESTON  
This Walled Lake Western cheerleader shouts out during the fourth quarter.

By SAM EGLESTON  
Sports Reporter

There wasn't a whole lot of razzle-dazzle on the Walled Lake Western side of football Friday night.

The Warriors didn't look as though they were trying to fool anyone or trying to hide what they were doing. Instead the Walled Lake Western gridders came onto the field and beat Belleville with the attitude of "here is what we have now try and stop it."

"This was a huge win for our program," head coach Mike Zdebski said. "We battled one of the premiere teams who are always at the top of their program and we won. We've been preparing for this season since last season and it paid off."

"The Warriors started the game on two grin notes as Belleville capitalized on two mistakes—a fumble and a high snap from center—to take an early 12-0 lead, but that wasn't enough to keep the warriors down.

With 5:20 remaining in the first half, the Warriors followed the lead of their hefty offensive line to punch junior running back Steve VanNortwick into the endzone from two yards out.

"That kid is a work-horse," Zdebski said of VanNortwick's 144 yards on 24 carries. "We know that we can give him the ball and he won't quit until the

whistle blows. He has nice strength and good speed and his dedication showed out there tonight."

The Tigers of Belleville looked strong on their next drive as they continued to pound the ball with options and counters before a key sack by senior Ryan Willis shut down the offense on third-and-one.

The Warriors then turned a Belleville punt into an eight-play, 67-yard drive that ended as quarterback Jon Michaud found senior running back/defensive back Steve Bell open in the flats. Bell took the ball 17 yards, pounding through three Tiger defenders before stretching the ball across the plane of the goal line to score Western's second unanswered TD. Michaud, who had 123 yards passing, added two points to put the Warriors up 14-12 at the half with a strike to VanNortwick for the conversion.

"That was tremendous," Zdebski said. "We took the lead at the half and kept it for the rest of the game. That really held us pumped and was a big turning point for us."

The Tigers had a chance to tie the game with 6:14 remaining in the fourth. Quarterback Jarriel Burrus scored on a 12-yard run but the Warrior's defense loaded the backfield, forcing the quarterback to drill his pass into the soft ground of the endzone.

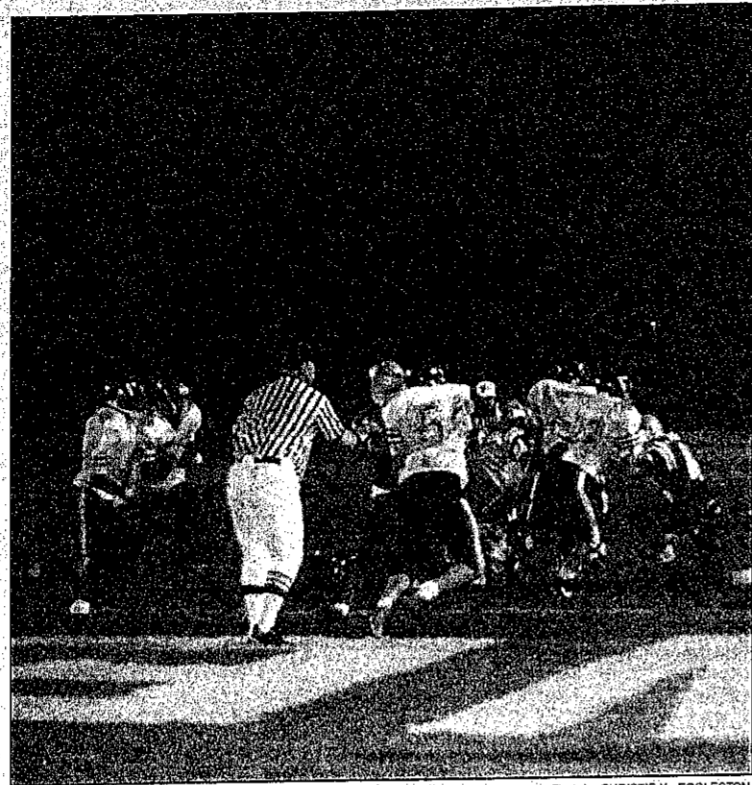


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The Warriors' line pounded down the Belleville defense while Steve VanNortwick and Steve Bell navigated the holes they made for a combined three touchdowns.

ly did their job," VanNortwick said. "They didn't quit even when we were down and they held together at the end."

