

Police Report

Car hits post office

An elderly Commerce Township woman escaped serious injury Aug. 16 when her car slammed into the corner of the Novi Post Office on Novi Road between 10 Mile and Grand River.

According to Novi Police Department Sgt. Matthew Conquest, the woman, who he would only identify as "in her mid-70s," apparently hit the accelerator by mistake, jumped the curb and hit the building on its southeast corner.

"There was no damage to the building and she suffered only minor injuries," said Sgt. Conquest. He added the woman refused medical treatment.

Sgt. Conquest noted that while no charges were filed at the scene, "There will be an investigation to see if her driving privileges should be changed."

40-ounce Miller Lite beer. On Aug. 18 at about 2 a.m., the night manager of the 7-Eleven on Meadowbrook Road called the Novi Police Department reporting a theft. The manager told police a 5-foot man about 175 pounds went to the back cooler, grabbed three 40-ounce bottles of beer and ran out the front door. The manager believed the beer-grabber is about 25 years old. He was reported as running in the direction of 10 Mile Road, but police did not find a man matching that description with three bottles of beer in the area.

the intersection of Andes Hills and Taft. Police said the construction had been going on for about two days.

Scary solicitor

A Novi resident in the 3900 block of Country Lane, near Haggerty and 9 Mile roads, called police on Aug. 15 at about 8 p.m. to report a stranger had rang her doorbell and was standing on her porch. The 27-year-old female told police after her doorbell rang, she looked out the window and saw an unknown male about 5 foot 10 inches with a shaved head waving at her through the window. She did not notice the man wearing an identification tag. The woman told police she did not answer the door because the same window he was looking through was smashed a couple of weeks ago. A maintenance worker at the complex told police the man was a solicitor.

Bike gang?

An anonymous person called the Novi Police Department on Aug. 15 at about 4:30 p.m. to report loud mini bikers in the area of Andes Hill Court and Taft Road. The caller said loud mini bike riders were causing a disturbance from a field off Taft Road. Upon arrival, police found the only noise in the area was from construction crews at

Desperate drunk
A brzen unknown male risked being arrested for three

Fall for Novi: A fun-filled day

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will include Community Relations; Department of Public Works; Parks, Recreation and Forestry; Building and Safety; Assessing; Clerk; Environmental Services; Treasury; Planning; Library; and Fire.

One highlight of the event is the mini-workshops scheduled throughout the day including "Healthy Foods...Healthy Eating, Make Time," "Is Your Home Safe?," "Improving Your Yard's Drainage," "Beware...Working With Contractors is Not That Simple," "What You Need to Build or Install a Yourself," "Tree Care: The Answer, Not What Was Your Question?" and "How to Start Your Own Neighborhood Watch Program."

"I attend as many home owner meetings as I can throughout the year, and these were the workshops that I thought were needed because of questions asked of me," said Cynthia Uglow, City of Novi neighborhood services coordinator and creator of the mini-workshops. "I also thought expert advice would be helpful and well received."

Uglow said she made arrange-

ments so if a session goes longer than its allotted time period, participants will be able to go into a separate room to finish learning about the discussed topic and ask any pending questions.

"This is just another step towards our communication goals to our residents," Uglow said. "This is going to be fabulous."

In addition, Novi schools and the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission will be hosting exhibits. Providence Hospital will be conducting health screenings, the Novi Police Department will hold an open house, the "Fiesta Farmhands" will be holding the 2002 Farm Fall Cleanup and the city's Hazardous Waste Disposal Day will be held in conjunction with the free event.

Fun activities for kids of all ages, a Novi Lions' refreshment tent offering "world famous" Macaroni Bolognese and the Fall Perennial Flower Exchange will round out the afternoon.

"Now everything is here on one day," Uglow said. "We want to make it as accessible and convenient as possible."

"Fall for Novi" and corresponding events will take place 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7 at the 10 Mile Road

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Cynthia Uglow
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LAKES AREA TIMES

Walled Lake district opens its third high school

■ \$69.2 million facility welcomed students Aug. 21

Diane Dempsey Deel
STAFF WRITER

Open. Spacious. Lots of Light.

That's what students of the new \$69.2 million Northern High School probably noticed about their new learning environment with the Aug. 21 first day of school.

The 350,000 sq. ft. building is designed to be state-of-the-art for the approximately 750 ninth and 10th grade students, who are pioneers to the school. The school is on 83 acres off of Bogie Lake Road in Commerce Township.

The entrance to the building is large with a soaring ceiling. Students and visitors will have an easy time finding the front office in the airy, open entrance area. The large area will also be used as the school's cafeteria during lunch periods.

However, Principal Janette McGuire said there's already bigger plans for the open space. "We're going to have Battle of the Bands here in October," she said.

James Geisler, superintendent for Walled Lake Consolidated Schools, said the building project began three years ago after residents stressed the need for another school in the district. The project was a large undertaking for the school district.

"I'm proud of all the legions of people who put this together with Janette leading the way," Geisler said.

School officials purchased the latest in technology to create an ideal learning environment. "We were careful to make this as technologically advanced as we could," McGuire said.

Young scientists will get their start in six pairs of science rooms with adjoining foyers with refrigerators for specimens. "Teachers will be able to get things ready in here to take into



Photos by John Heider
Left, Walled Lake Northern High School Principal Janette McGuire leads a group of administrators and media on a Monday afternoon tour of her brand-new school. Here she points out some features of a computer instruction classroom.

other classroom," she said. "This is truly a state-of-the-art science room."

Greg Riley, science department chairman, said the labs are designed differently than Walled Lake's Central and Western.

"We asked teachers what they liked and didn't like, and we learned from their mistakes," Riley said. "It's designed to be hands-on."

Students won't get lost in the crowd at their new school, McGuire said. Instead, students will be broken into "teams" and will be able to get more individualized attention.

"The kids will get to know each other better and connect with each other," she said. "It's really important so that no child gets left out."

Teachers will have their own work stations so that they can "grade papers or eat their lunches." However, teachers' lounges were not part of the new architectural designs.

"We don't have teachers' lounges because teachers don't lounge," McGuire said. Students rooting for the Knights, their mascot, will have plenty of room in the gym. The school's athletic area offers a gymnasium large enough for 2,000 spectators. There's also an auxiliary gym and running track, which overlooks the gymnasium.

However, the gym will not be open until October. The fitness and weight rooms will be completed later this year. The pool and locker rooms will be finished in April.

Other rooms are also still under construction. The music and fine arts department will be ready for young musicians in December. The auditorium, which will hold 1,000 people in the audience, will be completed in February.

"We're right on schedule," McGuire said.

School officials are proud of the large auditorium. Geisler said he hopes to gain revenue for

the district by using the auditorium for community acts.

McGuire agreed. "Technologically, it's just over the top," McGuire said. "You will be able to have anything you want here."

The outside athletic field will always be ready for play. The grass-like field is actually synthetic turf. There is an eight-lane track, baseball fields and eight tennis courts.

Don Learmont, assistant principal, pointed out that students will love their new school. He believes the school will promote a cheerful atmosphere for students to learn.

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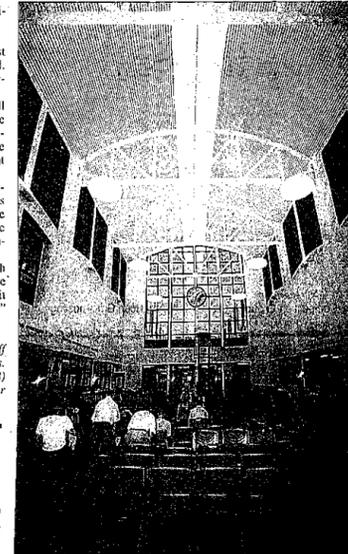
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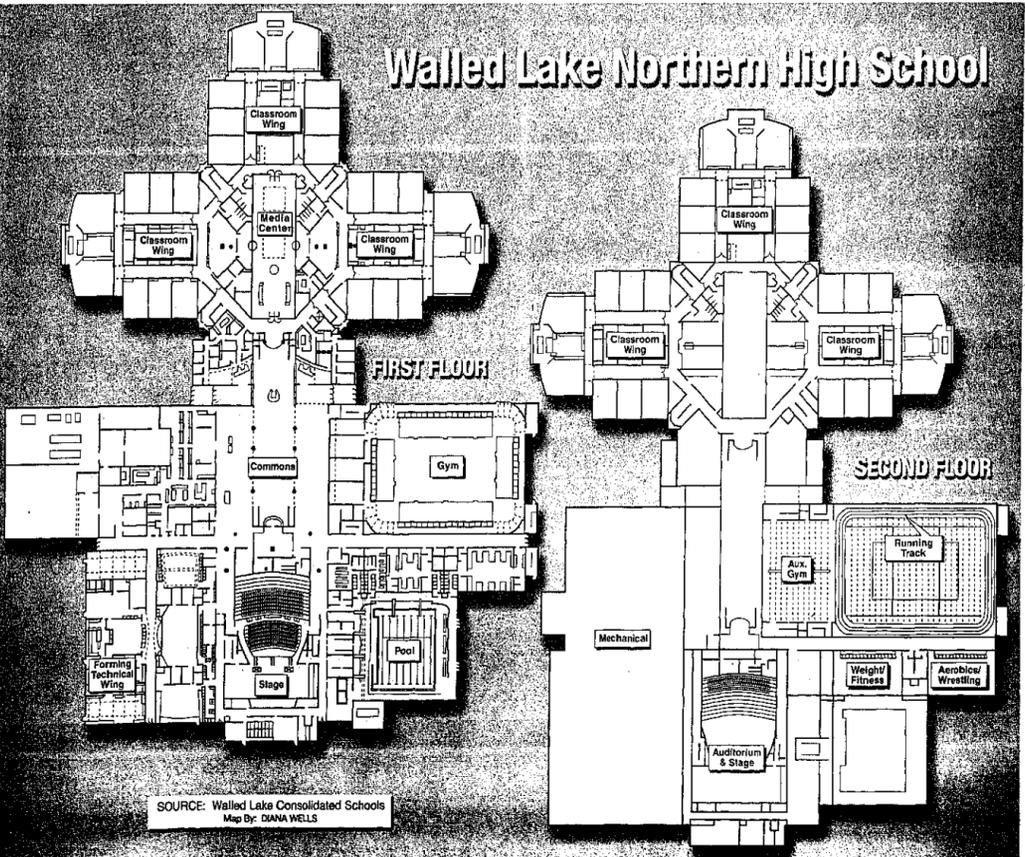
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North end: Residents divided

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West Lake Drive resident John Harvey agrees with Kocian and said, "The majority of the tax have is in favor of this project."

