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ELECTION RESULTS

Elections were held on Monday for the expiring four-year terms of two Novi School Board members, Carol Elfring and Dave Brown. They were the only two running for the seats.

Brown received 88 votes for all precincts and absentee and Elfring received 81 votes plus one absentee for a total of 169 votes.

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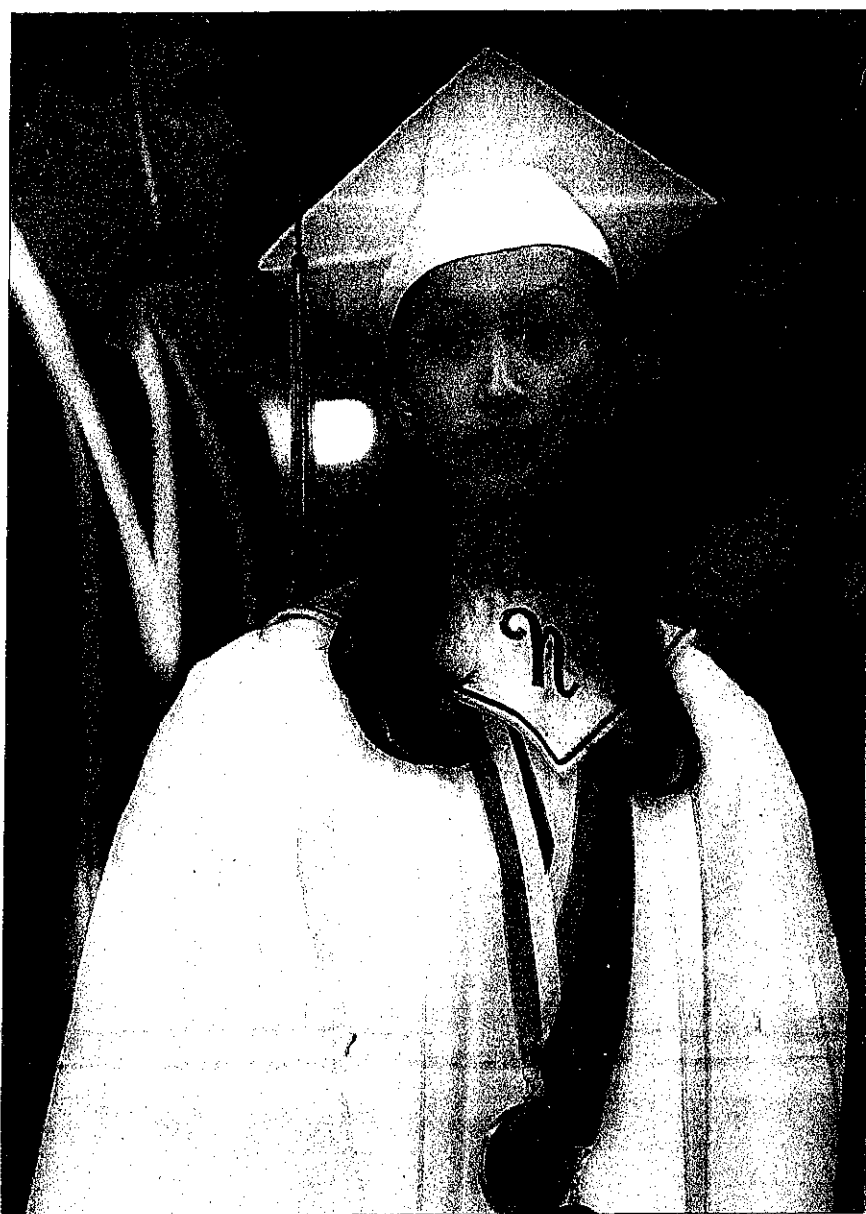


Photo by John Heider

Moments before receiving her diploma, Novi High School graduate of the class of 2003 Alice Zheng looks in the stands of Compuware Arena during last Saturday's commencement. Zheng also gave an address to the commencement: "Learning is Lifelong".

A New Beginning

Excitement and mixed emotions highlight graduates' feelings during commencement

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

The Novi High School class of 2003 has finally graduated and with its accomplishments comes apprehensive excitement, some sadness and many new questions. Are you going to college? What school are you going to? What do you plan on majoring in? What does your future hold?

The emotional commencement ceremony took place at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth last Saturday night. Parents, siblings and friends filled up the arena to watch their loved ones go through the final chapter of their high school careers with tears of joy in their eyes.

The program started with "Pomp and

For more on graduation, please see our special B section inside.

