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Legislators push child safety bills

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

State Reps Nancy Cassis (R-*Novi*) and Laura Toy (R-*Livonia*) came to Orchard Hills Elementary School Sept. 27 to push legislation they believe will give abducted and endangered children around the state a better chance of coming home safely.

Surrounded by school officials, like recently-appointed Novi School Board member Dave Brown, and law enforcements officials like Novi Police Chief Doug Shafer and Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard, along with several local GOP candidates, Cassis said she and Toy are heading a bipartisan effort to improve the sta-

tus of the state's Amber Alert program by putting it into law.

Amber Alert, a nationwide voluntary cooperation program between broadcasters and local law enforcement, was created in 1996 following the kidnapping and murder of 9-year-old Amber Hagerman in the Dallas, Texas suburb of Arlington. The program was introduced in Michigan a year ago last June.

Cassis and Toy now want to put into law what has been a voluntary arrangement for a little over 18 months.

"In just a short time, Amber Alert has become an essential lifesaving tool in the critical first 24 hours of an abduction," said Cassis, R-*Novi*. "Like the severe weather bulletins we see and

hear, Amber Alerts have become a vital way to save precious lives."

Cassis noted that in an abduction, a child can be spirited away at more than a mile a minute, making getting information to the public as soon as possible critical.

Cassis said her bill, the Michigan Alert Act (HB6444), and Toy's, the Child Broadcast Alert Act (HB6445), gives additional status to the Amber Alert program and opens the door for possible future federal funding.

The state's broadcast community is, at best, ambivalent about the legislation. Karole L. White, president of the Michigan

Association of Broadcasters (MAB) in Lansing said the state's 285 radio and television stations already voluntarily participate in the program and 75 percent of the Amber Alerts issued in the past year-and-a-half have resulted in children being returned home safely.

She said the most recent one was last Thursday in Howell when a young girl left a suicide note at home and went to school with some of her mother's medications. White said broadcasters in Metro Detroit and the Lansing area issued alerts and the girl who had walked away from her school was found unharmed.

Early last month a Novi girl escaped a kidnapped attempt just yards from her home.

"We need to do all we can to protect our children and ensure their safe return," declared Toy. "By improving and expanding upon the notification system we use to search for them, hopefully we can save more lives."

Cassis noted that since its introduction last year, Amber Alerts have been used successfully 21 times in Michigan alone.

Cassis' plan calls on the Michigan State Police to develop an Amber Alert Plan, but White noted the agency already has one in place. White explained the state is split into 12 regions based

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WL Police looking for attempted abduction information

On September 30, at approximately 7:50 a.m., an unknown white male attempted to lure a 13-year-old female into his vehicle in the area of South Commerce and Wanda in the City of Walled Lake.

A preliminary description of the suspect is that of a slender white male in his 50s, several days of facial hair growth, and wearing a navy blue baseball cap.

The vehicle is described as an older model, possibly a 1980s, smaller red pickup truck, unknown make. The vehicle was last seen westbound on Wanda from the location of the incident.

An investigation is ongoing at this time and there have been no other reported incidents of this type. Any information regarding this incident should be directed at Sergeant Liddy or Detective Bosley at (248) 624-3111.

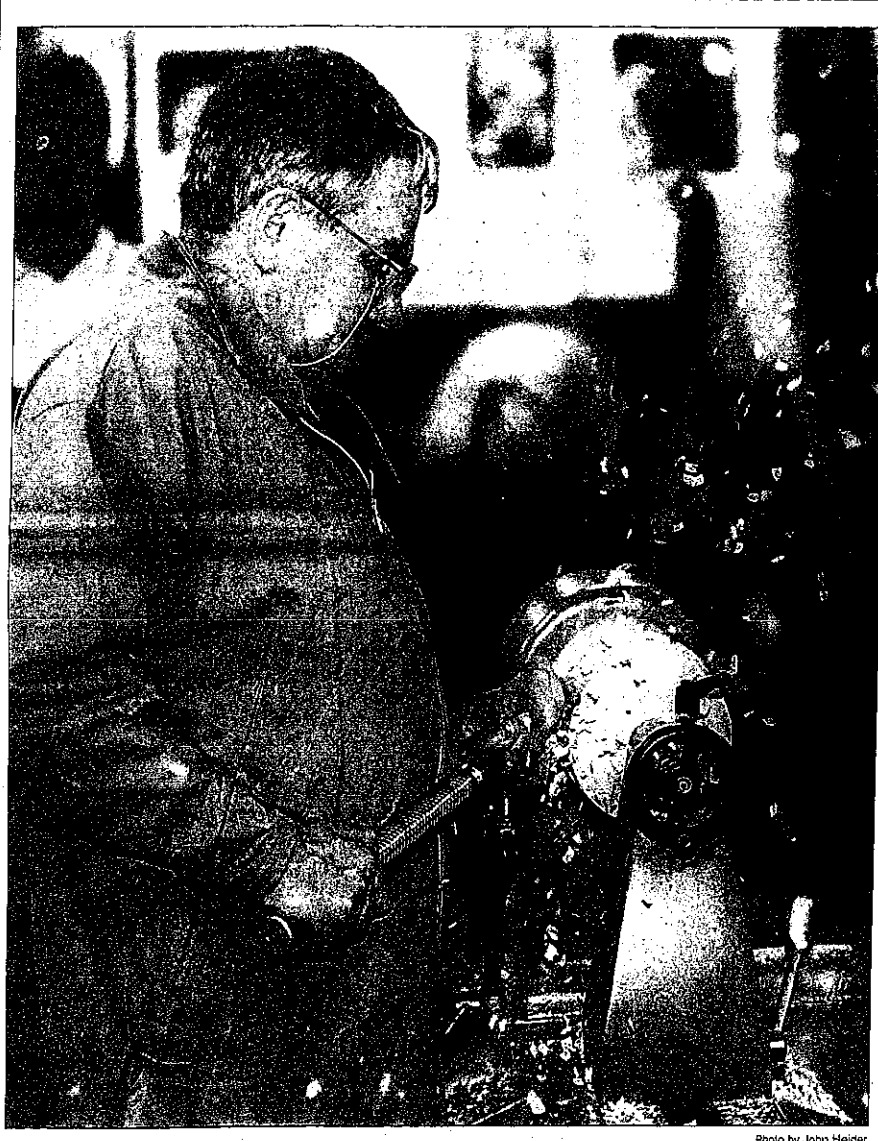


Photo by John Heider

Chippin' away

As wood chips fly about, Scotland's Stuart Mortimer, author of "Techniques of Spiral Work" operates a lathe and begins to shape a piece of ash into a round bowl during last Friday's Woodworkers Show at the Novi Expo Center. The show ran through Sunday.

Shuptrine shutting its doors

■ It's good night Gracie for Scott Shuptrine, but Art Van moves on

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

Another venerable Metro Detroit retailing name is about to disappear, but the owners of Scott Shuptrine Furniture say it's about focus, not failure.

According to Cathy DiSante, director of marketing for the family-owned, Warren-based Art Van Furniture, the Van Eislander family decided last month to close its three Shuptrine stores in order to put more resources into its Art Van chain.

The Van Eislander family owns 28 Art Van stores in 26 cities across the state. In 1959, Art Van Eislander opened a one-man, 4,000-square foot store in what is today Eastpointe. Art Van, said DiSante, caters to the mid-range furniture buyer.

In 1986 the family purchased Scott Shuptrine, a prestigious Grosse Pointe fine furniture dealer offering design services to its clientele. Schuptrine catered to the high end furniture buyer and that market, said DiSante "has had a very difficult year. Sales have been sluggish."

The company marked its 75th anniversary earlier this year by announcing it would help underwrite the Chamber Music Society of Detroit's 2002-03 season. While Shuptrine had a high profile name, DiSante noted the company never had more than three stores.

In addition to its Novi store, Shuptrine has a store in Troy and one in Petoskey that's only been open since April.

All three began going out of

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Progress 2002

Our annual look at business leaders in your community.

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County helps catholic school move to Novi

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

Catholic Central High School of Detroit took another small step closer to moving from its "temporary" home in Redford to its permanent home in Novi recently when the Oakland County Commission approved issuing tax-free bonds to help move the 74-year-old school from Wayne County to Oakland.

Fr. Richard J. Elmer, CSB, Catholic Central's president, said Frank and Colleen Pellerito donated 60 acres on Wixom Road between Grand River and the Island Lake development to the Basilian Fathers for a high school to house between 1,000 and 1,100 boys. He said Catholic Central's

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Experts urge Novi motorists: Be alert for deer

■ Although area highly populated, deer crashes are still common

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

A young man's fancy may turn to love in the springtime, but if you're the state game mammal, the fall season is it.

Although Michigan Deer Crash Coalition statistics show Michigan motorists collide with a whitetail deer on average once every eight minutes, the bulk of those crashes occur during the fall rutting season when instinct overcomes caution.

While many people wouldn't think motorists in Novi, with its sprawling commercial areas and burgeoning subdivisions, would have to be very concerned about

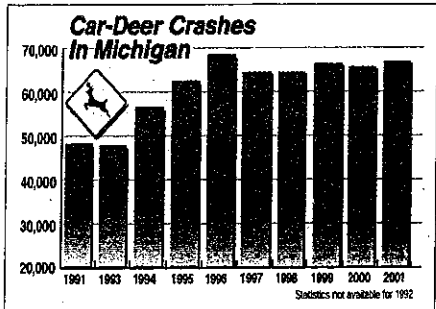
deer, but that's hardly the case.

"We had a motorcyclist clip one in July," noted Novi Police Department Lt. Tim McNamara. He said while the motorcyclist was not seriously injured, the deer suffered a broken leg and had to be destroyed.

Statewide, said Coalition Chairman Richard Miller, deer crashes cost \$130 million in auto repairs last year and claimed 11 lives. The coalition is in the midst of its annual campaign to encourage motorists to "Buckle Up, slow down and stay alert."

No people died in Novi last year; there were 66 accidents involving deer. That, noted Lt. McNamara, was down from the low hundreds in the mid-1980s.

He said the top areas for deer crashes in Novi are the area near 12 Mile Road and M-5.; 10 Mile Road west of Novi Road; the length of Beck Road; and Eight Mile Road near Mayberry State Park.



Rebecca Humphries, head of the state Department of Natural Resource's Wildlife Division, said deer are highly adaptable animals. "Deer can survive in a very small area," she said, adding the most common plants used in residential landscaping are among their favorite foods. She said the small woodlots

left in communities like Novi, combined with the prohibition on hunting in those communities create virtual deer refuges. That leads to inevitable encounters between deer and motorists.

Lt. McNamara said it's especially important to be very alert

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County offers local entrepreneurs business assistance

There's more to opening a business than simply unlocking the door, sitting back and waiting for the money to roll in. Oakland County's Planning & Economic Development Services (PEDS) is offering a series of workshops this month to help new businesses succeed.

The seminars will be held in the Oakland County Executive Office Building, 2200 N. Telegraph 34 East, in Pontiac. Small business owners will get the opportunity to learn to write a Business Plan Oct. 10 from 9 a.m. to noon. The fee is \$40, which includes all materials. Space is limited, so pre-registration is required. Call (248) 858-0783 for directions and registration.

The Michigan Women's Council and Oakland County Planning & Economic Development Services will hold a Certification Orientation Session for Women Business Owners Oct. 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

The seminar is aimed at businesses that are at least 51 percent owned, operated, and controlled by women, and need resources to help them expand and finance their business growth. The fee is \$25 per person. Due to space limitations, pre-registration is required at (734) 677-1400.

Federal Small Business Administration micro-loans will be the focus of a workshop hosted by the Michigan Women's Council and Oakland County Planning & Economic Development Services Oct. 18 from 11 a.m. to noon. Micro-loans range from \$500 to \$35,000 and the seminar will cover loan application procedures, use of funds and more. The fee is \$25 per person. Due to space limitations, pre-registration is required at (734) 677-1400.

Finance options for small business owners will be examined Oct. 31, 8:45 a.m. to noon in a seminar covering the "5 C's of Credit." Participants will learn what a banker looks for in a loan application, how a lender analyzes an applicant, and the essential financial statements, and SBA's Loan Guaranty Programs. The fee is \$20 per person and includes program materials and refreshments. Reservations are required. Call (248) 858-0783. Additional workshops will be held in November and December. For more information on services available through PEDS visit its Web site at <http://www.oakcountylandmi.us/peds>.

Calendar of Events

City of Novi Teen Cedar Point Trip
DATE: Saturday, Oct. 5
DETAILS: Area teens are invited to travel to Cedar Point for some spooky fun.
PHONE: For information, call 248-347-0400.

Borders Bookstore events
DATE: Saturday, Oct. 5
TIME: 11 a.m.
DETAILS: Extra special story-time with Biscuit the Dog, discover new books with your friend, Biscuit. By collecting punches on your Explorer Card, each time you buy 10 items from the Children's department, you will receive a coupon good for \$5 off your next purchase of a children's item at any U.S. Borders Books & Music store.

Roses West Rose Society Meeting: Meeting, Roofing and Building Roses
DATE: Friday, Oct. 4
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center
TIME: 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
DETAILS: One-on-one speaker and hands-on instruction, Paul Schell, Social hour with parties and coffee. Free and open to the public.
PHONE: For details, contact Pat @ (248) 449-4626.

13th Annual Fall Detroit Camper & RV Show
DATE: Wednesday - Sunday, Oct. 2-6

LOCATION: Novi Expo Center, Novi Road between I-96 and Grand River Avenue
TIME: Wednesday - Friday, 12-9 p.m. Saturday and 12-4 p.m. Sunday

DETAILS: All Current model and 2003 RVs, ranging from \$5,000 to more than \$400,000. Will be on display, including folding campers, motor homes, travel trailers, truck campers, park models and fifth wheel travel trailers at this annual event hosted by the Michigan Association of Recreation Vehicles and Campgrounds. Adult admission (age 15 and up) is \$7.75; children age 14 and under get in free. Seniors admission \$5 on Wednesday, October 2, and Thursday, October 3 (no coupon necessary).
PHONE: Call (517) 349-8881 or visit marvaca.org for additional information.

Novi High School Fall Choir Concert
DATE: Monday, Oct. 7
LOCATION: Novi High School, Finest Auditorium, (10 Mile Rd. between Novi Rd. and Taylor)
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
DETAILS: Free, Public invited. Come and enjoy a full evening of beautiful choral music.
PHONE: Novi High School office, 248-449-1509

Quick Date
DATE: Tuesday, Oct. 8
LOCATION: 5th Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi
TIME: 7 p.m.
DETAILS: Meet 10-15 new people for 5 minutes each. It's fast-paced, fun & exciting! Cost is \$40. Pre-registration is required.
PHONE: (517) 552-4673 or www.quickdateinfo.com

Novi Chamber of Commerce New Member Reception
DATE: Tuesday, Oct. 8
LOCATION: Borders Book & Music
TIME: 8 - 9 p.m.
DETAILS: A networking opportunity and business card exchange for new and old chamber members alike.
PHONE: For more information including tips on drying out latex paint, call RRRASOC at (248) 208-2270.

Free College Financial Aid Workshop
DATE: Tuesday, October 8
LOCATION: Wilson Public Library

TIME: 6 p.m.
DETAILS: Discover how you can save yourself thousands of dollars when sending your child off to college! This FREE seminar shows parents the best kept secrets of getting the most money possible. The truth about college funding and financial assistance programs will provide you the right knowledge when you're ready to fill out applications, and avoid costly mistakes so many families make. Space is limited. Call for details and reservation.
PHONE: (248) 889-5807

Tenth Annual Fall Remodeling Show
DATE: Oct. 11-13
LOCATION: Novi Expo Center located at I-96 and Novi Rd.

TIME: Friday, noon-9 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
DETAILS: Over 200 exhibitors featuring the latest technology, products and services for kitchens, baths, doors, windows, remodeling, maintenance, furniture, decorative accessories, spas, electronics, heating, cooling and appliances, adults \$6; seniors \$5; children 12 and under admitted free. Ample parking available at Novi Expo Center for a fee.
PHONE: 24-hour public information: (248) 862-1019 or www.builders.org

Household Hazardous Waste Dump Off Days
DATE: Saturday, October 12
LOCATION: behind RRRASOC, 20300 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.

Annual Health Expo
DATE: Friday, Oct. 18
LOCATION: Grand Court, Novi, 45182 West Park Drive
TIME: 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
DETAILS: Offering: flu shots, blood pressure, hearing and cholesterol screening, bone density and blood glucose testing. Various health seminars will be held at different times throughout the day.
PHONE: For more information call: Anne Cooper, Marketing Director, 248-669-5330.

Lakes Baptist Church Special Speaker
DATE: Sunday, October 20
LOCATION: Lakes Baptist Church, 309 Becker Rd., Walled Lake (north of I-4 Mile).
TIME: 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

DETAILS: Pastor Alexander Timoteyev, of Kirovo-Cheptesk, Russia will be sharing how God is working in the churches of the former Soviet Union. Public is invited to attend, a staffed nursery will be provided.
PHONE: Lakes Baptist Church, 248-624-2900.

Artistic Self-Help Class
DATE: Wed., Oct. 23 & 30 and Nov. 6
TIME: 12-30-2:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Senior Center, 25075 Meadowbrook, Novi
DETAILS: \$30 per person; \$5 companions rate; register by Oct. 16
PHONE: (248) 347-0421, Mon.-Fri. 9-4 p.m.

Halloween Party
DATE: Sat., Oct. 26, 2002
TIME: 7-10 p.m.
LOCATION: All Star Gymnastics, 22815 Heslip Dr. (off 9 Mile, 1 block E of Novi Rd.), Novi
DETAILS: 6 years up and older. Must pre-register. Pizza and drinks provided. Cost: \$15.
PHONE: (248) 380-5330

Induction Seminar by Welduction Corporation
DATE: Friday, November 8
LOCATION: Wyndham Garden Hotel
DETAILS: The seminar will include technical sessions and videos covering various induction applications and heat treating systems. Attendees can also tour Welduction's manufacturing and commercial processing facility.
PHONE: To register or for more information, call Welduction Corp., 1-800-798-3042 or (248) 735-2800.

Novi Toastmasters
DATE: First and third Tuesdays of the month
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45173 W. Ten Mile, Novi
TIME: 7-8:30 p.m.
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PHONE: For more information, call Colleen at (248) 685-9226.

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SWOCC studios

Ribbon Cutting & Open House

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It's lights, camera, action at SWOCC

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

Pearse, Talent/Music Show. Two years ago SWOCC won third-place awards in the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors annual competition in California for event coverage, a documentary profile of Farmington and public affairs broadcasting.

The public will get a chance to tour the Southwestern Oakland County Cable Commission's (SWOCC) brand new studios in Farmington Oct. 8.

The commission broadcasts Novi City Council and Planning Commission meetings on Cable Channel 13 and offers public access on Cable Channel 12. Farmington residents find local government on Cable Channel 15 and Farmington Hills residents dial to Cable Channel 8.

Commission spokesman Melissa Coim said the commission has transformed a one-time auto body shop into its headquarters, which it shares with the Farmington Hills Video Division.

Coim said parking for the SWOCC open house will be provided at the Farmer Jack store across the street.

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Novi and Wixom businesses exhibit at Remodeling Show

Hagopian World of Rugs, Outdoor Lighting Perspectives, Patio Enclosures, Inc. and Paynter Floors, Inc. of Novi, and Leifgard Midwest and Safeway Outdoor Lighting of Wixom are featured exhibitors at the Fall Remodeling Show October 11-13, 2002 at the Novi Expo Center.

"We're expecting another great show with over 200 excellent companies on board," said Dan MacLerski, president of Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and of MacLerski Building, Inc. in Troy. "The special show pricing that many exhibitors feature is reason enough to come out and have a look." The non-profit BIA is the sponsor of the event.

Hagopian World of Rugs will feature carpeting and hardwood flooring. Outdoor Lighting Perspectives will exhibit landscape lighting, Patio Enclosures, Inc. will show enclosures and solariums, Paynter Floors, Inc. will present hardwood flooring and cleaning products. Leifgard Midwest will feature gutters and Safeway Outdoor Lighting will exhibit exterior lighting.

A special show highlight is Mad Dog and Merrill, the hilarious grilling buddies. The duo offers professional tips and demonstrates cooking everything for the holiday on the grill from hors d'oeuvres to grilled desserts as seen on CBS and ESPN. Additional show features include Gleaners Community Food Bank display of CANstruction®, sculptural art created from canned and packaged food, perennial plants for sale direct from greenhouses

and growers and DTE Energy's 'Arcs and Sparks' presentations to caution people about electrical safety and the need to play it safe around power lines.

Other highlights include live radio broadcasts of WJR's "Home Improvement Show" Murray Gula and "The Gardening Show" Dean Krauskopf, Showcase of Distinctive Homes, sponsored by BIA, Standard Federal Bank and The Detroit News and Detroit Free Press Classified Marketplace, which offers a free plan book featuring a pictorial display of new homes and a Treasure Chest contest with daily prizes.

Exhibitors will have advice, ideas and innovations on decorating, home repair, remodeling, kitchens, baths, doors, windows, yard/gardens, spas, remodeling, interior design, decorative accessories, home offices, arts and crafts, furniture, electronics, heating, cooling and appliances.

BIA also sponsors the Home Improvement Shows at the Novi Expo Center, The Palace of Auburn Hills and Macomb Sports & Expo Center, Builders Home Show at Cobo Conference-Exhibition Center and Spring Home & Garden Show at Novi Expo Center.

Novi Expo Center is located at 1-96 and Novi Road. Show hours are from noon - 9 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$6 for adults; \$5 for seniors and children 12 and under are admitted free. Ample parking is available at Novi Expo Center for a fee. For more information, visit www.builders.org or call (248) 862-1019.

Courtesy photos

(top right) Gleaners Community Food Bank displays CANstruction®, sculptural art created from canned and packaged food. The team that designed and constructed "The American Flag and Ball/Bat" architectural structure on display included volunteers from Lindhout Associates architects ala pc, Walbridge Aldinger Company, U.S. Foodservice, and Comerica Bank. Gleaners has been nourishing communities by feeding hungry people since 1977. Gleaners Community Food Bank secures, stores and distributes food to over 300 local nonprofit agencies and charities that directly feed the poor and hungry, 59 percent of whom are children and seniors.

(below) A special show highlight is Mad Dog and Merrill, the hilarious grilling buddies. The duo offers professional tips and demonstrates cooking everything for the holiday on the grill from hors d'oeuvres to grilled desserts.



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Contemporary Art

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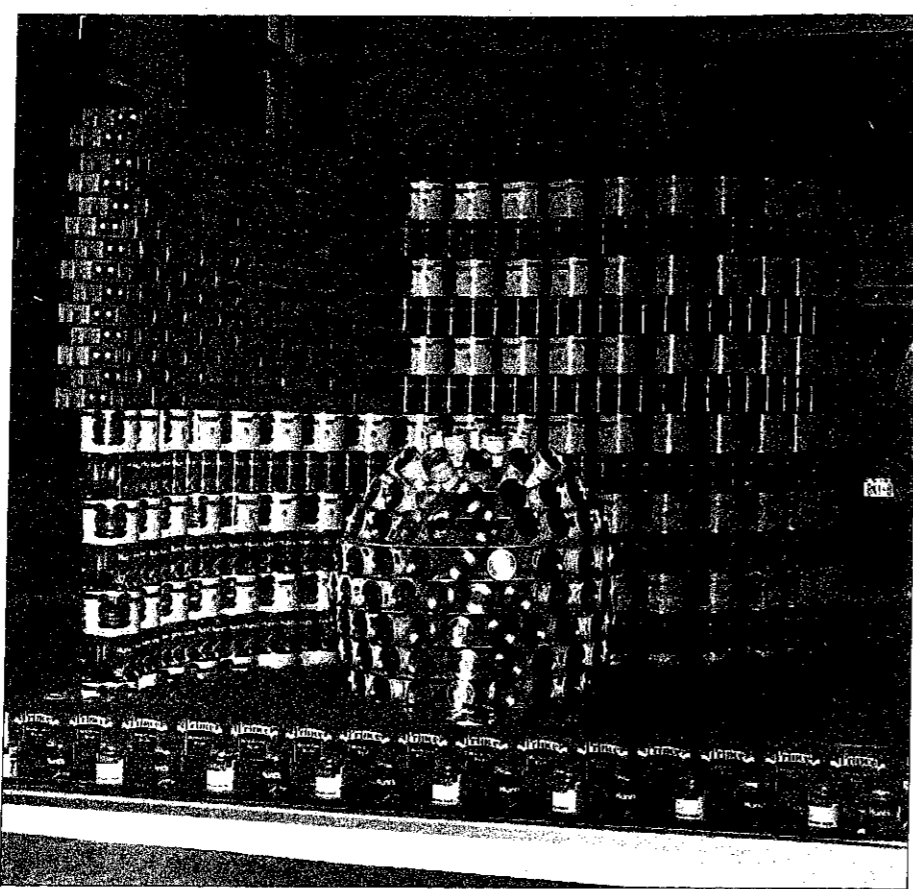
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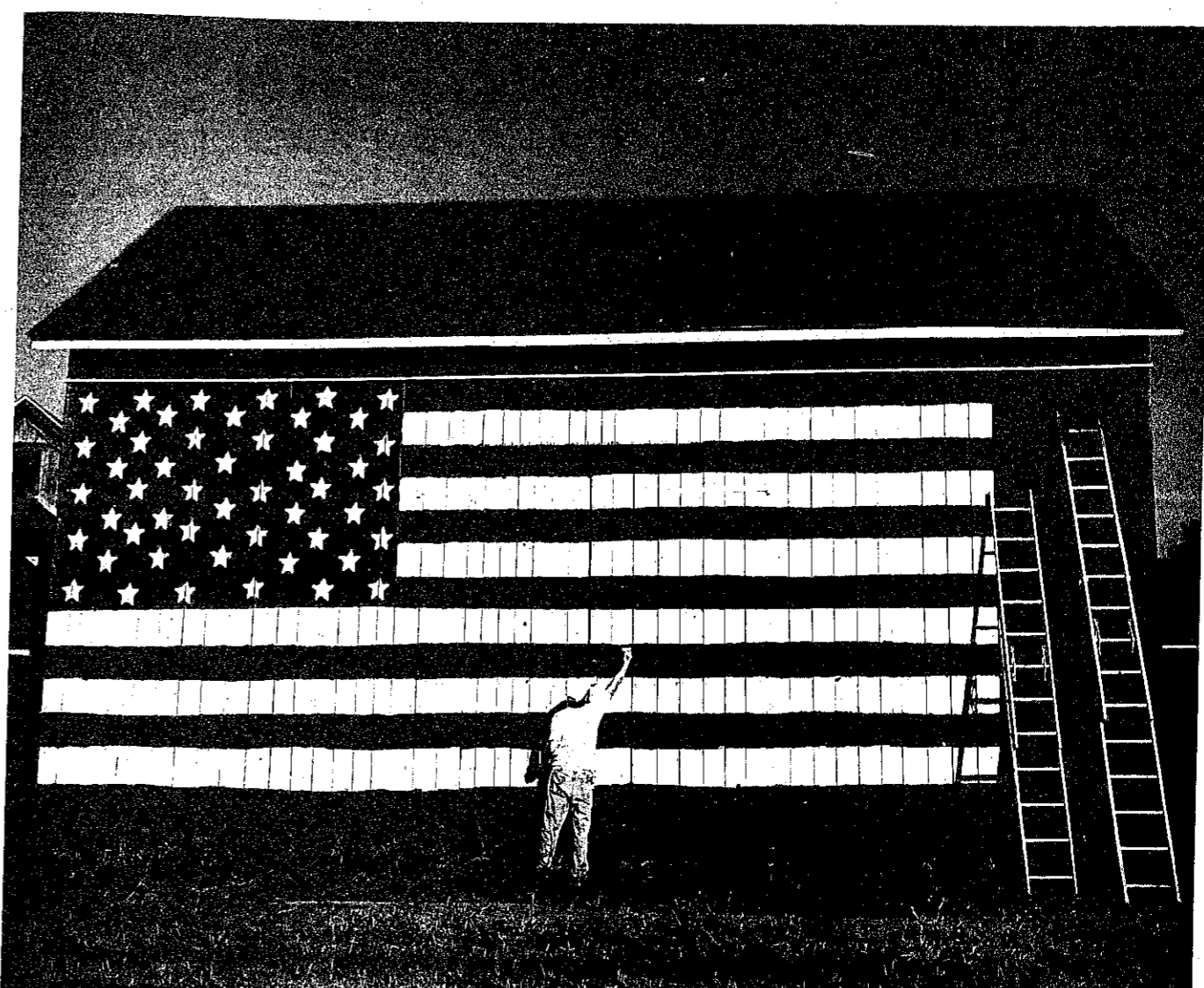
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Comcast Cable makes channel changes

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Effective Tuesday, Oct. 8, the Comcast Cable Company will make changes in the basic (analog) channel lineup for Commerce Township, Highland Township, Ixion Township, Milford, Milford Township, Walled Lake, White Lake Township, Wyandotte, Wyandotte Lake, Lake Angelus, Pontiac and Waterford Township. The changes will preserve vital network capacity and allow Comcast to introduce new services like High-Definition Television (HDTV) in the near future.