Harvey went door to door initiating a petition for those wanting and willing to pay for the amenities signed by more than 45 residents.

Benefits of city water and road paving, stated by those for the SADs, include:

- the ability to put fire hydrants in the neighborhoods;
- the elimination of gravel road upkeep and associated costs;
- motorists driving in the residential streets will be able to stop easier;
- homeowners will have cleaner homes and vehicles;
- children will have a place to ride their bikes and in-line skates; and
- Walled Lake will become cleaner.

North Haven resident Lisa Krieger brings her small children to the area's lake access beach to swim and feels the road paving SAD is needed for the health and welfare of her children.

"All of their hair smells like calcium chloride," Krieger said speaking of when they leave Walled Lake after swimming. "Calcium chloride is very corrosive."

West Lake Drive resident Lori McLean echoes Krieger's con-

cern that the chemicals used to maintain the gravel road on West Park Drive, including calcium chloride, are polluting the lake and feels a debate about whether to pave the road or not is irrelevant because it is an environmental must.

"We're all going to have a big problem," she said, trying to bring the environmental aspect of the decision home.

But other residents like Marie Watkins just can't afford it.

Watkins has lived in the lake area for 52 years and would be financially ruined if she had to pay the \$70,000 the assessment would cost her because of the size of her property.

Watkins said she is on a fixed income and would more than likely be forced to sell her acreage if the additional payments are assessed to the property owners in the Walled Lake area.

Lake Wall subdivision resident Ray Smith also does not want the SADs approved.

He walked with a petition in the area and received more than 54 signatures against the assessments.

Major reasons repeated by residents voicing nay votes include:

- the high cost;
- the city's unwillingness to fund a portion of both assessments; and
- the usage of Lake Wall subdivision lot 9 — the residents' beach.

There is a large possibility if SAD 159 is adopted that the city will install a storm drain on the vacant property the residents use as their beach front and lake access.

This has outraged residents utilizing the "beach" including many who have used the lake frontage for generations.

"The residents of this area do not want to put a storm drain there," Smith said.

Ultimately, the decision rests in the hands of the Novi City Council, with the exception of Novi City Councilman Craig DeKroete, DeKroete, who lives on West Lake Drive, has abstained throughout the process other than scheduling the first public hearings.

Novi City Councilman Louis Cordas said he will cast his vote in favor of what the majority of the residents want.

"As far as I'm concerned, it will have to be majority," he said. "I have to believe that history has shown that council supports the majority of residents."

Special Assessment 159 would fund the construction of a water main providing a direct benefit to the Lake Wall and John Hawthorn 1 & 2 subdivisions and Supervisor's Plat No. 2 containing the streets listed above.

Special Assessment 160 would fund the paving of about 6,509 linear feet of residential streets with the same beneficiaries of



Photo by John Hader

Residents of Novi's West Lake Drive have concerns about how narrow their roads are in their neighborhood. Here West Lake Drive visibly narrows from a road that can easily accommodate two cars to one that's much smaller.

SAD 159. According to city documents, the city assessor has prepared the tentative SAD 159 roll for a 30-year term at 6-percent interest.

The total amount assessed for the water main is \$509,612 that would be entirely borne by the 102 benefiting property owners through the special assessment process. The assessment against each unit of benefit is \$4,996. The

annual payments will begin at \$466.31 and decrease through the term of the SAD to a final payment of \$176.53 in year 30.

The tentative SAD 160 roll prepared by the city assessor is for a 15-year term at 6-percent interest. The total amount assessed for the street paving is \$1.1 million that would be borne by the 102 benefiting property owners through the special assessment process.

The assessment against each unit of benefit is \$10,856. The annual payments will begin at \$1,375 and decrease through the term of the SAD to a final payment of \$767 in year 15.

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Lt. Gov. Cassis? Thank you, but no

By David Aguilar
STAFF WRITER

Attempting to better connect with Oakland County's republican foothold — especially independent woman voters — Republican Party officials recently asked state Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-Now) if she had any interest in being Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus' gubernatorial running mate.

But Cassis, who said the Posthumus campaign first "seriously" approached her about the possibility three weeks ago, passed on the request, saying the Posthumus campaign would be best served by her continuing a bid to become the 15th District's state senator.

Cassis will face Democrat Sean Carlson in the November general election. Posthumus will face Democratic candidate and current Attorney General Jennifer Granholm.

"It's a great feeling to even be considered. It's an honor, and it's very flattering," Cassis said of being asked to consider the lieutenant governor position.

"However, I have just been through a very tough race, and I believe I can best serve Lt. Gov. Posthumus in the state Senate."

She said rumors of such a potential candidacy have swirled around Lansing for the past 18 months. But those rumors took official shape only during the last few weeks.

"In the last few weeks it has gotten more serious," Cassis said, choosing not to specify who made the official GOP overture.

Late Monday afternoon, Posthumus officially named state Sen. Loren Bennett to be his running mate. The 51-year-old Bennett has served in the state Senate for eight years and was Canton Township clerk for six years.

Bennett opposes abortion in most cases, a stance shared by Posthumus. He currently serves as GOP assistant majority leader in the Senate and heads the Senate Education Committee and several Senate Appropriations subcommittees.

While offering the republican ticket western Wayne County influence, the lieutenant governor selection fell short of the gender balance which Cassis had previously thought was necessary for the Kent County-based Posthumus.

"Is gender also important? Yes, in the overall scheme of the ticket, I think it is important," Cassis said Friday, three days prior to Posthumus' official announcement.

But Kent County Clerk Terri Land may shore up some of the party's perceived gender imbalance. She is expected to receive the republican party's secretary of state nomination this weekend during the Republican party's two-day state convention in Detroit.

Sage Eastman, spokesman for the Posthumus campaign, said the ultimate lieutenant governor selection was a combination of several factors, including gender and geographic balance.

"But those are secondary considerations," Eastman said. "The major consideration is, 'Can this person step up and be govern-

"...I believe I can best serve Lt. Gov. Posthumus in the state Senate."

Nancy Cassis
R-Now

Cassis said she will continue to actively stump politically for Posthumus. She said her own deferral was rooted in personal conviction.

"(As a state senator) I would represent an area that is more concentrated," she said. "You can dedicate your time and energy locally, and I think that would help the campaign most. Plus, I am very attached to this area."

The 15th Senate District is comprised of Milford, Highland, White Lake, South Lyon, Commerce, Rose, Holly and West Bloomfield townships, as well as the city of Novi.

"It's flattering, and it is a tremendous honor to even be considered. But I am running for the state Senate," Cassis said.

Granholm is expected to announce her democratic running mate by Friday. Senate Minority Leader John Cherry is considered a leading candidate.

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Providence, city team up for community

By Victoria Sadocha
STAFF WRITER

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers flexed its neighborhood muscle last week, successfully hosting a well-attended health fair and the city's last Sounds of Summer Concert Series performance.

A large group of people attended the evening festivities, learning valuable information about their health, noshing on tasty treats and enjoying a well-received performance by the Novi Concert Band.

Although Providence was one of the sponsors of the city's concert series along with the Ford Motor Company Fund and the Novi Historical Commission, the Aug. 22 concert was the first time the Novi hospital hosted the event.

The combination concert-fair idea came to event organizers as a way to celebrate Providence's 10th Anniversary as a Novi resident.

"We've had great support from the city," said Rob Casalou, president of Providence Hospital & Medical Centers. "We wanted to thank city hall."

As a way to thank the city, the hospital offered its property for the concert and added many fun and interesting activities.

Among the most popular were the giant Operation game, moon-walk, the free hot dogs and health screening stations.

The stations were visited by many attendees as they learned interesting facts about their health, grabbed many giveaways and entered numerous raffles.

Representatives from many of the hospitals' units were there including Aging Services which offered blood pressure screening and gate assessment, Emergency Care Center, Breast Imaging and Radiology which offered bone density screening and bone-shaped cookies, Healing Arts, Occupational Health, Joint Replacement, Rehabilitation Services which offered grip strength testing, Cardiac

Rehabilitation Center which was trying to recruit participants for its upcoming heart walk, Volunteer Services and skin cancer screenings performed by Dr. Robert Singer.

"I'm here today to look at their (attendees) skin and tell them to see a doctor or not and remind them to use sun screen," Singer said.

Pediatrics was the most jovial booth offering tattoos, face painting and other fun presents.

The Novi Police and Fire departments were present too, providing area residents with demonstrations and information.

Overall, Casalou said he was very honored to have the opportunity to do something nice for the Novi community.

"I moved my family here because I just love it here," he said.