Circumstance" followed by a singing of "America the Beautiful."

Speeches were then given by many members of the graduating class, including Vice President Brian Frey, President David Benton, Treasurer Laura Longo and Secretary Rebecca Dominick. Graduates Daniel Markus and Alice Zheng also delivered speeches.

"To me, graduation is the ending of something and the start of something new," Benton said at the senior all-night party, which proceeded commencement at the

high school. "It just shows that you have accomplished the first part of your life and that the second part is about to begin, and it's just a whole new challenge. It's very exciting and my future plans include going to Central Michigan and I hope to major in Sports Broadcasting and one day be on SportsCenter, or something like that. I'm super excited because I have wanted to give a speech forever. That has been my goal in high school, so right now I'm just on cloud nine. I'm proud to be a part of this class. This is a good group of kids, there are no real trouble makers, and I don't know of one person who isn't going to succeed. So that's really cool."

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Marsalis, Rotarians ready for jazz show

Marathon ticket telethon sale from noon to 10 p.m. today

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Ticket sales are lagging a bit, but Novi Rotary Club members organizing the June 18 Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra concert with Wynton Marsalis are excited about the upcoming charity event.

All proceeds from the concert will go toward the eradication of polio throughout the world.

The concert will include two performances - 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. - June 18 at Novi High School Auditorium. Tickets will be available at the door for both shows.

Prices are \$35, \$40, \$50 and \$100 (for the front row only). Those who purchase the \$100 tickets are invited to an afterglow at Local Color in Novi.



W. Marsalis

Joe Carrier, president of the Novi Rotary Club, said ticket sales could be a lot better.

"There's a little bit of concern here. I think we still have about two-thirds of the tickets left," he said Tuesday.

Tony Musu, director of programs for the club, is trying to drum up some support for the event," Carrier said.

The marathon telethon will be held today from noon to 10 p.m. at Novi Community Credit Union on Grand River Avenue so area residents can phone in ticket orders. Those interested in purchasing tickets can call (248) 465-1370.

"We're going to have nine volunteers manning the phones, so people should have no problem getting through to purchase their tickets," Musu said. "They can talk to a live person. Hopefully, this will take up over the top."

"I urge all Novi residents to pick up the phone and talk to a Novi Rotarian in support of this wonderful cause," Musu said.

"I'm very optimistic that ticket sales will increase before the event," Musu said.

"We want to move these tickets," Carrier said.

Carrier noted that whatever price ticket one may purchase, the value is outstanding. Only a few of the \$100 seats are left.

"Wynton is the number one trumpeter in the world. It's going to be a fabulous concert. He's bringing his full orchestra - a 15-piece orchestra - and they're sold out in most of their venues," Carrier said.

He noted that this is a rather intimate setting for the jazz event "it's a small venue at only 1,000 seats per show. It's a one-of-a-kind event for this area," he said.

JCK & Associates contributed \$10,000 to the event and is the presenting sponsor for the fundraiser. Singh Development is a special sponsor.

Carrier said that attending the concert is a win-win situation,

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No-vote means more hospital beds for Novi's Providence

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

Novi residents could see shovels going in the ground for a new patient tower at Providence Hospital's Novi Campus as early as this fall.

After nearly two full days of testimony in Lansing, the state's Certificate of Need (CON)

Commission voted June 10 not to vote on a controversial provision of Public Act 619, which would have taken away the ability of St. John's Health System (Providence's owner), Henry Ford Health Systems and the Detroit Medical Centers to each move 200 hospital beds from sites in Detroit to Novi, West Bloomfield and Commerce Township respec-

tively. In the end it came down to whether the CON had a legal right to vote, rather than whether moving hospital beds from Detroit to western Oakland County would harm access to health care in the state's largest city or endanger the financial well being of existing hospitals in eastern Oakland and western Wayne counties.

The linch pin of the discussion was the resignation last month of Jean Landerville from the CON. Although Governor Jennifer Granholm appointed Marquette resident Bradley Cory to replace Landerville over the Memorial Day weekend, the state Attorney General's Office maintained that Cory could not be confirmed before the June 15 deadline for

the commission to act.

Attorneys for the Novi-based Economic Alliance for Michigan and Royal Oak's William Beaumont Hospital insisted that the commission had the right and duty to act and urged members to block the planned move of beds.

They even brought in a last-

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Winner Best Mexican Food

Rotarians, Marsalis ready for jazz show; phone ticket marathon today

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since jazz lovers can listen to one of the top jazz orchestras in the world and help eradicate a crippling disease.