Belleville's quarterback Jarriel Burrus finished with 119 yards rushing and one other touchdown. All three of Belleville's scores came after turnovers.

Davon Gerald scored on a one-yard run after Western fumbled at its 26 on the game's first play from scrimmage. Joe Orskey recovered.

Alex Walton made an interception of a Michaud pass attempt, setting up the 12-0 score, and Burrus made a 38-yard fumble

return to the 12 before finding the goal line for his second touchdown.

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## Wildcat girls tennis preview

### Talent, depth are major keys in Novi's girls tennis success

By SAM EGLESTON  
Sports Reporter

The Novi Wildcats girls tennis team will be looking to be the best they can be this season—and according to head coach Jim Hanson, that is pretty darn good.

"The team has had a great start to the 2001 season, winning both the Fall Invitational tournament and the Liz Hallman (Flint Powers) Tournament."

"We have had a great start to the year," Hanson said. "We have a number of kids that are back from last year. Actually, 10 of my 14 players on this year's team played varsity last year."

The Wildcats consist of seniors Melissa Roemer (second singles), Courtney Vermeulen (third singles), Holly Graziano (fourth doubles), and Justin Chang (fourth doubles), Juniors Gabi Frask (third doubles), Megia Valdeh (third doubles), Judy Lal (fourth doubles), sophomores

Ashley Glover (first singles), Anna Switzer (fourth singles), Colene Brockman and Lauren Curoso (first doubles) and Laura Young (second doubles) with freshmen Emily Holt (second doubles) and Lauren Thomas (fourth doubles) finishing the roster.

"All four of our singles are playing the same positions as last year," Hanson said. "We have a lot of talent and a lot of depth. From top to bottom we are equally talented."

"The Fall Invitational was practically a walk in the park for the talented Novi crew as they walked away with first-place finishes in first doubles, second doubles, second singles and first singles as well as third-place finishes in first singles and third singles."

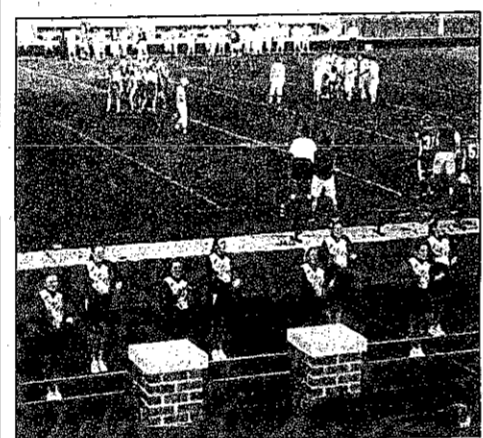
The Wildcats used wins in the third singles, fourth singles and second doubles combined with a third-place finish in the first singles, a fifth in the second singles, and seconds in the first, third and fourth doubles to walk away with a first-place win in the Liz

Hallman Invitational. "I am very pleased with how we played in both tournaments," Hanson said. "We got a veteran team but we are still young."

According to Hanson, the Novi tennis team would not have as much to offer at the high school level as it does without the Novi community. "I credit a lot of our talent to the community," Hanson said. "Novi is a tennis community. We are starting to get a return on the Novi Sports Club with a lot of kids getting involved in tennis a little earlier."

The Wildcats will have a good shot at taking the KVC this year with their tennis," Hanson said. "Obviously we are one of the favorites," Hanson said.

"Brighton is probably the other. Our first line of business is to concentrate on the league. It will probably be between us and Brighton. You have to go back to 1987 before another team besides Brighton and Novi has won the KVC."



Submitted photo

**Cheer for victory**  
The Junior Varsity Novi Wildcat cheer squad gets the crowd into the action at a recent Novi junior varsity football game.

## Wildcat soccer is one tough game

Continued from 1  
up on August 28, Novi played Canton after the Novi News went to print.

"Our second game is against Canton," O'Leary said. "They are a real good team. We should probably know where we stand until the end of the season after we play them."

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## Hot Picks

The fourth season of football picks is underway. Below are the picks for the week ending August 27, 2001.