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Expo: Unions claim center unfair

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all workers have decent wages, access to insurance and retirement programs."

Shawn Ellis, a spokesman for Metro Detroit AFL-CIO, said union members will be handing out boycott leaflets at selected events at the center. He added boycott notices have been sent to all union locals in the region.

"As long as they act legally and responsibly, it's something we understand and respect," said Bowman.

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Obituaries

Roy H. Fenbert
Roy Fenbert, 70 of Novi died Aug. 10, 2002. Survivors include his wife, Janet, one daughter, four sons, nine grandchildren, one brother, Kenneth, and many nieces and nephews.

Jane Lockhart Bush
Jane Bush, 89 of Novi died Aug. 13, 2002. She was formerly of Ann Arbor. Survivors include one son, Jim of Des Moines, Iowa; one daughter, Jean (Marco) of Novi;

and two granddaughters, Linda of Milwaukee, Wis. and Christine of Camp Lejeune, N.C. Her husband, James B. preceded her in death.

Randall "Randy" L. Rowley
Randall Rowley, 37 died Aug. 11, 2002. He was born January 11, 1965 in Flint to Robert and Beatrice (Olson) Rowley. He married Michelle Hope of South Lyon, August 16, 1990.

Formerly of Flint, he moved to the South Lyon/Novi area 12 years ago. He worked for Great Lakes Pump & Supply for the past eight years. In addition to his wife, he is

survived by two sons, Adam Beal of Colo. and Brandon Spence of Colo.; his father, Robert Rowley; and two brothers, Dale and Robert Rowley. He was preceded in death by one brother, Donald, and one sister, Cheryl.

Alli Adams
Alli Adams, 83, of Novi died August 19, 2002. She had been a resident of Novi for over 50 years. Her husband, Nathaniel Adams, preceded her in death.

Survivors include four sons, William (Carolyn) Adams, Richard Adams, Jeffrey Adams

and Mark (Elizabeth) Adams; four grandchildren, Jason Summerfield, Todd Adams, Diane Penland and Ryan Adams; and four great grandchildren. A funeral service will be held Friday, August 23 at 11 a.m. at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 340 Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. Friends may visit Thursday, 5-9 p.m. Memorials may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Arrangements were made by Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Walled Lake.

Leone M. Gallarano
Leone Gallarano, 84, of Novi, formerly of Farmington Hills, died Aug. 10, 2002 at St. Mary Hospital, Livonia, Mich. She was born Nov. 3, 1917 in Grandstone City, Mich. to the late James H. and Pearl M. (McIntyre) Catter.

She had been a resident of Farmington Hills for 20 years before moving to Novi.

She was a hairdresser and homemaker and owned her own salon in Detroit after finishing cosmetology school. She enjoyed her grandson, who is a competitive figure skater, and she was also an avid sports fan especially of the Pistons and Red Wings.

Survivors include one daughter, Darlene (John) Newman of Novi; two sisters, Kathryn Burley of Algonquin, Mich. and Pauline (Apley) of Dunedin, Fla.; and one grandson, Alex Newman. In addition to her parents, she

was preceded in death by one daughter, Mary Whittaker; one brother, James Cutler; and one sister, Mary McInosh. Funeral services were held Aug. 13 at Casterline Funeral Home, Northville with Pastor Joel Lindman of Oak Point Church of Novi officiating.

The family would appreciate memorial contributions to the Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home, Inc., Northville.

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Plea bargain costs Commerce elementary teacher his job

Diane Dempsey Deel
STEVEN DOLLAWAY, a former Commerce Elementary School teacher, will be sentenced Sept. 12 after he pled guilty and surrendered his teaching certificate Aug. 7.

He will be sentenced at 8:30 a.m. by Judge Denise Langford Morris for the Oakland County Circuit Court.

Dollaway, who was charged with six counts of second degree criminal sexual conduct for allegedly touching female students, pled guilty to lesser charges of assault and battery. The six assault and battery

charges are a misdemeanor. "The criminal sexual assault was dismissed and he was placed under oath that he would never teach in the United States again," said Matthew Roth, assistant prosecuting attorney with the child's sexual assault unit.

Dollaway was originally facing up to 15 years in prison for alleged sexual misconduct of students in his school. However, he may now serve some or no jail time for the lesser charges he pled guilty to.

"It's completely up to the judge," Roth said. "The judge will review the case and make a decision at sentencing." If Dollaway does get jail time for his offenses, he will be housed

at the Oakland County Jail, he said. Nevertheless, Roth believes justice was served when Dollaway pled guilty.

"Our main focus was to make sure that he would not be teaching again," Roth said. The investigation into sexual misconduct began when four girls began discussing how and where on their bodies Dollaway had touched them while at their fifth grade camp April 2001. A teacher overheard the girls talking about the inappropriate behavior of the teacher and notified school officials.

The school district began their own internal investigation without notifying authorities, said Mary Mara, who was prosecuting the case in September. The school district drew fire from David Grosvenor, Oakland County prosecutor, last year for not handing the information over to authorities right away.

A father of one of the girls notified the Oakland County Sheriff's Department after his daughter finally contacted him about the investigation. The police then began their own investigation.

Bob Lusk, the district's attorney, said in September that the district had planned to turn the information over to the police. However, the father beat school officials to the punch.

Other former students, who ranged in age from 26 years old to 12 years old, came forward with written statements that they too had been touched inappropriately by Dollaway.

Roth noted that his guilty plea was accepted by everyone involved in the case. "The victims were all in favor of this," Roth said of the guilty plea to assault and battery charges. However, the victims will still be able to have their final say at sentencing.

"The victims have the right to come before the judge and tell how this has impacted their lives," he said.

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Matthew Roth is assistant prosecuting attorney.



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Reliving Youth: Insurance agent goes back on a Cushman scooter

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While Cushman scooters sold for around \$250 new, Brandon said he's got his machines insured for \$6,000 each.

Even though Cushman stopped making scooters in 1965 and closed its doors for good after more than 100 years in business, it's easier to restore Cushman machines than it first might seem. You could build one from scratch, if you wanted," said

Brandon, Dennis Carpenter, a North Carolina businessman, bought all of the existing Cushman models from the company shut down, so it's now possible to purchase new replacement parts for just about every Cushman product ever made.

Of course, noted Brandon, a new gas tank or set of mirrors costs about the same as the whole scooter did when he was a teen. Shortly after getting his Cushman, Brandon joined the Motor City Cushman Club. It's 75 or so members hail from as far south as Trenton as far north as the Thumb and west to Jackson, Brandon said the group meets every couple of weeks in various

members' homes to trade information and ride their scooters. Brandon rode his Eagle to the Woodward Dream Cruise three times this year. He plans to go to the Orphan Car Show in Ypsilanti, which features a large selection of Cushman machines, next spring. And next summer Brandon will have the chance to ride his scooter around the famed Brickyard when the national club holds its annual convention just outside Indianapolis.

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SCOOTER INFO

There are scores of clubs and Web sites devoted to the Cushman motor scooters.

Locally, the Motor City Cushman Club meets at various locations around Metro Detroit. The club's president, Mike Niefel, can be reached at (734) 676-1922 or by e-mail at mniefel@home.com. Annual dues for the Motor City Cushman Club are \$14. The club can be found on the Web at <http://members.aol.com/cushman74897>.

Based in Union Springs, Ala., the Cushman Club of America boasts 12,000 members. Annual dues are \$25. The club's president, Jim Coleman, can be contacted at 734.461.8445 or by e-mail at colmanj@twi.net. The club's Web site is www.cushmanclubofamerica.com.



Photo by Phil Foley

Larry Brandon (left) and his son Eric show off the family's 1957 and 1958 Cushman Eagle scooters. Capable of hitting speeds of up to 60 mph the bikes were designed to appeal to teen riders. "They're pretty cool. They're interesting," said Eric, but all things being equal, he would have rather his dad had bought a Mustang.

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Novi City Briefs

Novi Ice Arena

Open registration for the Fall 2002 Learn to Skate program is Aug. 26 through 31. The seven-week session will begin Sept. 9. Classes will be held Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Friday afternoons, Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings. Those ages 3 years and older are invited to register.

Free open skating and skate rental will be offered to those interested in joining the Learn to Skate program 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Sept. 4 and 10 to 11:30 a.m. Sept. 7.

Regular open skate hours are noon to 1:50 p.m. Monday through Friday and 3 to 4:50 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Skate rental is \$2 and admission ranges from \$2 to \$5.

Novi Concert Band

The Novi Concert Band invites interested adult musicians to come and join the group. There is no audition and everyone is welcome. The band rehearses every Tuesday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. For more information about the band, contact Jack Koppick at (248) 932-9244.

RCOC

The Road Commission for Oakland County will be holding a public hearing 7:30 p.m. tonight to hear input on its proposed close to \$130 million 2002-2003 fiscal year budget. One of the projects scheduled for 2003 that will be discussed is the reconstruction of the Grand River Avenue bridge over the CSX railroad tracks. The meeting will be held in the Oakland County Board of Commissioners Auditorium located at 1200 N. Telegraph Road in Pontiac.

Theater auditions

The Novi Theatres' Annex will be holding auditions for its upcoming performance of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow." Cold auditions for the production based on the writings of Washington Irving, will be held 4 p.m. Aug. 26 and 28 at the City of

Providers Appreciation weekend. Those involved in the healthcare field will receive a 20 percent discount on most purchases by simply showing their professional identification cards. Borders Books & Music is located at 43075 Crescent Blvd. in the Novi Town Center. For more information, call (248) 347-0780.