Comcast is also introducing the Digital Sneak Preview channel on channel 8, which will give basic cable customers a free preview of the programming available on Comcast Digital Cable. Comcast Digital Cable customers can enjoy more than 250 channels, including dozens of premium movie networks and special sports programming.

The changes that customers will see will allow Comcast to provide new services," Comcast Corporate Affairs Manager Maria Holmes said. "We think this will be great. Customers have told us that they are looking for the next generations of cable services and we feel that this is the beginning of those services. That's what we are trying to do."

Five networks (Disney Channel 67; HBO 2 (channel 69); Starz (channel 70); Encore (channel 72)

and Spice (channel 79) will no longer be available on basic (analog) cable, but are available on Comcast Digital Cable. Comcast will provide all customers with a new channel lineup card and more information on these changes in their September bill.

According to a letter from Holmes to Walled Lake City Clerk Catherine Mosevia, the changes will benefit customers in three ways. Because of \$1 billion of investments in broadband network, Comcast provides High-Speed Internet. That investment also means Comcast will provide new services like Video On Demand.

With Comcast Video on Demand, customers can enjoy new releases, movie favorites and other programming, literally on demand. With a touch of a Comcast Digital Cable remote, customers have full VCR-like control, like stopping, pausing, rewinding, fast-forwarding and watching on-demand programming as many times as they like for 24 hours. Comcast has already introduced Comcast Video On Demand to 400,000 Michigan homes and plan to offer it to almost 1 million homes in Michigan within the next few months.

HDTV technology provides video and audio that is clearer, sharper and more vibrant than previous video transmission systems. Comcast is planning on launching HDTV programming

CHANNEL LINEUP		
Channel/Network	Old channel#	New channel#
TV Guide Channel	19	1 (w/converter)/65 (cable ready)
WDWB-TV20(Detroit)	8	3
WTVS-TV56(Detroit)	3	6
WGN	6	17
The History Channel	28	23
Fox News Channel	23	66
Turner Classic Movies	74	68
Bravo	72	69
HBO	68	74
Cinemax	71	77
CBET-TV9 (Windsor)	17	99

Late payment fees

Comcast has re-adjusted the late payments fee in the Lakes Area from \$3 to \$5. Only customers who have not made a payment within 42 days will be subject to the fee. The fee covers a number of costs related to processing late payments such as separate late notices, etc. The fee is assessed and noted by line item on the bill cycle following the 42nd day. Customers were notified 30 days in advance with the following message: Notice, account subject to a late fee will be charged five dollars beginning next month. Avoid the late fee by ensuring payment in full is made by the due date.

Customer service

Comcast has hired a new executive in charge of customer service. In southeastern Michigan, Comcast has gone from serving about a small amount of people to an overwhelming number of people in the past two years," Regional Director of Corporate Affairs Rich Ruggiero said. "We established this position for Michigan to start looking at our customer service on a day to day basis. Whether by phone, in their homes, or in retail stores, the person hired for the job will make sure employees have the right staffing, training and attitude to deliver good service."

The company can be contacted at (888) COMCAST (266-3278) 24 hours a day.

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Taxpayers get three more years for reviews

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

Legislation approved by State Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-Nowi) will allow Michigan taxpayers up to three years to file an appeal with their local board of review for a homestead exemption refund.

House Bill 5743, was approved Sept. 27 by the Senate Committee on Finance, paving the way for Michigan homeowners to have an easier time receiving homestead exemption refunds.

Representatives from Lansing said under current law, taxpayers may appeal to a July or December review board for an exemption for only the current year and one year back.

The state, on the other hand, may collect money owed by the taxpayer as a result of an improperly claimed exemption up to three previous years.

Representatives said the recently approved legislation, pass the state and the taxpayer on equal footing.

"Equal treatment under the law is especially imperative when it comes to taxes," Cassis said. Allowing Michigan residents to receive exemptions for the same amount of time that treasury can collect is fair and just.

Cassis said if people are due a refund over the last three years, they should have the convenience of appealing locally.

Taxpayers may inadvertently pay too much in taxes if they are not aware of the requirement to file a homestead exemption, she said.

The local lawmaker serves as the chair of the House Tax Policy Committee.

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Library Lines

Novi Public Library

Hours

The Novi Public Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. We are located at 4524 S.W. 10 Mile Road, just east of Taft. For more information, call (248) 349-0720.

The Chapter Club

The Chapter Club, our book discussion group for grades 4-6, meets Saturday, October 5, from 11 a.m.-noon. We'll be discussing "The View From Saturday" by E.L. Konigsburg, snacking on goodies, and playing games. Drop-ins are welcome.

Adult book discussion group

Our October selection is "Girl With a Pearl Earring" by Tracy Chevalier. The group meets Monday, October 7, at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room.

Design-a-Plate days

Design-a-Plate days will be held Tuesday, October 8, and Thursday, October 10, from 4-8 p.m., and Saturday, October 12, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The cost is \$6.00 per plate, payable that day. No registration is necessary.

Senior book discussion group

Senior booklovers are reading "Abigail Adams" by Phyllis Lee Levin for their October meeting. The group meets in the library meeting room on Thursday, October 10, at noon.

Library board meeting

The Novi Library Board of Directors meets Monday, October 14, at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. Community members are welcome to attend.

Chinese painting for teens

Len Alkon will present a hands-on class in Chinese painting for teens in grades 5-12 on Tuesday, October 15, from 7-8 p.m. There is a \$3.00 materials fee for this class. Advance registration is required, please call the library by October 11 to pre-register.

Evaluating Information on the Net

Learn how to evaluate the content of Internet sites on Wednesday, October 9, from 7-9 p.m. We will identify important characteristics in a high-quality Web page that distinguish it from other Web pages on similar topics. The session will include hands-on practice. Please register in advance for all Internet classes in person or by calling the library.

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More Internet for seniors

E-mail is a great way to stay in touch with friends and family, wherever they are! Come and learn the basics of sending and receiving e-mail, and sign up for a free e-mail account on Thursday, October 17, from 1-3 p.m. This class includes interactive discussion and hands-on practice. Suggested prerequisite: "Mastering the Mouse for Seniors."

More Internet for all ages

An advanced Internet class will be held Thursday, October 17, from 7-9 p.m. The class will build on concepts presented in the "Introduction to the Internet" class. Topics include Internet Service Providers, viruses, security, online shopping, and search techniques on various web sites. Includes hands-on practice.

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Backpack safety

Dr. Tom Sladic will be at the library on Tuesday, Oct. 8, at 7 p.m. to discuss backpack safety with school-age children and their parents. Then, at 7:30, there will be an organizational meeting for a parent and teen book discussion program. Students from grades fourth and higher and their parents are encouraged to attend.

Board members needed

The Walled Lake City Library invites civic-minded residents of Walled Lake to join its Board of Trustees. Applications are available at the library. For more information, call (248) 624-3772.

Wixom Library

Wixom Library

The Wixom Public Library is open Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. We are located at 49015 Pontiac Trail, just east of Wixom Road. Phone (248) 624-2512 for more information.

New on the shelf

We are keeping up with the latest trends and have recently added DVD's to our adult and children's movie collections. Both are free to check out for one week. The selections of both VHS and DVD include classics, popular movies, foreign films and some PBS series.

Adult evening programs:

- Manage Stress for the Holidays (October 17)
- Holiday Diet Tips (November 7)

• Herbs for the Holidays (November 12)
All programs are from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Please call to register at (248) 624-2512.

Learn English on the computer

The ELLIS program (English Language Learning Instruction System) is being offered to anyone who wishes to learn English or wants to improve his or her English skills.

- See and hear English in real-life situations
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- Work on a computer in your own language

Please call the library to register for a class at (248) 624-2512.

Book sale

The Friends-of-the-Library Book Sale will be held Thursday, October 24, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Friday, October 25, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Annual Halloween happening

Children ages 2-10 may register. This event will be Saturday, October 26, from 10 a.m. - noon. Participants may trick or treat, create a craft, enjoy a strolling magician, and have their faces painted.

Mother-Daughter Book Club

Daughters in grades fifth through seventh and their moms, or any other special female in their life, may register for this club. It will meet six Wednesday evenings beginning in October. Register in the Children's Department.

Celebrate Children's Book Week

Yvonne Healy, professional storyteller, will present "Stories from the Heart of the World" on Saturday, November 16, at 10:30 a.m. Children ages 2-10 are welcome to register beginning October 16.

Fanatic Friday

Children ages 2-6 with a parent or caregiver may register for a fun morning with stories, songs, snacks, and crafts.

- Friday, November 8 at 10:30 a.m.
- We're Going to the Zoo! Register beginning October 4
- Evening Drop-In Family Story-Time: Children ages 2-6 are welcome to drop in with a parent.
- Monday, October 7, 7:00-7:30 p.m.
- "Alphabetically Speaking"
- Monday, November 4, 7:00-7:30 p.m.
- "We've Got Your Number"

Club helps elementary, middle schoolers be successful

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Walled Lake Community Education in conjunction with Stundial Center has announced a new program, called The Successful Student Club, being offered to elementary and middle school students in the Walled Lake district.

The club is part of the lineup of enrichment classes being offered after school. Stundial Center is a local business dedicated to building the necessary skills that ultimately leads to success.

"The club teaches students how to build study skills, organize information, how to manage their time, take tests and build self-reliance," Enrichment Supervisor at Walled Lake Community Education Lori Harris said. "This teaches them to recognize the way they learn and to build on that. They can carry organizational skills into life post-college too. Middle school students have a lot of responsibility and this will also help kids going into middle school day." Harris said. "It's a positive alternative to late-night or going home alone just to watch television. It's a nice extension to the normal school day."

In addition, Walled Lake Community Education also offers a science club, all sports clubs, a chess club, a math club, a musical strings program, a world language Spanish program and a robotics club.

"We are increasing programs all the time," Harris said. "We call it After School Adventures. We feel it's a fun way for kids to spend time in an organized environment after school. The kids are excited about it too because they can participate with friends. It gives them good alternatives. We try to offer a nice variety of activities so we can give a nice sample of every-

thing." So far, the club has received a lot of positive feedback. "People want to take advantage of it," Harris said. "We feel that kids have nice, well rounded days and parents seem to agree."

For more information, call (248) 956-5000 or visit www.walledlake.k12.mi.us/cecl.

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WL Schools gains 303 more students

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

The unofficial enrollment number for the Walled Lake Consolidated School District in the 2002-03 school year is 14,904, an increase of 303 students from 14,601 in the 2001-02 school year. Utilizing the state's blended count formula this enrollment increase equates to approximately 242 students, 80 percent of the 303, or \$2 million in funding for the school year. If Walled Lake Schools received full funding for the 303 additional students, which it doesn't, the district would receive \$2.6 million.

prior two years we had an additional 300 each of those years," Evola said. "According to the state formula, we receive 80 percent of the 303 in funding for the school year, not 100 percent."

According to Evola, the 303 new students are all in the secondary level, with the gross amount in the middle school and high school levels. "We had several teacher retirements and we hired several teachers," Evola said. "We hired 50 to 60 teachers and we have quite a comprehensive planning process to fill areas that we need for existing teachers and for growth. Staffing is complicated, but we try to maintain optimum student teacher ratios, but we do have classroom restraints. We work with principals as we plan to do that. We believe people are moving to Walled Lake because of the quality school district. School districts are the second major reason why people move."

Public classrooms were installed at Clifford Smart Middle School to accommodate the growth in students.

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K-12 ENROLLMENT		
Walled Lake Consolidated School District's September 4th Friday Official Headcount for 1976-2002		
4th Friday		Total
10/1/76		11,387
9/30/77		11,227
9/29/78		10,948
9/28/79		10,585
9/26/80		10,172
10/2/81		9,699
10/1/81		9,226
9/30/83		9,000
9/28/84		8,880
9/27/85		8,880
9/26/86		8,679
10/2/87		8,844
9/30/88		8,964
9/29/89		9,210
9/28/90		9,555
9/27/91		10,073
10/2/92		10,635
10/1/93		11,038
10/7/94		11,734
10/6/95		12,321
9/27/96		12,831
9/24/97		13,135
9/23/98		13,558
9/22/99		14,057
9/22/00		14,490
9/26/01		14,601
9/25/02		14,904

Heaven knows - we're a winner!

And now it's official, there is a winner of the "Name That Flavor" contest hosted by Guernsey Farms Dairy. In June, customers were asked to help name a fabulous new ice cream flavor and that is exactly what Karen Rudzinski of Novi did. She submitted the winning name "Heavens to Berries."

Rudzinski doesn't just get bragging rights for winning the contest; she and her family also received a certificate good for a year's worth of award-winning Guernsey Farms Dairy ice cream. That breaks down to 104 half gallons of her choice of Guernsey flavors. Rudzinski was all smiles when she discovered she was the winner, when asked what she plans to do with all that ice cream, she said, "Eat it, of course, along with sharing some with friends and bringing to some upcoming parties."

Rudzinski and her family have been Novi residents for 10 years and have been loyal Guernsey customers the past several years. She and her family enjoy Guernsey ice cream and dining in the family-style restaurant. "We eat here often. My daughter Katie is a big fan of your fish and chips," laughed Rudzinski.

The Name That Flavor contest ran from June 3-19. Over 1,800 entries were submitted. Everyone who participated in submitting a name for the new flavor was a winner because each guest received a complimentary ice cream cone certificate.

Enchanted evening raises funds for hospice

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

The evening's not over, but it looks like the Angela Hospice Gala held Saturday at Marc and Eric Gaidobono's Bellagio mansion raised more than \$25,000 for the care of the terminally ill.

"It was one of those nights, it was electric," offered Marc Gaidobono, who along with his brother owns Cambridge Homes, Inc., the developer of The Bellagio a gated community of 55 estates off Beck Road between 8 and 9 Mile roads.

"Honey, you had to be there to see how wonderful everything was perfect. The food was perfect. And a lot of people got help."

Located on Newburg Road at Schookraft, Angela Hospice has assisted over 7,000 patients and their families since opening its doors in 1985. The group expects to help more than 500 Michigan families this year at their homes and the 16-bed Angela Hospice Care Center.

D'Como noted Angela Hospice offers one of only two pediatric programs in the United States, "My Best is Best." The other she said is based in California.

Angela Hospice also runs "The Good Samaritan" program which provides care for those who cannot afford the services.

Gaidobono and D'Como agreed the weather was perfect for the event, which featured 25 local models showing off the fall collection of Irving, Calif.-based St. John's fall collection. Locally, the designer has a store in the Somerset Collection.

The 11,000 square foot Bellagio mansion was first used as a back drop for a pre-event party last year for the hospice's 14th annual "Light up a Life Benefit."

D'Como, who has lived in Northville for 13 years, said she's known the Gaidobonos since their father did the cement work on her first home. She noted that even though she vocally opposed Marc on another development, when she asked for his support for the hospice, "My Best is Best," she just stood up and said yes. He just stood up and said yes.

The more than 200 people who came to the Bellagio mansion Saturday were treated to a night of pure glitz. Jeff Slater, owner of Detroit's Smoke Brothers trimmed out the three story home in purple and gold using hydrangeas, blue Curiosa roses and purple Danerovium orchids. "The flowers were gorgeous," gushed Northville resident Diana Smith, who came with her husband, Republic Bank's Dan Smith.

Another Northville resident, Matt Hatz, bid \$25,000 on a Fat Boy Harley-Davidson motorcycle from Motor City Harley.

The Bellagio mansion, which currently serves as the sales office for Cambridge Homes, features a 2,000-bottle wine cellar, a home theater and five fireplaces. The mansion is valued at \$13.5 million. Other homes in the development range between \$900,000 and \$5 million.

The Sheila Ludis Light Jazz Quartet set the mood while guests strolled the grounds sampling selections from McCormick & Schmied, Bacco, Coroparis, Samuini's, Sweet Loupaine's, Mazzo's, Palko, Joe's Produce and Little Italy.

D'Como said the event went so well that she's looking forward to doing it again next year, "but right now I need to get some sleep."

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Wixom council to hold hearing on county tax exemption

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

The Wixom City Council adopted a resolution setting a public hearing on the Second Amendment and Restatement to the City of Wixom Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) Plan a regular meeting of City Council scheduled to be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 12.

By adopting this resolution, the Board of Commissioners has exempted Oakland County's taxes from capture by the City of Wixom Downtown Development Authority. The LDFA allows a city to earmark certain developments to utilize property tax dollars that are generated from that project for special improvements like road improvements," Finance Director Kevin Brady said. "They relate to businesses in the LDFA area, which is our whole industrial area. Often road improvements are a vehicle you can use the LDFA as a vehicle to take property tax revenues and allocate it towards a road project."

According to a document prepared by City Clerk Linda Kirby, the City of Wixom established a Local Development Finance Authority on April 25, 1989 and designated the LDFA District. City Council approved the LDFA's initial Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan on May 21, 1991 and approved the first Amendment and Restatement on July 14, 1992. Funds captured within the LDFA District (New Brighton property) were used along with Category A funds to do road improvements at the Pontiac Trail and Wixom Road intersection.

A Second Amendment and Restatement to the City of Wixom LDFA Plan, prepared by Carlisle/Warman Associates, Inc. and Mike McGee, bond counsel, has indicated his comfort with the document as prepared. The amendments to the LDFA Plan incorporate statutory changes that were made in 2000 to Act 281, Public Acts of Michigan, 1998. The amendments also enable existing and future funds to be spent on the Wixom Road Eastern Realignment Project, more commonly known as the Johanna Wade Expressway.

"There are requirements that you have to follow if you are making an amendment to a plan," Brady said. "In effect, the LDFA was changing the project scope. Originally it had two projects to do when it was created. One is done and the other was to build an East/West road connector. It has been slightly modified over the years, so we asked the LDFA to amend it. In addition there were changes to the LDFA law, so we updated the Plan as well. We are having a public hearing and we are taking it to city council."

At a meeting of the LDFA held on September 19, 2002, members of the board in attendance adopted by unanimous vote a resolution approving the Second Amended and Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan of the LDFA. The plan is attached to the LDFA Resolution as Exhibit A and will be considered for approval by Council following the public hearing on the Plan and determina-

tion by Council that the Plan constitutes "Public Purpose." Representatives from the City of Wixom have met twice with the Oakland County Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District Ad Hoc Review Committee concerning the proposed expansion of Wixom's Downtown Development Authority District. Public Act 197 of 1975 affords a taxing jurisdiction that levies ad valorem property taxes that would be captured by a DDA 60 days to exempt its taxes from capture. In this case, that 60 days, which began with Wixom's public hearing on July 23rd, is about to expire.

Because there are still a number of unanswered questions and the Ad Hoc Committee has yet to complete its review, rather than jeopardize their ability to do so, it is standard operating procedure for Oakland County to opt out of participation in Wixom's DDA project at this time and exempt its taxes from capture by Wixom's DDA. Public Act 197 further authorizes the governing body of the taxing jurisdiction to rescind any resolution exempting its taxes from capture. If, after further review of Wixom's DDA project by the Ad Hoc Committee, the Committee feels it is appropriate to rescind the tax capture exemption, such recommendation will be made to the Board of Commissioners.

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OTHER COUNCIL ITEMS

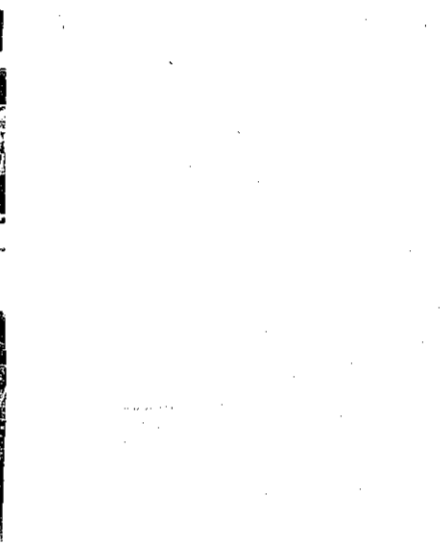
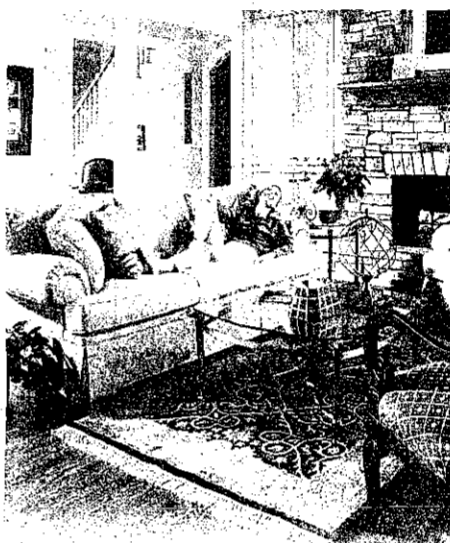
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The Wixom City Council adopted a resolution setting a public hearing on the Second Amendment and Restatement to the City of Wixom Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) Plan a regular meeting of City Council scheduled to be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 12.



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First Day of fall

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There may not be much in the way of farming going on in Novi these days, but there was no shortage of scarecrows in Jean Walle's morning kindergarten at Orchard Hills Elementary for the first day of fall.



Courtesy photo

Melissa Mars' third grade class at Novi's Orchard Hills Elementary take a moment to bask in the glory of the Stanley Cup during a recent visit to the school.



Beth Shaeffer lets her second grade class at Orchard Hills Elementary get one last look at the monarch butterfly they raised before it begins its migration from Novi to Mexico.

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ConnectingNeighbors.com links with GreatSchools.net

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

The educational partnership between ConnectingNeighbors.com and GreatSchools.net of San Francisco gives Internet users easy access to "report cards" for local schools.

ConnectingNeighbors.com is now a direct link to GreatSchools.net. The GreatSchools.net profiles, now available on ConnectingNeighbors.com as well, feature everything from test scores, teacher experience, and class size to student demographics and contact information. Schools can also be compared to others in the state.

and communications specialist at GreatSchools.net. "We have information on test scores, ethnic diversity and teacher experience among others. It all comes from The Department of Education."

Options of the site include: • free e-mail updates for those who wish to receive bulletins with late-breaking school statistics

• periodic newsletters with educational tips and resources to help children throughout the school year

• an extensive online resource center featuring more than 100 practical articles, covering topics such as boosting academic performance, applying for a school transfer and current educational legislation

• tools to help prioritize goals for children's education and select a school that matches a child's needs. Principals can also enhance the school profile by adding details, such as curriculum, extra-curricular activities and special programs.

"We don't work directly with school districts. However, every district in Michigan can be accessed by the site," Rosenthal said. "The test score information is from the 2000-01 school year right now. We have more current information in a few states around the country, but for most it's about a year behind."

Other information available on the site includes standards of tests, subjects the tests cover, whether they are high stakes tests and which states have high school exit exams.

"We also show how your school is doing in comparison to other school districts in the state or county," Rosenthal said. "You can also see how students in a school are doing overall. We do it by particular grades. We will show you scores of tests in grades four and

seven. We don't give you scores for every grade, but we do give you enough for a basis of comparison. The site also shows what test scores mean, why certain tests matter and if there are any anticipated changes for the tests in upcoming school years."

All 3,000 plus ConnectingNeighbors.com Web sites nationwide offer direct access to school information by clicking "school" or the "GreatSchools.net" logo on the site. Each site is sponsored by a local real estate agent and is dedicated to a single neighborhood, providing residents with always up-to-date information about local babysitters and handymen, garage sales, community meetings and home-centered resources.

ConnectingNeighbors.com is the only site of its kind in the country to give users free, immediate access to what's going on

down the block and around the corner. Let people access their neighborhood site directly, rather than connecting indirectly through a central site; target neighborhoods, rather than business needs (the focus is on community activities, not real estate); provide tips and resources from major retailers and specialists directly on the site, rather than taking users to the retailers' own commercial sites; screen all material for content and language before it appears on the screen and allow neighbors to place free classified ads and other postings but exclude paid corporate ads and advertising banners.

GreatSchools.net is an independent, nonprofit organization based in San Francisco that helps parents choose schools, track school performance, support their children's learning and advocate for education excellence. With

support of foundations and corporate sponsors, GreatSchools offers unbiased information about thousands of K-12 schools nationwide on its free web site. Founded in 1998, GreatSchools.net provides information on schools in all 50 states.

"We are in partnership with MSN and AOL, so our traffic has tripled over the past year," Rosenthal said. "We get a lot of feedback from people who tell us how useful the site is and we are looking into starting a more interactive feature where we could provide more answers to people's questions. We also have a library of articles on helping your child succeed in school."