"All net profit goes toward polio eradication," Carrier said. "We haven't seen this debilitating disease since the 1950s in the U.S., but it still exists. India, Pakistan and Nigeria are the three countries that have the most cases of polio. There are only less than 200 cases a year throughout the world."

Carrier said Rotary's campaign to fight the disease started in 1979, and Rotary members became really involved in the cause in the mid-1980s.

"We've contributed between \$500 to \$600 million so far to the eradication of polio," he said.

"Since this all started, we've knocked the numbers down by 99-percent. It's just a fraction of what it was before," Carrier noted.

Club members are committed to total eradication of the disease throughout the world in 2005, which coincides with Rotary's centennial anniversary.

"The only other virus that has been eradicated on this scale is

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smallpox," Carrier said.

Jonas Salk came out with the polio vaccine in 1955, eliminating the disease in the U.S. within a few years.

"The disease can cause total paralysis and death. The scary part about it is that it's not been in North America for 40 years or more, but it's kind of like SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome). It can spread very quickly. People have lost their focus on polio. There is a remote chance that it could come back here," Carrier said.

"It's a tough battle to get this last 1 percent of polio eradicated. For this last push, they believe they need \$400 million or more to totally eradicate the disease."

Carrier explained that each dose of the oral polio vaccine must be kept cool and transport-

ed a long way before it reaches those who need the vaccine.

"The average dose costs about 50 cents per child. So, you can potentially save 100 children with one \$50 ticket," Carrier said.

When the push to totally eradicate the disease began in earnest last year, computer magnate Bill Gates, founder of Microsoft, and other philanthropic donors agreed to match all Rotary Club contributions this year four-fold for the eradication of polio.

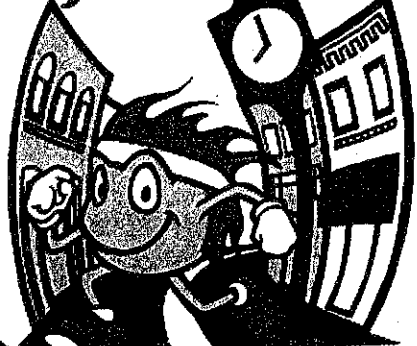
"We've already committed \$30,000, which will total \$150,000 for the program," Carrier said.

The club president is confident that Rotarians will reach their goal of eradicating polio by 2005, and the June 18 jazz concert is a big step toward that goal.

"It's going to be a great concert and a great cause. We're taking a 'swing' and polio and are going to knock it out," Carrier said.

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Under the leadership of Artistic Director Wynton Marsalis and President and CEO Hughlyn F. Ficce, Jazz at Lincoln Center will produce more than 450 events during its 2002-03 season. Currently, Jazz at Lincoln Center is building its new home - Frederick P. Rose Hall - the first-ever education, performance, and broadcast facility devoted to jazz, slated to open in fall 2004.

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The J@LC weekly radio series, Jazz From Lincoln Center, hosted by Ed Bradley, is distributed by the WFMT Radio Network. Winner of a 1997 Peabody Award, Jazz From Lincoln Center is produced in conjunction with Murray Street Enterprises, New York. J@LC also regularly premieres works commissioned from a variety of composers. Television broadcasts of J@LC programs have helped broaden the awareness of its unique efforts in the music. Concerts by the LCJO have aired in the U.S., England, France, Spain, Germany, the Czech Republic, Portugal, Norway, Brazil, Argentina, Australia, China, Japan, Korea, and the Philippines. J@LC has appeared on six Live From Lincoln Center broadcasts, carried by PBS stations nationwide, most recently in December 2001 with the New York Philharmonic. The LCJO was also featured in a Thirteen/WNET production of "Great Performances," entitled "Swingin' with Duke," which aired on PBS.

For more information on J@LC, please visit www.jazzatlincolncenter.org.

For more information on the LCJO with Wynton Marsalis concert in Novi next Wednesday, please see the story on the front page or visit www.veeland.com.

World's most famous jazz trumpeter more than just a player



Wynton Marsalis, the artistic director of Jazz at Lincoln Center (J@LC), was born in New Orleans, La. in 1961. Mr. Marsalis began his classical training on trumpet at age 12 and soon began playing in local bands of diverse genres.

He entered The Juilliard School at age 17 and joined Art Blakey and the Jazz Messengers. Mr. Marsalis made his recording debut as a leader in 1982, and over the two decades has recorded more than 30 jazz and classical recordings, which have won him nine Grammy Awards.