Hot Pick	Denlese Artinian	Marla Cromas	Sam Eggleston	Chris C. Davis	Bob Jackson	Jen Norris	Lon Huhman	Kelli Cooley	No picture available	Diane Dempsey Deel
John Glenn at Northville	Northville	Northville	Northville	Northville	Northville	Northville	John Glenn	Northville	Northville	Northville
Lakeland at Novi	Novi	Novi	Novi	Novi	Novi	Novi	Lakeland	Lakeland	Lakeland	Lakeland
Farmingington at WL Western	Western	Western	Western	Western	Western	Western	Western	Western	Western	Western
WL Central at Churchill	Central	Central	Central	Churchill	Central	Churchill	Central	Churchill	Churchill	Central
Tennessee at Detroit	Detroit	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Detroit	Detroit	Detroit	Detroit
NY Giants at Baltimore	Baltimore	Baltimore	Giants	Giants	Baltimore	Baltimore	Baltimore	Baltimore	Baltimore	Giants
Minnesota at Miami	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Miami	Miami	Miami	Minnesota
Miami, Ohio at Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Miami, Ohio
Eastern Kentucky at Central	CMU	Kentucky	CMU	CMU	CMU	CMU	Kentucky	CMU	Kentucky	Kentucky
St. Cloud at Northern Michigan	NMU	NMU	NMU	NMU	NMU	NMU	St. Cloud	NMU	NMU	NMU
Last Week	8-2	7-3	7-3	6-4	6-4	5-5	5-5	4-6	4-6	4-6
total record (place)	8-2 (1)	7-3 (2)	7-3 (2)	6-4 (4)	6-4 (4)	5-5 (6)	5-5 (6)	4-6 (8)	4-6 (8)	4-6 (8)



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## Wildcats cheer squad

The Novi Wildcat cheerleaders posed recently at their first ever meet and great family picnic. The picnic was attended by over 70 cheerleaders and family members.

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## Weddings

Jennifer Lee Trabin and Jeremy Gordon Black were married March 18 at Congregation B'nai Tikvah in North Brunswick, N.J. Rabbi Herbert Yoskowitz of Congregation Adat Shalom of Farmington Hills officiated.



**Trabin-Black**

Also participating in the ceremony were grandmothers of the bride, Phyllis Bechtel of Slatonville, Pa., and Laura Trabin of San Jose, Calif., and of the groom, Mollie Stern of Miami Beach, Fla., and Ruth Black of New York City.

The bride is the daughter of Nancy Trabin of Northville and Jack Trabin of Dearborn.

She is a 1989 graduate of Northville High School and earned her bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Michigan. Jennifer is a manager at Accenture in New York.

The attending bridesmaids were Deborah Trabin, Robin Mancoli, Karen Shields, and Michele Trombly.

The groom is the son of Rosalynda and Barry Black of East Brunswick, N.J. He is a 1989 graduate of East Brunswick High School. Jeremy earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics and communications from the University of Michigan, and his



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## Time marches on

Marchers in Northville's 2000's Victorian Festival Parade walk along Main Street near Center Street. This year's Victorian Festival is slated for Sept. 14-16. For more information, call the Northville Area Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-7640.

## On Campus

Carlie Bacciere recently participated in a computer graphics summer camp at Purdue University.

The program offered hands-on computer sessions in such areas as graphics and multi-media design, computer animation, and WWW development. Participants attended the computer animation film festival and participated in numerous tours that highlighted computer graphics applications.

Bacciere is the daughter of Vicki and Frank Bacciere of Northville. She will return to Northville High School this fall as a senior.

Eric Tkaczek has recently been inducted into Phi Beta Kappa Society at Purdue University. Phi Beta Kappa is the oldest and most respected undergraduate honors organization in the country.

Tkaczek is a junior majoring in electrical engineering and math-

ematics. He is the son of Richard and Anne Tkaczek of Northville.

Alisha V. Burton made the Dean's List for spring quarter at Davenport University-Deerborn campus. She was recognized for achieving a 3.5 or better grade point average.

Burton is a part-time student from Northville.

Graduating this spring from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor were the following local area students:

**Northville**  
 Kristen A. Castleman, master of arts; James Cotton III, bachelor's, computer engineering; Jared J. Cromas, bachelor's degree, mechanical engineering; Bethany S. Gengler, master of urban planning; Beth A. Handley, bachelor's, industrial and operations engineering; Lyndsey N. Huot, bachelor's, general science; Nicholas V. Katcherian, bachelor's, mechan-

ical engineering; Min Ling, master of science degree; Patrick M. McNeal, bachelor's in computer engineering; Paul R. Stachura, bachelor's, mechanical engineering; and Michael C. Varislian, doctor of musical arts; Adam R. Weber, bachelor's degree, mechanical engineering; Luke W. Wilcox, bachelor's of science; and Sven M. Zethelius, bachelor's, computer engineering.