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New Novi Dry Ice store caters to teens

Providence's parent entity gets new look

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

There's a new look at Providence Hospital and Medical Centers here and in Southfield, but don't look for the bronze truss to disappear.

Dry Ice, an innovative retail concept gaining momentum and spreading across the country, specializes in all things hip, cool and trendy with room decor, lighting, accessories, gifts and furniture helping teens and preteens create a total environment that reflects their individuality. Dry Ice is a lifestyle rather than a store reinforcing the notion that everyday should be fun and exciting.

Every store offers entertainment value with upbeat cool music tracks and an energetic welcoming teen staff. The company stocks a variety of items, making it a favorite of parents and grandparents.

By year-end, 19 Dry Ice stores will be catering to young consumers in Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Alabama, Georgia and Florida. Approximately 40 to 50 stores are expected to appear in malls nationwide in 2003.

of the Sisters of St. Joseph Health System and Daughters of Charity National Health System.

Although the St. John Health hands and dove logo will start appearing on Providence buildings and papergoods, the hospital will retain its local identity, as will all the hospitals in St. John Health.

"In today's healthcare market where hospitals compete fiercely for patients, physicians and market share, most have gone unbranded and compete on indistinguishable factors to their audience, often reducing healthcare services to a commodity," said Rick Jacobs, principal of Monique Associates.

Patients place a great deal of trust in healthcare organizations for their medical care, so branding in healthcare is even more dependent on trust than in other industries. "We're finding that more and more healthcare organizations are looking to us to provide them with identities that are easy to recognize, help them understand their function, differentiate the organization, and build relationships with other healthcare organizations or systems," he added.

"A new identity is a great rallying cry. It automatically says, 'We have a new mission. We have a new system. We are reaching new people,'" said Eunice O'Loughlin, vice president, corporate communication for St. John. "Our brand is one of our most valuable assets — and, through our partnership with Monique, we were able to ensure that it was carefully managed during this process. It has been an outstanding experience for us and the response we've received has been fantastic."

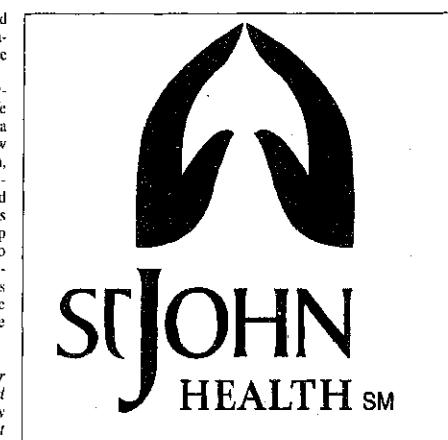
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Taking a closer look at the

DAY in the LIFE

of the 52-1 District Court



Photos by HAL GOULD

Judge Brian MacKenzie talks to a man who has a case before the judge in the 52-1 District Court.

HomeTown Newspapers given access to happenings inside District Court

Sara Pope-Starnes and Robert Bondy are currently running for a 4-year term as judge in Nov. 5 52-1 District Court. During the weeks preceding the Tuesday, Nov. 5 general election, Milford Times reporter David Aguilar will examine both the court itself, as well as the individual candidates vying for the position.

Following is the first installment.

By David Aguilar
STAFF WRITER

"How exactly do you choose a good district court judge?" someone asks aloud.

Quickly the room goes silent, and a collection of legal professionals quietly toe at the question now laying in the center of the room, smoking like a hot coal.

"They say justice is blind," says one criminal defense attorney, only half-sarcastically, who then asks to remain anonymous before continuing any further. "But sometimes you have to wonder if it's not the voters who are the most blind, because they never really look to see who these candidates are and if they really have the kind of experience that is necessary to actually do the job."

With a month to go before the Nov. 5 general election, certainly more than a few questions remain smoldering in the middle of some distant ballot box: Who exactly are these two remaining 52-1 district candidates? What kinds of relevant life and professional experience would they bring to the bench? Would they be fair?

And more importantly perhaps, how does a responsible voter separate relevant candidate information from rampant political rhetoric?

The answer to each of those questions may, at least in part, lie within the halls of a 52-1 court which last year heard some 57,634 new cases, the vast majority of which (40,538) pertained to traffic matters and a growing number of which pertained to landlord-tenant disputes (5,142), civil claims in excess of \$3,000 (3,077) and small claims complaints less than \$3,000 (1,425).

At the court



Judge MacKenzie discusses a case with counsel and their clients in his chambers.

In 52-1 court, trouble is not hard to locate. The true challenge, many who regularly work there contend, begins and ends with a district court judge's ability to mediate two opposing sides.

The key, many say, is to somehow make those who will walk away as district court losers feel as though they have at least had their rightful day in court.

"Good judges unite people. It looks easy, but it isn't an easy thing to do," said David Wolok, a criminal defense attorney who during the 29 years prior to him first advocating on behalf of defen-

dants three years ago was a prosecutor in both Wayne and Oakland counties.

"What qualities go into being a good district judge? Decency and fairness. Being present, pleasant and predictable. Someone who listens to other people, and who is receptive to outside advice," Wolok said.

"Being predictable simply means that they are not going to do something off the wall, that simply because they had a bad night with their spouse they are not going to take it out on some-

one in court the following day. It sounds simple, but not all judges are able to do that."

In his chambers, Chief Judge Pro Tom Brian MacKenzie, who presides over the court which has jurisdiction over Milford, Highland, South Lyon, Novi, Walled Lake, Commerce and Wixom, is once again wrestling with Sobriety Court.

This specialized version of court, which officially began as a pilot project a little more than a year ago, is responsible for redirecting convicted drunk drivers into rehabilitation. Sobriety Court

is a carrot-and-stick program which rewards the positive rehabilitative behavior of those who comply with regular substance abuse testing and a judge's public orders, but which also unashamedly punishes those who dare defy the court's edict.

In an informal setting, MacKenzie sits in his office with two parole officers, a parole director, a first-day assistant prosecutor and a defense attorney. As a team, the group round-robins the current status of several Sobriety Court candidates, ranging from one individual

who is set to graduate from the program this very morning to another who may be best served by at least the threat of incarceration.

Without knowing it, that particular man will later determine his own fate, based primarily upon the attitude he displays when MacKenzie confronts him about recently testing positive for alcohol, despite specific court orders prohibiting alcohol and substance abuse of any kind.

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Court: HomeTown Newspapers given access to a day in the life

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To date, about 25 people have successfully graduated from the Sobriety Court program, a program which MacKenzie himself has gone to great lengths to both begin and expand. Separately, each of 52-1's three judges participate in Sobriety Court.

With input from each assembled person, MacKenzie flips through a stack of manila folders and scribbles notes inside each. These notes will be useful back in court, where he is a real strong willingness to be fair. You don't have to be nice. You have to be fair. That means that you walk out of court feeling as though you have been heard.

He said being a 52-1 judge requires a certain professional temperament.

"This is not a court of interpretation," MacKenzie said. "I think what it requires is a real strong willingness to be fair. You don't have to be nice. You have to be fair. That means that you walk out of court feeling as though you have been heard."

"I also think the job requires a certain sense of humility, and a sense of curiosity. I also think politeness counts — whether for attorneys, defendants or victims. You must treat people with respect."

Legal Eagles

Beyond compassion, what many contend is required from a judicial candidate is sufficient mixture of legal acumen, coupled with practical courtroom experience.

"You have to have experience. There is simply no substitute for experience," said fifth-year 52-1 Judge Dennis Powers, who has publicly endorsed 52-1 candidate Robert Bondy. "Courtroom experience is critical because who will do the work if you don't know your way around a courtroom — the other judges? That will just lead to a chaotic docket."

Powers said it has taken him every bit of his first five years to finally wend his way around his first learning curve, despite 25 years of private practice.

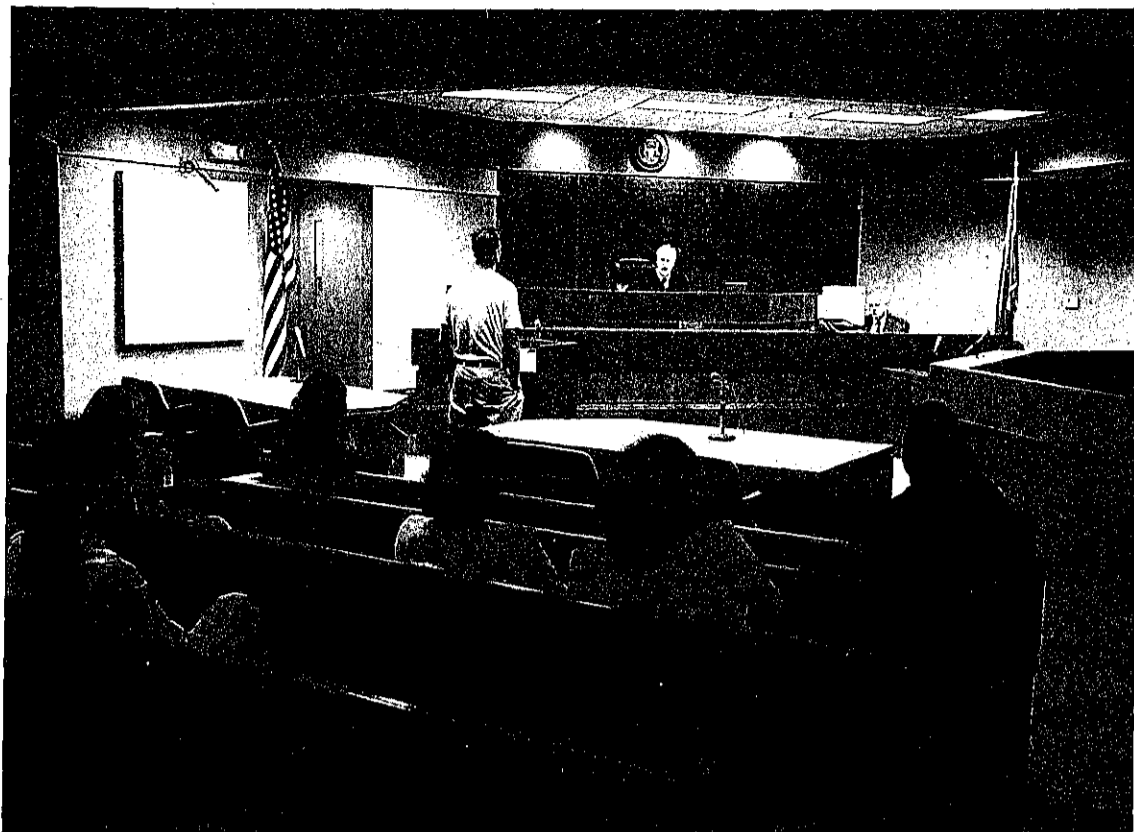
"Even with all the experience I brought to this job, when I walked out there for the first time, I said, 'Boy, am I in trouble.' It's a learning process, especially in the beginning. You have to be patient and you must be willing to work. After all, a new judge will handle 17,000 cases in their first year alone."

He said decisiveness is an implicit, though often overlooked, requirement of the job.

"You must be able to make a decision," Powers said. "Some decisions may require some research, but sooner or later you have to make that decision because there are plenty of other cases waiting behind that one."

And while that decision-making ability should be efficient enough to maintain a free-flowing docket, it must also remain fair, he said.

"You have to always remain fair and be accountable to people," Powers said. "Furthermore, a person cannot come into this job who is thin-skinned. People are going to say all kinds of things to you and about you, depending on the outcome of their particular case. But you can't take that personally. You have to assume they are



Judge MacKenzie hears the case of a man during the HomeTown Newspaper's "Day in the Court" last Thursday.

talking about the process."

The Experience Factor

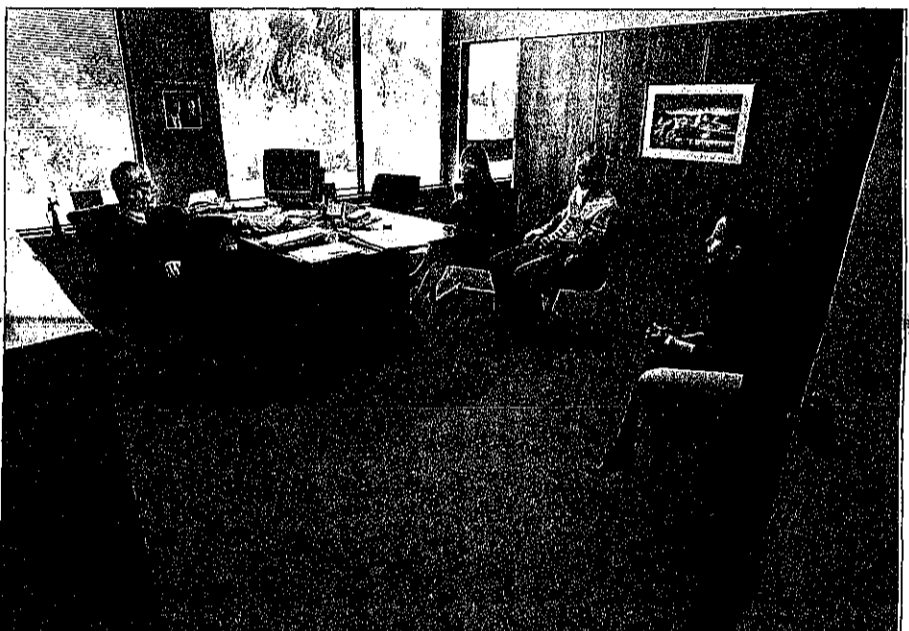
Perhaps nothing separates the two remaining candidates, Sara Pope-Starnes and Robert Bondy, more than the diversity of their respective professional backgrounds. Moreover, each candidate's interpretation of the other's experience varies even more widely.

Starnes has labeled herself publicly as a tough-minded Oakland County assistant prosecutor who for the past 13 years has "made the tough decisions" pertaining to dangerous criminals. As an assistant prosecutor assigned to the Warrants Division, Starnes said it is her primary responsibility to assess the legal value of incoming criminal evidence brought to her by law enforcement officers, and if appropriate, assign any relevant criminal charges to the case. At a later date, that case will then be prosecuted by a different court-assigned prosecutor.

"I am the best candidate because the decisions I make and the responsibility I have are the same as those of a district judge," Starnes said. "I have to make those decisions based on a legal standard and probable cause. My basic principle as a prosecutor is not to prosecute the innocent."

Bondy, a Milford-based private practice attorney, said Starnes' actual official role is somewhat less impressive than what her assistant prosecutor title might imply. He said simply assessing evidence and assigning appropriate charges to a case which later will be prosecuted by a separate court-assigned prosecutor is no substitute for actual first-hand courtroom experience.

Conversely, Bondy said his own 18-year legal career is rooted in about 4,500 cases and has been shaped significantly by his continued



Judge MacKenzie in his chambers.

involvement within 52-1. He said he has continually volunteered for and participated in many of the court's assistant programs such as Sobriety Court, Court Town Hall Meetings and a Day of Court.

As a private builder-developer, Bondy also said such experience has offered him unique insight. "She has never actually represented clients," Bondy said of Starnes. "When you are representing people you are dealing with not only your clients, but the victims and their families as well. I think that experience is invaluable. She has never done those other aspects in the practice of law."

Starnes disagreed. She said her legal resume is both complete and sufficient for a position on the bench.

"I disagree with that. For example, I have more civil experience than most assistant prosecutors, and I have made the tough decisions. I couldn't do this job if I didn't know the law and how a courtroom works," Starnes said. "Rob has no experience with OUIL offenders who is also part of the morning Sobriety Court. The man has reappeared before MacKenzie after recently relapsing."

MacKenzie scans the man's court file. "Well, maybe you do. Sir, you're an alcoholic... and I'm not interested in helping you. I'm interested in stopping you."

MacKenzie's unique shtick is mostly courtroom bravado, played out so that he can securely get a grip on the defendant's wayward attention. Most times it works.

Those who dare test his limits, however, often end up incarcerated.

What MacKenzie is looking for mostly from this particular defendant, he will say later, is not so much contribution, but acknowledgment of a wrong turn taken, along with a plan to somehow return safely to the right road.

Finally, after an exaggerated pause, MacKenzie says aloud to the man: "Mess up and you are going to jail. And you don't get free of me."

Powers said incarceration is not the court's only answer, nor should it be the most easily used. "Any judge can put someone in jail," he said. "But what does that really solve, especially when they will only be there for maybe 90 days? A judge has to find solutions other than simply locking people up."

No one may understand the tight rope walk between rehabilitation and incarceration better than Patricia Crane, who has worked at

52-1 for the past 23 years and who has served as probation director for the past 10. Last year her nine-person staff handled about 9,000 cases, a sufficient number of which would break even the most resilient heart, she said.

"We are more than just a court where people come to pay a ticket. This is a community court," Crane said. "We have to be concerned with protecting the public, as well as giving a person the opportunity to rehabilitate themselves."

"I would want a judge who is open to the community court concept, someone who has been involved here and who is not just here to handle their share of cases and go home," Crane said.

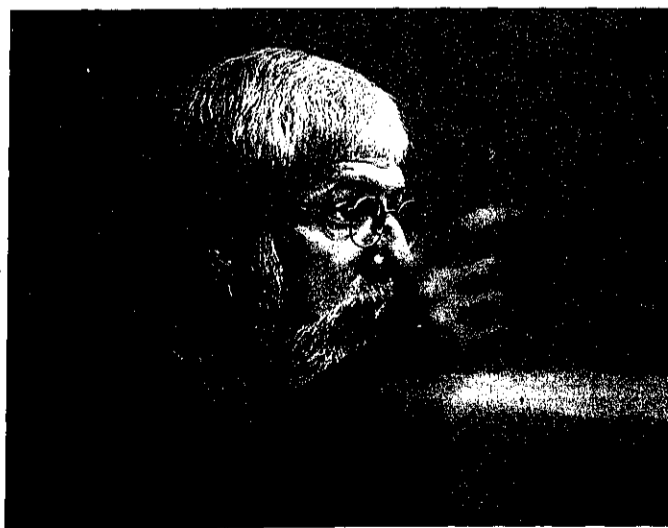
She said the best candidate will be both a good listener and communicator. To be those things you have to know what you stand for coming into the job."

Intensive Probation Officer Alexandra Black, who has worked at 52-1 for the past 7-and-a-half years, said the new judge should be willing to rely on the professional staff already in place at the court.

"You have to rely on the people here. If you can't do that, then you don't belong here," Black said. "The person should also be open to change, especially with so much growth within the jurisdiction of this court and the population changes, ethnically and demographically, that are coming along with it."

"This is not a homogeneous court anymore."

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Judge MacKenzie in his courtroom.

Development thriving in Wixom area

The following report is an update on the status of major developments under construction

or in planning for the Wixom area.
 1. Construction has begun for three (3) two-story office building complex on Wixom Road located north of Martin Drive.
 2. Maple Run North Subdivision (Sec. 31)-A 10 lot single family subdivision has been approved. Located north side of W. Maple Road west of the CSX railroad.

3. Castletown Condominiums (Sec. 31)-Located northwest corner of Wixom & W. Maple Roads. Homes to be 3500 square feet to 4500 square feet according to the builder. Road construction has begun. DEQ concerns have held up this project since the end of August 2001.
 4. Preliminary plans have been submitted for a Professional Retail Center (Two one-story

buildings) at the northeast corner of Manistee and Pontiac Trail (Sec. 31) and a development agreement has been formatted and has been accepted by City Council. Engineering on the storm system has been approved. A watermain easement has been approved with the CSX Railroad crossing. Demolition has been completed.
 5. Comfort Suites Hotel (Sec.

7). Site plan has been approved by the Planning Commission. Hotel will be 3 stories with 80 rooms. Easement and I-96 right-of-way are no longer issues. Building plans have been resubmitted and engineering plans have been approved. Land balancing has been completed and foundations have been poured. The contractor is awaiting steel delivery. Underground plumbing

has been installed.
 6. 96-Beck Research Center (Sec. 8)-Continuing with final site work. Continuing with building construction (a total of four buildings-total of 32 units). First 32 units occupied. Third building has been issued a building permit and is under construction. Site plans approved

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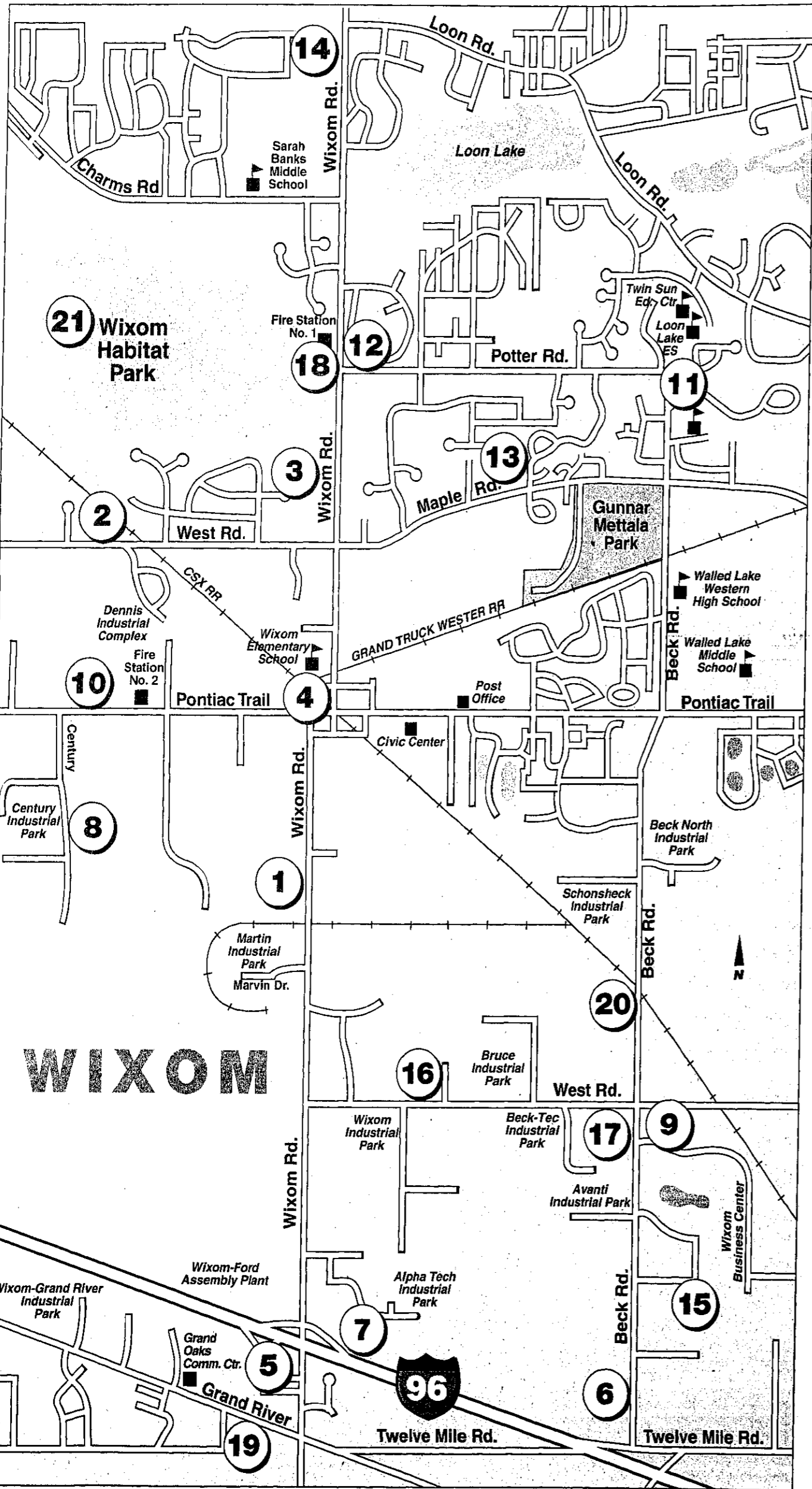
for four additional buildings and a four-story office building on the north parcels. Two buildings are under construction in Phase II.
 7. ALPHA (Wixom Research Center) Industrial Park Phase I (Sec. 8)-There are five (5) buildings under construction. Work continues with MDIQC for the Phase II wetland issues. Leasing agreements with Waste Management are being signed on building E. Interior build out on building F has been substantially completed. Asset Allocation has leased Building A and the build-out is underway. Five additional buildings to be owned by Kenjian have been approved by the Planning

Commission on June 24, 2002. Construction engineering drawings have been submitted.
 8. Century Industrial Park Condominiums (Sec. 6)-Punch list items being worked on subject to weather. Five (5) buildings under construction.
 9. Beck-West Industrial Park Condominiums (Sec. 9)-Continuing with home construction. 6 homes are under construction. The bikepath along Wixom Road is scheduled for construction this year and plans needed to be revised, resubmitted and approved by the Oakland County Road Commission.
 10. Plans are under review for the build-out of the first 3 buildings in the Nacaras Industrial Park located on the north side of Pontiac Trail, west of Wixom Road with a total of seven office/warehouse buildings. Three shell buildings are standing. Landscaping is completed. Applications for tenant build-

ings have been submitted.
 11. Calyx Condominiums (Nature's Cove) (Sec. 33)-The first thirty (30) units are occupied. Third and fourth building construction has been completed. A single unit has been constructed.
 12. Trails of Loon Lake Subdivision (Sec. 29)-Continuing with home construction. 6 homes are under construction. The bikepath along Wixom Road is scheduled for construction this year and plans needed to be revised, resubmitted and approved by the Oakland County Road Commission.
 13. Wildwood Subdivision (Sec. 32)-Continuing with punch list items. 4 homes under construction.
 14. Sabaki Shopping Center

(Sec. 30)-Gas station, Ameritech and Lavinia's Pizzeria have all been opened. Landscape and clean up underway. A new dry cleaner opened last month. Balducci's Market Place had reopened under the name of the Village Market Place in Spartanburg and has since gone out of business. Lavinia's Pizzeria has gone out of business as well. Long Kong Buffet opened in July, 2002.
 15. Enterprise Business Park (Sec. 9)-Site grading and utility installation continuing with plans for three (3) light industrial buildings submitted for building and engineering plan approval. Road construction is completed.
 16. Professional Office building (Sec. 5)-Site plan

approved for a two-story office building on West Road east of Wixom Road. Final building and engineering plans have been submitted.
 17. Planning approval has been granted for a new 4-building industrial park located at the southwest corner of Beck and West Roads. A home and garage on the property has been demolished.
 18. Fire Station #1: Punch list items and exterior painting are 99 percent complete.
 19. A gas station, car wash and oil change are under construction at the southwest corner of Wixom and Grand River.
 20. Demolition of two homes on the west side of Beck Road, south of the railroad tracks has been completed. The site will be a new production building for Adept Plastics.
 21. The new DPW Building is well underway. The foundation has been completed. Underground sanitary and storm are underway. Steel erection has begun and the block masons are mobilizing this week.