In 1983, he became the first and only artist to win both classical and jazz Grammys in the same year and repeated this feat in 1994. Mr. Marsalis's rich body of compositions includes *Sweet Release, Jazz: Six Syncopated Movements, Jump Start, Citi Movement/Griot New York, At the Octonon Balls, and In This House, On This Morning, and Big Train*.

In 1997, Mr. Marsalis became the first jazz artist to be awarded the prestigious Pulitzer Prize in music, for his oratorio *Blood on the Fields*, which was commissioned by J@LC.

In 1999, he released eight new recordings

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Wynton Marsalis, Music Director	Trumpet
Seneca Black	Trumpet
Ryan Kisor	Trumpet
Marcus Printup	Trumpet
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Andre Hayward	Trombone
Vincent Gardner	Trombone
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Ted Nash	Alto and Soprano Saxophones, Clarinet
Walter Blending, Jr.	Tenor Saxophone
Victor Gaines	Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Soprano and Tenor Saxophones
Joe Temperley	Baritone and Soprano Saxophones, Bass Clarinet
Eric Lewis	Piano
Carlos Henriquez	Bass
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LCJO swings around the world under the direction of Marsalis

The Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra (LCJO), composed of 15 of the finest jazz soloists and ensemble players today, has been the J@LC resident orchestra for over 10 years.

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Under Music Director Wynton Marsalis, the LCJO spends over half of the year on tour. The LCJO performs a vast repertoire, from rare historic compositions to J@LC-commissioned works, including compositions and

arrangements by Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Fletcher Henderson, Thelonious Monk, Mary Lou Williams, Billy Strayhorn, Dizzy Gillespie, Benny Goodman, Charles Mingus, Sy Oliver, Oliver Nelson, and many others. Guest conductors have included Benny Carter, John Lewis, Jimmy Heath, Chico O'Farrill, Ray Santos, Paquito D'Rivera, Jon Faddis, Robert Sadin, David Berger, and Loren Schoenberg.

Over the last few years, the LCJO has performed collaborations with many of the world's leading symphony orchestras, including the New York Philharmonic, the Russian National Orchestra, the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, the Boston, Chicago, and London Symphony Orchestras, the Orchestra Experimentale in São Paulo, Brazil, and others.

The LCJO has also been featured in several education and performance residencies in the last few years, including ones in Vienna, France; Perugia, Italy; Prague, Czech Republic; London, England; Lucerne, Switzerland; Berlin, Germany; São Paulo, Brazil, and others.

To date, nine recordings featuring the LCJO have been released and internationally distributed by Sony/Columbia.

- *All Rise* (2002)
- *Big Train* (1999)
- *Sweet Release & Ghost Story* (1999)
- *Live in Swing City* (1999)
- *Jump Start and Jazz* (1997)
- *Blood on the Fields* (1997)
- *They Came to Swing* (1994)
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Third candidate enters Novi's mayoral race

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

Friday it looked like Novi's voters would have to gear up for an August 5 city primary, but over the weekend one of two last-minute candidates for the seat being vacated by Mayor Richard Clark this fall opted to pull out of the race.

Karl Wiziński, a 28-year Novi resident and extremely vocal opponent of the Target store on Wilson Road, said he had second thoughts as soon as he discovered

a four-way race would trigger a primary that would cost the city somewhere between \$40,000 and \$50,000. He decided to withdraw his candidacy. "I just can't see the city spending that kind of money," said Wiziński.

That leaves Justice Sheridan to face off against Novi Mayor Pro Tem Michelle Bononi and Novi City Council Member Lou Cordas.

Wiziński said that while he is certain the end of his candidacy means several issues won't be discussed this political season, with the budget warring the city is facing as a result of a cut in state funding, running for mayor "is the

wrong for me to do at this time." He said he's owned four homes in Novi over the past 28 years and raised his family here. He said he decided to run for mayor because "basically common sense has not been used" in city hall for the past two years.

Wiziński went to court with the city 15 months ago over the city's approval of a shopping center next to his current home on Wilson Road.

He served two terms on the city's review board in the mid-'90s and was one of the earliest

members of Holy Family Catholic Church. He served on the parish council in a number of capacities, including secretary, vice president and president.

"A lot of people told me I should not be doing what I am doing. There's a lot of support for common sense and putting citizen needs first," he said. Wiziński added that he couldn't understand how Catholic Central High School's supporters could push through a change in the city's landscape ordinance in a month, while the residents of Westmont

Antique plates cause problems

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

Richard Griffith, an engineer who helps test parking control machines for a company in Novi, belongs to two rather esoteric clubs.