**North**  
 Shannon M. Andrews, bachelor's, general science; Nicholas J. Angelecci, bachelor's, chemical engineering; Linda J. Baccels-Bush, master of arts degree; Steven E. Blaharski, bachelor's, naval architecture and urban design; Yizhou Cao, Raeburn school certificate of graduate studies; Steven Chang, master of public policy degree; Lynn M. Digrolamo, bachelor's, general science; John M. Dodson II, master's, public administration; Alan A. Dombkowski, master of science

degree; Robert D. Hopkins, doctor of education; Angela Hubner, doctor of musical art; James J. Karlavage, bachelor's, chemical engineering; Richard A. Kowal, bachelor's, musical art; Monica A. Mayakowal, master's, health services; Janette M. Nunn, bachelor's, chemical engineering; Kristi E. Olkarlaen, master's, urban planning; Tomas V. Sripadas, bachelor's of science, civil and environment; Arjun Srinivasan, bachelor's, general science; and Cynthia A. Wampler, bachelor's, general science; and Sarah M. Wright, bachelor's, general science.

John S. Sannar of Northville has been selected a recipient of the University of Rochester Humanities Award. Recognition as a Humanities Award winner is an outstanding secondary school honor.

Sannar will be eligible to be considered for an annual \$6,000 Humanities Scholarship at the

university.

The following local area residents received their bachelor degrees from Western Michigan University in June:

**Northville**  
 Janie Agemy, marketing; Michael J. Basse, cum laude, graphic design; and Michelle R. Partlow, cum laude, occupational therapy.

**North**  
 Patricia Irene Chlan, cum laude, psychology; and Lisa Kyle Natti, psychology.

Northville residents Angela Kowalak and Christopher Sanker, both juniors at Kalamazoo College, are participating in this year's study-abroad program.

Kowalak departed Aug. 23 for Clermont-Ferrand, France, where she will study for six months. She is a graduate of Northville High School.

Sanker, a graduate of Brother Rice High School, left Aug. 29 for a

six-month study in Madrid, Spain.

Ryan Charles Howe of Northville and Novi residents Ryan William Hinz, Joule Ouyang Lee Sze, and Sudheer Ramakrishna graduated from Purdue University in May.

Howe was awarded a bachelor's degree in management, Ryan William Hinz, bachelor's, consumer and family science; Sze, bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and Ramakrishna, a master's degree in business administration.

Hinz and Sze also received academic honors for achieving at least a 3.5 or better grade point average for the semester.

Eric Robert Tkaczek of Northville earned academic honors at Purdue University for spring semester. He was recognized for achieving a 3.5 or higher grade point average.

Tkaczek is majoring in electrical and computer engineering.

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## Community Events

The Novi Cooperative Preschool has a limited number of enrollment slots available for the autumn months. For more information on the school, call (248) 950-8968.

Northville-based New Hope Center for Grief Support will be offering free support for widows and widowers with children on the second and fourth Tuesday night of each month at St. Kenneth's Parish in Plymouth from 7 to 8:30 p.m. New Hope for KIDZ meets at the same time, and is designed to assist children ages 4 to 11. For more information, call (248) 348-0115.

Arbor Hospice is seeking the help of a high-school-age volunteer to mow the Northville facility's lawn and do some light trimming on the property on a weekly basis. The work will count towards National Honor Society volunteer hours. For more information, call (248) 348-4980.

A host family is being sought for a Swiss exchange student who will be arriving in America at the end of August. The boy, 16, has his own spending money, is fully insured, and is traveling under the auspices of EF Foundation, and will also be expected to assist with regular family responsibilities. The host family is responsible for providing a room, meals and a stable environment. For more information, call (248) 380-7390.

The Northville Victorian Festival organizers are seeking businesses, civic organizations, and school/church/community groups who are interested in participating in the festival's

parade on Sept. 14 at 6:30 p.m. Equestrian groups, owners of vintage automobiles and bicycle owners are also invited to participate. Registration is required to participate. For more information, call (248) 349-3767.