BIDS FOR SNOW REMOVAL

South Lyon Community Schools is accepting sealed bid proposals for Snow Removal Services. Bids will be received at the office of Assistant Superintendent for Finance, 945 South Warren Street, South Lyon, Michigan, until 2:00 P.M. Local Time, on Thursday, October 17, 2002. The opening of the bids will immediately follow the South Conference Room at said address. The work involved includes Snow Removal Services for the following locations for the winter of 2002-2003:

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- Zone B: Millennium Middle School and Central Middle School
- Zone C: Sylvia Elementary, Salem Elementary and Bus Garage
- Zone D: Barlett Elementary, Brunner Elementary and Administration Building
- Zone E: Kent Lake Elementary and Doleen Elementary

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Since the events of September 11, 2001, there has been much talk of a coming-together of our country's citizens, a growing feeling of patriotism and pride, and a sense of increased fellowship on a broad basis.

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CROP Walks have been around for years. Locally, the annual Novi-Northville event is celebrating its 15th year.

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This year, the Novi-Northville walk is shooting for a goal of \$31,000. Organizers are expecting 400 walkers to show up Sunday at 2 p.m. at St. James Church for the 10K walk.

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New stop signs

Stop signs at the corner of 11 Mile and Taft roads will become a permanent fixture, after members of the Novi City Council unanimously gave their approval on Sept. 23 for the permanent traffic control devices. From this point forward travelers in the area may plan on treating the intersection as a four-way stop. City of Novi Director of Public Works Benny McCusker said the permanent signs had been installed about 90 days ago to see if they would pose any adverse conditions. After none were found, the issue was presented to members of council for final approval. City officials said the need for the permanent signs was based on other Novi Road projects impacting the area. The intersection serves as a gateway to Grand River Avenue - one of the city's major roads undergoing expansion and other construction enhancements. The intersection also serves as a main travel route for the Novi School District.

LETTERS

Remove those magazines

The following letter was sent to CVS Pharmacy with a cc to the Novi News editor.

Dear Dan:
A few months ago I spoke with you regarding my concern over the sexually explicit magazines displayed prominently over the candy counter at our local CVS Pharmacy. If you will recall, I expressed offense at having these magazines placed at the checkout where all customers would see them, especially any children buying candy at the store. You may also recall that I had requested in 8 previous letters that they be moved to a location on the magazine rack with the other magazines. At that time, you explained that the matter was "under consideration". Since then no changes have been made in the location of these offensive magazines.

This month, Redbook magazine boldly proclaims "The Secret Sex move he's got to feel to believe", while Glamour magazine advertises "Men's top 10 sex wants". While I am personally offended at having to see this material literally in my face when I check out, I am even more appalled that CVS would place such magazines where kids buy their candy.

CVS is an otherwise good store, and I would like to shop there more. However, I do not allow my kids in the store. In the past, I had requested that a particular issue of a magazine with a nude woman on the cover be removed from its location at the checkout counter. The assistant manager agreed with me and several other customers that such placement of the magazine was entirely inappropriate and I commend her for removing all the copies from the rack at the front of the store.

Many of my friends and neigh-

hors have agreed with my concern about the display and placement of these inappropriate magazines, especially after seeing my letters published in the Novi News. It would seem that my request to move the offending material is reasonable and appropriate, and the responsible response would be to honor it.

Perhaps you would like to see lots of similar letters in support, perhaps you don't care either way. I am asking that anyone who supports my request send a note or letter to the Novi store or the CVS corporate address in Rhode Island. I would like to think that in this day and age that there is still a corporation that considers community concerns important above and beyond making a profit.

John S. Parker, DVM
Novi

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Mr. Robert Bondy is a candidate for the open judicial seat in the Novi court, 52-1. I endorse and support Mr. Bondy in his candidacy. As an attorney who practices before me, I have found him to be fair, honest, and forthright in his efforts to represent his clients. He is a pillar in his community, a good family man as well as a good attorney. In cases before me, both civil and criminal, I have found him well prepared and effective.

The Novi court and its citizens will be well served to have Mr. Robert Bondy as the new Judge in the court.

Hon. Michael Batchik
52-1 District Court Judge
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Time to focus on Metro

In these times of heightened anxiety and increasingly furious political activity, it's a relief to report that maybe, just maybe, we can get down to business at the new Detroit Metropolitan Airport. Last week, in a major win for the newly established Wayne County Airport Authority, the Court of Appeals rejected

3-0, a lawsuit challenging the authority's ability to run Detroit Metro and Willow Run. Wayne County had operated both airports for years. But persistent charges of cronyism and mismanagement hobbled public confidence, especially as the new terminal and runways at Detroit Metro came into operation. At the urging of Gov. John Engler and Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara, the legislature this spring created a 7-member appointed authority to manage both airports.

Most of the objections came from the Wayne County Commission, which felt its precious turf was being diminished. Ricardo Solomon, the Chairman, called it a "hijacking" and complained about a "hostile takeover" of a public asset.

The Authority started work in April, but was hamstrung by the Commission's decision to sue. The lawsuit contended that in creating an unelected authority the legislature violated both state laws and existing contracts with airport bondholders.

Last week's Court of Appeals decision was blunt and to the point:

"Considering that plaintiffs themselves admit that Metro has been poorly managed for years, and that plaintiffs were the entities responsible for operating Metro for those years, the

Legislature's transfer of operational jurisdiction meets the test of United States Trust for an important precedent-setting case. ... The Legislature has the power to regulate the powers and duties of counties in relation to highways and airports." So be it.

Some Wayne County Commissioners are satisfied the legal test has been met. Commissioner Lynn Bankes, R-Livonia, for example, says she supported the lawsuit only to find out if the law authorizing a non-elected airport authority was constitutional. "The Court has now spoken, it's constitutional, it's proper, and I don't see any good reason to spend more taxpayer money in appealing it."

Sure, the Commission can spend lots more of Wayne County residents' tax dollars in appealing to the Michigan Supreme Court or to the federal courts. Or it can recognize that the legal issues have been resolved and get down to the proper public business of helping the Authority manage the airport effectively and in exploiting the economic development potential of the combination of Detroit Metro (the nation's 11th busiest in passenger traffic) and Willow Run (the nation's 3rd in freight).

There's a lot to do just now. There is still a fair amount of fine tuning to be done at the new facility. Signage is still inadequate, both in side the terminal and outside, especially off the Eureka Road; baggage handling is sometimes problematic. And Northwest Airlines has just announced it plans on demolishing and replacing the just-built commuter jet terminal. Moreover the economic development

potential of both airports, if effectively managed in combination, is enormous. Experts say that the main engines of growth in the 21st century are passenger and freight airports linked together into what "aerotropolises". Los Angeles created literally tens of thousands of jobs over the past decade. There is no reason the combo of Metro and Willow Run couldn't do the same for the Southeastern Michigan region.

Commissioner Bankes, herself a former state legislator, recognizes this. "There is enormous potential for economic development. Hopefully with new leadership in January, we will be able to be much more involved in pushing that idea."

The time for lawsuits is past. The time to buckle down and get to work is at hand.

Phil Power is the Chairman of the Board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953-2206 or at ppower@homecomm.net.



Phil Power

Lynn Bankes
Wayne County Commissioner

Give it your all - all of the time

I was over at the Northville Homecoming football game Friday night and after the game, which the Mustangs lost to John Glenn 27-6, I heard one of the coaches say something that rang true for me.

I told the players to always leave it all out on the field.

Here I am, 22 years old with a child and a wife, having played everything from high school athletics to college and semi-pro, and those words just seemed to echo in my head.

There are nights that I lie in bed, staring at the dark ceiling, and think about each and every play that I took a break on. Never mind that my senior year that I played both sides (we had 18 kids on the football team) plus special teams, and only left the field at the half and after the game.

That doesn't matter. All that matters to me is how the adrenaline rushes through my veins and reminds me what it is I miss about sports. It pumps through me, speeding up my heart rate and keeping me wide awake just to tell him or snapped the football a little too far to the left for the holder to handle correctly on a field goal.

I think about sports a lot, considering it is part of my job. I think about how good I could have been if only I wouldn't have given up on it. Would a complete collegiate career have been in the works for me if I would have just lifted a few more weights, ran a little harder and put just that much more effort into practice? I have no clue, but they say that hindsight is 20/20. It's strange to think about it, but I would still have a single year of eligibility left to play football if I were still in college.

I am one of the lucky few though, to tell you the truth, I get to relive the things I never could do through the kids I cover now. I see myself in a lot of them. You know that kid who cries when his team loses? That's me. How about that one that still plays even if they shouldn't due to a hamstring injury? There's another me. And what about the ones who have long graduated and still sit back and wonder "What if? Yup, that's me in a nutshell.

Don't let it happen to you. I know a lot of our high school athletes open this sports section up each week to read what it is a nobody sports writer like me has to say about them this week. So, if you have taken the time to read this, then please heed my message: You have a chance to leave it all out on the field. Take nothing home with you. Be so tired after a game that you can't even interview with the press. Play so intensely that you can't remember the first half compared to the second because you worked so hard it was all a blur. If you get the chance to play, then play to your fullest ability. Wear yourself

out. If you play each and every game, then play harder than your fullest. Show why you are a starter - confirm in your own mind that there was absolutely nothing more you could have done, win or lose.

Never take a play off, please. It will always come back to haunt you. I know it isn't easy sometimes. Heck, my senior year we won only two basketball games, no football game, one track meet and three baseball games. Head beyond that and consider that I lost every rugby game I ever played in with the exception of one (which I was playing on the other team at the time because they were short a prop forward) and we won only a handful of Arctic Blast semi-pro football games. I know what it is to have a bad year, and I can testify that even if you are having trouble finding wins, you can't take that break.

You are who I get to relive my sports through. I flirt when you make a good hit, and I am saddened when you lose. Every time you drive to the hoop, I tense, and every time you are just a foot ahead of your opponent with the finish line in sight, I close my eyes and will you every bit of energy I have.

Never give up, and never think that you could have done something more. These are your chances to be great, even if being great, in my opinion, is just being all that you can be.

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Sam Eggleston

Presenting 'your local organizations'

I am officially a Rotarian - once again. About six years ago, I was a member in the Grand Lodge Rotary Club. That was until I became editor of the Insider Business Journal in Brighton, where I worked until this past January.

A couple of weeks ago, the Novi Rotarians accepted me into their fold, sharing a membership with my publisher, Grace Perry. It feels good to be part of such a fine organization. The Rotarians do so much good work in their local communities that it's really an honor to be a member. I'm looking forward to helping the club in their efforts.

A couple of weeks ago, our featured speaker at our weekly luncheon was Beth Butler of the Novi Coalition That Cares organization. She gave a great presentation that touched

on the history of the coalition, their membership and the type of work they do. That's when it occurred to me - why not let the readers of the Novi News know about her group? They're definitely making an impact in the school system and there are probably many readers unfamiliar with what the coalition is all about.

So, look for that spread next week. When I got back from the luncheon, I talked to a couple of my staff writers about the possibility of featuring other Novi-area organizations on a regular basis.

The Novi Community Guide, which this newspaper publishes annually, lists seven pages of civic groups/organizations. However, this is basically just contact information. There is nothing that tells, in detail, what these groups do.



Cal Stone

That's where our new feature comes in. Whether it's weekly, bi-weekly or even monthly, I think we can do a great service to Novi by presenting in-depth articles on these organizations.

For instance, do you know anything about the Active Friends of the Homeless, or the Community Clothes Closet, or the Goodfellows? There are many of the organizations in Novi. Who knows - you might want to join one or you might need their services.

Either way, the more you know about them, the more likely one or the other will happen. And, if you're a member of one of these groups and you think this feature would benefit your group, please feel free to give me a call and make your pitch.

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Step in the Right Direction

Carlson out working for Senate votes

By David Agullar
STAFF WRITER

Sean Carlson is not waiting around for a campaign opportunity. He believes his political future lies within the HERE and now.

On a platform featuring fiscal prudence and political accountability, the West Bloomfield democrat is running this November against republican state Rep. Nancy Cassis for the 15th Senate District seat.

The 15th Senate District is comprised of Millford, Hightland, White Lake, Commerce, Lyon, Novi, Rose, Holly and West Bloomfield townships.

"To me, this campaign is about fiscal responsibility," Carlson said, who is both an attorney and a captain in the Air Force reserves. "It's not just a buzzword. It's an attitude and approach."

He said that both houses of the Lansing legislature sorely need a refresher course in balanced budgeting and personal accountability. And as someone who has previously worked in military procurement and who serves currently a similar procurement role for the Pepsi bottling company in Detroit, Carlson said he is the right person to reenergize wasteful spending when he sees it.

"When I was working in military procurement I would always ask myself, 'Does this pass my '20/20' and '60 Minutes test,'" Carlson said.

"In other words, is this something which later on is going to

get me interviewed for wasteful spending by either of the two news programs?"

He said one typical incident during what proved to be an eye-opening military career involved the procurement of small military dormitory refrigerators. Stated originally as a \$48,000 line-item expenditure, Carlson said he instead worked hard to locate the same refrigerator less expensively. When he finally located less expensive refrigerators, however, Carlson said he was surprised at how dismissive his supervisors were about what amounted to be a \$20,000 savings.

"They were more concerned that I was not spending the full allotment of money," Carlson said. "That's backwards. Just because the money is available in the budget doesn't mean you should always try to find a better way to spend it."

"That was just one small incident. But it is typical of the kind of government waste and lack of regard that many politicians and bureaucrats currently have for government spending. It is simply wasteful, and that needs to be changed."

He said Michigan's own state budget is lined with significant budgetary fat, protected in many instances by state legislators who are more concerned with protecting political lobbyists who relish the absence of performance-based contracts and publicly-bid contracts.

In pure government waste alone, Carlson estimates the state budget is between \$30-\$50 million too heavy, a mere bud-

"There are people out there who want to be fiscally responsible," he said. "They somehow manage to balance their own personal checkbooks. Why shouldn't they be able to do that with government?"

Sean Carlson
Dist. 15 Senate candidate

etary tummy roll compared to the \$300-\$500 million which he believes can be pared annually by simply making the acquisition of state contracts more competitive and more accountable.

He would also like to end what he believes is an ongoing and disturbing level of corporate welfare. "At some point, it becomes all about ethics and integrity," Carlson said, who also believes state legislators should be mandated to undergo annual re-training for each. "There is a lot you can do with that kind of money."

Carlson has proposed to redirect trimmed governmental waste into what he has called a Michigan HERE Fund, a budgetary kitty whose acronym would represent health care, education, roads and the environment.

An oversight committee would then determine how best to re-allocate such re-directed

funds. Though auspicious, Carlson conceded that such a program would likely require at the very least a democratic governor and a state legislature with enough intestinal fortitude to willingly place line-item spending decisions under an intense microscope of public scrutiny. It would likely also require a bedrock coalition of state legislators, many of whom will be incoming freshmen, to wage ongoing fiscal battle with time-tested bureaucrats in places such as the Michigan Department of Transportation.

"Trouble is, many such bureaucrats understand one fundamental political rule: In today's political world, the bureaucrat many times outlasts even the most vigilant term-limited elected official. Still, Carlson is not hastened by such a scenario.

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manage to balance their own personal checkbooks. Why shouldn't they be able to do that with government?"

It is that sort of budgetary restraint which Carlson said has recently hampered his 15th District Senate opponent, current state Rep. Nancy Cassis. He said her vote this past summer to raise the cigarette tax, despite publicly advocating an anti-tax platform, is telling, Carlson said, he, too, would likely have voted for the increase, though only after "significant spending reform."

"She's out there saying she's a real tax-cutter, but when it came to vote on the cigarette tax, how did she vote? And when the Single Business Tax is frozen the first year out of the gate, you really have to wonder about her commitment to holding the line on taxes. I think she has come up short with regard to taking care of the state budget," Carlson said.

Carlson bristled at Cassis' recently public charge that as a political novice "he woke up one day and saw a \$1 billion (state budgetary) shortfall," the amount which Lansing legislators this past year have had to cut in order to comply with a mandated balanced budget amendment.

"She's absolutely right," he said. "I did wake up one day and see a \$1 billion shortfall," he said. "That's when I knew it was time to run for office. The time has come for spending reform and fiscal responsibility, in both good times and bad times."

He said past spending policies do not provide a harbinger of positive things to come.

"I didn't see any of that come out of Lansing during the past year. All we saw out of Lansing was an added lottery day during the week. That's simply not enough of an answer, especially when there are going to be so many tough decisions that need to be made during 2003."

And it is that recurring message that Carlson takes to western Oakland County doorsteps, a conservative-leaning democrat who said he would leave Proposal A as it is and who would work hard to find a lasting solution for expensive senior prescription drugs.

He's lost 20 pounds already, he said, delivering his political ideas within a state Senate district which is now comprised mostly of a congressionally-targeted area. Such pre-election stature brings to the 15th District heightened political attention, he said, and only betters his chances to sway independent voters in an area commonly considered a republican foothold.

Those days are over, Carlson said. "This is not about the Ds and the Rs," he said, referring to the democratic and republican parties. "This campaign is about doing what's right for the state. That's why I'm running."

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REGIONAL MARKETPLACE

Sheehan's on the Green: The little alternative Irish pub

By Linda Neff
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Chances are you've passed it many a time and didn't even notice the sign. It's easy to do. The little Irish pub sits quietly below the hill on Five Mile Road as it rises over Interstate 275 just east of Haggerty Road. But for those who have discovered Sheehan's on the Green the pub affords them a place to visit where if everybody doesn't know their name they soon will.

"Everybody says they love our place," said owner Tim Sheehan. "It's very relaxed and not like the cookie-cutter corporate places springing up around us. We are the alternative — a place where you can get great food and drinks at very reasonable prices and a friendly, fun and relaxed setting. We definitely over the years have been able to maintain our 'Cheers' atmosphere."

Sheehan purchased the pub from his father who first opened it with his other son Tom 25 years ago. He likes the fact that the pub is independently owned and still maintains that laid-back, relaxed family atmosphere today. Since first opening in a much smaller building, the business and building have grown and evolved into what it is today with Sheehan never changing the initial concept of the friendly Irish pub.

"If I change it then I become part of what's happening... and then I'm competing," he said. "I need to have the little niche and that's what we are. We are the little neighborhood pub where you can come alone or with your family and friends."

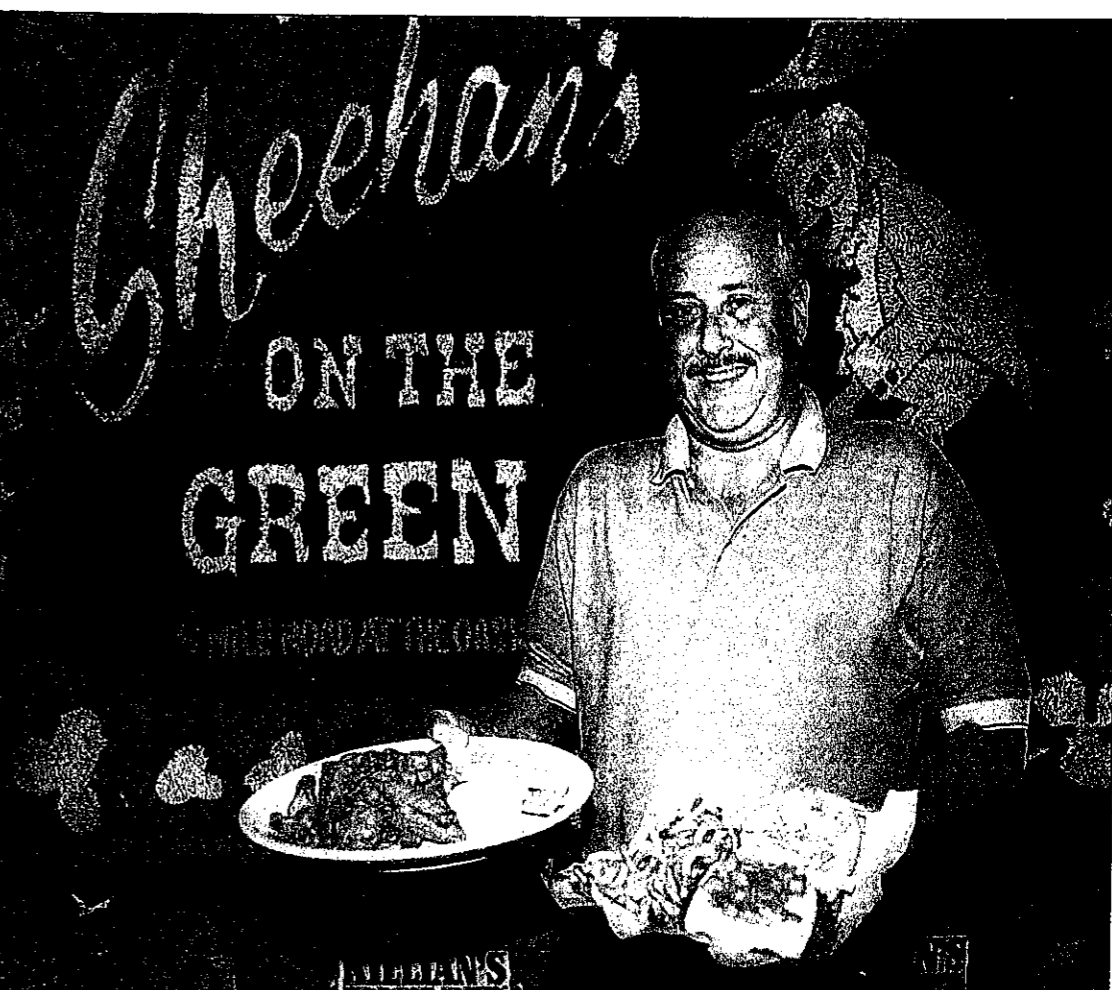
Sheehan is known for his gourmet Sheehan burgers made from chopped sirloin steak and weighing in at a big half-pound. Twelve different toppings to choose from make each burger unique: from the Irish Dip Burger served on a burger bun with melted Swiss cheese and a jus for dipping to the Black N' Bleu Bacon Burger with its special buckwheat seasoning, bacon, grilled onions with blue cheese dressing and served on an onion roll — it's what people come in for, Sheehan said.

"We've been voted number one burger many of times in this area and that's what we're known for," Sheehan said. "We offer great food here — it's been our staple for all the years. The quality is just as good as you'll get elsewhere, but people say they like coming here because they can get great portions at great prices in a more relaxed atmosphere."

Sheehan offers a wide variety of menu choices in addition to his taste-tempting and filling hamburgers. His Friday night fish fry draws individuals as well as families who come for his famous Sheehan's battered-leeked cod filets that are deep fried and served with Irish fries, coleslaw and a roll for \$8.45. There are also Magnificent Munchies to choose from or the wraps, sandwiches, salads and aachos. There's a children's menu as well.

Sheehan is a great place for those business lunches — whether for yourself or with a group of co-workers. The pub offers daily specials Monday through Friday along with a happy hour from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. with discounts on all cocktails, beer and wine. Tuesday is ladies' night from 8 p.m. to close with \$1 off all their drinks, and Wednesday nights are pitcher night from 8 p.m. to close offering \$1.50 off all pitchers of beer.

Specials are offered during all home team games including personal pitchers and buckets of beer with other promotions throughout the year. Sheehan's is a great place to watch the



Tim Sheehan, of Sheehan's On the Green, displays some of his tavern's food fare: splay buffalo wings and a ranch burger.

game and play the games. "We get a lot of regulars in here: business men and women who come regularly, families who come in for dinner once or twice a week and those who come on Fridays for the fish fry," Sheehan said. "We also get those friends looking to party at

night, including those corporate restaurant employees who are looking for a fun place to gather for drinks or a bite to eat after work. The wait staff knows them and they know the wait staff by name; that's the kind of place we are. Very friendly and personable."

Those looking for a place to gather with a few friends be it during the day or at night will find a variety of activities such as darts, pool, shuffle board, National Trivia Network interactive trivia games and more. Several televisions, including a

big-screen TV, are tuned to sports — especially the "Red Wings." "We're a big Red Wing place," Sheehan said. "We're looking forward to that."

"Ice cold beer, wine and cocktails are served at Sheehan's. Ten draft beers are on tap including Guinness and Bass. In an effort to ensure patrons get home safely, Sheehan's will, upon request, serve free non-alcoholic drinks to their designated driver.

Large groups and parties are easily accommodated at Sheehan's. With its large tables and plenty of seating it can comfortably seat groups of 20 or more in its big-screen sports TV room. A patio provides even more seating, weather permitting.

Sheehan's on the Green is a fun place," Sheehan said. "Over the course of the years we've established that."

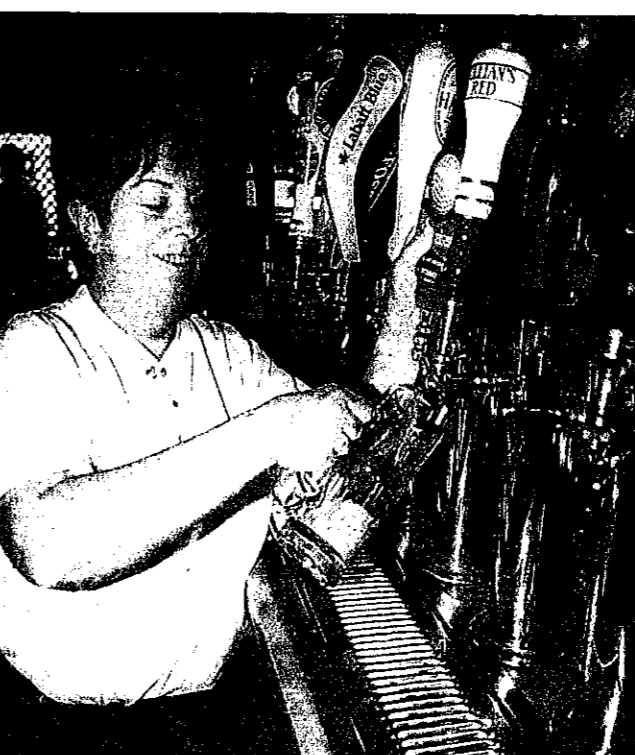
What Sheehan enjoys most about owning and operating the pub is the people, many of whom have become friends over time. He likes the atmosphere presented by the restaurant business and especially relishes how the business has evolved in the past 25 years.

"It's a challenge running your own business but I have a lot of fun doing it," he said. "It's very rewarding to see people relaxing and enjoying themselves. That's what it's all about."

Biz in brief

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Bouchard appointed to board

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The Committee serves in an advisory capacity to the NSA, bringing updates and pertinent information to the members regarding federal legislative policy and initiatives. The Committee also serves as the main source of information by which the Association formulates resolutions, positions and issues affecting sheriff departments throughout the country.

"As a former senator, I recognize the importance of effective legislation and as sheriff, I see the results of solid public policy in action," Bouchard said. "I am honored by the re-appointment and once again, look forward to the challenge of influencing policy which will impact citizens nationally."