Novi Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department on 10 Mile Road between Novi and Taft roads. Actors ages 10 years through high-school age are invited to participate. Once cast, there is a registration fee of \$140 and rehearsals will be 4 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, October 25 through 27.

Auditions will also be held for the Novi Theatres' performance of "Our Town." Cold auditions for the production based on the writings of Thornton Wilder, will be held 7:30 p.m. Aug. 27 and 29 at the City of Novi Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department. The \$140 rehearsal fee will apply to all cast and rehearsals will take place 7 to 10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and some Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Actors high-school age through adult are invited to participate. For more information regarding either audition, call (248) 347-0400.

Main Street Heat

The Main Street Heat Classic Car Show takes place every Wednesday between the hours of 4 and 9 p.m. in the city's downtown area. Come and share your sweet ride or admire others. Admission is free and the fun is plenty.

Summer tax bills

Summer 2002 property tax payments are due without penalty on or before Aug. 31. Payments will be accepted through Sept. 3 because of Saturday due date and Monday holiday. Postmarks are not accepted as date of payment.

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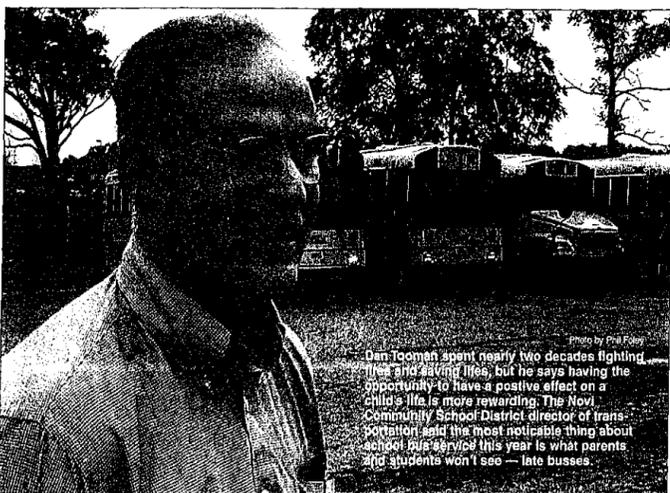
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Only minor changes in Novi's transportation



By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

Don't look for any major changes in the transportation program at the Novi Community School District this fall.

According to Dan Tooman, the district's transportation director, 2002-03 will be a "tweaking year."

He said that essentially means that while individual busstops may shift a half a block or two, the transportation program will look much the same as it did last year.

After a decade that saw school enrollment in the district grow by half, things are starting to settle down a little, said Tooman. He said population projections for the district predict the current growth rate, the district will run out of raw residential land about 2008.

"We're basically becoming 'livable' at least in terms of population density," he said. Tooman said the district's administration has taken that into account. "We are planning, not reacting," he said.

Five years ago, when Tooman came to Novi from Ann Arbor Public Schools, bus routes were laid out by hand by people who had lived in the area most of their lives. During this second year with

the district, computers and routing software were brought in to keep up with the growth.

Two years ago there was a major overhaul of bus routes reflecting new school construction and last year schedules were changed again to accommodate a longer school day.

Tooman noted that Novi is one of the few school districts in the region that uses a five-tier system for transporting students. That, he said, allows Novi to provide transportation for more than 6,000 students with only 30 buses.

"You can't spend a lot of money just transportation," he said. "The less you spend on transportation, the more you can spend on education."

The most dramatic change at the schools' transportation department will come until next spring. That's when the district will begin work on replacing its existing bus garage near the corner of 10 Mile and Taft. The project, part of a \$57.6 million bond issue approved by voters last summer, will create a maintenance area with five highway drive-through workspaces.

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Dan Tooman spent nearly two decades fighting to improve the quality of life, but he says having the opportunity to have a positive effect on a child's life is more rewarding. The Novi Community School District director of transportation said the most noticeable thing about his job is that he won't see a lot of late buses.