One is the R905 Sport Owners Club, a group of about 300-400 people worldwide who restore and ride a fairly rare 29-year-old BMW motorcycle.

The other, a much less formal group, is made up of people who have run afoul of the way Michigan licenses historic vehicles.

Historical vehicles, which must be more than 25 years old and used solely as a collector's item at special events like car shows and parades, can be licensed one of two ways — with Historical Vehicle Plates or Authentic License Plates.

The problem for Griffith is that he opted for the second method, which has gotten him stepped three times in the past 12 months by Novi Police and his 1973 BMW motorcycle.



That 1974 license plate has caused Richard Griffith more than a few headaches on his vintage BMW.

Authentic License Plates are license plates that were issued the same year the collector vehicle they're displayed on was built. The problem, according to Kelly Chesney, a spokesman for the state Secretary of State's office, is that records for Authentic License Plates are kept in a different database than the one for the other nearly 9 million other licensed vehicles in the state.

"That means that if the owner of a vehicle with Authentic License Plates is pulled over for a traffic stop, the license plate number is going to come back as 'not found' or, in Griffith's case, registered to a different vehicle.

Griffith said he was on his way to a BMW dealership in Canton May 13 to have motorcycle serviced for an upcoming show near Battle Creek when he was stopped by Officer Kristie Gruenwald shortly after 8 a.m. He said that since he'd been stopped and released by Novi Police officers last spring and again last summer, he was pretty sure what was going on.

"Motorcycle plates are the same color as car and truck plates for any given year and Griffith's rust-and-yellow '73 plates stand out. Twice before, he said, he had explained to Novi Police officers that information on Authentic License Plates is kept in a different database at the Secretary of State's Office in Lansing.

This time, however, Officer Gruenwald told Griffith that there was a duplicate plate number registered to a Honda motorcycle in Ontonagon. The officer, despite Griffith's explanations and protests, decided the BMW was stolen and

had it impounded.

"At one point I thought I was on 'Candid Camera,'" said Griffith. However, he added, when Officer Gruenwald announced she was leaving the motorcycle impounded, "I was beside myself," said Griffith.

"The bike is 89 percent original," he explained, adding he's won several awards at vintage motorcycle shows with the machine. He said he became worried when officers called in a tow truck, but remained calm even when the tow truck driver tossed his battery cover in the grass.

"He noted there are only nine other members of the R905 Sport Owners Club in Metro Detroit. Griffith said he was puzzled that police would impound his motorcycle as stolen, but not arrest him. He said when he asked officers how he was supposed to get back to his home in Farmington Hills, they said they would drive him. "It was very embarrassing," said Griffith.

The whole situation, said Chesney, could have been avoided if officers had e-mailed the Secretary of State's Driver and Vehicle Information Center. She said the center, which is open daily from 8 a.m. to midnight, can determine if an authentic plate is valid in under three minutes.

She said that's because there are only 41,599 Authentic License Plates on file with the Secretary of State's Office. The 31,284 Historical Vehicle Plates in the system are part of the Secretary of State's main database.

Novi Chief of Police Doug Schaeffer, said he was "very surprised to learn that two all license records are kept in the same manner." He accepted responsibility for the error. The system is what the system is," Chesney said.

"I just don't understand the logic of this," Chesney said.

Chesney explained that information on Authentic License Plates is kept in a separate database because there is always a chance that the state has reissued a license number that a vehicle collector wants to use.

Griffith said he was told by police after he eventually got his motorcycle back that he should carry a document from the Secretary of State's office, in addition to his registration and proof of insurance.

"The scary thing is," said Griffith, "even with the extra paperwork, you're at their mercy if the cops don't want to believe you."

"We appreciate the inconvenience," said Schaeffer, adding the department has sent Griffith a written apology.

POLICE REPORT

One-eye Jack
Officer John Nelson reported June 5 that he was driving north on Novi Road near 10 Mile Road at 2:10 a.m. when he spotted a 2000 Grand Am with only one working headlight stopped at a traffic signal on southbound Novi Road. He added as he turned into the Speedway gas station at the intersection, the light turned green and the Grand Am sped off, speeding its tires. Officer Nelson stopped the car and later charged the 23-year-old driver of Highland, with OUIL after he reportedly failed the field sobriety test and registered a .13 on the preliminary Breathalyzer test (PBT).

Slow down II
A 40-year-old Walled Lake man was charged with OUIL at 2:47 a.m. May 30 after Officer Eric Zinner reported clocking his 2001 silver Volvo at 77 mph in a 60 mph zone on M-5 near 12 Mile Road. Officer Zinner said he arrested the man after he reportedly failed a series of field sobriety tests and registered a .14 on the PBT.