Responsibilities of the NSA Legislative Affairs Committee also include attendance at called committee meetings during the year and participation in the NSA Mid-Winter Conference held in Washington, D.C.

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Shuptrine shutting its doors

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business sales this week. DiSante it's important for customers to understand, that the Elslander "is not going out of business. Anything on order will be delivered by Art Van and warranty issues will be dealt with by Art Van."

She added Art Van is not only staying open, it's expanding. "We just closed on the old Jacobson store in Rochester" Sept. 18, she said, adding Art Van is about to open a new store in Chesterfield and the Patsy store will eventually be converted to an Art Van store.

Scott Shuptrine employs 170 people, including 40 in Novi. DiSante said as the Shuptrine stores close, their employees will be offered jobs with Art Van.

She said the 31,000-square-foot Novi store, which is located behind the company's Novi Art Van location, will be sold as will the Troy location. "All interested parties will be entertained," she said.

DiSante said the Shuptrine locations will remain open only long enough to sell off the existing stock. However, she added, Art Van will still be here."

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Cathy DiSante
Art Van Furniture director of marketing

Child safety bills pushed

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on Michigan's broadcast markets.

She said when the Howell girl went missing, radio and television stations in the Southeast (Detroit) and Central (Lansing) regions were notified since Livingston County is served by both markets.

According to White, all MAB members have agreed to break into programming — radio stations with a bulletin and television with a "data crawl" — when an alert is issued. She noted that only the FCC can mandate broadcasters' participation in the program, but she added all broadcasters think it's a good idea.

Cassis and Toy's bills have been referred to the House Committee on Children and Family Services and are expected to reach the house floor by early November.

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"Like the severe weather bulletins we see and hear, Amber Alerts have become a vital way to save precious lives."

Nancy Cassis
State representative (R-Now)

County helps catholic school move to Novi

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board expects to break ground on the school's new home in June 2003 and be open for classes in August 2005.

Early construction estimates for the school range between \$35 million and \$40 million. "It's not going to be a Taj Majal," said Fr. Elmer, "but it is going to be a first-class facility."

He said the entrance to his school's heavily-wooded site on Wixom Road will be across the road from the Target store currently under construction there.

Mary Langhouser, head of the county's Economic Development

Corporation, said the county is still months away from issuing bonds. She noted that while the bonds are issued by the county, they will be backed by a letter of credit from the school's bank and will not create an obligation for the county.

Charles Palmer, chairman of the county's planning and building committee, said the EDC routinely assists non-profit institutions in securing financing, if it help maintain and bring jobs into the county.

Catholic Central has a staff of 100, including 60 faculty members.

Fr. Elmer said his school has been hoping to move to the Novi

area for some time. "Almost none of our students come from east of Telegraph," he said, noting the school draws students from as far away as Howell to its current location.

Founded in 1928 at Holy Rosary Church on Harper Avenue near Woodward in Detroit, the school moved twice in Detroit as it grew before taking up residence in a former junior high in Redford in 1978.

"It was never meant to be our permanent home," said Fr. Elmer.

He said school representatives still have to get Novi City officials to approve zoning and master plan changes for the property in order to build the school.

Fr. Elmer said preliminary drawings for the new school call for it to be tucked into the woods and wetlands on the site. "We want to save as much as we can," he said.

He said he's looking forward to bringing Catholic Central's blue-and-white Shamrocks to Novi. "We want to be a good neighbor," he said adding that each of the school's 1,050 students are required to do 10 hours of community service annually.

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Wildcats get wins in first KVC games

Good conference start for Novi bodes well for season goals

By Sam Eggleston
 SPORTS WRITER

The Novi Wildcats aren't even thinking about the conference title right now — but maybe they should be.

The 'Cats, coached by Dennis Cichonski, handed the Howell Highlanders a 51-42 loss before smacking the Lakeland Eagles 43-34. Both games were Kensington Valley Conference match-ups.

"We got a nice blend of play and did really well in that game," Cichonski said of the Howell contest. "We were at least aware of what we needed to do and we did it. We were executing well in all of those aspects. Basically, we summed it up with a nice balanced effort in all of the areas of the game."

The Wildcats took a 31-22 lead over their conference rivals in the opening KVC game of the season before playing even with the Highlanders in the second half — both teams put in 20 points.

"Everyone seemed to get more comfortable after a few possessions by both teams early in the game," Cichonski said. "The defense was there, the rebounding improved and we moved the ball well. Our tempo was good and I knew that if we kept it going that way we would end up with things in our favor."

And in their favor it was. Wildcats scored across the board in their opening conference match-up as Alison Gruelich poured in 17 points to lead the scoring and Angie Schmitt tipped in eight more. Freshman Rachele Folino put in seven points in the winning effort while Becky Gasiorek scored six off the bench. Point guard Jessica Haggerty and stellar post player Laura Longo each added five points in the contest.

Schmitt also added five steals to the final game statistics while Longo hauled down eight rebounds to pad her stats.

The Wildcats hit 12-of-22 from the line while the Howell Highlanders hit 9-of-12.

"Getting to the line is a good indicator of how good things are going for the game," Cichonski

said. The Wildcats will return to action when they visit South Lyon tonight at 7 p.m. in another Kensington Valley Conference game.

"The KVC is really competitive this year and really up for grabs," Cichonski said. "You have to be prepared to play each and every night."

Novi 43, Lakeland 34

It was a slow start to the contest for both teams, but the Wildcats were able to pick up the tempo and pull out the conference victory in their second Kensington Valley Conference contest of the season.

"There was some low scoring in the first half," Cichonski said, noting that the Lakeland Eagles led 13-10 at the halftime buzzer. "We knew we were going against a very aggressive team, and they were coming off a big win over Milford earlier that week. We were going to have to be active and get to the free throw line and be very aggressive. We did exactly what we needed to do."

Both teams pressured the ball handler with pressing defense and limited shot opportunities as the Wildcats went 3-of-15 from the floor in the first half and 0-5 from beyond the arch while the Eagles went 5-of-13 and 1-5 in the first.

The name of the game for Novi was free throw shooting as they went 21-of-32 for the game compared to Lakeland's 8-of-19.

"We went to the line a lot of times," Cichonski said. "Fortunately, we kept them off the line. Really, the game was won on the free throw line."

Schmitt led the Novi scoring with 12 points — eight of which came off the free throw line (8-of-11 from the stripe) while Gruelich nailed 10 points. Folino added five points and six rebounds in the contest.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi senior Laura Longo takes the ball to the hoop against the Howell Highlanders in the Wildcats' first Kensington Valley Conference contest September 27. The 'Cats won the game with the help of leading scorer Alison Gruelich. The Novicagers also went on to defeat the Lakeland Eagles in their second KVC match-up of the season to climb to a 2-0 conference record.

All the makings of a KVC classic

The Novi Wildcats have been showing that no matter how many runners they lose in a season, they are going to be contenders the next.



Sam Eggleston

The Wildcats will have to come with everything they have if they hope to take down the Mavericks and stay undefeated in Kensington Valley Conference dual meet runs, and don't think Milford is going to lay down either.

This is going to be one of those knock-down-drag-out fights that find both Milford and Novi sending each and every gun they have into the fray with this one. I am expecting the kind of run that really has no clear-cut victor before hand.

On paper, both Novi and Milford are looking quite good. These teams show why cross country in the Kensington Valley Conference is on the rise and is quickly helping the league become one of the most competitive in southeastern Michigan. With the coaching that both of these teams have, it's no wonder that they are the cream of the crop.

You can always expect both of these teams to bring their best to the race when they face each other. This match-up is beginning to turn into one of the classic cross country rivalries in Oakland County and I don't expect that to quit right now.

A race like this could easily come down to whoever has the most depth instead of the most stars. Expect to see the winner with a great pack time and a strong kick across the finish.

No doubt, there will be more than a handful of personal best times set in this meet as well. These runners know the value of competition and are going to exploit it for all they can.

As of right now, I am going to have to just take a shot in the dark on who it is that is going to walk away with this win. I am, of course, a huge Wildcat fan and will have to pick them over the Mavericks.

Novi stays undefeated over Milford

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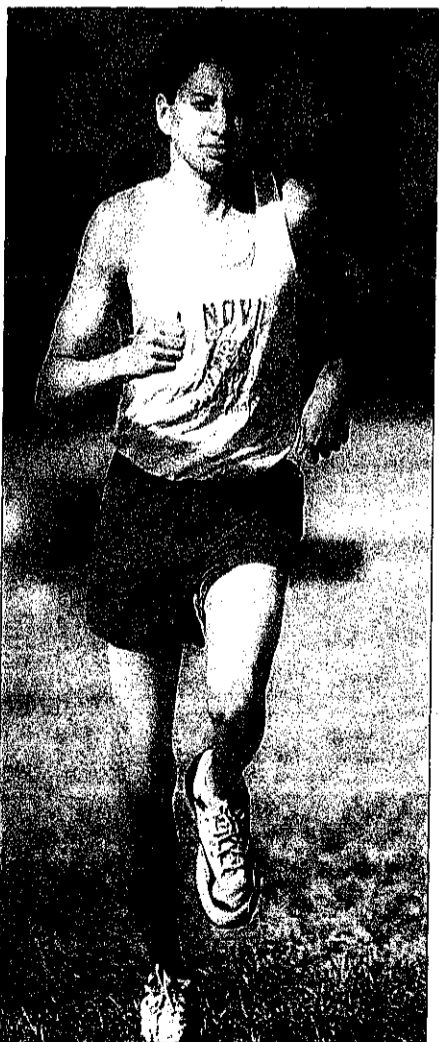


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Novi cross-country runner Amol Huprikar warms up last Tuesday before a meet against Brighton.

Still undefeated

Novi looking at Oakland meet, KVC rival Milford

By Roger Garfield
 SPECIAL WRITER

The Novi Boys' Cross Country team maintained their undefeated record by beating South Lyon on Tuesday, September 24. The meet was held at the Straits of Island Lake, South Lyon's home course.

The top four finishers in the race were Wildcats; senior Brian Gilchrist finished first with a time of 16:44.

Boys Cross Country

Senior Tim Kava and sophomore Mark Moore each ran the five kilometers in 16:52. In fourth place for the 'Cats was junior Eric Joseph, who finished with a time of 17:00 flat. Also finishing in the 17's were sophomores Amol Huprikar, Justin Nunn, and senior Mike Pitcher.

"It was a beautiful day to run," commented Novi veteran Coach Robert Smith. "We took full advantage."

Twenty of the 25 Wildcat runners set a personal record for the season versus South Lyon, and 17 of them set career personal records. Novi tallied only 17 points on the day. The Lions had 40. In cross-country, the lowest score wins. A runner who finishes first gains one point for the team, second place gains two, and so on.

"The meet was closer than the score reflected," said Smith. "Both teams really enjoyed the race and the cooler than normal weather. It's generally been very hot this year."

The victory over South Lyon was especially meaningful to Smith, whose brother Scott coaches the Lions.

"We have a gentleman's bet every year in which the losing coach buys dinner for the winner,"

the older brother and Novi coach said. "Once again, (Scott) will be treating me to an evening of fine dining."

The Wildcats, who have been one of the state's premiere teams over the past five years, have a difficult road ahead of them. They hosted the Hartland Eagles on Tuesday (prior to deadline) and travel to Kensington Metropark this Saturday to compete in the annual Oakland County Meet, which is the biggest cross-country meet in Michigan. Approximately 45 teams will be released from a 100-yard starting line under one gun on Saturday. Smith talked about how sensational the sight is.

"You can literally hear the ground shake when the race starts," he said. "I'm hoping for a top five finish, which is remarkable, but very possible."

Smith and the Wildcats are used to earning their fair share of accolades. In 1998 and 1999, the Wildcats won the Michigan Cross Country State Championships. They were runners-up in 2000, and Smith believes his team can finish in the top 10 once again this year.

Their biggest competition in the KVC this fall comes from Milford, who is also undefeated. Smith has much respect for the team from Milford.

"They are arguably the best team in the state. We face them next week; that should be quite a show!" This is Smith's 22nd year of coaching the Wildcats. He coaches track in addition to cross-country. He also teaches physical education and business at Novi.

See the 'Cats compete this Saturday at the biggest meet in Michigan, the Oakland County Invitational. The meet will commence at 10:00 a.m. at Kensington Metropark.

GAME OF THE WEEK

Novi Wildcats Cross Country at Milford

Tuesday, October 8
 4:30 p.m.

In the KVC title hunt

By Sam Eggleston
STAFF WRITER

The Novi Wildcats tennis team is making a strong fall for the conference title by showing each and every one of their Kennington Valley Conference opponents just what it is they have to other teams when they play each other at the title meet.

The Cats, who are coached by Jim Hanson, blasted the South Lyon Lions and Hartland Eagles 8-0 in KVC play before beating a tough Ann Arbor Union team 5-3. "I think this just shows our depth again," Hanson said. "We have plenty of talent throughout the doubles and the singles flights. The doubles are definitely our strength, but we have very talented players in the singles flights." The Wildcats had no problems as they smashed their way through two of the KVC dual meets, keeping themselves out of unnecessary tiebreakers, and to competing in the Kennington Valley Conference championship meet, where they will have to fend off Brighton if they want to have sole possession of the crown.

"We are the favorites going into the conference meet Saturday," Hanson said. "We just have to remember to have fun. If you aren't having fun playing or competing in high school athletics, then you need to look at doing something else instead." The Wildcats even brought their game outside of the conference as they took on and beat the Ann Arbor Union River Raisin in a non-conference match-up. "The Cats took that game 8-1 with the key wins coming in the doubles flights. It was a good win for us," Hanson said. "Hanson was a good loss for us. We obviously need wins. He that I think it was the first time the wildcats have beaten Union in dual match."

Hanson said that match was important for the Wildcats at this point in the season. "More important than the win was it challenged some of our kids that haven't been challenged in some of our recent matches," he said. "Every match in the Regional

NOVI TENNIS RESULTS

Novi Wildcats 8, South Lyon 0

1S Ashley Glover defeated Allana Bridson, 6-0, 6-0
2S Lauren Carosio defeated Brooke Gilga, 6-1, 6-0
3S Anna Switzer defeated Bethany Boegler, 6-0, 6-1
4S Laina Vaughn defeated Dana Oleski, 6-0, 6-1
1D Colene Brockman, Emily Holt defeated Amy Taplewski, Chir Castilli, 6-0, 6-0
2D Lauren Thomas, Diana Tico defeated Aimee D'Agostini, Maria Stackpole, 6-0, 6-0
3D Judy Lai, Simamtha Kelly defeated Sara Wolcki, Jill Slosak, 6-1, 6-0
4D Pratyusha Devarakonda, Rebecca Whitechart defeated Maria Nicpot, Stacy Rebr, 6-1, 6-2

Novi Wildcats 8, Hartland 0

1S Glover defeated Libby Atwood, 6-4, 6-2
2S Carosio defeated Liz Lawson, 6-2, 4-6, 7-6 (4)
3S Switzer defeated Rachael Raines, 6-3, 6-0
4S Vaughn defeated Lauren Klier, 6-2, 6-0
1D Brockman, Holt defeated Katie Williams, Renae Gadwa, 6-0, 6-0
2D Thomas, Tico defeated Kelly Williams, Meghan Timmons, 6-4, 6-2
3D Gabi Frask, Megha Valaha defeated Jenny Callaghan, Julie Grubbe, 6-2, 6-0
4D Amanda Cassidy, Lai defeated Nicole Fabiak, Jackie Ford, 6-2, 6-3

Novi Wildcats 5, A.A. Huron 3

1S Glover lost to Nurit Weizman, 3-6, 6-7 (2)
2S Carosio lost to Sarah Mitchiner, 6-4, 3-6, 1-6
3S Switzer defeated Nida Nikoni, 6-4, 6-0
4S Vaughn defeated Brenna Riley, 6-1, 6-2
1D Brockman, Holt defeated Bronstein, Selma Pan, 6-2, 6-1
2D Thomas, Tico defeated Rachael Fisher, Calie Masten, 6-1, 7-5
3D Frask, Valaha defeated Monica Gupta, Megan Pirooz, 6-4, 6-1
4D Cassidy, Lai lost to Amelia Eaton, Ryla Rowe, 1-6, 6-4, 5-7

is going to be a challenge. Even though we lost some flights, we need those matches. Sometimes, a hard-fought loss is better than an easy win. It does more good in the long run." The Novi netters won't have much time to enjoy their victories though. They take on the brunt of the KVC in the title match at Packney High School with the start time scheduled for 8:30 a.m. before going to Troy High School just a week later to play some of the best teams in the state in their Regional tournament. "We can't think about the Regional right now," Hanson said. "We have to play one match at a time and have fun doing it. We won't even begin to worry about the Regional until the league is taken care of."

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Photo by John Hester

Novi Wildcat Ashley Glover forehands a return to her South Lyon opponent Allana Bridson during a match at Novi High in late September.

Wham, bam — two more Wildcat victories!

Saline, Pinckney fall to goal-scoring machines; Brighton up tonight in KVC battle

By Sam Eggleston
STAFF WRITER

In a world where everyone has to learn from their mistakes, the Novi soccer team did exactly what they stepped up to beat Saline after taking a tough loss to conference rival Howell.

The Wildcats blasted Pinckney 5-1 before falling to Howell 3-1, both games were Kennington Valley Conference.

Just two days later, the Wildcats came back to their winning ways with a victory over non-conference opponent Saline 2-1.

"We got back to what has made us a successful team thus far this season — effort," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "In the Howell game we lacked effort and thought we were good enough to just show up and win. Now, we know that's not true."

Saline was the first to score in the contest as two Novi defenders collided and two Yellow Jacket kickers broke free on the

goal with only one defender to stop them. "They did a good job of drawing in the defender, passing and scoring," O'Leary said.

The 1-0 Yellow Jacket advantage stayed through the first half until the Wildcats came out with a vengeance. Mike Allie was the first Novi player to score as he managed to find the back of the net after a scramble in front of the goal off a Novi corner kick.

Then, with eight minutes left in the game, Brad Stimpson scored on a beautifully struck free kick from 25 yards away to give the Wildcats a victory.

O'Leary noted that as far as standouts go, Brent Coles was the best player in the game. "The Wildcats will return to action when they visit Brighton tonight at 7 p.m. It is a game that will prove more than a little challenging for both teams."

Brighton is always a tough team in the KVC," O'Leary said. "I expect nothing more

than a tough, well-played game." "Our effort was very lackluster and we couldn't finish any of our scoring chances," O'Leary said of the Howell game. "We outshot them 26-6, but they capitalized on their chances and we didn't."

The Wildcats single goal came in the first 10 minutes of the game as Adam Southworth continued to add to his season statistics by taking a pass from Matt Urlick and slammed it in the back of the net.

"In the next 10 minutes of the game, we had three golden opportunities to score," O'Leary said. "If we would have scored any of them, the game probably would have ended differently."

Instead, the Highlanders scored on their first shot on goal and tied the game 1-1 heading into the half before coming out and controlling the rest of the contest for two more scores.

Howell 3, Novi 1

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"It was a lopsided game in which all of my players played at least 25 minutes," O'Leary said. "The numbers for shots on goal were enough to tell the tale as the Novi kickers took 20 shots and the Pirates only collected two.

The opening goal came off the foot of B.J. Humphrey as he found the back of the net off an assist from Jeff Dodds with just over 10 minutes off the clock.

With 12 minutes remaining in the first half, Southworth scored on a rebound from a Urlick shot before the final goal of the night came off of Nickels with the assist going to A.W. Stanek.

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ENTERTAINMENT

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Not-so-Sweet Home Alabama

Predictable romantic comedy leaves a lot to be desired

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

In her latest project, Reese Witherspoon shows you can take the girl out of Alabama, but you can't take Alabama out of the girl.

"Sweet Home Alabama" starring Witherspoon, Patrick Dempsey, Josh Lucas and Candice Bergen, takes waters on a trip from New York City to the south while harkening the message home is where your heart is.

The Touchstone Pictures film first shows Witherspoon as Melanie Carmichael, a 28-year-old successful fashion designer, hitting it big during New York's Fall fashion week.

And not only does Melanie have the perfect career, but she has the perfect boyfriend too.

Andrew McDowell, played by Dempsey, is not only the son of the mayor, but he is also a wealthy, handsome and romantic catch.

Andrew fills Melanie's apart-

ment with roses and arranges a surprise night-time visit to Tiffany's for his new fiancée to pick out any engagement rings she wants.

Everything would be perfect except for one thing.

Melanie Carmichael is really Melanie Smooter — a married, simple southern girl running from her past.

Now, Melanie has to return home after seven years of being away and to try and get a divorce from her southern husband played by Lucas.

This isn't the easiest task either, as repressed emotions of her upbringing and a meddling and disapproving soon-to-be mother-in-law played by Bergen add interferences in Melanie's plan.

Most of the PG-13-rated film for language and sexual references focuses on what happens when Melanie's two separate worlds begin to intertwine and end up in one big mess.

She is now faced with hard choices as she wrestles with

ignoring her past, true love and family values.

She also receives a dose of things are not always what they seem, when she learns not everyone from her hometown wastes their lives away.

Although I like Witherspoon, I didn't like this movie.

I went into it knowing it was going to be a predictable romantic-comedy, but was disappointed that it was just that — boring and predictable.

Nothing really came through for me.

I wasn't into the scenery, the actors, the story nor was I into the soundtrack which of course featured the song with the same name as the movie, not once, but twice.

This is the kind of movie you wait for cable and then clean the house while it is on in the background.

I would definitely waste an evening seeing this.

A much better romantic-comedy out now is "My Big Fat Greek Wedding."

SWEET HOME ALABAMA

Starring Reese Witherspoon, Dakota Fanning, Brandon Carroll, Sean Treadaway, Jen Aggar, Kena Allen, Suzi Bass, Candice Bergen, Sharon Blackwood, Jeremy Carroll, Patrick Dempsey, Ethan Embry, Courtney Gains, Jason Horton, Josh Lucas, Jean Smart, Katherina Tomic

Studio: Touchstone Pictures

Director: Andy Tennant

Genre: Comedy, Romance

MPPA Rating: PG-13

Final Rating: 4 (out of 10)

Now Showing at Novi Town Center Theaters



Reese Witherspoon is as charming as ever in her newest movie, "Sweet Home Alabama."

Photo courtesy of TOUCHSTONE PICTURES

This film may have been predictable ton, but it worked in a few different ways and was enjoyable.

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1700, ext. 105 or at usadl@th.lakescomm.net.

Screen Beat

By Brian Renner
THE MOVIE INSIDER

Coming to theaters this weekend is the animated fantasy "Spirited Away" stars Chihiro,

a 10-year-old Japanese who discovers a secret world when she and her family get lost and venture through a hillside tunnel. When her parents undergo a mysterious transformation, Chihiro must defend herself as she encounters strange spirits, assorted creatures and a grumpy sorcerer who seeks to prevent her from returning to the human world.

The film has already become a box office phenomenon in Japan grossing more than \$234 million (US) since its opening in July, 2001. "Spirited Away" is a Studio Ghibli/Walt Disney Studios release and rated PG for some scary moments.

Back from retirement to hunt down a serial killer known as the "Tooth Fairy," FBI agent Will Graham (Edward Norton) visits former nemesis Hannibal Lecter (Anthony Hopkins) in prison to find out what makes a psychopath tick.

The film is the sequel to "The Silence of the Lambs" and "Hannibal." "Red Dragon" is a Universal Pictures release and rated R for violence, grisly images, language, some nudity and sexuality.

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tragedy, he wants to be the man the believes everyone wants him to be — devoted husband, and perfect son-in-law to Ben (Dustin Hoffman) and Jolo (Susan Sarandon). When another woman unexpectedly enters his life, he's quickly torn between fulfilling his duty and following his heart.

Shane Sages, resident East Coast journalist for The Movie Insider, caught an advance screening of "Moonlight Mile," and his review was mixed with two and half out of four stars. As he states, "...the

director Brad Silberling embraces the bittersweet coming-of-age story that includes making harder decisions than selecting the proper college to attend."

"Moonlight Mile" is a Touchstone Pictures release and rated PG-13 for some sexual

and brief strong language.

Exclusive at the Landmark Maple in Bloomfield Hills, the independent romantic comedy, "Just a Kiss" which combines live action and computer animation to tell the story of a group of friends whose personal lives are complicated by their infidelities. "Just a Kiss" is a Paramount Classics release and rated R for strong sexual images and language.

"Resurrected" at the Landmark Main Art in Royal Oak, French comedy "8 Women" examines the murder of a businessman by one of the eight females present

in his snow-bound house; his wife, his mother and mother-in-law, his two maids, his two daughters, or his sister, "8 Women" is a USA Films release and rated R for some sexual content.

Coming up

"Brown Sugar" (PG-13), "Knockaround Guys" (PG-13), "Tuck Everlasting" (PG), "White Oleander" (PG-13), "Pokémon 4Ever" (G) and "The Transporter" (PG-13).

Video/DVD

The gothic horror-thriller

RECIPES

Provided by Chef Mary Brady, Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro

■ CARROT AND PARSNIP SOUP 1 small potato, peeled and sliced 3 carrots, peeled, cut into 1" pieces 1 quart roasted vegetable stock 1 onion, diced 2 cups vegetable stock 1 stalk celery diced Add salt and pepper to taste. Simmer. Puree. Season.

■ PARSNIP 3 parsnips, roasted 1 onion, diced 1 clove garlic, chopped 2 cups vegetable stock Simmer. Puree. 1. Place a ladle of carrot soup in a warm soup bowl. Top with 1/2 ladle parsnip soup and a dollop of gingered yogurt creme fraiche.

■ ROASTED VEGETABLE STOCK 1/2 cup olive oil 2 leeks 4 carrots - peeled and cut into 2" pieces 5 celery stalks cut into 2" pieces 2 onions, peeled and quartered 3 parsnips, peeled - cut into 2" pieces

low containers in the refrigerator. At Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro, we make 100 gallons of stock every week, which is mostly used for soups and sauces.

Our flat is topped with a rich reduction of veal stock and marsala wine, a gneiss stout enhanced best accompaniment the steak sandwich and a garlic flavored piccata sauce is tossed with orzo and chicken. Our creamy onion soup is a combination of veal and chicken stocks along with ale and deeply caramelized yellow onions, while the New England Clam Chowder is made with a flavorful fish foam.

Endless other applications apply. Try cooking rice in stock for added depth of flavor. Or, stir-fry vegetables in a touch of broth

which adds richness without calories. Even though I have the luxury of taking a "carry-out" of stock for home cooking from the restaurant, I prefer to prepare my own. It is so relaxing to spend a day making several different stocks and freezing them for future use. Although time consuming and sometimes expensive, the sense of accomplishment provided by a pot gently simmering away is priceless.

Mary Brady is a certified executive chef and co-owner of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro in the Novi Town Center. If you have culinary questions or comments for chef Mary Brady, you can contact her via e-mail at djbrady@aol.com.