2002-2003 Novi School District Bus Schedule

DEERFIELD ELEMENTARY	8:42 2510 BIRCHWOODS DR	8:41 RENFORD DR & CRANBROOKE DR	8:51 47825 TEN MILE RD	NOVI MIDDLE SCHOOL
BUS 01 Combined with PV & DF	8:45 2570 WIXOM RD	8:49 21784 SHADYBROOK DR	8:53 10 MILE & WINTERGREEN	BUS01
8:13 43687 GRAND RIVER AVE	8:46 ANCHORAGE & CRESTWOOD		BUS 86	7:04 RUSSET & HICKORY GROVE LN
8:16 PETERM & CONGRESS	8:46 CRESTWOOD & GLENWOOD		6:45 HEATHERGREENE & CRANBROOKE	7:05 HIGH MEADOW & HICKORY GROVE
8:18 FOUNTAIN PARK CLUBHOUSE	8:46 49652 LEYLAND CIR		6:46 NILAN DR & CRANBROOKE DR	7:06 HIGH MEADOW DR & GREENING DR
8:26 J R BIRD & GORDANA ST	8:47 49793 LEYLAND CIR		6:47 FRANKLIN MILL & CRANBROOKE	7:07 HARVEST DR & GREENING DR
8:27 LOWERY ST & RONANON ST	8:48 49733 LEYLAND CIR		6:49 VILLAGE WOOD & CRANBROOKE	7:12 CHERRY HILL & KINGS POINT
8:28 LOWERY ST & RUSTON BLVD	8:49 26375 GLENWOOD DR		6:50 CRANBROOKE & WOODLEY	7:12 CHERRY HILL & KINGS POINT
8:29 GORDANA ST & BURNING WOOD			6:51 9 MILE & HEATHERWOOD	7:15 NOVI RD & LITTLE FALLS BLVD
8:33 24985 HAGGERTY DR	BUS 87		6:54 ROMA RIDGE & VENICE	7:17 SIMMONS & BONNIE BROOK DR
8:37 LINCOLN ST & HARRISON ST	8:17 BECK RD & CENTRAL PARK BLVD		6:55 BRAMBLEWOOD & ROBIN CT	7:18 SIMMONS & SURFIDE
	8:22 14833 TWELVE MILE RD		6:56 BRAMBLEWOOD & ROBIN CT	7:19 CIDER MILL & RIVERVIEW
BUS 04	8:25 28095 DIXON DR		6:58 24263 UNYWOOD DR	7:21 24059 SARAH FLYNN DR
8:26 41660 TAMARA	8:29 25744 CHEYENNE DR		6:59 47063 GREENWICH	7:22 CHERRY HILL & KINGS POINT
8:27 41483 GUYME CT	8:32 48190 10 MILE RD		6:41 47513 GREENWICH DR	7:23 CRESTVIEW & FAIRWAY HILLS
8:30 41516 FAWN TR	8:30 WAINWRIGHT ST & MARTIN ST		6:42 GREENWICH & CIDER MILL BL	7:12 24417 QUEEN'S POINTE
8:32 41366 LLEWELYN RD	8:32 2300 AUSTIN DR		6:43 NANTUCKET & WELLESLEY CT	7:13 PARK RIDGE RD & HAMPION HILL
8:34 41346 LORAC LN	8:35 1986 AUSTIN DR		6:44 ROCHSTER & NANTUCKET	7:14 S LOGANBERRY & KNOLLWOOD
8:37 21392 GLEN HAVEN CIR	8:35 180 PLEASANT COVE DR		6:44 ROCHSTER & NANTUCKET	7:16 PARK RIDGE & PARK RIDGE CT
8:38 CLADWIN & GLEN HAVEN W	8:35 43687 GRAND RIVER AVE		6:45 LYWOOD & WARRINGTON	7:17 42472 PARK RIDGE RD
8:39 20955 WOODLAND GLN	8:40 44244 12 MILE RD		6:46 WOODHAM & RED PINE CT	7:19 UPLAND HILL & CHERRY HILL
8:41 VERANDA DR & EMILY CT			6:47 WOODHAM & RED PINE CT	7:20 CHERRY HILL RD & KINGS POINT
BUS 06	8:42 CORDOBA DR & ARCADIA DR		6:48 24285 WOODHAM RD	7:21 WOODHAM RD & RED PINE CT
8:26 23612 HICKORY GROVE LN	8:43 CORDOBA DR & CHEYENNE DR		6:51 BROADMOOR PARK & BAKER	7:25 ASHBURY & DUNDEE
8:28 HARVEST DR & GREENING DR	8:44 LARAMIE DR & CHEYENNE DR		6:52 BROADMOOR PARK LN & BLVD	BUS 09
8:30 NOWI RD & ALCONQUIN DR	8:44 LARAMIE DR & CLEYNEUR ST		6:53 BECK & CENTRAL PARK BLVD	7:07 TAMARA ST & ASPEN
8:32 SAGEBRUSH & CITATION	8:46 GROVELAND & CLENNURST DR		6:42 11 MILE RD & CLARK AVE	7:09 TAMARA ST & BORCHARDT RD
8:34 COVESIDE CIR & HIDDENCOVE	8:47 25834 GROVELAND		6:44 CLARK AVE & DUNSTON ST	7:10 TAMARA ST & BORCHARDT RD
8:39 24465 GLENDA AVE	8:48 25714 GROVELAND		6:45 WOODHAM & RED PINE CT	7:13 22847 PENTON RISE CT
8:44 24742 TAFT RD	8:49 WOODRUFF DR & LOCHMOOR LN		6:46 TRESTLE & JUNCTION	7:13 22445 MEADOWBROOK RD
8:47 46220 11 MILE RD	8:48 LOCHMOOR LN & CLENNURST DR		6:47 WOODHAM & RED PINE CT	7:15 23034 BALCOMBE ST
BUS 11	8:31 41315 CARRIAGE HILL DR		6:48 24285 WOODHAM RD	7:17 23007 GILBAR DR
8:25 SEGAL DR & MERIDIAN LN	8:30 RIVERBRIDGE CT & ASHBURY DR		6:51 BROADMOOR PARK LN & BLVD	7:19 23070 ENNISHORE DR
8:27 21762 SHADYBROOK DR	8:31 43250 ASHBURY DR		6:52 BROADMOOR PARK LN & BLVD	7:21 CARRIAGE HILL & INGRAM RD
8:28 SHADYBROOK DR & CLOVER LN	8:33 ASHBURY DR & DUNDEE DR		6:53 26900 BECK RD	7:22 COTTWOOD & CHIPMUNK TR
8:29 23236 SUNRISE BLVD	8:34 20853 CHASE DR		6:54 26550 DIXON DR	BUS 92
8:30 MILL RD & MILL CT E	8:35 DUNDEE DR & WHEATON LN		6:55 28191 DIXON DR	7:37 PHEASANT RUN & COTTWOOD
8:32 OAKWOOD DR & MERIDIAN DR	8:36 21826 PICADILLY CIR		6:56 28409 OXON RD	7:39 HAWTHORNE & CHIPMUNK TR
8:33 40624 HEATHERWOOD LN	8:37 21400 CHASE DR		6:57 25433 FOUNTAIN PARK DR E	7:41 TAMARA ST & ASPEN
8:35 22621 BROOKFOREST RD	8:39 CHASE DR & TRENT CT		7:04 24718 BASHIAN DR	7:43 TAMARA ST & ASPEN
8:36 PEPPERMILL CT & FENMORE WAY	8:39 21882 CHASE DR		7:05 24691 BASHIAN DR	7:45 FOUNTAIN PARK CLUBHOUSE
8:37 VILLAGE LAKE & SHADOW PINE	8:40 CHASE DR & REINDEER DR		7:06 24691 BASHIAN DR	7:47 41302 SCARBOROUGH
8:39 41454 CHATTAM ST	8:41 22221 PICADILLY CIR		7:07 24691 BASHIAN DR	7:48 41097 SCARBOROUGH
8:40 23259 ENNISHORE DR	8:43 BROCKSHIRE ST & CHESTERFIELD		7:08 24691 BASHIAN DR	7:49 BETHANY WAY & BRENDA LN
8:41 22601 ENNISHORE DR			7:09 24691 BASHIAN DR	7:50 VERANDA DR & EMILY CT
BUS 17	8:23 41690 MANOR PARK DR		7:10 24691 BASHIAN DR	7:52 ASHBURY & RIVERBRIDGE CT
8:32 24360 KINGS POINT	8:23 PORTSMOUTH & WHITE PLAIN		7:11 24691 BASHIAN DR	7:55 ASHBURY DR & WINDMILL CT
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8:40 24827 APPLECREST DR	8:30 SIMMONS & FAIRWAY HILLS DR		7:15 24691 BASHIAN DR	7:11 CARRIAGE HILL & INGRAM RD
8:42 24555 KNOLLWOOD DR	8:32 24250 HOMESTEAD		7:16 24691 BASHIAN DR	7:12 41233 COVENTRY
BUS 82	8:33 24333 HOMESTEAD		7:17 24691 BASHIAN DR	7:13 COVENTRY RD & CLARK AVE
8:26 45424 ADDINGTON LN	8:35 ROMA RIDGE DR & VENICE DR		7:18 24691 BASHIAN DR	7:14 PHILIP DR & TODD LN
8:27 45487 KIMBERLY CT	8:36 NAPLES DR & CRESTVIEW		7:19 24691 BASHIAN DR	7:16 SIEGAL DR & MERIDIAN LN
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8:29 DEVONSHIRE & BRENTWOOD CT	8:40 PICARA DR & RUSTON BLVD		7:21 24691 BASHIAN DR	BUS 05
8:30 24003 ELIZABETH LN	8:41 REDDING & BRAMBLEWOOD		7:22 24691 BASHIAN DR	7:02 25433 FOUNTAIN PARK DR E
8:31 JASLYN LN & WESTMONT DR	8:42 ROBIN CT & BRAMBLEWOOD		7:23 24691 BASHIAN DR	7:14 27171 WIXOM RD
8:32 45760 REMINGTON LN	8:43 SCARLET DR S & BUTLER LN		7:24 24691 BASHIAN DR	7:15 LEYLAND CIR & GLENWOOD DR
8:33 45934 ASHFORD CIR	8:45 47269 SCARLET DR		7:25 24691 BASHIAN DR	7:20 24319 BIRCHWOODS DR
8:34 WINDRIDGE LN & WILLINGHAM	8:46 47325 SCARLET DR N		7:26 24691 BASHIAN DR	BUS 06
8:35 45871 LATHUM DR	8:48 25670 BECK RD		7:27 24691 BASHIAN DR	7:08 CHERRY HILL & CONCORD
8:36 23856 WINTERGREEN CIR			7:28 24691 BASHIAN DR	7:09 SUSSEX & CHRISTINA LN
8:37 23604 WINTERGREEN CIR	BUS 87		7:29 24691 BASHIAN DR	7:10 GLEN HAVEN W & CLADWIN
8:38 WINTERGREEN & WINTERGREEN	8:25 24400 CHRISTINA LN		7:30 24691 BASHIAN DR	7:12 YORSHIRE DR & HUNTINGTON
8:41 47330 BAKER ST	8:26 24581 CHRISTINA LN		7:31 24691 BASHIAN DR	7:13 YORKSHIRE DR & JAMESTOWNE RD
8:42 BROADMOOR PARK LN & BAKER ST	8:27 43550 CONCORD		7:32 24691 BASHIAN DR	7:15 24424 GLENDA AVE
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8:44 23783 ARGYLE ST	8:29 YORKSHIRE & HUNTINGTON		7:34 24691 BASHIAN DR	BUS 07
8:45 BROADMOOR PARK & ARGYLE	8:30 TRESTLE & CREEK XING		7:35 24691 BASHIAN DR	7:04 REINDEER DR & ANTLER DR
8:47 ARGYLE ST & WHITEHALL DR	8:43 44015 SETTLERS CREEK CT		7:36 24691 BASHIAN DR	7:05 ANTLER DR & DEIMONT DR
BUS 83	8:44 CLARK AVE & STASSEN AVE		7:37 24691 BASHIAN DR	7:06 ANTLER DR & FAWN TRL
8:31 EDINBOROUGH LN & INVERNESS CT	8:45 25990 CLARK AVE		7:38 24691 BASHIAN DR	7:07 MEADOWBROOK & A MISSION
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Market Day better than ever

Diane Dempsey Deel
STAFF WRITER

Walled Lake's 27th Annual Market Day is going to be bigger and better than ever before, according to organizers.

The Aug. 25 event will be held from noon to 5 p.m. along E. Lake Drive and neighboring streets. However, festivities will also be extended this year to Riley Park and the historic Stonecrest building.

Activities at Riley Park, sponsored by Friends of the Foster Farm House, will benefit the home that was once used to house slaves who were escaping captivity via the underground railroad.

Charlene Long, with Walled Lake's Downtown Development Authority and Friends of the Foster Farm House, said residents will have a good time at the park. "There will be kiddie rides, a mountain bike and a drink tank," Long said.

MUSIC will flow out of the park's gazebos where bands will play tunes throughout the day. "Market Day is growing and we are excited about that," Long said.

Participants won't be able to go inside the historic home but they will be able to get a good look at the outside, she said.

However, people attending Market Day will get a good look inside another historical building. The Commerce Area Historical Society is opening up Stonecrest, which was once used as a school for artists and non-profit groups. Residents will be able to check out the American Cancer Society and walk away with artwork.

"There will be music on the front porch and artists on the lawn," Long said.

She also wants to make sure residents stop by at the DDA booth to get information about other events, new businesses in town or to volunteer for committees.

Mary Sheridan, parks and recreation member, said there will be entertainment on the streets as well. The three-girl group Harmony will be performing for Market Day enthusiasts.

However, people who come to Market Day to purchase unique items won't be disappointed.

"We will have a lot of vendors and a lot of crafts," Sheridan said. "They can buy food, gardening things, jewelry, clothing and knick-knacks. We have a little bit for everyone — kids on up. We even have things for seniors."

"It's basically a family fun day," Sheridan said. "You can shop out and have entertainment all in one place. And it's free."

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Walled Lake's fighting over food

Diane Dempsey Deel
STAFF WRITER

Grab your eatables and get ready to have a food fight in Walled Lake!

United We Serve, a not-for-profit group who helps area needy families at Hospitality House, is encouraging consumers and business owners to have a food fight from Aug. 25-31. However, these won't be any flinging of food.

Instead, businesses are being asked to host different fund raising events for the help center, located behind the First Baptist Church of Walled Lake.

"They can decide what they want to do in their place of business," said Pam Janson, president of United We Serve. "Two participating business owners, who come out winners, will receive a quarter page ad donated

by the Novi News.

Donations are needed from the community to help Hospitality House provide food for needy families, she said. The help center has helped more than 90 families since the group opened the center's doors Feb. 14.

The group can make financial donations go a long way by purchasing food items at lower prices at the Oakland County Food Bank, she said.

"One dollar can be stretched to four dollars or to 10 dollars," Janson said.

The Food Fight will be a festive way of generating money for the cause. "I'm tremendously excited that the community is pulling together," Janson said. "It's good for the community and it's good for Hospitality House. I'm very grateful and proud of these businesses to

help us help our community who needs a little extra help to feed their families."