No right on red
Officers Andrew Hudechek and Eric Lindblade reported stopping a 2003 black Nissan after they said it ran a red light on westbound Grand River, turning north onto Novi Road, they charged the driver, 24, of West Bloomfield, with OUIL after he reportedly failed a series of field sobriety tests and registered a .13 on the PBT.

Shiny, shiny
Officer Scott Tewes charged a 44-year-old woman from Detroit with retail fraud June 1 after loss prevention officers at Lord and Taylor told him that the woman slipped a silver necklace worth and estimated \$40 in her purse and left the store at 12:29 p.m. She was released after posting a \$100 bond.

Good dog
Officer Jeffrey Brown reported May 30 that he stopped a 41-year-old Commerce Township man at 5:21 p.m. near the corner of 14 Mile Road and Eastlake because the Pennsylvania plates on the 1992 Dodge Steel he was driving didn't have an expiration sticker. Officer Brown became suspicious when the individual produced an Indiana drivers license and proof of insurance. Officer Brown said he called for a K-9 unit after the man objected to having his car searched. After the dog alerted near the driver's door, officers found what appeared to be about six grams of marijuana in a zip lock bag in the car's center console. The man was charged with violation of the controlled substance act and later released after posting a \$100 bond.

Slasher
A Novi man told Officer Mark Stone May 30 that someone slashed the tires on two vehicles registered to Chateau Village Apartments parked in front of the complex's clubhouse. The individual estimated the damage at \$30 and told Officer Stone it was probably the work of a disgruntled tenant.

No-vote means more hospital beds for Novi's Providence

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minute memo from Fred Hall, the Senate Majority Counsel, arguing that Cory had been confirmed by the legislature.

Assistant Attorney General Ron Styka dismissed Hall's memo saying, "It cites no authority and says he's right because he says so." Styka told commission members that the state constitution gives the legislature 60 days to vote against any gubernatorial board or commission appointment. Normally, that doesn't create a problem, since the appointees are allowed to vote from the day they're appointed. However, under the terms of the legislation crafted by State Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Now), all six of the newly-appointed COG and COM members had to be confirmed before they could vote on the bed transfer provisions of PA-619.

Styka cautioned commission members that if they opted to vote anyway and were sued, the attorney general's office would not defend them.

Michael Baker, an attorney from Kentucky representing St. John's Health, observed that "the unique conditions that would allow you to vote have not occurred and will not occur before the deadline." He also noted that even if the commission could vote, the legislature didn't require them to, but only said it could.

In voting not to vote, commission member Jack Smart of Grand Haven, said it was "not a vote of policy." He and other commissioners, after listening to the dire warnings from opponents of the move, appeared worried that the Cassis legislation would have unintended consequences far beyond the 600 beds that DMC, Henry Ford and Providence want to move.

In the meantime, officials at Providence are planning to have a hospital open in Novi within two years. Henry Ford is looking at a three-year time frame. DMC officials said they had no comment.

Noting that Novi city officials are eager to have a full-service hospital in the community, Rob Casalou, Providence's president, said, "We hope to have a shovel in the ground by fall." If they do, it would spell the end of a more than decade-long struggle by Providence officials to put a hospital in Novi.

"We're looking at a new hospital design that hasn't been seen in this area before, said Casalou. He said the hospital has already expended significant amounts of money on planning, and expects city planners will put the project on a fast track.

Casalou said the new hospital business tower could be open for business as early as 2005.

Farther north at Henry Ford's facility on Haggerty Road at 13

OCCUPANCY RATES						
There is less than 48% occupancy in five current hospitals that are within a 10-mile of either proposed Western Oakland County hospitals (Providence in Novi or Henry Ford in West Bloomfield).						
Hospital	Pontiac Osteo	North Oakland	St. Joseph	Huron Valley-Sinal	Botsford	Total
Licensed beds	308	336	395	153	305	1,497
2002 Patient Days	34,060	31,254	88,841	39,000	69,881	261,036
2002 Occupancy	30%	25%	60%	69%	63%	47.7%

Source: Hospital self-reported CY2002 data to Economic Alliance. Excerpt for HVS. Data extrapolated from its 2003 data report to MGIC.

commissioners couldn't figure out a way to taking meaningful action before the clock runs out.

In the meantime, officials at Providence are planning to have a hospital open in Novi within two years. Henry Ford is looking at a three-year time frame. DMC officials said they had no comment.