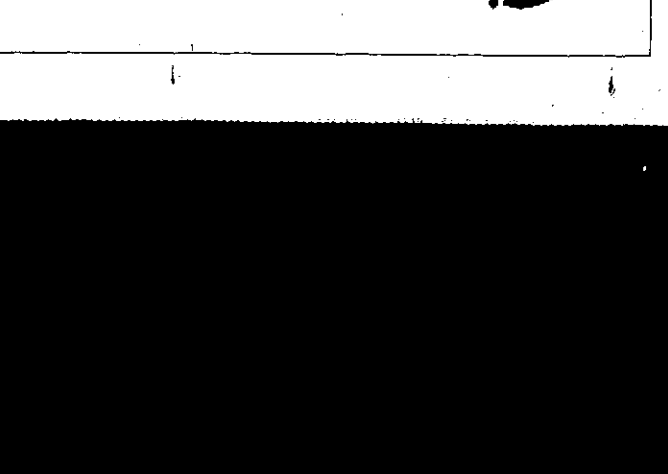


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Cheer, cheer, for victory and defend our green and white

The Novi Wildcats cheerleaders posed recently at their second Annual Family Picnic. Over 100 cheerleaders and family members attended the picnic. Amy Denys coaches the Varsity Team, Emily Parker coaches the Junior Varsity and Melissa Jowick coaches the Freshman Team.

NOVI WILDCATS						
Football	*Hartland HS	Home	7:30	Equestrian	10/12/02	Fowlerville Away 8:00 a.m.
Basketball	10/03/02	*South Lyon HS	Away	7:00	10/03/02	*South Lyon HS Away 6:00
	10/08/02	*Hartland HS	Home	7:00	10/05/02	Oakland Co. Away 9:00 a.m.
	10/10/02	*Milford HS	Home	7:00		
Soccer					Golf	
	10/03/02	*Brighton HS	Away	7:00	10/08/02	*Post-KVC Away 9:00 a.m.
	10/08/02	*South Lyon HS	Home	7:00	10/11/02	Regional Away TBA
	10/10/02	*Hartland HS	Away	7:00		
Cross Country						
	10/06/02	Oakland Co.	Away	9:00 a.m.		
	10/08/02	*Milford HS	Away	4:30		
Tennis						
	10/03/02	Saline HS	Away	4:00		
	10/05/02	*KVC	Away	TBA		
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Thrilling: Central drops ball

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one field goal in the second half by the Canton defenders as she finished with just 12 points.

The Chiefs were led by Katie Cozart as she poured 12 points. She also had 13 rebounds in the victory. Johnson had 10 points on the night, and Kristen Lake had five points and seven boards - including a key game-

tying basket on a putback with 1:40 left in the contest.

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Sports Shorts

Northville Cup

26th Annual Northville Cup 2002 The 26th annual Northville Cup, a youth soccer tournament, will be held during the week of October 7-10. Recreational teams ages nine and under and 16 and under will compete this year for the coveted team trophies, which are handed down to each newly-crowned champion. 50 teams with over 750 players will put all their efforts into claiming the Cup. This is one of the few opportunities for recreational players to face off against their friends, schoolmates, and cross-town rivals and to claim bragging rights for the year. In addition to the team championship trophy, each player will receive either a Northville Cup medal or a miniature individual Cup for players on winning teams. Most games will be held at Northville Community Park with some of the finals at the new Ford Field.

coach. Interested candidates should have college or high school varsity experience. To apply, please call Todd Hess, assistant athletic director at (248) 942-3173 or head coach Richard Lamb at (248) 821-5240.

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The Northville Record sports department is looking for submissions for the new section, Next Level Athletes. Eligible athletes include collegiate, semi-pro, professional and minor league players (please email first if other levels).

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For more information, call (248) 688-0165 or email toball@ballwix.com or check out the website at www.etcumz.com/totalbaseball for more info.

Wildcat Faceoff moves to Monday

"Wildcat Faceoff", the highly successful radio show devoted to Novi athletics, began its third season on Sept. 9, and moved to a new time. "Wildcat Faceoff" will be heard on 89.5FM on Mondays from 7-8 p.m. Coaches corner, where are they now, athletes of the week, and national guests from ESPN as well as other areas of the sporting world will be featured. Benic Frusto and Scott Olson will host the show.

Oakland CC looking for assistant volleyball coach

Oakland Community College is seeking an assistant volleyball

WALLED LAKE SPORTS B1

Thrilling, but not much fun

Vikings can't get ball to drop when they need it to against rival Chiefs

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Last second games are always thrilling and heat-producing, but they aren't always fun. Just ask the Walled Lake Central Vikings girls' basketball team. The Vikings just couldn't make that last-second comeback for the win when they hosted the Canton Chiefs in a Western Lakes Activities Association showdown that the Vikings lost 43-42.

The difference in the game came with 27 seconds left on the clock as Chiefs' Jessica Johnson came down the court and sank a 3-point jump shot to seal the victory and push Canton's record to 6-2 (2-0 WLA) while Central fell to 3-

4 (1-1 WLA).

The Vikings trailed 12-8 after the first quarter, but managed to make a comeback behind the long-range shooting of Britney Coram as she nailed two three pointers in the second quarter, as the Central girls climbed to a 22-21 halftime lead. After three quarters were behind them, the Vikings still held the lead by a basket, 32-30.

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Late comeback is too much for WLW

The Walled Lake Western Warriors couldn't hold up to the onslaught brought on by the Plymouth Salem Rocks in a Western Lakes Activities Association contest.

The Warriors had a good run in the contest, but couldn't hold off a late-game comeback by the Salem Rocks as they fell to their WLA record 35-30.

The Rocks scored the final six points of the contest to top the Warriors September 29. The non-division loss pushed the Warriors down to 5-4 overall, 2-1 in the WLA, while the Salem Rocks climbed to 5-3 and 3-0 in the WLA.

The Warriors got eight points from Megan Marilugha and seven from Tracy Winkler as they fell in the contest.

Ellen Canale's triple scored the Rock's late rally, putting them ahead 32-30. Canale finished the game with 11 points while Stephanie Phillips added nine points and Katy Hammerschmidt had seven in the victory.

One difference in the contest came from the free-throw line as the Salem Rocks, a tough squad in the WLA from year to year, hit 14-of-24, while the Western Warriors hit only 2-of-7 from the stripe.

Golf: WLW, Central win

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Roh Ulrich's 43, Aki Fukuta's 44 and Bob Gorman's 45. Stevenson found Andy Byberg collecting a 41 while Jason Fisher recorded a 43 on the day. Dru Girard and Sean Sachau carded 45 each.

WLW 160, Churchill 160 (WLW wins tie-breaker)

Walled Lake Western's golf team found their hands tied against Western Lakes Activities Association rival Livonia Churchill in a tough golf match.

The Warriors were able to break the tie by the 18th hole as they slipped by the Chargers 160-160 September 27 at Hay

Pointe golf course.

The Warriors followed the lead of Sean Moffitt as the stellar golfer collected a 39 on the day.

Churchill looked to medalist Steve Robinson to lead the pack with a 38 while Kyle Kruzevski hit a 41. Matt Kruzevski notched a 43 and Gary Butar finished with a 44. The win raised the Warriors' record to 2-2 overall (2-2 WLA) while Churchill fell to 4-3 (3-3 WLA).

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Novi resident wins golf league

The Northville Golf League handed out their first-place plaques to the most qualified individuals September 19 - and of course those individuals were Jack Huntley and Norm Kubitsky.

Jack Huntley and Norm Kubitsky were the winners of the Northville Golf League's first-place plaques. The winners were presented with their plaques at a ceremony held at the Northville Golf Club on September 19.

WALLED LAKE SPORTS

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Tennis	Swim and Dive
10/02/02 4:00 Northville Home	10/03/02 7:00 Franklin Away
10/08/02 9:00 Northville Conference	10/05/02 TBA Oakland Away
10/11/01 TBA Northville Regional	10/09/02 7:00 Canton Home
10/03/02 6:00 John Glenn Away	10/02/02 4:00 Wayne Away
10/05/02 TBA Oakland Away	10/08/02 9:00 Conference
10/09/02 7:00 Stevenson Home	10/11/02 TBA Regional

Golf	Cross Country
10/04/02 3:00 Northville Home	10/05/02 TBA Oakland Away
10/11/02 TBA Northville Conference	10/10/02 4:00 Jamboree Away
10/11/02 TBA Northville Regional	10/12/02 TBA Gabriel Richard Away

Football	Soccer	Basketball
10/04/02 7:30 Stevenson Away	10/07/02 5:30 Salem Home	10/08/02 7:00 Central Home
10/02/02 4:00 Wayne Home	10/09/02 4:00 Wayne Away	10/10/02 7:00 Northville Away
10/05/02 11:00 W. Bloomfield Home	10/11/02 5:30 Howell Away	
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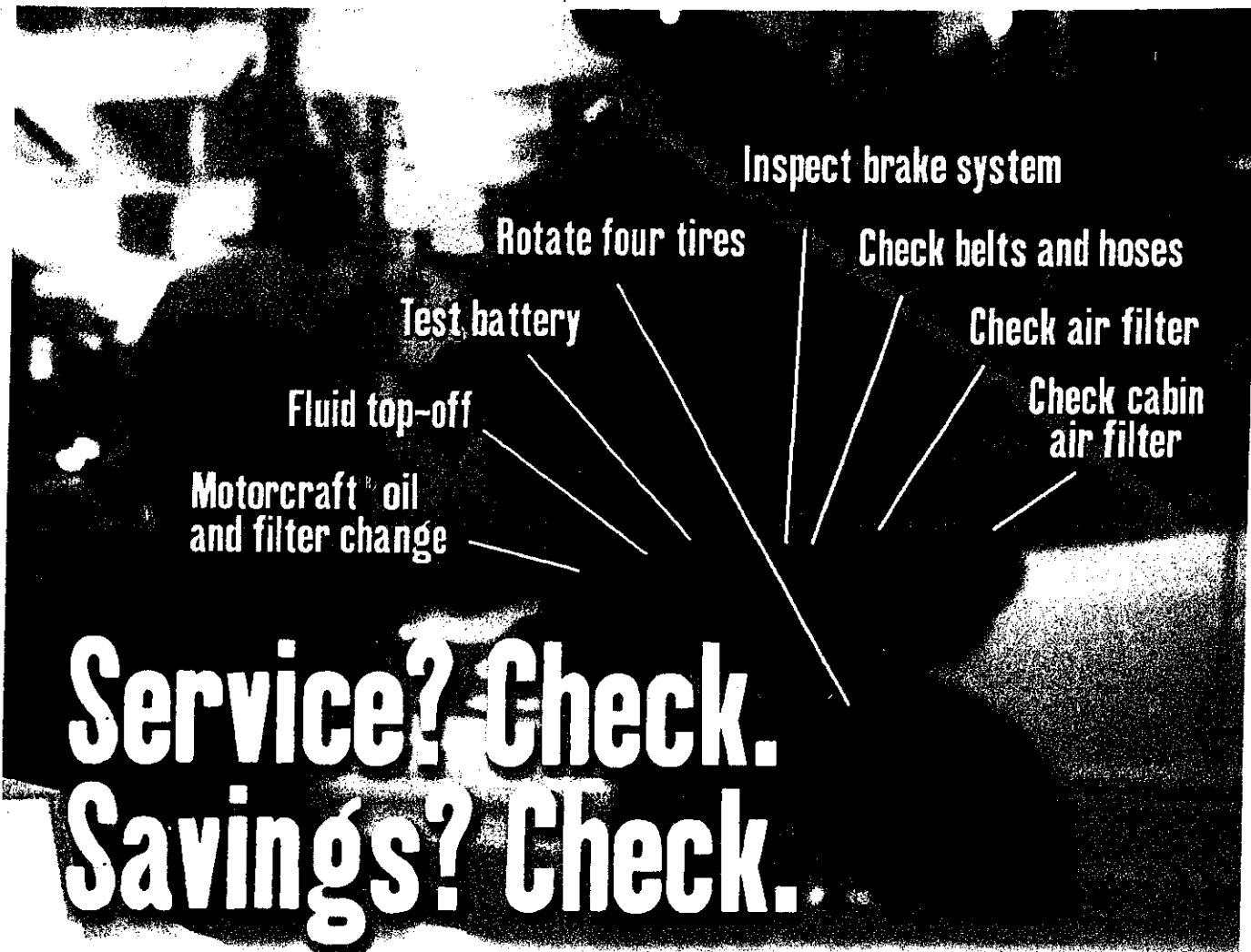
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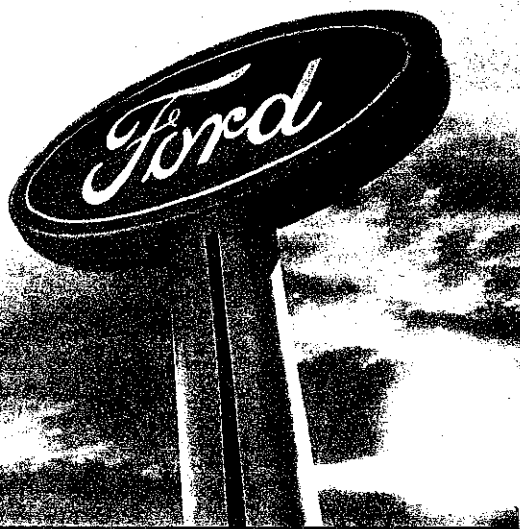
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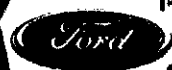
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YOUR HEALTH

Golf is (not) a workout

Either way, being fit should improve your game

By Donnie Snow
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

"Golf is a good walk spoiled," Mark Twain said, taking a pithy shot at the sport. But his sentiment alludes to a conundrum: Is golf exercise?

"Come out and play in the heat and sweat this much, and tell me you think this isn't exercise," says John Brindley of Memphis, Tenn., in the middle of a round one very sunny afternoon.

Brindley, sweat-soaked but not out-of-breath, said his afternoon's efforts are definitely a workout. He played 18 holes preparing for a golf tournament and, by the end, took a much-needed respite in the air-conditioned clubhouse.

"I'm tired," he said, slumped in a chair. "(Golf) is a workout."

Doesn't walking the 4.5-mile course in the sun, lugging around all that equipment and swinging a club about 100 times count for something?

Yes, say most doctors and trainers. Just not as aerobic exercise.

Out-of-shape duffers climbing through tall weeds, woods and all sorts of other hazards on the course probably increase their heart rate to an aerobic level, but for most, golf simply isn't aerobic activity, which is what most health experts advise for optimum fitness.

That golf is not exercise is debated almost as heatedly as the belief housework is not exercise, which, by the way, recent studies suggest isn't.

"There's this concept that you don't have to go to the gym or run for exercise, (that you can) work out working in the garden or pushing a vacuum," said Steven Snow, director of fitness programming at a Memphis country club and a personal trainer. "That's better than being sedentary, but it's not going to get you where you need to be," he said.

Snow isn't advising health-minded individuals to skip golf and take up world-class fitness training for exercise, but to be realistic about the difference between exercise and leisure activities.

"It's really a distinction between exercise and recreation," he said. "Exercise being focused toward maintaining and increasing fitness, and recreation being for fun, play."

Snow does allow that it's possible to "play golf at a level where you get your heart rate up to exhaust you."

"It's not a bad idea (to play golf). I'd never counsel a client to quit. It's physical activity, and we need recreation in our lives. We need diversion; we need play," he said. "It doesn't have to come down to just exercise."

Obviously, walking a course with a bag of clubs slung over your shoulder or pulling them on a hand cart is better than riding in a motor cart (although neophytes might be amazed by how much walking is still involved when using a cart.)

While not necessarily aerobic, the long-distance walk in golf is a healthful endeavor, doctors say. Although it's questionable if your golf game improves your fitness level, it's a better bet your fitness level may improve your golf game.

"The goal is not to play a round of golf in two hours and 36 minutes," says Snow, "but to shoot a lower score."

A great way to improve chances at a lower score is by improving flexibility, strength and endurance, he said. Historically, golfers were never widely admitted for athletic prowess. But Snow noted nearly all the successful players in the 102nd U.S. Open at Bethpage State Park in Farmingdale, N.Y., work out several times a week, even during tournaments.

But for amateur golfers, just a couple of aerobic workouts a week can improve performance, trainers say.

A low aerobic capacity or endurance level decreases coordination because of physical and mental fatigue and decreases a player's chance for better scores.



Personal trainer Alton Skinner (background) helps client Carolyn McCraw with the finer points of her morning workout at her home in Raleigh, N.C.

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GETTING FIT

Even regular folks are turning to experts to help them exercise right

By Susan Kinzie
RALEIGH NEWS & OBSERVER

While she was buying exercise equipment a few months after having her second baby,

Carolyn McCraw pointed to a poster of a woman twisting to show her sculpted stomach and joked, "With these mats, I also want a body like that."

Alton Skinner said, "You know, you can have it."

She hired him.

And after about 18 months of working out regularly with a personal trainer, 18 months of stretching and sweating and straining, she has lost 7 inches from her waist and received plenty of compliments. And although she started with a typical goal — to drop pounds, to create muscle, in essence to buy a perfect body — she feels as if she has gotten a lot more.

At 38, she can be happy not only that she's whittled off the 40 to 50 pounds she gained with each pregnancy to a lean and strong 124 pounds, but that her back isn't sore anymore. That she gets more sleep and more time to herself. That she doesn't drink a 2-liter bottle of Sprite every day anymore. That she and her husband are eating better than ever. That she has found ways to work good habits into her busy-mom schedule. That even her 8-year-old son, Austin, is more active now.

More and more people are turning to trainers for help — not just actresses and executives anymore. As it becomes increasingly mainstream, with more than 5 million Americans using personal trainers now, the field is changing. Now there are trainers for every conceivable niche: for soccer players, for new moms, for elderly people, for obese children.

Now people can choose a trainer who fits not only their needs but their personality. And now many trainers work more holistically, looking at their client's total lifestyle rather than just carving six-packs out of beer bellies.

Bob Greene, Oprah Winfrey's trainer, symbolizes that more personal type of personal training. Greene thinks the pendulum is swinging back, from the incredibly weight- and appearance-obsessed '80s and '90s to a more balanced

approach to fitness. And even though plenty of people come to a trainer and say, "I want to get rid of THIS," as they squeeze a handful of fat, Greene sees that as just the most visible measure of what a trainer can do for a client.

"The crux of it is the emotional part," he said, and dealing with that is a big part of his best-selling book, "Get With the Program: Getting Real About Your Weight, Health, and Emotional Well-Being" (Simon & Schuster, \$24).

Lots of people are just like Oprah, he said. The happier they are, the better they take care of themselves.

"We always concentrate on eating and exercise, but to me, those are just things you need to do — there's no magic in that. Magic is in the other areas of life that interrupt your good behaviors." The person who is able to make a dramatic change, to lose lots of weight and whip themselves into shape, is a person who has had revelations in other areas of life, he said.

A good trainer will help, Greene said, by listening, by watching. Does the client hate his job? Does she hate her husband?

After hours on the treadmill or guiding a client through crunches, Greene said, you start to get a pretty good idea of what's really going on. Like bartenders, or hairstylists, there just seems to be something about trainers that makes people open up. "Stuff just comes out," Greene said.

Often that means suggesting an expert — a therapist, a marriage counselor, a dietitian, a physician — to help.

Dana Mann, a 38-year-old mother of three from Raleigh, N.C., started seeing a trainer to get rid of the last stubborn 10 or 15 pounds she had gained during pregnancy. After a few months of dieting and working out, after she complained about being tired all the time and losing a lot of hair, her trainer asked her if she had talked to a doctor. Mann went to an endocrinologist and found out she has thyroid problems.

"If she hadn't said anything, I would've just thought, 'OK, I guess I'm just supposed to be tired and cranky and miserable all the time,'" she said, giggling and back to her normal, bubbly self.

Of course, that can lead to problems, too. Good trainers



TIPS ON CHOOSING A TRAINER

Thinking about getting a trainer? Take your time and choose the one who is best for you.

First, decide what your own reasons are and set some goals. Do you want to strengthen your knees for tennis? Lose 200 pounds? Have more energy at work? Run a marathon?

Consider whether you'd do best one-on-one or in a group. Or maybe you'd rather have a trainer map out a fitness plan for you that you follow by yourself.

Experts recommend at least one meeting and workout with a trainer before you make a commitment.

Ask about education and certifications. If you've recently recovered from an injury, you may want someone with some rehab training. If you want to change your diet, look for someone trained as a nutritionist. Experts recommend someone with a degree in an exercise-related field and certification from a respected national organization. There are many groups that certify trainers, but the American Council on Exercise, the American College of Sports Medicine, and the National Strength and Conditioning Association are three well-respected organizations.

Ask about experience and expertise. How long have they been doing this? Can you talk to their clients? Also, some trainers focus on specific sports or types of exercise, like golf, football, ballet or weightlifting, or on specific types of clients, like the elderly or the very obese.

What is their philosophy? Try to get a sense of what they think is important; if you just want to be able to get up the stairs without panting, and they're talking about chiseled abs, maybe you should keep looking.

Flexibility. Can you go in once and get a workout plan, can you go five times a week, can you go once a month? Will they work out with you at home, at a gym, outside, or wherever you prefer?

Finally, and maybe most important, get a sense their motivational style. Do you want a boot-camp experience, or someone to give you a hug? Do you want numbers to chart your fitness, or will you be happy when you can slide into your jeans? Someone who will give you energy, or maybe make you laugh?

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Stretch out before fun in warm weather

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Children need to stay active, healthy and busy during their break from school. Parents need to encourage their children to warm up properly and stretch before each activity and teach them never to play through any type of pain or make winning the reason for playing any sport. Let them choose the activity and keep the focus on having fun. To keep kids moving, the American Council on Exercise suggests 10 fun fitness activities.

1. Soccer

This highly active game involving agility and teamwork has grown popular in the U.S. in recent years. To keep kids injury free, be sure they have appropriate protective equipment, such as shin guards, at every practice and game. Players should wear shoes with cleats to prevent slipping.

2. Martial Arts

With a variety of forms to choose from, martial arts are a great way to get kids involved in a sport that involves strength, coordination and mental discipline. Proper training is a must.

3. Bike Riding

Bicycle riding is a fun activity for the whole family. Experts suggest children ride on sidewalks and paths until they are at least 10 years old, show good riding skills and are able to follow the rules of the road. Helmets, of course, are a necessity for both children and adults.

4. Swimming

Nothing beats splashing around a pool with friends, and swimming offers the benefits of a full-body workout for both young and old. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends swimming lessons for children ages 4 and older.

5. Basketball

Whether it's a round of HORSE, a game of one-on-one, or a full-court competition, basketball is ideal for developing hand/eye coordination and teamwork. Encourage children younger than 7 to use a smaller foam or rubber ball, and lower the height of the basket if possible.

6. Obstacle course

Challenge kids to use a variety of different skills by setting up an obstacle course at the park using playground equipment or other items, such as jump ropes, balls and cones.

7. Dancing

Whether you like ballet or hip-hop, dancing encourages them to be creative and move their bodies freely. For video-arcade fans, a new game challenges opponents to follow a dance routine while watching the video. Kids can spend time learning new moves while also getting a great workout.

8. Board Sports

Whether snowboarding in the winter, surfing in the summer, or skateboarding year-round, kids love to be on the board. Injury risk, however, is higher for these sports. Kids should wear helmets, and surfers should be accompanied by an adult.

9. Jumping rope

Jumping rope is still a favorite on most playgrounds. Jumping rope challenges both coordination and stamina.

10. Skating

Ice skating, inline skating and hockey can be both fun and safe as long as appropriate protective gear such as a helmet, wrist guards and kneepads are worn. Hockey players should wear a helmet with foam lining and a full-face mask, a mouth guard, and pads.

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Technology workers speak their own language

Acronyms, complex terminology lead to communication breakdowns

By Tom Kiskien
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Technicians who learned English from computer manuals and have communication skills in chat rooms don't bother Tony Papa. The CEO of NetLogic Communications figures asking a network or systems engineer to break down technology into a language an everyday computer user can understand is like asking a heart surgeon to peel potatoes. "They're just not wired that way," said Papa, who runs the Internet and network services provider in Santa Barbara, Calif. "The average brain has only so much capacity. The more you pack into their heads from a technical perspective, the less room they have in their brain for the other things... like social graces."

If that means some computer technicians use "conflate" twice in every conversation and lack the desk-side patience needed to help someone who doesn't know a dipswitch from a dipstick, so be it.

Papa doesn't dispute the significance of a communications gap that can make everyday computer users feel detached or neglected by people who make a living in information technology. "The technical folks are driven by a desire to become more technical," he said, describing a world where "acronyms and wileisms and technology change by the hour. Unless you're in it, living it and breathing it, the gap widens."

Rather than trying to change his engineers, he hires additional people whose main attributes are patience and phone skills. They talk to everyday computer users facing some sort of glitch and then relay the problem in technospeak to the engineers.

"They're like a translator," he said. Tony Baldwin, whose future as a technophile became clear when he took a programming class at the age of 10, Nov. 31, he's training toward certification as a systems administrator.

Some of the gap may emanate from what Baldwin calls empowerment and what others in his class at the Technology Development Center in Ventura, Calif., refer to as people using their computer knowledge to turn the tables on people who picked on them during adolescence.

"It's the revenge of the nerds," said Kelvin Lucas of Oxnard, Calif., also being trained as a systems administrator. "Bow down. The geeks are in town."

Baldwin also asserted that much of what comes across as arrogance is fueled by frustration at people too lazy to learn elementary aspects of technology on which their livelihoods are dependent.

"The user needs to pick up a book," he said, complaining about people who call for tech support at the slightest hint of problems. "If they had a little gumption, they could find the information out for themselves."

Papa suggested the gap will narrow as generations raised with computers take over. They already speak the language and understand the technology.

Tyler Blake asserted that everyday computer users need to understand how difficult it is to break down complicated glitches into an understandable, solvable nugget.

But computer experts, he added, need to understand it's their job to help everyday users. "A lot of information technology people don't see themselves as customer-oriented or service-oriented. They see themselves as guardians of the network or overseers of the technology," he said. "I think that what a lot of time comes out as arrogance is actually a lack of understanding. They don't understand what their role should be."

Blake, a psychology professor at California State University, Northridge, who works on ways of making complex computer systems user friendly, can network with the engineers or show the breeze with everyone else.

And while he pushes for understanding and appreciation, he disputes the notion people have to understand how their computers work. "You shouldn't need to be a mechanic to drive a car," he said.



No longer limited to milk bottles and newspapers, recycling is being embraced in industrial circles as a way to save - and make - more money

By Julie M. McKinnon
TOLEDO BLADE

Every day, Sauder Woodworking Co. is left with around 300 tons of sawdust after workers craft ready-to-assemble furniture.