She hopes that more businesses will get in the action. They can do anything from donating a portion of profits or collecting donations from their customers.

However, business owners have told her that they are not trying to raise funds to win anything. These owners just want to help needy families.

"They're doing it because it's the right thing to do for the community," she said.

For more information or to donate to Hospitality House call (248) 624-3817.

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Resignation creates opportunity to serve

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

Looking for an opportunity to work long hours, get paid almost nothing and have an effect on the futures of thousands of children?

If the answer is yes, then the Novi Community School District has a job for you. Board member Ann Newton is leaving the area and has resigned, leaving a vacancy that needs to be filled until June 2003.

According to Board President Bruce Bagdadly, so far the board has received letters from two people interested in holding the seat.

However, he wouldn't release the names of those who have applied to influence anyone who is thinking of applying," he said. "I want the process as unfettered as possible."

Novi Community School District residents interested in taking Newton's seat have until 4 p.m. Sept. 5 to send a letter of interest to Sue Bushart, Novi

Community School District, Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road, Novi 48374.

The board will interview candidates and make its decision at its Sept. 9 meeting.

"I want someone who is sincerely interested in what's best for the students of Novi," said Bagdadly, who himself was first appointed to the board in 1998.

He served out the term of Ray Byers and then went on to win a seat on the board in his own right. Board members are paid \$10 a

meeting and the board meets roughly 26 times a year. The board president receives an extra \$5 a meeting.

"I think most people who do this see it as a community service sort of thing," said Bagdadly. "It's a way to have a chance to give something back to the community."

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Sharon Hoehler (left), a shift leader at Novi Bowl, congratulates 15-year-olds Jennifer Gardella of Farmington and Robert Layton of Walled Lake on winning bicycles in Summer Strikfest 2002. Sponsored by Blue Ribbon Bowling Centers and Coca Cola, Strikfest is just one of several events marking the 25th anniversary of Novi Bowl.

United Way: Resident runs in Torch Drive

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help out getting good visibility for Oakland County."

He said he first heard about the run in a Motor City Striders newsletter. He said he did the first run more or less on a lark, but now he keeps answering the invitation year after year because "what little we do, helps a lot of people."

Thimim ran from 6 Mile to 5 Mile Road down Woodward through Palmer Park and then joined the rest of the runners for

the final run from Hart Plaza to the RenCen. "It's kind of neat with all the people hooping and all the support you get at every hand-off."

He said his most exciting year was his second when a motorist ran the intersection at 10 Mile and Woodward, cutting between him and his police escort. Thimim escaped being injured by inches.

"I was so happy he missed," recalled Thimim, adding he now "hugs the bumper" of his escort. Thimim noted that while the run

itself is shorter than most people's practice runs, "It's amazing how heavy [the torch] gets."

The torch, according to United Way spokesman Robin Larkin, was used to light the cauldron at the 1956 Winter Games in Cortina, Italy. General Motors Corporation, which is the lead corporate sponsor this year, donated the torch to United Way when the annual run began nine years ago. The Torch Drive campaign itself began in Detroit in 1949.

The Torch Drive campaign will continue through Nov. 14. Thimim said, "We'll just be out there trying to help out."

More information about the United Way is available at www.unitedway.wvnc.org or at its 761-Help number 313.226.9888.

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Detour Expected:

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

A decision on how to complete this year's portion of the 12 Mile Road widening project may put a heavily traveled intersection out of commission for awhile.

City officials said the decision on how to finish up the work is needed quickly to beat the holiday rush.

To accomplish this, two options were offered by Novi City Manager Richard Helwig.

The first option would take five to six weeks and would involve closing 12 Mile Road and taking Novi Road in the 12 Mile Road area down to one lane.

The second option would take three to four weeks and would shut down the Novi and 12 Mile roads intersection completely.

City management recommends the complete closure.

"Closing the intersection completely for three to four weeks, from likely September 16 to October 7, weather permitting, will before the holidays, is the preferred alternative," said Clay Pearson, Novi Assistant City Manager. "By closing the intersection completely, the work can be done more safely for motorists

City recommends closing the intersection of 12 Mile and Novi to complete this year's portion of the heavily-traveled roadway's widening project.

and construction workers.

"The only alternative to the three- to four-week closure at this intersection point was severe lane restrictions and construction for six to eight weeks. The latter alternative would take longer and be more expensive because of the constant flag persons necessary to manually start and stop traffic.

"Under the latter alternative, there would have been no through traffic on 12 Mile Road and a single lane on Novi Road. Moreover, that time frame would have meant work into November when weather and traffic becomes intense."

Novi Police Chief Douglas Shaefter echoes management's recommendation saying to proceed with just one lane of traffic north and south and no traffic at all east and west at the intersection, would make the shopping section a "traffic nightmare."

"The faster solution is to completely close the intersection, get the construction done and have a vastly improved intersection for the holiday season," Shaefter said.

It is anticipated the official detour will take advantage of Beck and Meadowbrook roads

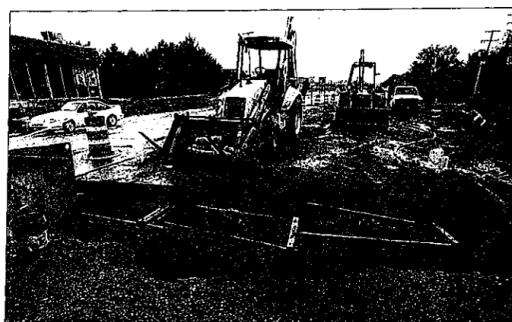


Photo by John Heiser

Work continues last Friday afternoon by Detroit Edison personnel to place a utility line underneath Twelve Mile Road at Novi Road. The busy intersection will soon be closed to allow safe completion of road improvements.

Widening completion for the 12 Mile Road extension to Twelve Oaks Mall approximately at McDonald's to west of Meadowbrook Road will be completed in 2003.

"The improvements at Meadowbrook and 10 Mile Road, long a top 10 accident location, show how much of an impact an intersection improvement program can have," Shaefter said. "We expect even greater rewards by making the 12 Mile and Novi Road improvements."

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Novi City Council Briefs

Opticom system

Members of the Novi City Council unanimously gave their approval on Aug. 12 allowing city officials to enter into an agreement with the Road Commission for Oakland County to operate the Opticom system for Emergency Vehicle-Traffic Signal Preemption. The Opticom device allows emergency vehicle drivers to turn traffic signals green, allowing them to proceed through intersections with the right-of-way. City officials said the equipment will enhance the Fire Department's ability to expedite the response to emergencies in a safe and effective manner. The system also provides documentation for risk management should an accident occur.

Planning commission

On Aug. 12, members of the Novi City Council gave their approval to the Planning Commission to set a date for a public hearing to listen to residents' thoughts on a proposed zoning text amendment to the city's fence ordinance. The commission will review Novi's requirements for fences in residential areas including a brief look at other ordinances applying to residential construction.

New sign

Residents traveling in the Beck Road area will soon see a new addition as members of the Novi City Council approved a license agreement between the city and

Beck Corridor Partners Limited Partnership

during the Aug. 12 meeting to erect a sign at the entrance of the Beck North Corporate Park. The sign will be similar to what was installed at the Haggerty Corporate Park. Cost of installation and maintenance will be taken care of by the corporate development.

Meadowbrook Commons

Meadowbrook Commons' management firm, P.M. One Management, received a two-year contract renewal during Novi's Aug. 12 city council meeting. P.M. One was appointed as the management firm for the city's retirement center in Spring 2000 before the facility opened. Novi

Chief Operating Officer Craig Klaver

said the firm has met and in some cases exceeded the city's expectations. P.M. One Management will receive \$19 a month per occupied unit, which works out to be around \$400,000 if fully occupied. A 3 percent increase will be given in the second year.

New fire code

Approval of the first reading to amend the Fire Prevention and Protection Standards portion of the city's code of ordinances was given Aug. 12 at the Novi City Council meeting. If adopted, the amendment will take the city's existing standards based on the 1996 BOCA Fire Prevention

Code and change them to meet the 2000 International Fire Code

which was created to serve as the only code throughout the country. One of the most significant changes of the new code is the emphasis on emergency preparedness and preparation by

requiring many different types of public gathering places to have specific plans on order for implementing safety and evacuation procedures.

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Calendar of Events

Summer Concert Series

DATE: Mondays
LOCATION: Walled Lake Villa is located at the intersection of Lodi Road and Pontiac Trail. The Gazbo is located at Riley Park on Common Street near the intersection of W. Walled Lake Drive and Pontiac Trail. The Boat House (formerly Bogey's) is located at 142 E. Walled Lake Drive.
TIME: 7:30-9 p.m.
DETAILS: Free concerts in Walled Lake: August 25 - Ramos Lake; The Boat House (Market Days, 3 to 5 p.m.)

Novi Toastmasters

DATE: First and third Tuesdays of the month
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile, Novi, MI
TIME: 7:30-9 p.m.
DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your communication skills, voice your opinion, polish your presentations and practice leadership.
PHONE: For more information, call Colleen at 248-985-9236.

Tycoon Tee-Off Golf Dating

DATE: Thursday, Aug. 15
LOCATION: Links of Novi, 50395 10 Mile Road, Novi
TIME: 9 a.m. check-in, putting contest: 10 a.m. shotgun start
DETAILS: 15th annual Novi Chamber of Commerce outing; scramble format and rules; lunch on the green; courses: holes, games and prizes; 50/50 raffle; steak dinner; and team awards.