Also during the Victorian Festival — the three-mile Victorian Fitness Walk and Run is scheduled for Sept. 15 at 8:30 a.m. Pre-entry fees are \$10 or \$12 on the day of the event. Entry fees are tax deductible donations benefiting Northville park improvement projects. For more information, call (248) 349-0203.

The Northville Victorian Festival is slated for Sept. 14, 15 and 16 in downtown Northville. The festival begins with a kickoff parade at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 14. A variety of Victorian-era entertainment, art and festivities will be made a part of the day. For more information, call (248) 349-7640.

Schoolcraft College will be hosting "Food In The Spotlight" on Sept. 23 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Waterman Campus Center. Northville restaurants Emily's, Bonfire Bistro, Steve and Rocky's, and Little Italy will be participating in the event. Tickets are \$40 per person or two for \$75. Several prizes will also be raffled off at the event, tickets for which can be purchased for \$5 each. For more information, call (734) 462-4670.

The Educational Merit Foundation is looking for volunteer families to host high school-age students from Europe, Japan and Korea this year. Students will arrive in August to attend local public schools and are looking to experience life in America. Students speak English

have their own spending money and are expecting to share in daily household responsibilities. For more information, call (972) 495-3968.

The New Hope Center for Grief Support will host the second annual Good Grief Golf Outing on Sept. 8 beginning at 10 a.m. The \$100 person fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch, dinner and prizes. Dinner-and-auction-only tickets are \$50. Proceeds from the outing will benefit the Northville-based bereavement counseling center. For more information, call (248) 348-0115.

The Novi Ice Arena will host two free open skating sessions for people interested in signing up to Learn to Skate classes. Skaters from age 3 to adult are eligible. Open houses will be held Sept. 5 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. and Sept. 8 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. For more information, call (248) 347-1010.

The Metro Detroit Chocolate Milk Mustachioobile will be stopping at Meijer in Northville Township on Sept. 2 from noon to 3 p.m. The tour stop will educate residents about milk and allow visitors the chance to have an osteoporosis assessment and participate in a milk mustache photo shoot. For more information, call (312) 889-2324.

Pet-A-Pet is seeking volunteers from the Novi area. The organization allows volunteers the chance to share their pets with others unable to have or access pets of their own. Pets must be vaccinated, good with people and able to be handled by people. For more information, call (734) 449-8339.

# IRAs are a great savings tool, but there's a catch involved

Qualified retirement plans and individual retirement accounts (IRAs) are great vehicles to take advantage of tax-deferred growth and save for retirement. When an individual eventually decides to tap into his or her retirement fund, withdrawals from these plans are subject to regular income taxes. There's one catch, however, for people who are under 59½ years old. They will pay an additional 10 percent tax for premature distributions. In addition to the regular income tax, unless they can fit within one of the exceptions to this penalty tax.

Of the exceptions to the 10 percent premature distribution tax allowed in 2000, all but two provide no real planning opportunities. Most are designed to relieve the burden imposed by a death, disability, serious illness, education costs, first-time home purchase or divorce. The two exceptions that do allow taxpayers to access their retirement funds without the penalty tax deserve closer examination.

The first exception applies only to distributions from qualified retirement plans like profit sharing, 401(k), pension and certain other plans. A taxpayer who has "separated from service" (i.e. they have retired, quit or been laid off) after attaining age 55 may withdraw any amount from his or her employer's plan free of the 10 percent penalty tax.



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allows for the greatest flexibility and is very beneficial for many early retirees. It can even be utilized if the taxpayer has left the employ of one company and makes the withdrawal from the first employer's plan while an employee of another. For some, it's a good reason to leave their retirement plan balances with their former employer since withdrawals from IRAs (even if the taxpayer is over 55 and not working) will not qualify for this exception.

There are, however, disadvantages to this exception. First, former employees are at the mercy of their former employers with respect to their withdrawal rights from the plan. Employer sponsored plans can have a wide variety of withdrawal options, some very liberal and others may be very restrictive. Second, an investor who leaves a former employer also

loses investment control to the former employer.

The other exception to the 10 percent penalty rule applies to all types of retirement plans including IRAs and SEPs. Under this exception, withdrawals that represent "substantially equal payments" over the life of the taxpayer (or joint life with a beneficiary) are penalty free. These substantially equal payments must extend for the longer of five years or until the taxpayer turns 59½ years old. Once that requirement has been satisfied, taxpayers can change the amount they are receiving, if the amount withdrawn is altered, the penalty tax applies retroactively to the first substantially equal withdrawal.