Farmers and manufacturers buy some of the sawdust for animal bedding and other uses. But the rest would have to be hauled to the landfill, at a cost of about \$55 to \$60 a ton, if the Archbold, Ohio, company hadn't devised another use: making electricity.

Sauder operates a \$15 million cogeneration plant that last year produced enough electricity from burned sawdust to power 3,878 houses, as well as steam used to expand peaking foam and do other tasks.

Opened in January 1994, the cogeneration plant was conceived after Sauder and Toledo Edison Co. worked out a deal under which the furniture company supplies electricity to the utility's grid in return for cheaper rates.

"Sawdust hasn't been sent to the landfill in three years thanks to the cogeneration plant, which burns about 55 percent of the sawdust and small wood pieces left over from manufacturing."

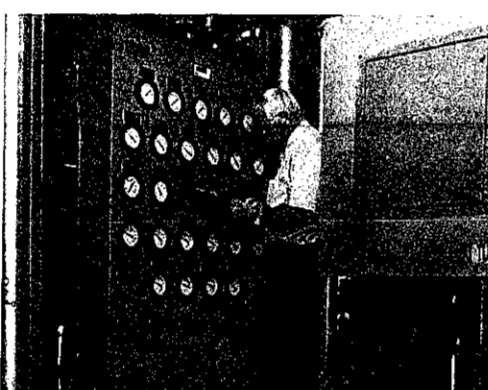
"You have to have someone to go with it," said Paul Nuffiger, Sauder's facilities engineer. "It (recycled) our wood waste and put it to a good use."

About half of companies nationwide participate in some form of recycling, said Pamela Gordon, author of "Lean and Green: Profit For Your Workplace and the Environment" and president of Technology Forecasters Inc., of Alameda, Calif.

Many industrial firms have an uncluttered view of the benefits of recycling. Re-using, reducing and recycling materials typically save manufacturers 1 percent to 5 percent of the cost of goods they sell, estimated Gordon.

"It can be very significant in a competitive market," she said. "Five percent of the cost - that comes straight from the bottom line."

Still, at Sauder, it will take nearly a decade of use before the cogeneration plant pays for itself, even with lower landfill expenses, cheaper electricity



Tom Brodbeck, plant manager at Sauder Woodworking Co. in Archbold, Ohio, checks the recycling plant turbine. The plant converts burned sawdust into electricity, reusing over 50 percent of the company's leftover wood particles.

rates and sales from the sawdust Sauder doesn't burn. That's more than twice as long as Sauder typically expects for a return on an investment.

But the environmental payoff is worth the extended wait, said company president and chief executive Kevin Sander.

Many manufacturers routinely return rocks, pallets or other containers in which parts or other materials are delivered from suppliers so the containers can be reused. Some companies asked their suppliers to all use the same recyclable materials, such as plastic package binding and buckets. Bins for paper, soda cans, and other everyday items are nearly ubiquitous in plants and offices.

Despite such strides from Sauder and other manufacturers, U.S. firms have a long way to go to match recycling leaders in Western Europe and Japan, said Gordon. Some states are more advanced than others, she said, such as Oregon, where 85 percent of companies do some type of recycling.

With \$22.5 billion in annual sales, though, recycling is a big part of Ohio's economy.



Big audit firms to shed dual roles

By Pamela R. Winnick
PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE

In days of old, the imprimatur on an audited financial statement signed by a Big Eight firm - the biggest of the nation's public accounting firms, whose ranks have dwindled to half that number - was like the Good Housekeeping seal of approval.

It assured shareholders that all was well with their investments and that they could sleep soundly, knowing their nest eggs were protected - or, at the least, that the situation as laid out in a company's financial statements accurately portrayed its condition.

"For decades, society has expected auditors to ferret out fraud," said Ed Katz, professor of accounting at Penn State's Smeal College of Business.

Not anymore. That image of flinty-eyed auditors scouring every detail of a company's balance sheet and income statement for discrepancies was shattered with the collapse of Enron.

Investors were outraged to learn that accounting firm Arthur Andersen had signed off on the energy trader's financial statements even though it appeared to know they grossly misstated Enron's revenues and financial condition. Part of the problem was the dual role played by Andersen, which acted both as a consultant to Enron and as its outside auditor.

The Enron deception was followed by other major scandals, including WorldCom, which recently filed for bankruptcy and stands accused of artificially inflating profits by concealing nearly \$4 billion in expenses and shifting around more than \$3 billion in reserves outside of accepted accounting practices.

In the wake of these scandals, President Bush has signed sweeping legislation aimed at clamping down on corporate and accounting fraud. Among other things, the law establishes a regulatory body to oversee the audit of public companies and adopts standards for auditors.

But what remains unclear is what all this is going to mean for the business of accounting.

Katz is among those who predict a massive industry shakeup as accounting firms scramble to rid themselves of their sevier consulting practices that advised clients on business practices and strategies and focus once again, on their more mundane audit functions.

Deloitte & Touche, another of the Big Four, still maintains a consulting and audit practice but plans to spin off what remains of its consulting practice in the near future, said Patricia Silverman, a spokeswoman for the firm.

Deloitte already had spun off much of its consulting business in 1996, forming Resources Connection, which provides companies with experienced professionals in accounting and finance, informational technology and human resources. Deloitte initially maintained a minority stake in the venture, but Resources Connection became entirely independent when it went public in December 2000.

Will less-well-known accounting firms grab up some of the auditing business now that the Big Four have come under fire, either directly or by guilt through association?

Katz thinks not. Fortune 500 companies, he said, likely will continue to use the Big Four because of their geographic reach and prestige.

Companies that use the bigger-name accountants may have to be prepared to pay more. That's because with the more profitable consulting practices gone, the Big Four will have to charge more for audit services, which once served as a "loss leader" that allowed them to get their foot in the door and sell other, more profitable services.

The higher prices may be worth it, Penn State's Katz said, because "the public is going to demand that audited statements be more truthful."

WHERE THE GIRLS AREN'T

For more than a decade, educators and others have tried a variety of programs to encourage girls to pursue careers in math, science and computers. Now researchers are trying to figure out whether those programs are actually making a difference.

By Christina Dyress
RALEIGH NEWS & OBSERVER

At the Wade Edwards Learning Lab in Raleigh, N.C., Katie Fraser stands in front of her group - six teenage boys and girls who have just started their first year of high school - and points to a chart she has designed to illustrate thinking outside the box.

It would be hard to guess that the articulate instructor was in their position just a year ago. A rising sophomore, Katie, 15, is at home in the computer lab.

But she is not trying herself for a career in computer science - or in any area of technology.

"I look at computer science and associate it more with men," Katie says. "My ultimate dream is to go to law school. Computers don't really interest me in the sense of science."

At a time when girls are just as well-versed as boys in designing Web pages, instant messaging and building PowerPoint presentations, Katie's attitude would be surprising if it weren't so common.

For more than a decade, educators and others have tried a variety of programs - summer camps, workshops and mentoring - to encourage girls to take classes and consider careers in math, science and computers.

Now some researchers at North Carolina State University are trying to figure out whether those programs actually make a difference. Using a summer day-camp program they designed, "Girls on Track."

They have been studying whether middle-school girls exposed to science, math and technology will actually stick

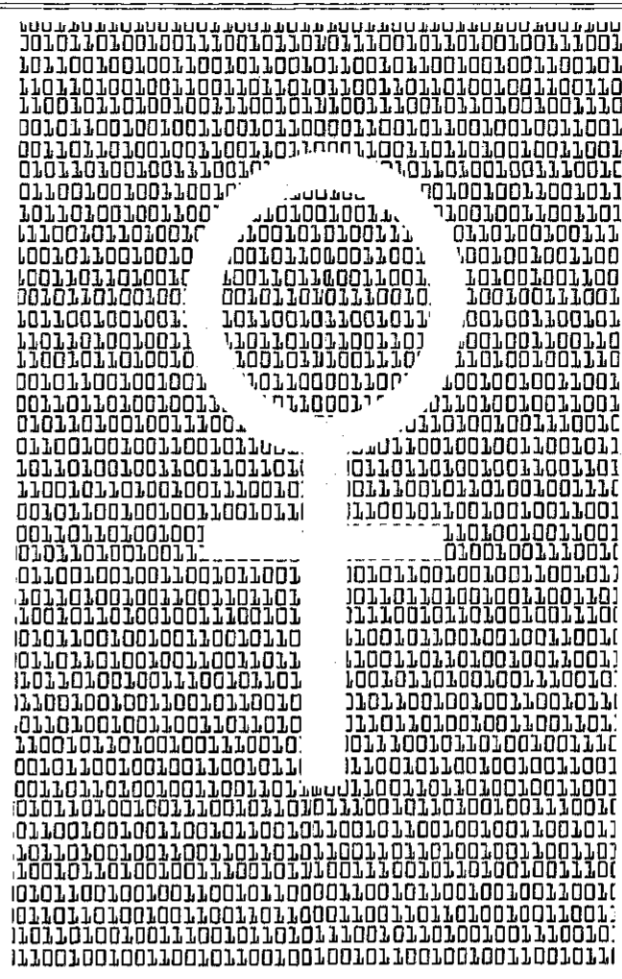


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with these subjects as they grow up. "There's a certain amount of urgency involved. With half the population less apt to pursue technology-oriented careers, it's more than an equality issue - it's an international competitive issue."

"If women take two university math courses, their salary goes from 70 percent to 90 percent of men's," says the study's lead researcher, Susan Berenson, a math education professor and director of North Carolina State's Math and Science Research and Development Center.

Voik, Berenson, and Joan Michael, a psychology professor at North Carolina State, were awarded a \$500,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to continue their study on this topic. The money will allow them to continue to follow the girls who have participated in the four years of Girls on Track summer camps

and what men make," says Susan Berenson, a math education professor and director of North Carolina State's Math and Science Research and Development Center.

And then there are the girls such as Katie Fraser, who despite their technological talents have never participated in a summer camp program or attended a science workshop.

Girls who, as Katie says, have "grown up with access to computers at home and access to the Internet," who take computers for granted and still have

through their high school and early college careers to see whether they continue to succeed in math and science.

They hope the research can help change a troubling trend. Women make up fewer than 28 percent of the computer science college graduates and less than 20 percent of the technical work force.

Recent statistics show these numbers might be improving slightly, but those concerned are out to change the prevailing notion that technology, science and math are male domains.

Participants in the Mathematics and Science Education Network, a pre-college program also run through North Carolina State, aren't necessarily the girls who need to be exposed to science, math and technology at the crucial middle-school age.

"It tends to be a self-selecting group," Voik says. "Their parents are supportive, their counselors are supportive. So you reach the girls that really want to do it anyway."

The question still to be answered - the oldest girls as part of the study are seniors in high school - is whether the flame continues to burn in these girls in college, where a high percentage of female computer science or engineering majors leave the field before graduation.

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Web offers digital option for 35mm photographers

By Matthew Yi
SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

I've always been intrigued by the virtues of owning a digital camera: Take a bunch of photos, delete the bad ones and print just the ones that I liked. And of course, I could e-mail my photos to family and friends in far-flung places.

Going fully digital, however, meant I needed to spend hundreds of dollars on a digital camera with enough megapixels to make quality prints, and a photo printer. Or I could give up my digital dream and just stick with my old 35mm camera.

But I think I've found the best of both worlds. With online photo services, I can still shoot 35mm while enjoying some of the benefits of digital. Sites such as Ofoto, PhotoWorks, Shutterfly and Snapfish allow me to get my 35mm film developed, photos posted online and prints made.

To my surprise, it was a pretty painless exercise, but the clear downside was the speed of service. It took at least a couple of days for my photos to be available online and even more time for me to receive my prints.

Still, I was pleased by the quality of the prints from all four services and wouldn't mind using them again.

You start by e-mailing your roll in a postage-paid envelope. In some cases, you return the negatives (and prints in some films), while posting your photos on their Web site.

From there you can crop your photos, turn your color shots into black and white images, take out the red-eye in that inebriated birthday shot, put borders around the pictures and, yes, e-mail them to your friends and family.

Prices range from about \$4 for negative processing to nearly \$10 for a complete set of prints. All services offer online photos without additional charge.

Here's a look at four of the services.

WWW.OFOTO.COM
Ofoto, which is owned by Kodak, is easy to use. You don't have to be a professional graphics designer to be able to crop images or add borders to your photos. You can also eliminate that pesky red-eye in your indoor pictures taken with a flash.

You can also make your photos into cards or calendars with just a few clicks. For an added cost, you can have your pictures framed or put into albums.

For \$3.95, Ofoto will develop your film and post pictures online. Prints cost extra, but can be blown up as big as 20 inches by 30 inches.

WWW.SHUTTERFLY.COM
Shutterfly's site has features similar to Ofoto and is just as easy to use. The top of each page has links that'll take you straight to either view or edit photos; create cards and calendars; or order prints.

Shutterfly requires a prepayment of \$4.32. The site also allows you to put borders around the pictures and add special effects, such as turning your color photos into black and whites or giving them that sepia-toner antique look.

WWW.SNAPFISH.COM
One clear advantage for Snapfish, based in Beltsville, Md., is that for just \$4.98 plus tax, you also get an entire set of prints for the whole roll of film.

The Snapfish Web site is also easy to use, but lacks some of the bells and whistles, such as adding borders or extra effects such as blurring your photos or making them black and white.

WWW.PHOTOWORKS.COM
PhotoWorks will also send you a full set of prints, but at \$9.20 it can't help but wonder if it's worth the cost.

Unlike the other services, where you can make up easily remembered log-in names and passwords, PhotoWorks assigns you an eight-digit customer number and a nine-digit password. I've had to dig through my e-mail on more than one occasion to find my log-in and password numbers.

While the site does offer borders and some effects, it's clearly not as user-friendly as the other three sites.

By Chris Campbell
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Medical technologists always in high demand

Low profiles, lack of recognition cause many to shy away from professions

By Mary Powers
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Blaine Freiden stood before 14 college students, pitching professions in which employment is virtually guaranteed, jobs are secure and salaries start at \$35,000 to more than \$20,000. It was still a tough sell.

Freiden recruits students for the University of Tennessee's College of Allied Health Sciences in Memphis, where human use, or test results that will help direct treatment, must be processed by a licensed medical technologist. Most work in hospital laboratories and blood banks.

Image is part of the problem. Medical technology doesn't have one. Because med techs are largely tucked away in laboratories, the profession has a low profile. "People just need to understand that without the lab, the doctor could not do his job," said Jennifer Shipman, 27, of Wynne, Ark. She's worked as a medical technologist in hospitals and at Lifeblood, Mid-South Regional Blood Center in Memphis since 1997.

The number of accredited medical tech training programs nationwide dropped from 373 in 1995 to 230 this year. Linda Ross, a medical technologist and interim chairman of UT's Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences, said it's hard to fill the classrooms. UT's two-year program has room for 20 students. Last year, it attracted nine.

"As far as medical technology is concerned, the medical community is just keeping a nostril above water," said Dr. Richard Jones, technical services director at Lifeblood, Mid-South Regional Blood Center. In the last year, demand for medical technologists has helped drive salaries up about 10 percent locally. New graduates with a bachelor's degree earn about \$35,000.

The demand is so great that Methodist Healthcare in Memphis is offering a \$1,000 bonus to any Methodist employee who helps recruit a medical technologist.

"The need is going to increase, no question about it," said Sue Rowe.

A medical technologist by training, she's recruiting for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, in the process of nearly doubling the size of its facility and expanding production of promising vaccines and therapies. Medical technologists will likely be key to such efforts.

Will less-well-known accounting firms grab up some of the auditing business now that the Big Four have come under fire, either directly or by guilt through association?

Katz thinks not. Fortune 500 companies, he said, likely will continue to use the Big Four because of their geographic reach and prestige.

Companies that use the bigger-name accountants may have to be prepared to pay more. That's because with the more profitable consulting practices gone, the Big Four will have to charge more for audit services, which once served as a "loss leader" that allowed them to get their foot in the door and sell other, more profitable services.

The higher prices may be worth it, Penn State's Katz said, because "the public is going to demand that audited statements be more truthful."

Plus



Annieglass mixes with contemporary china, glass and crystal.

DISHING it UP



Annie Morhauser

By Angelica Pence
SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

Several of her high-end plates and vases have been splashed on the pages of *Houzz*, *Apartment*, *Gourmet* and *Elle Decor* magazines.

Celebrities like Barbara Streisand, Robin Williams and Oprah have eaten on her scenic designs. Her 800-number retail client list includes the likes of the Waldorf and Four Seasons in New York City, and Gump's in San Francisco. And the Smithsonian Institution counts her Annieglass tableware as part of its permanent collection.

But unlike New Mexico's Nambe or France's Limoges, you'd be hard pressed to find more than a banquet-roomful of die-hard fans and industry insiders in Annie Morhauser's own California backyard who recognize her glass tableware, much less name its designer.

"There's a certain level of that," she says, Santa Cruz, Calif., resident recently allowed.

"It's true that I'm better known outside of the San Francisco area—in New York and the South for instance—than I am in it."

Far from your grandmother's china (or your mother's, for that matter), Annieglass is chic, sturdy and dishwasher-safe. That makes it particularly popular with the coveted 20- and 30-something crowds who may have registered for a butler's pantry full of crystal and china but have no intention of hand-washing their pricey table settings.

To feed the trend, Morhauser regularly hosts trunk shows throughout the country showing brides-to-be and other customers how to mix and match their dated china patterns with contemporary Annieglass pieces, the latest in linens, flatware, stemware, flower vessels and other table accents.

"Many younger brides, in particular, get a certain sense of what's appropriate, in terms of table settings, from their mothers," said Kathleen Taggart, director and head buyer of house wares for Draeger's Market, which sells Annie glass at two of its locations. "They're told it needs to be Limoges (porcelain) or something along those lines. But they want to break it up. And Annieglass does that beautifully because it's simply more modern."

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Glass artist helps set the table

summer party where she saw for the first time glass blown outside the confines of a factory. She went on to study under Marvin Lipofsky, who is considered by many glass aficionados to be the father of the contemporary glass movement. In 1979, Virginia Brier, the "grand dame" of Bay Area Arts and Crafts, gave the college student her first show.

Combined, the experiences sparked a lifelong passion and a lucrative career.

Since then Morhauser has taken her decidedly free-spirited California crafts training and inspiration, steadily serving up goods to a high-end, cult-like following.

She opened for business in 1981 inside a tiny studio in downtown Santa Cruz. By 1996 she had outgrown the 400-square-foot studio space and moved her factory to a 16,000-square-foot warehouse.

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There, a small staff creates Annieglass by following a well-known glass-making technique called "lampworking." Sheets of flat window glass are cut by hand, ground along the edges and hand-painted. Each piece is placed over a ceramic mold and heated in a kiln at 1,350 F to take their shape. Metal, glass and color pigments fuse permanently to the glass, making the work heat- and chip-resistant.

Morhauser sells 23 light-reflecting lines—from frosted plates to vases, vases, platters and gold-trimmed ring and cut bowls. Much of the work mimics items found near her coast side home—rippling waves, fish, boats, leaves and shells. Deliberately minimal, the collections pair subtly with other tabletop items, from the most ornate antiques to the sleekest of modern-day patterns.

"Her work is very accessible and simple," said Lipofsky, who taught Morhauser at the California College of Arts and Crafts in San Francisco. "It's not complicated, but difficult to understand. It's good, basic design that developed into a fantastic business."

Morhauser's signature Roman Antiquae series, for one, follows clean geometric lines framed by 24-karat gold or platinum ribbons. The clear serving bowls and platters, with their rustic asymmetrical surfaces and cracked handing, evoke the Italian artifacts that first inspired Morhauser to study decorative arts.

Her latest line, which will be in stores by the fall, is made by silkscreening leaf images onto thick slabs of curved glass. The skeletal figures of *Fallen Leaves* appear to be floating on rippling water.

Last year, Annieglass put out 100,000 pieces—a number that likely will increase little, if any, this year. And that's just fine with Morhauser who has no plans to expand her business and mass-produce her pricey products for fear she'd compromise quality and lose her core clientele.

"I could copy myself, but why?" she asked. "I'm in the luxury market and that's where I want to stay."

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANNIEGLASS VISIT WWW.ANNIEGLASS.COM.



RAGGEDY ANN Woman discovers Raggedy Ann ... and Andy, too

By Kristen Smith
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

She now has enough space to spread out her collection and to invite her friends over to her Fort Myers, Fla., home for tea parties with their dolls.

The house already is full of toothbrushes and Happy Meal boxes, antique books and music boxes and doll after doll, all bearing the same triangle-nose and red string hair that has become an impish icon for generations: Raggedy Ann.

At age 44, the retired Marine Corps Reserve gunnery sergeant has found she isn't too old to play with dolls, especially since she only discovered Raggedy Ann — and Andy — a few years ago.

"When you read the different books, your imagination gets going," said Ginger. "She's just lovable. She talks to you and you can talk to her. You can tell her anything, it's imagination. I think I can tell her anything and she can keep my secrets."

It was in 1996 that Ginger found out the grandfather of her then-boyfriend Tim had created Raggedy Ann almost 87 years ago. Before she met and married Tim, she would buy Raggedy Ann dolls as gifts for other people. Once she fell in love, she started buying them for herself and reintroducing her husband to his unique heritage.

Tim's grandfather, Johnny Gruelle, created Raggedy Ann in 1915. He was soon selling the doll and writing books about Raggedy Ann and her brother Andy, who was introduced a few years later.

Tim's mother, Ruth Gruelle, has taken over the reins and works hard to keep Raggedy Ann and Andy clean and pure. She's in constant contact with lawyers to battle copyright infringement and to monitor the companies.

"When Johnny Gruelle started Raggedy Ann, he didn't think anything would come of it," Ruth said from her home in Chapel Hill, N.C., one of only four family members to receive minimal royalties. "If we don't keep her legal she can't be anything she is. She has the 'I love you' heart and she loves everybody."

"She doesn't walk and she doesn't talk. You just play with her like a friend," Ruth said. "People are getting to be more family-oriented again and she's a very lovable thing that gazes up at you. How can you hate her?"

Easy, if you are a boy. OK, it wasn't exactly late, but growing up, Tim didn't care a bit about Raggedy Ann. His parents never talked about his legacy and he was barely aware of his grandfather's place in history.

"Being a boy it really wasn't my thing so I wasn't all that excited about it—little boys and dolls, you know," said Tim, while sitting in the dollhouse with a Raggedy Ann shirt and cap. "When we had our wars as brother and sister I'd sneak in and cut all the hair off her dolls."

Ginger has paid as much as \$1,200 for a Raggedy Ann doll, but she just as much loves finding the dolls in thrift shop bins, where she rescues them and brings them home.

No doll ever gets thrown into the washing machine, even if its face is stained with grape juice or marker.

"They're a well-loved doll," Ginger said. "Somebody at some point or another loved that baby and that's why it's torn and stained."

To Ginger, those stained, dirty, torn and battered dolls are just as important as the pristine, \$1,000 ones.

"They might be missing a leg or an arm and that's fine with me," she said. "I'm not in it for the money, I'm a collector."



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BACK-TO-SCHOOL

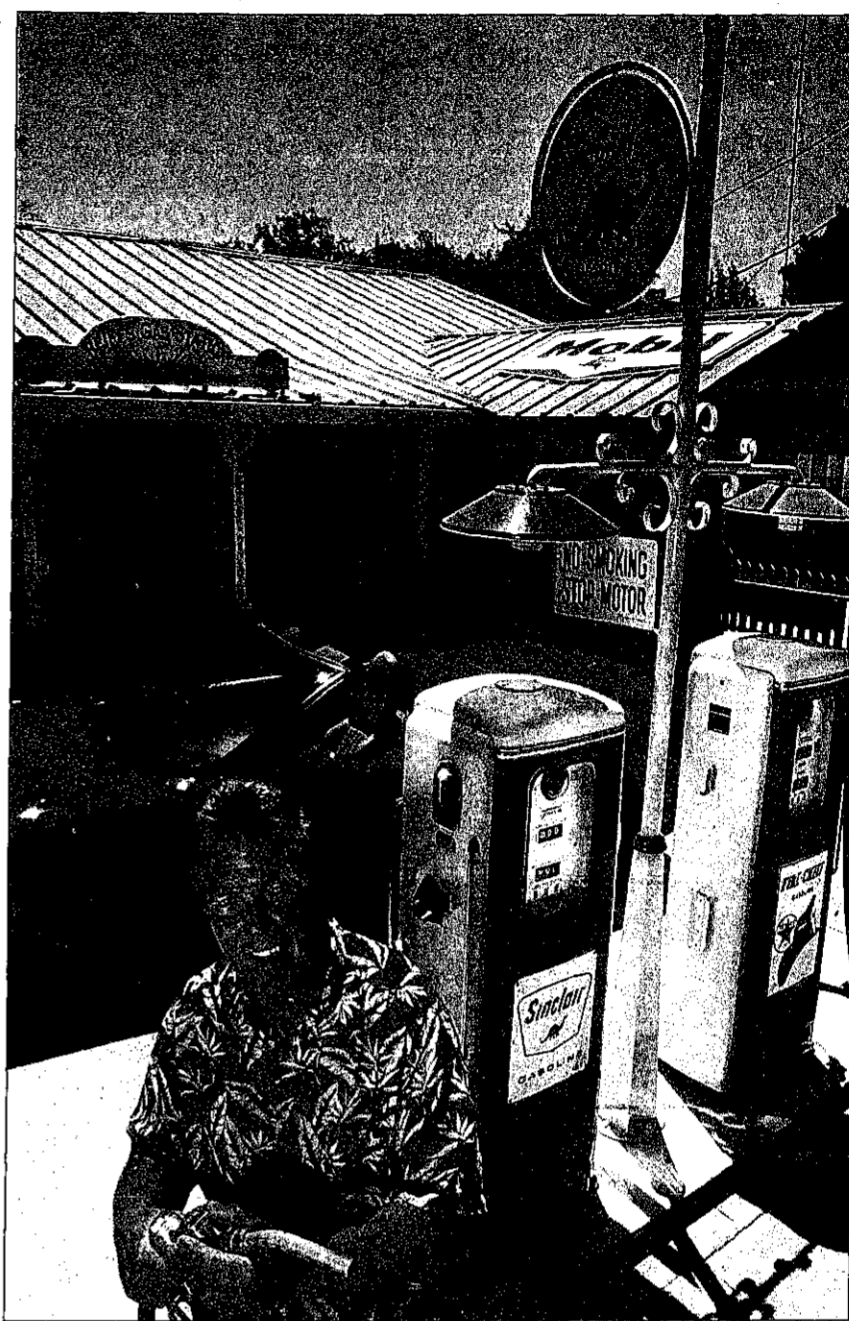
To save money and to reduce your children's sugar intake, mix pure juice and soda water instead of canned or bottled soft drinks.