Noting that Novi city officials are eager to have a full-service hospital in the community, Rob Casalou, Providence's president, said, "We hope to have a shovel in the ground by fall." If they do, it would spell the end of a more than decade-long struggle by Providence officials to put a hospital in Novi.

"We're looking at a new hospital design that hasn't been seen in this area before, said Casalou. He said the hospital has already expended significant amounts of money on planning, and expects city planners will put the project on a fast track.

Casalou said the new hospital business tower could be open for business as early as 2005.

Farther north at Henry Ford's facility on Haggerty Road at 13

like it will take a year longer to open the doors to an in-patient facility.

Rose Glenn, Henry Ford's vice president of marketing, said her facility has yet to begin planning for the project. However, the facility does already have a staff of more than 200 physicians and a few rooms for limited observation.

DMC's spokesman declined comment of the beleaguered hospital's plans.

All three hospitals' plans could

Police seek funding for high-tech fingerprint system

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

Local lawmen could have a new high-tech way of telling the good guys from the bad guys in their patrol cars as little as a year.

The Oakland County Courts and Law Enforcement Management System (CLEMIS) consortium is looking for a \$5 million slice of the federal government's 2004 Commerce, Justice and State appropriations bill to pay for Integrated Biometric Identification System (IBIS) technology.

IBIS, explained Oakland County Sheriff's Department Lt. Kim G. Rossman, allows police in the field to obtain real-time identification of suspects using a handheld wireless digital fingerprint and photo device.

Lt. Rossman, who heads up CLEMIS, which is the largest law enforcement network in the nation with 140 members in Southeast Michigan, said several departments, including Novi's and Walled Lake's, have been using Live Scan for several years

now. Live Scan, he explained, is an extremely high-resolution scanner that allows investigators to take fingerprints without using ink and paper and then transmit them in seconds to the Michigan State Police's Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) in Lansing or to the FBI's fingerprint lab in Clarksburg, West Va.

Just recently, he said a compression software was developed that allows a single 70-megabyte fingerprint file to be compressed to only five-megabytes without losing quality. That, he said, means computerized fingerprint identification can now go mobile.

"This program will enhance professional law enforcement, protect the lives of our officers and safeguard our citizens against identity theft," said Oakland Sheriff Michael Bopchard. "The IBIS program will also serve as a major tool in the nation's initial response and 140 law enforcement agencies in CLEMIS. Lt. Rossman said more than likely, the units will be limited to supervisors' vehicles, at

Novi bar owner charged

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

A Novi bar owner was charged June 5 with assault and battery by the Oakland County Prosecutor's office after an 18-year-old female employee told Novi Police May 22 that the man patted her behind and pulled down her pants at work.

According to Novi Police Chief Doug Schaeffer, the Westland woman told investigators the incident took place at JW Sports Club, located on Novi Road between 10 Mile Road and Grand River Avenue, about 7 p.m. May 21. The woman, said Schaeffer, told investigators, but after inappropriately touching her behind, Wadel pulled down her pants, exposing her underwear and bare buttocks.

Wadel, 37, is facing up to 93 days in jail, a \$100 and other possible judicial sanctions if convicted. Deborah Carley, Oakland County's chief deputy prosecutor, said Wadel could also face prosecutors with the state liquor commission as well.

Wadel's attorney, David Trunnis of Novi, filed paperwork with the 52-1 District Court June 6 waiving a

formal arraignment. Wadel is now slated to appear in court June 18 for a preliminary exam.

Carley said that while assault and battery is a misdemeanor and "not the most serious of charges" the victim is "very upset and traumatized and justifiably so."

Carley said the 18-year-old Westland woman had been playing baseball on a field behind JW Sports Club just prior to the incident. Carley said that after the game, the woman and her friends came into the lounge after the game and she asked Wadel if she could stay in the building, since she was not drinking. At short time later, according to Carley, Wadel reportedly pulled down the woman's sweat pants revealing her thigh underwear. Carley said the woman was "very upset" and that several witnesses told investigators that they looked away out of embarrassment.

Carley explained that Wadel was charged only with a misdemeanor assault and battery, instead of a much more serious felony sex crime because he did not actually touch her. She added the woman quit her job as a waitress at JW Sports Club.

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Excitement, mixed emotions highlight graduates' feelings

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The senior all-night party is something that takes place every year at the high school. It started at 10 p.m. Saturday and didn't end until 4 a.m. on Sunday. This year the party had a cruise theme, with different parts of call that the kids could experience, games and, of course, plenty of food. There was even a raffle where the graduates could win anything from brand new DVD players to miniature portable refrigerators.