Avoiding the 10 percent penalty for early distributions can mean the difference between a successful and unsuccessful transition into early retirement. The exceptions to the rule discussed here must be considered carefully and incorporated into an over-all investment and financial plan.

Because of the importance of the decision and the complexity of the rules, many thoughtful taxpayers consult professional financial planners and tax advisors before making what could be a critical decision.

Douglas Bingham is a certified financial planner with Raymond, James & Associates.

## Engagements

Turner and Donna Osborne of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Sheila, to Kurt Ebel, the son of Sandra Ebel of Bay City and the late Kenneth Ebel.

The bride-elect is a 1994 graduate of Northville High School. She received her bachelor's degree in athletic training from Central Michigan University in 1998, and is currently pursuing a teacher certification from Saginaw Valley State University.

The groom-elect is a 1994 graduate of Bay City Western High School. He graduated from Northwood University in 1998, with a bachelor's degree in accountancy and is now employed at Campbell Ewald Co.

A June 22, 2002 wedding is planned.



**Osborne-Ebel**



**Jex-Mayrend**

Patricia Sirolo of Novi announces the engagement of her daughter, Tamara Jex, to Michael Mayrend, the son of George "Dick" and Angelina Mayrend of West Bloomfield.

The bride-elect, also the daughter of John Jex Jr. of Oak Park, is a 1988 graduate of Novi High School. She was awarded a bachelor's degree in music from Central Michigan University in 1992. Tamara is currently employed at ADVCO Inc. and performs as a freelance singer and actress with Theater Arts Productions.

The groom-elect graduated from North Farmington High School in 1979. He received his bachelor's degree in journalism from Central Michigan University in 1987, and is currently employed at Baseview Products.

A Nov. 17 wedding will be held at Kenwood Church of Christ in Livonia.

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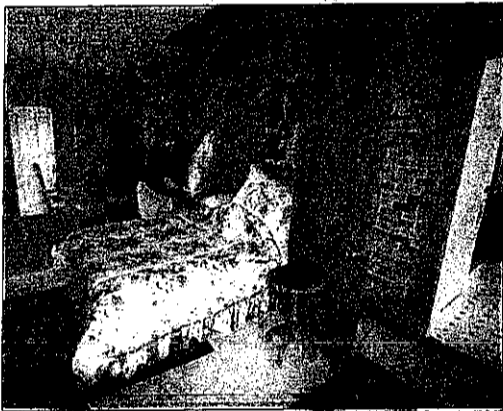
## By the numbers

More useless information to stuff into the ol' gray matter on a Thursday. Too bad it'll probably take up the space your brain would normally use to store stuff like your Social Security number or the place you parked your car when you went to the mall...

- 0**  
The divorce rate, per 1,000 residents, in Vatican City.
- 2**  
The number of eggs a female hummingbird will lay in her life.
- 2**  
Number of times, out of three, that a woman initiates flirtation.
- 13**  
The number of boxes of Jell-O sold every second.
- 13**  
The number of sheep for every one person in New Zealand.
- 14**  
The number of times dogs are mentioned in the Bible.
- 18**  
The record number of haircuts given in one hour.
- 19**  
Percentage of men who wouldn't mind being stupid, as long as they had a perfect body.
- 25**  
Speed, expressed in miles per year, at which Heinz ketchup travels as it leaves the bottle.
- 35**  
The number of inches per day that bamboo can grow.
- 40**  
The annual income, in dollars, William Shakespeare earned from his writing.
- 70**  
The number of days a record-length uninterrupted game of Monopoly was played.
- 75**  
Percentage of Maxim (a magazine geared toward 18- to 34-year-old men) readers who say they'd rather kill themselves with a steak knife than sit through an episode of "Touched by an Angel."
- 85**  
The percentage chance that if you've been hit by lightning, you're male.
- 95**  
The percentage of Egyptians who live within 12 miles of the Nile River.
- 1,800**  
The number of 1999 websites devoted to Ricky Martin.
- 30,000**  
The number of quills on a porcupine.