Market Research: What It Is & How to Do It

DATE: Thursday, Aug. 15
LOCATION: Southfield Public Library, 26000 Evergreen Rd., Southfield, Marquette Room.
TIME: 9 a.m. to noon
DETAILS: A Southfield Public Library research expert will introduce participants to sources of competitive and demographic information. Important to any business owner. Both print and electronic data will be discussed as well as research methods and strategies. Fee is \$20 per person and includes materials.
PHONE: Due to space limitations, pre-registration is required at (248) 858-0783.

How to Write a Business Plan Workshop

DATE: Thursday, Aug. 22
LOCATION: Wyndham Gardens, 42100 Crescent Boulevard, Novi
TIME: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
DETAILS: This is a round-table session that gives small business owners a chance to meet counselors who can help prepare their loan request for the bank. TEAM SBA is comprised of a banker, a SBA loan officer, and a business consultant. This session is intended for those who have good credit, some money to invest in their business and who know how much money they need to borrow. No charge to attend.
PHONE: Pre-registration is required with the SBA at (313) 226-6975.

Cub Scout Pack 54 25th Anniversary Picnic

DATE: Thursday, August 22
LOCATION: Lakeshore Park, Novi
TIME: 6-9 p.m.
DETAILS: All current and former Pack 54 families are invited to a potluck picnic celebrating Pack 54's 25th Anniversary.

Novi Youth Baseball League (NYBL) Annual Meeting

DATE: Monday, August 26
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, Novi
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Make a difference! Get involved with Novi Youth Baseball as a manager, coach or board member. Supported by Novi Parks & Recreation.
PHONE: For more information, call Bill Borto at (248) 380-8048.

Novi Homeowners and Neighbors

DATE: Sept. 4
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center
DETAILS: Novi Board Members for 2002-2003 year will meet and begin to plan activities for the upcoming year. We are a social and civic, non-profit organization for people of Novi and the surrounding communities.
**Also, on Sept. 26 at 6 p.m., 2002 Kick-off Dinner and Fall Fashion Show, Hudson's Cafe in Marshall Fields at Twelve Oaks Mall. This annual dinner and show is held to promote membership and involvement in our organization.
CONTACT: Faye Knedgen, NNN President (248) 449-4466 or fknedgen@hotmail.com**

Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Days

DATE: Thursday, September 12 and Saturday, October 12
LOCATION: September 12: Novi City Hall, 45175 W. 10 Mile Rd. (between Novi and Taft Roads-use High School parking lot entrance on 10 Mile Rd., West of the light at city hall). October 12: behind RRASOC, 20000 W. 8 Mile Road (enter via Maple Ridge, North off of 8 Mile, just East of Evergreen Road).
TIME: 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. both days
DETAILS: Residents may take used computer equipment, oil-based paint (no latex paint), household and automotive batteries, pesticides, herbicides, cleaners, fluorescent light bulbs and other common household chemicals from their homes, garages and workshops. These are the final two days for 2002 for drop off.
PHONE: For more information including tips on drying out latex paint, call RRRASOC at 248-208-2270.

Rotary names new president

Joseph Carrier was elected president of the Novi Rotary, to serve for one year beginning July 1, 2002. He is a partner of Carrier, Blackman & Associates, P.C., an intellectual and industrial property law firm in Novi specializing in patent, trademark, copyright, trade secret matters, computer/software law, and related licensing and litigation.

As president of the 42-member club, which received its charter from Rotary International in 1959, Carrier will be responsible for strengthening the group's participation in community and international service projects while attracting new membership. The group meets every Thursday at noon at Novi United Methodist Church on 10 Mile Road, just west of Meadowbrook Road.

Carrier, a Paul Harris Fellow and past Rotarian of the year for the group, said "I am truly honored to be president of Novi Rotary, an organization whose past and current members are closely tied with the emergence and development of Novi as a truly wonderful city to live and work in. I look forward to working with my fellow Rotarians in continuing to serve this fine community through our local projects including Rotary Park, as well as our national and international projects (including eradication of polio) which help to bring peace and world understanding. I would like to personally invite all local business, government and community leaders to come to one of our weekly lunch meetings to see what we do and to learn what Rotary's motto, "service above self," is all about."

Quick Date

DATE: Sept. 10
LOCATION: 5th Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Rd., Novi
TIME: 7 p.m.
DETAILS: Meet 10-15 new people for 5 minutes each. It's fast-paced, fun & exciting! Pre-registration required.
PHONE: (517) 552-0673 or www.quickdateinfo.com.

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TDS Metrocom joins competition for local service

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

For those who thought there was only one local telephone service provider in town, representatives from TDS Metrocom want all Novi residents to know they have arrived.

The recently-added member to the Novi Chamber of Commerce provides telephone service to southeast Michigan homes and businesses along the Interstate 275 corridor from Novi to Romulus plus Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti.

When talking about the basics, executives said their company offers the same thing as another heavily-used telephone service provider in the area.

But when it comes to service, TDS Metrocom marketing manager Cathy Sionkowski says that is one of the factors separating Metrocom from the competition.

"If a customer calls, they will actually get a person answering to help," she said.

Sionkowski said all customer service representatives are trained and willing to help.

Metrocom also offers customers the guarantee they will never be without a phone through the company's cellular phone program.

The marketing manager said the company offers every customer a cellular phone to use if they are ever without service.

"The biggest thing is people have a choice," Sionkowski said referring to the myth there is only one telephone service provider for Novi residents.

Another factor setting TDS apart from the competition is the company's facilities based, which Sionkowski said in part means the company provides its own service.

If a customer calls, a TDS truck will pull up in the driveway, she said.

So enough with the talk, what does Metrocom charge?

Right now, the company offers a \$30 a month package deal when customers sign a 24-month service agreement.

The "Value Unlimited" plan, includes caller ID, voicemail, automatic callback (*69), call waiting, call blocking, three-way calling, unlimited local calling and 250 minutes per month of

free long distance/toll calling. After the 250 minutes, long distance and toll calls are 9.5 cents per minute.

Metrocom representatives said taxes and other charges are not included in the \$30, but would be the same as what is on a consumer's current monthly telephone bill.

"We save people generally 25 to 30 percent a month," Sionkowski said. "Most of the people who switch want to talk about it and sing our praises."

Sionkowski said for most customers there would be no charge to switch over to Metrocom unless clients are making large changes to their services.

"If it is just apples for apples, there is no additional cost," she said.

Sionkowski said 99.9 percent of the time, the switch goes smoothly.

"And if not, we stay until the job is done," she said.

One call to TDS takes care of everything and the switch usually takes anywhere from two weeks to one month.

Presales in the Novi area started in May and actual customer switches began in October.

According to data compiled by Metrocom, in the Novi area, including Farmington and Northville, TDS Metrocom has signed up 893 business and 360 residential customers so far.

"It is nice to be in a company that cares about its employees and customers and wants to do a good job," Sionkowski said.

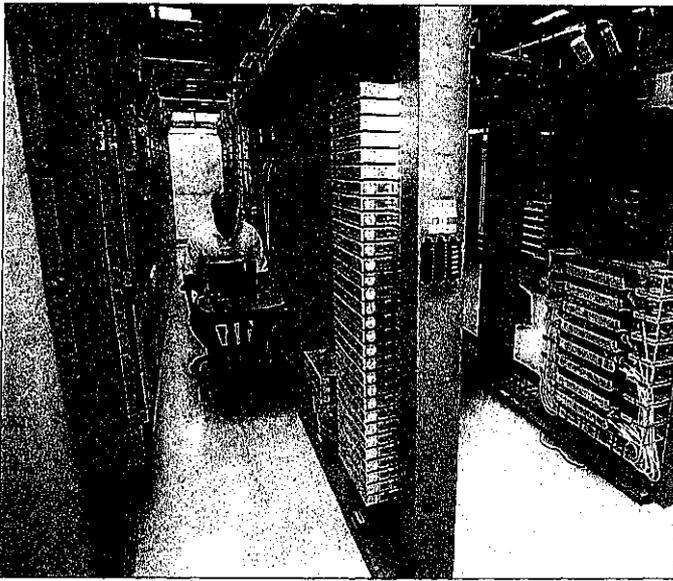
TDS Metrocom was founded in 1997 and services about 3 million customers in 38 states.

The phone service provider is a subsidiary of TDS Telecom, a diversified telecommunications corporation founded in 1969.

TDS Telecom is part of the Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. family of companies and its stock has been publicly traded on the American Stock Exchange under the symbol TDS since 1982.

For more information, call TDS Metrocom at 888-655-4745 or visit www.dsmetro.com.

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TDS employee Larry Bruekman works in their switching station on Five Mile Road near Sheldon last Thursday afternoon.

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Building a Legace

Red Wing Manny Legace is making a life in the NHL, Novi

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Yes, Virginia — dreams can come true.

In a day and age where many young people have to wait and wonder if getting that fat-figged goal for themselves is even worth the trouble of dreaming one up, a shining example that it is indeed comes skating out onto the ice and takes his place between the posts of the goal. His face is covered with a state-of-the-art goalie mask, but all one has to do is glance at the bright red 34 on the Red Wing jersey to know who it is — Manny Legace.

Life wasn't always one of seven-digit contracts and Stanley Cups for this hockey player. In fact, like many in his sport, Legace, who grew up in Toronto, had to struggle his way through the minors before finally getting to sign his name on a four-year contract that will find him playing in Detroit for years to come.

"It's just comfort and security," said Legace, who lives in Novi, but in the Northville school district. "I have a wife and two kids. Before, we had to battle from paycheck to paycheck in the minors. Now, here I am, and if I am smart with my money I won't have to worry about it for the rest of my life. I got to sign a four-year deal, especially with this club, and it was unbelievable."