Let children set their own alarm clocks and give them the responsibility of waking up in time for school. This helps them develop good discipline. Then, set the main kitchen timer to sound 10 minutes before it's time to leave. That gives them a warning to finish a task and head for the door.

Mark Reiff has transformed his ranch-style home in a shady Californian neighborhood into a two-pump gas station and garage. He has spent the last three years renovating the home.

Drive
right up
and enjoy
Mark Reiff's
premium-
grade
decorating
style

Early gas station' chic

By Bob Syva
SACRAMENTO BEE

Photographs by Chris Cowell/Sacramento Bee

In a shrine to premium nostalgia and high-octane goodness, there are three things missing from Mark Reiff's pit stop of a home in the heart of Woodland, Calif.: a long line of thirty cars waiting out front to fill up their tanks, a tow truck hauling in the carcass from a nasty car wreck and a glib, gum-sucking waitress asking, "Hon, you want a lid on that coffee?"

Mark Reiff lives in central Woodland on a deceptive street of modest homes, white picket fences, a flowering of American flags and occasional squeal of laughter.

Reiff's house is easy to find. It resembles a country store. It has a weathered porch, an old Coca-Cola machine, a Pennzoil sign, a Texaco water hose, a Mobilgas oil dispenser and a shingle on the roof that says "Reiff's Gas Station. Established 1978."

Out front, there's a service island with two gas pumps and a black snake cable that goes "ding-ding." And, right now, gas is a steal!

At one pump, a vintage green Fire Chief, gas is an uncut 11 4/10 cents per gallon. Guzzling SUVs will think they've died and gone to Qatar! How to explain such Model T prices?

Well, the pumps fuel nothing but memories. Nonetheless, the mirage-like sight of the filling station in this residential zone has caused some Woodland old-timers to drive by, puzzling, "Gee, I don't remember a gas station being on this street before!"

What must these same folks make of the horrible collision just around the corner? Here, a classic 1956 Olds 88 is impaled in the side of a barn. There are even suspicious skid marks on the street, a section of splintered fence, shredded slats of barn wood.

It's all a crashing joke, of course. "At night, the tallights light up," says Reiff of his Olds chandelier, a be-



Complete with a wrecked picket fence, a 1956 Olds 88 appears to have crashed through Reiff's house.

public variance from the norm.

In 1978, Reiff, newly married, bought what was once a conventional ranch-style home—one bath, three bedrooms. Soon divorced, he raised two kids in this home and continues to operate a successful parking lot cleaning business, which accounts for his tropical glow.

Reiff, still single ("But I'm looking"), has a knack for decorating. The interior of his house is a major statement in his eclectic back yard, which features a path of pink petunias, a grove of teenage birches, a lukewarm koi pond and enough neon beer signs to quench every bar and grill on Main Street.

Reiff is 53 years old. He has blue eyes, sandy-gray hair, a beaming smile. He is clad in his usual attire of shorts, Hawaiian shirt and year-round tan. Reiff is a Woodland native, as was his father.

Thus, by virtue of Woodland longevity and civic standing, he feels he's entitled to a little creative license—

train sets, vegetable scales, antique stoves, pedal cars. All that, plus a sumptuous wealth of dust, is in place for the long haul.

Asked what he calls this decor, Reiff deliberates and says, "I consider it California rustic."

Three years ago, he purchased an old gas pump at a yard sale, which put a tiger in his tank of imagination.

"One day, I was standing in the front room looking outside the window," says Reiff. "And I said to myself, 'I can build a gas station out there!'"

Apparently, with no special permits required. And all the artifacts, from air hoses to quart bottles of oil. Since then, he has purchased another 24 antique gas pumps, which are in orderly formation in his spotless garage, along with a bright-red 1998 Corvette.

See, wouldn't it be great to have a crazy, fun-loving neighbor like Mark Reiff? It's cool," says Andy Sidero, 25, who lives next door in a comparatively prosaic house, with no gas pumps, no minivan and no car wrecks. "A lot of people slow down to take a look at the house. Some people bring their whole family," he says.

Indeed, Reiff's Gas Station is becoming something of a regular tourist attraction, which says something about growing Woodland. "It's wonderful," says Woodland Mayor Dave Flory. "It's very creative. I actually take guests by to see it. It has become one of the highlights of my Woodland tour."

Well, slam on the brakes, your honor! Mark Reiff has more ideas. "A gas station has to have a '50s diner," says Reiff, who along with being a decorator, handyman and antique collector, is also an accomplished artist. His plan is to paint a trompe l'oeil on the side of his house, featuring a sassy waitress, a moody James Dean and a real set of chrome counter stools.

"I like to have fun," says Mark Reiff. "I like to share fun with other people."

Take precautions to avoid injuries in your own yard

By Kathy Barberich
THE FRESNO BEE

Many of us garden alone. We like the peace and quiet.

That tranquility can be shattered, however, if we twist an ankle in a gutter hole, get a spider bite or become overheated or sunburned. Some accidents are inevitable, of course. But other things that might make gardening painful can be prevented.

California master gardener Karona Bentley Garcia says taking a few precautions can add to the joy of gardening.

"Like any other activity, people need to be careful and watchful when they garden," says Garcia.

Garcia offers these safety tips. ■ Try to avoid gardening during the hottest part of the day. Remember to check medication labels; many warn people who are taking them to avoid direct sunlight.

■ Use sunscreen. ■ Wear gloves. They protect you from thorns and debris that can cut and puncture skin, and they also protect your hands from germs found in the soil.

■ Wear long-sleeve shirts and full-length pants. They serve as a barrier to sharp branches and protection from the sun.

■ If you are bothered by mosquitoes, apply repellent. ■ Carry water with you and drink plenty to prevent dehydration.

■ If you have a tendency to overheat, carry a cold pack or tie a scarf that has been dipped in cold-water around your neck.

■ Wear a hat or bonnet to shade your face and neck. If temperatures run high, dip the hat in cold water before wearing. Use sunblock to protect the back of your neck, the tips of your ears and your nose, which may not be shaded by a hat.

■ Take frequent breaks. ■ Carry a cell phone. Call for help if you need it. ■ After gardening, wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water. Immediately tend to scratches or scrapes to prevent infection.

Appliances 101

Buying a small appliance may seem like a simple process, but there are a few things to consider before buying. Here is a sampling of what you might want to know before hitting the store:

■ Determine your cooking needs. The number of burners and settings on an appliance usually increases with the size of the machine.

■ Decide whether you want corded or cordless appliances. ■ Read the package before you buy to see if the appliance does everything you want it to.

— LOWE'S HOME IMPROVEMENT WAREHOUSE



Back to school

When children return home from school, have them unload their backpacks immediately placing any permission slips or papers that need a parental signature into an in-box marked "Mom and Dad." Once signed, return the papers to each child's personal in-box.

Post morning chores for the children on the refrigerator.

Travel

Pack a bottle of bubble solution, a Frisbee or a jump rope in the glove compartment. When it's time for a rest stop, a child will have several ways to happily burn off some energy.

Take along a jar of instant coffee and a heating coil for the water to ensure that a refreshing cup of coffee is always available.

Plus

L.A. CONFIDENTIAL



ABOVE: Wacko/Soap Plant owner Billy Shire moves merchandise in his Hollywood Boulevard store. The store, which also has an art gallery, sells nostalgic merchandise from the past and books. BELOW: An employee at Canter's takes an order for some of the restaurant's fresh baked goods. The popular deli is a great place to grab a bite 24 hours a day.

To get the inside story on Los Angeles, you'll need to dip below its glossy and glamorous surface

By Rachel Leibrock
Photos by Hector Ameza
THE SACRAMENTO BEE

>Welcome to Los Angeles — home of the big egos and tiny cell phones. With its balmy weather, up-to-the-minute style and the ever-present possibility of a star-sighting, Los Angeles is both a vacation destination and a pop-culture mecca.

Sure, you want to check out the well-known spots — Grauman's Chinese Theatre, Rodeo Drive and the Hollywood Walk of Fame — but if you really want to know the City of Lost Angels, then you need to look for the places that the style-setters frequent.

If you can handle rubbing elbows with the uber-hip then you'll find a wealth of not-so-hidden treasures, from record shopping and trendy trinkets to healthy dining and intimate nightspots.

Los Angeles boasts many hot spots you won't find on any map, with many concentrated in a small area bordered by Hollywood Boulevard, Vermont Avenue, West Third Street and Santa Monica Boulevard.

Looking for atmosphere? Stop by the Dresden or Canter's. The former is a kitschy restaurant-lounge featured in the 1996 movie "Swingers." The latter is a family-run Jewish deli that first opened in 1924.



"Canter's is a great late-night spot to possibly scope out rock stars," says Apryl Lundsten, 31, of Los Angeles. A Canter's regular, Lundsten likes the deli for its rich history.

"The waitresses have been there longer than dirt and are celebrities in their own right," she says. "And next door is (their) nightclub, the Kibbitz Room. It's rumored that Bob Dylan used to play the Kibbitz."

While you're there, check out Largo. Across the street from the deli, the club plays host to stand-up comedians and up-and-coming bands, and features renowned weekly outing with producer-singer-songwriter Jon Brion, known for his work with Aimee Mann and Fiona Apple. His famous friends often perform during his shows.

L.A. resident Karen MacMillan, 32, likes Largo for its intimate and casual cabaret-style setting.

"Largo is one of my favorite places to see a show in L.A.," she says. "The best thing to do is to call ahead for dinner reservations, which guarantees you a seat. (Otherwise) show up early — around 8 p.m."

Navigating Los Angeles' ever-changing pop-culture landscape is all about being privy to such helpful tips and what to expect. That's why we've put together this list of nine of the city's most stylish offerings. We hit all nine spots in one weekend. Follow our guide and you too can experience Los Angeles at its coolest.

TRAVEL



Amoeba Music's enormous collection requires a map to navigate properly.

AMOEBAMUSIC
6400 Sunset Blvd.
(323) 245-6400
www.amoebamusic.com

What: Gigantic record store.
Where: Hollywood.
Who: Any music fan. This store has something for everyone.
Why: Because with more than 500,000 new and used CDs in stock, you can find almost anything you want. You can also browse DVDs, video, vinyl and cassettes in this 45,000-square-foot, two-story store.
How much: From super-cheap (cargain CDs start at \$1 each) to super-expensive (rare, out-of-print vinyl and CDs can be pricey) to everything in between.
Expect: Loud music blaring from the speakers, cool hipsters browsing and occasional (and free) in-store performances.

JET RAG
825 N. La Brea Blvd.
(323) 939-0528

What: Second hand clothing store.
Where: Just around the corner from the trendy Melrose Avenue hub.
Who: For fans of both retro threads and new trends. This expansive store stocks racks of color-coded clothes at super-cheap prices. Check out the classic rock T-shirts, vintage denim and '70s-era jackets.
Why: Because aspiring actors and rock stars live on a budget.
How much: \$1 and up.
Expect: No-hassle shopping and cash left in your pocket.

CANTER'S
419 N. Fairfax Ave.
(323) 651-2030

What: Old World Jewish deli open 24 hours.
Where: South of Melrose Avenue.
Who: A diverse crowd, from late-night rock 'n' rollers to families and everyone in between. It's a favorite dining spot among L.A.'s after-hours crowd.
Why: Yummy and cheap — the knishes are legendary. Check out the decor: diner chic with black-and-white photos chronicling Canter's 78-year history.
How much: Two people can dine on a shoestring budget, anywhere from \$10 to \$30.
Expect: Quick service and endless coffee refills.

WACKO/SOAP PLANT
4633 Hollywood Blvd.
(323) 663-0122
www.soapplant.com

What: Gigantic tchotchke bazaar: soaps, books, posters, T-shirts, toys, plus the La Luz de Jesus Gallery, which features, among other types, cartoon, folk and outsider art produced by those with little or no formal training.
Where: On the edge of the Los Feliz Village neighborhood.
Who: Fans of the weird, kitschy and sometimes outrageous.

Why: Wacko/Soap Plant is famed for its expansive selection featuring book titles you probably won't find at your local Barnes & Noble.
How much: Reasonable. You can buy candy with pocket change; the rest of the stuff here is in the \$10-\$20 range.
Expect: To be overwhelmed. There's so much to check out, you'll probably want to visit twice.

THE DRESDEN
1760 N. Vermont Ave.
(323) 665-4294
www.thedresden.com

What: Restaurant-lounge featured in the 1996 movie "Swingers." The restaurant, which sports cozy, overstuffed white Naugahyde booths, serves Italian food, but the real attraction here is the small, dimly lit lounge packed with crowds that have turned out to witness Dresden lounge lizards Marty and Elaine.
Where: Los Feliz Village.
Who: Cocktail-sipping scene-setters, Gen-Xers and tourists.

Why: You haven't lived until you've heard Marty and Elaine cover the Bee Gees' "Stayin' Alive."
How much: Free admission; drinks are \$3-\$5.
Expect: Crowds.

Plus

No matter the weather, a cold soup provides a refreshing change to your menu.

Al Siderman
MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL STAR TRIBUNE

There are plenty of other things that are good to eat cold (although there are plenty more that aren't), but few outside the realm of dessert offer the refreshing but luxurious combination of temperature and texture offered by a cold, creamy soup.

Almost any fruit or vegetable or combination can be made into a cold soup, and there are lots of ways to make a cold soup creamy. Here are three, each illustrating a slightly different approach; one or more should be adaptable to any favorite ingredients you might like to transform into a soup that offers indulgence and refreshment at the same time.

Typically, creaminess starts with puréeing the soup, but that isn't necessary. For example, a creamy version of gazpacho, the Spanish "salad soup," is achieved by simply stirring in some yogurt.

The tomato juice in this version combines with the yogurt to make the whole thing pink, which sounds a bit odd, but is no odder than, say, Thousand Island dressing. (OK, eating a bowl of Thousand Island dressing would be odd. But this soup is lovely. And it involves no cooking, unless you boil some water to peel the tomatoes.)

On the other hand, if you start with puréeing, you can sometimes stop right there and have a lovely creamy soup. Gingered Pea Soup is nice and thick, and very tasty, with nothing added specifically for creaminess. If it's a little too thick, it can be thinned with milk or half and half, incidentally adding an extra touch of smoothing.

Buttermilk provides not only creaminess but enough tang to offset what might be a too-sweet flavor in some fruit cream soups. The Peachy Cream Soup is still sweet enough to serve for dessert, but not too sweet to come earlier in the meal if you can't wait. (Your impatience would be well-founded; the soup is very nice.) And if you peel the peaches by hand (instead of loosening the skin first in boiling water), there's no cooking involved.

How to Purée

Whenever a purée is called for, cookbooks typically say "in a food processor or a blender..." but the truth of the matter is that a blender, which continuously circulates the mixture through the whirlpool created by its blades, does a much better job of making smooth purées than does a food processor, which tends to produce a "purée" full of tiny particles that impart a mealy texture.

Blenders are inexpensive — there are many under \$20 at discount stores — and if you like cream soups (or smoothies, for that matter), a blender would make a nice August birthday present for yourself, no matter when your birthday is.

Soups involving puréed peas and beans almost no matter how long you cook them or how aggressively you purée them. It's called fiber, and it's good for you, but if you don't like it in your otherwise creamy soup, pressing the purée through a sieve will remove it.

And as long as we're on the subject, be sure to let hot soups cool a while before puréeing them. Very hot mixtures can expand violently when puréed, splashing hot liquid out of the blender lid (even if you hold it down), and anywhere they can out of the food-processor bowl.

Gingered Pea Soup

1/2 cup butter
1 large onion, peeled and chopped
2 cups grated fresh ginger
2 cups garlic, minced
1/2 cup ground cloves
1 (15-oz) can young, small hairy peas, drained (or 1 1/2 cups fresh peas, shelled)
1/2 cup chopped fresh tarragon (or 1/2 tsp. dried)
1/2 cup salt
1/2 cup celery, chopped
Pepper to taste
2 cups milk or half-and-half (optional)

Melt the butter in a frying pan over medium-high heat and sauté the onion, ginger, garlic and celery until they become translucent. Add the cloves and tarragon and cook another minute.
Add the peas, bring to a boil and cook 10 minutes. If you have time, add the onion, ginger, garlic and celery to the peas and cook 10 minutes. Return to the boil, reduce the heat and simmer 10 minutes. Drain the peas and onion mixture into a colander. Add the butter, salt and pepper to the remaining liquid. Add the milk or half-and-half and stir well. Serve hot or cold.



Top to bottom, pea soup, creamy gazpacho and peach soup.

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USDA cooks up program, label to promote organic products

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After a decade of food scares about dangerous pesticides in fruits and vegetables, food recalls and pictures from animal rights groups of hens in wire cages pumping out eggs onto conveyor belts, it's no surprise people are wary about the food they buy.

But when you reach for a product that says "natural," "healthy," or "made with natural wholesome goodness," how do you know it's really made that way?

Beginning Oct. 21, things are going to change on supermarket shelves when the U.S. Department of Agriculture rolls out its new National Organic Program, which for the first time will allow producers to put green and white "USDA Organic" labels on products, declaring they are certified to have been organically grown and prepared.

It's taken years of controversy and debate — and records of 275,000 public comments — but the USDA says the new labels should provide new confidence for the 40 percent of shoppers who say they're looking for sulfite-free organic food when they shop.

The new labeling regime establishes three simple categories for organic foods: "100 percent organic," covering products that contain only organic ingredients, not counting water or salt.

"Organic," covering products that contain at least 95 percent organic ingredients and no sulfites. (The other 5 percent can be non-organically grown ingredients.)

"Made with Organic Ingredients," involving products that must contain at least 70 percent organic ingredients.

The labels also must state the name of the distributor or packer who made the product, and the name of the local agent who certified the farm where the product was grown. If a product is found in violation of the regulations, this will provide a trail back to the farm where it was grown.

Producers who use less than 70 percent organic materials in their product cannot use the name "organic" prominently on the label, but they can note that in the list ingredients.

Cissy Bowman of Hoosier Organic Farming in Clayton, Ind., said the coming changes are only the beginning, and their success depends on vigorous regulation. "There's a lot of bogus organic product already on the market," she said, adding that organic farmers and processors hope the USDA uses its new authority quickly to crack down on mislabeling and consumer fraud. There's a \$10,000 fine for missing the label.

The new regulations are an indication of the rapid maturity of a market that once offered little more than granola bars, natural grains and tofu. Sales of organic foods have grown at a pace of 20 percent a year over the last decade. The Organic Trade Association estimates organics were a \$9.5 billion market last year and will reach \$20 billion in sales by 2005.

"Organics is one of the fastest growing food products," said Holly Givens, spokeswoman for the association. A 2001 survey by the Food Marketing Institute, which represents supermarkets, found 58 percent of shoppers said health considerations determined their food purchases, and more than half read the content labels of new foods they're buying.

The new rules bar organic suppliers from claiming their food is healthier or safer than conventional products.

Although organic farmers are barred from using pesticides, there's nothing that can be done about pesticides already in the soil. A Consumers Union study of government data found that one-fourth of organic produce in grocery stores contained trace amounts of pesticides, including DDT and chlordane, which were banned almost 40 years ago but commonly persist in the soils.

"Consumers need to recognize that organic production doesn't mean pesticide-free production," said Carl Winter, a food toxicologist at the University of California-Davis.



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Mix Mistress

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Anne Byrn thought she was doing the supermom thing when she baked cupcakes from scratch for her child's classroom. But it took only a moment for her to realize that she'd gone to a lot of trouble for little gain.

"I watched them lick off the frosting and leave the cake and I thought, 'Who cares?'"

From then on, she was a cake-mix convert, eventually turning the packaged product into cupcakes, cakes, cookies — and a career.

Byrn, author of the popular "The Cake Mix Doctor" and "The Chocolate Cake Mix Doctor," has sold more than 1 million copies of her books; the newer chocolate version has sold a half-million. The recipes combine the convenience and foolproof nature of cake mixes with basic ingredient add-ins for a more "scratchlike" taste.

The cake-mix books came about by accident.

Byrn, a former food editor for the Atlanta Constitution, had moved back to her hometown of Nashville, Tenn., where she took a part-time job with The Tennessean. She was desperately seeking a food idea that would interest "those Southern ladies" at the beginning of the summer. "I thought of all those Southern cakes that we had been doing for decades," she says.

So the mother of three, who had trained in pastries for three months at La Varenne in Paris, remembered the epiphany in her child's classroom and thought: Why not adapt those Southern cakes using cake mixes?

She wrote a story about using cake mixes as the base for classic Southern cakes, and the idea was an immediate hit with readers. Within a short time, she had a book contract and had hired a couple of people to help her with the testing while her youngest child napped.

Although Byrn is a proponent of cake mixes, she draws the line at store-bought frostings: "I don't like the packaged ones, and (using homemade frostings) gives it that from-scratch touch."



Cookbook author, Ann Byrn.

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Susan's Lemon Cake

Cake:
Vegetable oil spray for misting the pan
Flour for dusting the pan
1 package (18.25 ounces) plain yellow cake mix
1 package (3 ounces) lemon gelatin
½ cup vegetable oil, such as canola, corn, safflower, soybean, or sunflower
½ cup hot water
4 large eggs

Glaze:
2 cups confectioners' sugar, sifted
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice (from 1 lemon)
1 teaspoon finely grated lemon zest (from 1 lemon)

Place a rack in the center of the oven and preheat the oven to 350 F.

Lightly mist a 12-cup Bundt pan with vegetable oil spray, then dust with flour. Shake out excess flour. Set the pan aside.

Place the cake mix, gelatin, oil, water and eggs in a large mixing bowl and beat with an electric mixer on low speed for 1 minute. Stop the machine and scrape down the sides of the bowl with a rubber spatula. Increase the mixer speed to medium and beat for 2 minutes more, scraping the sides down if needed. The batter should look thick and well blended.

Pour the batter into the prepared pan, smoothing the top with the rubber spatula, and place the pan in the oven.

Bake the cake about 40 minutes until it is light brown and starts to pull away from the sides of the pan. Remove pan from the oven and place it on a wire rack to cool for 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, prepare the glaze. Combine the confectioners' sugar, lemon juice and lemon zest in a small bowl and stir with a wooden spoon until smooth.

Run a long, sharp knife around the edge of the cake and invert it onto a serving platter. Spoon the glaze evenly over the warm cake so that it drizzles down the sides and into the center. Slice and serve warm, or let it cool before slicing.

Serves 16.

Note: Store cake in a plastic wrap or under a glass cake dome, at room temperature for up to 1 week, or freeze it, in aluminum foil, for up to 6 months. Thaw it overnight on counter before serving.

Ever-So-Moist Chocolate Cake

Solid vegetable shortening for greasing the pans
Flour for dusting the pans
1 package (18.25 ounces) devil's food cake mix
1 cup sour cream
¾ cup water
½ cup vegetable oil
3 large eggs
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

Chocolate Sour Cream Frosting, see recipe
Place a rack in the center of the oven and preheat the oven to 350 F. Generously grease two 9-inch round cake pans with solid vegetable shortening, then dust with flour. Shake out excess flour. Set the pans aside.

Place the cake mix, sour cream, water, oil, eggs and vanilla in a large mixing bowl. Blend with an electric mixer on low speed for 1 minute. Stop the machine and scrape down the sides of the bowl with a rubber spatula. Increase the mixer speed to medium and beat 2 minutes more, scraping down the sides again if needed. The batter should look well combined.

Divide the batter between the prepared pans, smoothing it out with the rubber spatula. Place the pans in the oven side-by-side.

Bake the cakes until they spring back when lightly pressed with your finger, 28 to 32 minutes. Remove the pans from the oven and place them on wire racks to cool for 10 minutes.

Run a dinner knife around the edge of each layer and invert each onto a rack, then invert again onto another rack so that the cakes are right side up. Allow to cool completely, 30 minutes more.

Meanwhile, prepare the Chocolate Sour Cream Frosting. Place one cake layer, right side up, on a serving platter. Spread the top with frosting. Place the second layer, right side up, on top of the first layer and frost the top and sides of the cake with clean, smooth strokes.

Chocolate Sour Cream Frosting

Makes 3 cups, enough to frost a 2- or 3-layer cake or 30 cupcakes
¾ tablespoons (1 stick) butter, cut into 8 pieces
¾ cup unsweetened cocoa powder
3 cups confectioners' sugar, sifted
½ cup sour cream
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

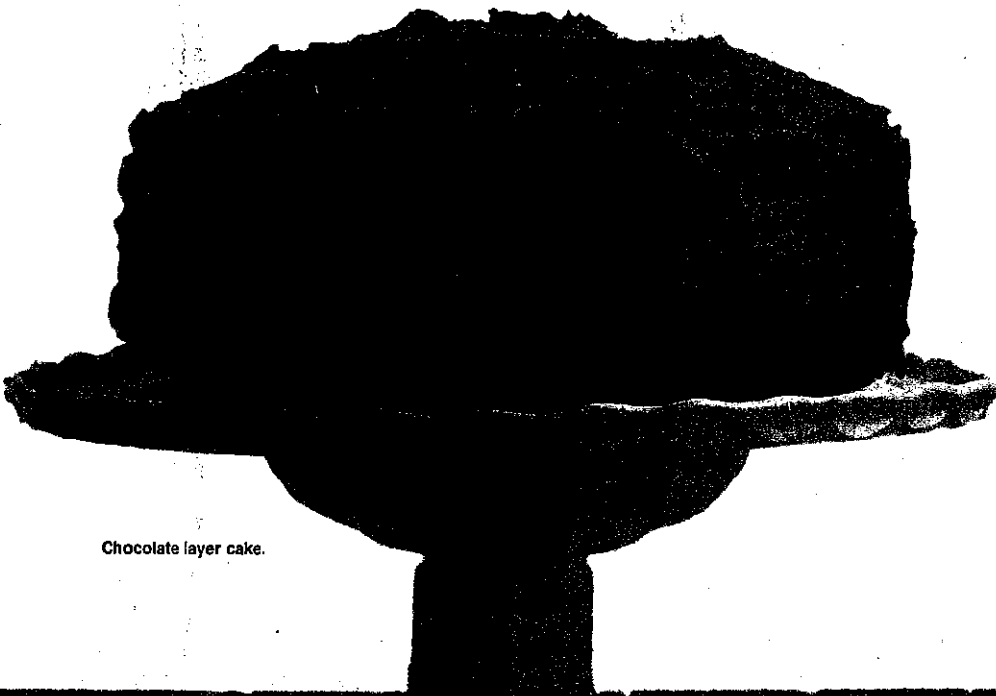
Melt butter in a small saucepan over low heat or melt it in a large glass bowl in the microwave oven on high power for 45 seconds.

Place the melted butter in a large mixing bowl and add the cocoa powder. Whisk until smooth.

Add the confectioners' sugar alternately with the sour cream, blending with an electric mixer on low speed for 1 to 1½ minutes, or until incorporated.

Stop the machine and add the vanilla. Increase the mixer speed to medium and beat until light and fluffy, 1 minute more.

Serves 16.



Chocolate layer cake.