# inn-side

by stephanie fordyce



Tricia Fraser checks the bedding in the Northville Suite of the Fraser Inn. Photo by JOHN HEIDER



Northville's Fraser Inn, a bed and breakfast. Photo by JOHN HEIDER

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE  
Staff Writer

As idyllic as anything a romance novelist could dream up, Northville's The Fraser Inn Bed & Breakfast truly reflects the style and beauty of simpler times.

The lavender Victorian-style inn, which sits on the quiet corner of Linden and Dunlap Street, was built in 1882 and has been home to such guests including Geena Davis and Robert Picardo of Star Trek.

"Geena stayed with us last summer when she attended an archery tournament," said Lisa Fraser, who runs and owns the inn with her sister, Tricia. "She was so nice and she really loved Northville."

Formerly the Atchison House, the sisters bought the historic home in 1989 after they decided to quit their jobs and make a long time dream come true.

"It was something we always talked about and so when the house came up for sale, we jumped at the chance," Lisa said.

At the time Lisa was director of marketing for Sprint and Tricia was an operations manager for Lord & Taylor.

"We actually make a really good team," Lisa said. "I do the cooking and my sister handles the decorating and cleaning."

The Fraser Inn is a Bed and Breakfast in the traditional sense - two upstairs bedrooms and two downstairs, a dining room, den, sitting room and kitchen.

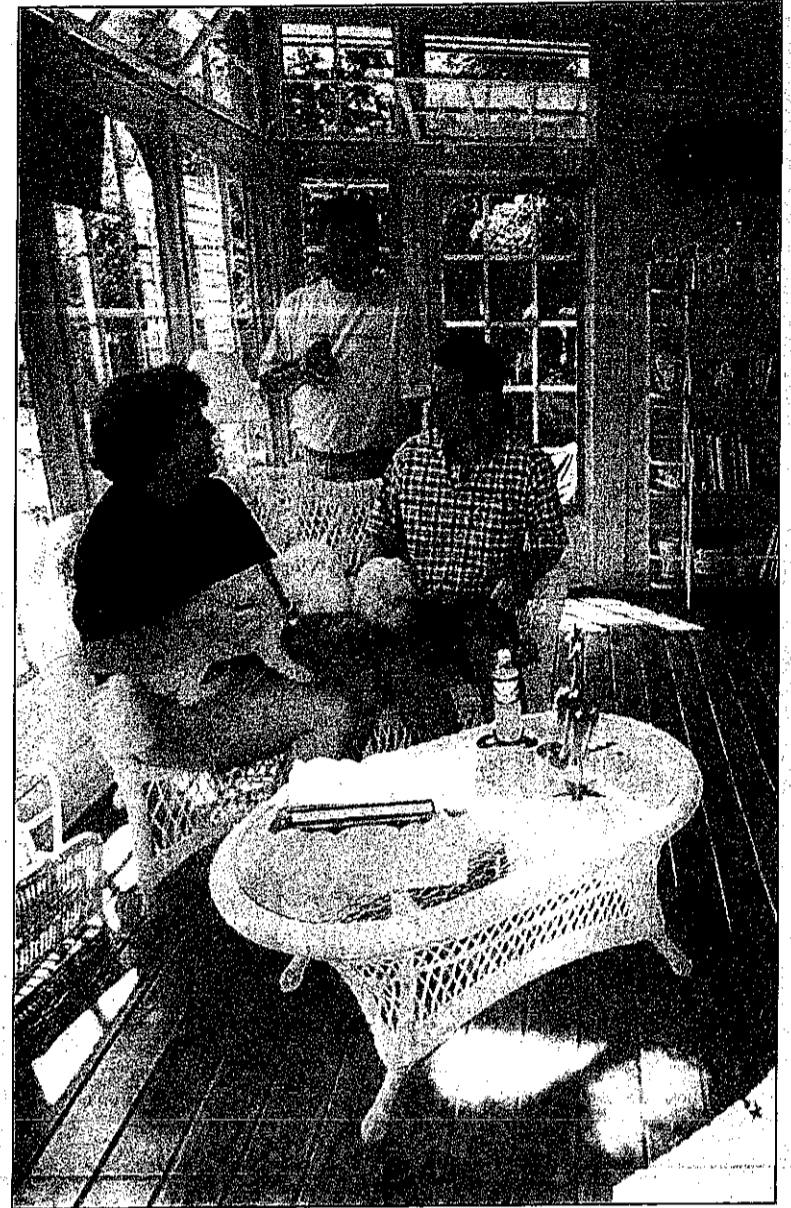
To further accommodate its guests, the bed and breakfast also offers a beautiful sun porch where guests can watch the birds or read the newspaper.