And of all places to end up, Detroit seems to be a perfect fit for the 29-year-old goalie — who's full name is Emmanuel Francis Legace II, named after his father.

"The fans here are phenomenal," Legace said. "Can't ask for more out of hockey fans. It's such a thrill just to play for them. They just live and die red. I've never seen anything like it and I have played in a lot of cities. Everywhere you go, everyone knows who you are and wish you the best. This is a special place for hockey players. A very special place."

Legace said he found it hard to believe that the Red Wings were even looking at bringing him in to play in Hockeytown.

"I became a free agent and the next morning my agent called me at 9 a.m.," he said. "When he said that Detroit wanted to sign me, I told him that it wasn't very funny. What was he trying to do, kill me? Two days later, I was signed. It was remarkable."

He noted that absorbing into the Detroit hockey family wasn't that difficult at all.

"There are no egos with these guys," Legace said. "With all of that talent, there should be egos flying around the dressing room, but everyone gets along with everyone else."

Legace said that with other programs and other teams, there may be players who dislike each other so much, they won't even speak to one another off the ice. But with the Red Wings, disagreements and problems between players are solved different than most.

"You might get mad at a guy because you are around them everyday for six months," Legace said. "If Darren McCarty hits me in the head, I have to straighten him out. Then, he throws me across the locker room and it's done. That's how things are in a family, and that's what we are."

When he first came to the Detroit area to play, he and his wife, Karen, along with their two children — Sabrina, who is 7 years old, and Manny III, who turns 4 this month — found themselves renting Chris Chelios' home in West Bloomfield — but it wasn't working out very well.

"I didn't really like the commute," Legace said. "Taking the Lodge Freeway everyday...it was always jammed."

So they began looking for another area to live in.

"We looked in a lot of places, but we were just out of the minors and our budget was kind of low. I found that the houses here are just astronomical," Legace said. "We looked around where all of the other guys lived, but Chris Osgood lived in Northville and told me to look around this side."

Legace did indeed find a comfortable place for himself and his family.

"Novi is a great place," he said. "I just love it. I wouldn't want to live any where else. We have great neighbors and if we need anything, we can find it in Novi or Northville."

In most cases, when a professional athlete moves into an area, they are probably going to be visited by curious and well-wishing neighbors — Legace was no different.

"It's funny," he said. "I'm a nobody. We moved in and in the first week people were stopping by and knocking on the door asking if I was there, which I never was."

But that didn't make a difference to Legace and his family. Once they settled in and got to know their neighbors, they were quite happy with the area that they chose to live.

"They are perfect and I couldn't ask for better neighbors," he said. "There are four families that live in our cul de sac, and a bunch of kids. Every Saturday, the adults are out having fun and the adults are drinking a few cocktails. It's great."

Once Legace signed his name on the dotted line for his four-year contract with the Wings, questions started to be asked.

"They were all razzing me," he said. "I signed a new deal and they all said I was probably going to move and be gone. Why would I move? It's a great neighborhood and I have great neighbors. I plan on living in this area as long as I am here."

When the Legaces are home and they have the chance to go out and grab a bite to eat as a family, it might not be uncommon to see the Legace gang sitting down to Chinese food at the China Cafe or having a nice meal at the Lazy Lizard Cantina.

With a new season of hockey getting geared up and ready to go, Legace once again finds himself playing the role of a back-up goalie — this time behind the strong net-guarding abilities of former Toronto Maple Leaf Curtis Joseph, better known by hockey fans as "Cujo."

"I was hoping they were going to go out and get a guy that I could battle with for the starting spot," Legace said. "Maybe a guy that was in the twilight of his career and had already won a Cup. Maybe a guy that was willing to let me try and take over."



Photo by John Heider

Northville High School golfer sensation Kate McDonald watches as her family friend and Red Wings' goalie Manny Legace illustrates a story as the two prepared to tee off at Tanglewood golf course last Friday.

But Legace knows what kind of abilities it takes to start over players like last-year starter Dominik Hasek and this year's Joseph.

"Guys like Dom and Cujo, you just aren't going to be taking their starting job, no matter how well you play," Legace said. "You are not going to play in front of Hasek and only a few could play in front of Cujo. I am just not one of those guys. I understand my role and I have to be prepared to do it. If not, I need to be somewhere else."

Legace is ready to be the back-up goalie for the 2002-2003 season, and he knows what it takes to do it and do it well.

"Being a back-up goalie, you don't play for three weeks and then they throw you in the fire and expect you to play well," he said, noting that having the likes of Brendan Shanahan, Brett Hull and Sergei Fedorov makes that life just a little bit easier. "When you have Shanahan blasting one-timers at you in practice and Hull firing

rockets before Sergei comes up and makes moves, it makes it a little easier.

"Those kinds of hands, they're (faking) you left, right and center and end up sticking your cup four rows up. It just makes it a lot easier to jump into a game after a four week lay-off. Hockey is not an easy game at all, but it makes it easier."

And being a professional athlete also has its trying moments. Losing, of course, is one of them, but the thought of being hounded for autographs by fans or being dogged for interviews by reporters could become annoying for some — but not Legace.

"Actually, it's fun," he said. "I enjoy every second of it, to be honest with you. It's a perk. There are days that you are just like 'Leave me alone.' But people want my autograph, so why would I turn them down?"

Of all people who ask for autographs, Legace said that he will never turn down a kid who wanted

one. The reason for which stemmed from an incident when he was a kid himself.

"I was standing in Maple Leaf Garden once and Rick Vaive scored 50 goals that year," Legace said. "Our hockey team was the only team there after practice and all of the guys stopped and signed for our team. Rick Vaive was the last guy out and he ran by us saying he was too busy to sign autographs. I told myself that I would never do that."

There are times that Legace thinks twice about signing away through.

"The people outside of our hotels that are getting autographs are usually just there to get them and sell them," he said. "That's not right, that they are trying to make money off of you. But a kid wanting an autograph? Any day of the week."

And Legace is also aware of his position as a role model. He knows that there are kids out there who look to him as someone they would like to be one day.

"Poor kids," Legace said with a laugh. "It's actually a real honor when kids look up to you and say they want to be like you. Some athletes go around saying they are a role model, but you are if you like it or not. What you do is in the public eye and kids look up to you and who you are. We are all humans, and we make mistakes like everyone does, but now we have to think about what our mistakes will do. Kids look up to you and think if their role models can do it, they can do it. It's sad that kids are that way, but that's the way the world is."

Legace said that the idea of athletes being role models to kids really struck home once he had kids of his own. He realized that they would one day be looking to the television and looking up to singers, actors and athletes and hoping that they would one day be like them.

"I know my kids won't be looking to me when they get older," Legace said. "They are going to see what happens on TV and see their role models getting arrested. With the way the news is today, something happens and two seconds later it's everywhere. It's tough knowing that I am in the public eye, but athletes and role models have to know what they are doing, because my kids won't be listening to their dad, that's for sure."

For Legace, dreams do come true — just as they can for aspiring athletes and those who set lofty goals. Legace has lived the life that many dream about but few attempt and has become successful in the process.

"It wasn't [a fairy tale] in the beginning, but it is now," Legace said. "Being in the league for technically three years and winning a Cup, who could ask for more? I had my kids there to see it and we were out on the ice after with my parents and my wife celebrating. It's hard to explain. It's just phenomenal."

From the minors to the Stanley Cup — yes, Manny Legace, dreams do come true.

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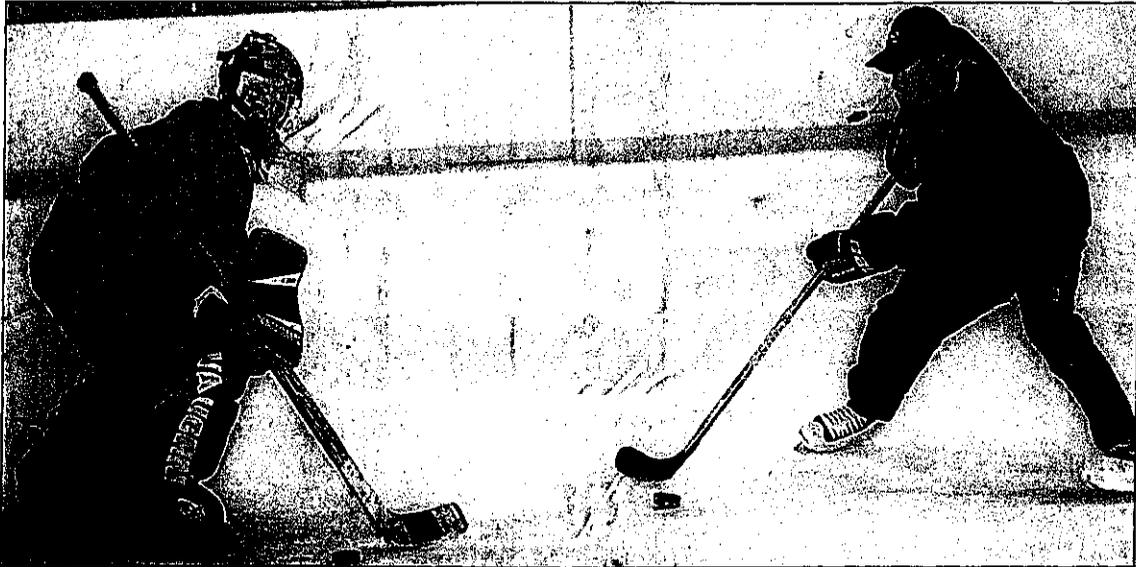


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Red Wings' goalie Manny Legace, right, tries to score on one of the net-minders attending his Legace Goalie Camp at Plymouth's Arctic Pond last Thursday.

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