Before and after meals, guests can sit and get to know one another in the sitting room or relax in the library with a big-screen television and cozy fireplace.

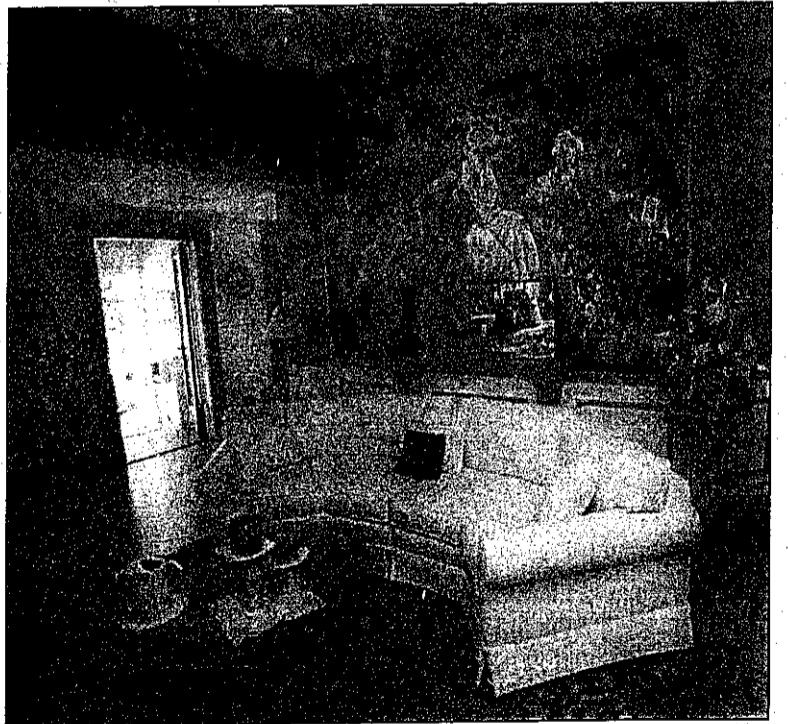
Guests are also sure to enjoy the company of the inn's two bichon poodles, Niles and Fraser, who are usually milling about with tails wagging eagerly, greeting visitors or taking an afternoon siesta in the sun room.

With a full breakfast served each morning, guests at the inn are also welcome to an assortment of coffees or freshly baked blueberry muffins gathered in a basket on the kitchen table.

"I let my guests decide when they want to eat. If they want a snack or something, I always encourage them to help themselves to the kitchen whenever they feel hungry," Lisa said.



Fraser Inn Hostess Tricia Fraser welcomes visitors from Boston Dean Kouyes and Norman Gauvin, right, to the Inn's sunroom. With them are dogs Fraser and Niles. Photo by XXXXXX



The foyer of Northville's Fraser Inn. Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Do to the inn's Web site, guests from as far as Austria, Holland, China, Germany and Hungary have stayed at the bed and breakfast.

"I think bed and breakfasts are really a nice alternative to hotels," Lisa said. "It makes people feel at home and that's really what we try to do for our guests. We've really made some nice friends along the way."

The home is very much a reminiscent of what might have been a hundred years ago, with a number of antiques and knick knacks adorning the shelves and walls.

When guests are ready to retire for the evening, they can select from a variety of bedrooms all featuring their own private baths, TV and VCRs. Each room comes with a large queen size bed, fluffy pillows, and Victorian pictures and paintings.

The Fort Huron Room features blues and greens reflecting the waters of Lake Huron and the St. Clair River. And, when it is cold outside, you can sit back and relax in front of your private fireplace.

The Northville suite provides all the comforts of home including an oversized chair and ottoman, a couch, your own private refrigerator, coffee pot and microwave oven. The room also comes with its very own Jacuzzi, perfect for honeymooners.

Downstairs are The Mackinac Island room, which features a footed bathtub and queen size bed, and The Detroit room, decorated in a navy, red and green plaid and highlights pictures of the city of Detroit in years past: the skyline, Tiger Stadium, and the original Hudson building.

Rooms range from \$80-\$150 a night.

The Fraser Inn is located at 501 West Dunlap Street. For more information or to schedule a reservation please call (248) 449-6699.

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