As they arrived to the party, many members of the class expressed their feelings on the whole night. Here is what they had to say:

Andrew Levinson: "I have been waiting for this moment a long time. I imagined in my head that it was completely different from anything I have ever experienced before or anything I imagined it could possibly be. I just kept thinking back to all the great times I had in all the halls of this school, and I'm thinking about all the great times I had with all my friends. From here I'm going to O.C.C. and I want my major to be in business administration. I want to own my own business someday. I don't want to work for someone else for the rest of my life."

Kevin Lilly: "Graduation is a very cool time for me because it means I'm moving out of these nice halls here at the high school and I get to go on into the future. My future plans involve going into engineering and possibly aerospace engineering and doing some space work in something or other because I think that would be really cool. I pretty much knew how the commencement was going to take place because my brother graduated two years ago, so it was exactly the way I thought it would be."

Bobby Dunne: "Graduation means to me the ending of the first 17 years of your life, which are the best years of your life. It means that all the times with your friends in the hallways are over and you're taking a new step in your life. My future goals are, I'm going to hopefully go to Western Michigan the second semester of

next year and hopefully go into advertising promotions and become a big advertiser for sports companies and help advertise the sports teams. I feel a mixture of both happiness and sadness because I don't have to wake up so early because, hopefully, I'll take late classes. But I'm sad because I won't be able to see my friends at all or even the underclassmen, whom I have a lot of friends in. I'm really sad to see them go and not see them every day."

Luke Xiao: "Graduation is just awesome. I couldn't wait because I didn't think it would finally happen. There were some times during my high school career where I thought I couldn't pull through, but I guess, I finally did it. It means a lot to me, my mom and my dad. My grandparents are in China, so they weren't here to witness this, but we're hopefully going to videotape this and send this momentous occasion to them on video tape because they have VCR's now in China. Next year I'm going to go to the University of Michigan, where I can hopefully learn some things that will help me. I plan on studying general studies for now, but maybe I'll end up into something cool like business, maybe communications. Hopefully I'll have lots of fun on campus. There is a diverse campus at Michigan, a lot of white people, Chinese people, Indian people, black people. Hopefully I'll get to meet some of them. That would be cool."

Brent Beeler: "Graduation is a celebration of our lives really beginning. In high school you waste your time taking classes that you have to take, but once you get to college you can finally actually do something that you want to do or that you're meant to do, depending on how you look at it. You either go to State or you go to Western. I'm a part of that, I'm going to Western with a lot of my friends, we are all staying in the same dorm house, so I'm even going to see everybody pretty much the same amount. I plan on studying psychology."

Dan Pasquerelli: "Graduation to me means an opening to pretty much life. You have college ahead



Photo by John Heiler
Novi High School students Brandon Snavely, left, and Steve Hanlon try their hands and feet at a game of Twister during their all-night party after graduation last Saturday.

of you, which means career choices, which means finding a job, which pretty much means the way you are going to live your life from now on. I'm going to go to Oakland Community College and I'm going to study broadcast communications and I'm hoping to become a program director for a radio station or a director of a TV news program. I went to the ceremony last year, so I kind of knew what to expect, so it really wasn't a big shock to me. I'm ecstatic right now. This feels so good to say that I am now alumni for Novi High School."

Stephanie Wegryn: "I'm going to Michigan State and I plan on studying pre-nursing. I want to be a nurse and graduation means to me, freedom from my parents. I'm looking forward to going off on my own and being able to make my own choices and create a future for myself and to have a really good job. I'm really sad about my really close friends

and more. I feel that the speakers did a wonderful job and it just inspired me and brought it all together. I'm going to attend Eastern Michigan University and I'm going to become an elementary teacher."

Kim Phillips: "Graduation means that I have finished with one part of my life and I'm moving on to the next. I'm planning on going to Ball State University, which is in Indiana, next year and I will be majoring in elementary education. I have mixed emotions to them to see if they're smooth. No breaks or mess-ups or anything like that."

Brian Frey: "This means taking the next step in life and making the transition from a teen to an adult. Next year I plan on going to U of M and I'm actually starting in about two weeks to do some summer classes, so I'm really excited about that. Right now I'm really excited, but at the same time I'm really nervous about what's next. I'm going to miss everybody since I'm leaving so soon, but it will all pay off in the end. The ceremony was definitely what I expected. It was very well run and it went really smoothly. No breaks or mess-ups or anything like that."

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Board of Education creates new administrative position

Cheal promoted to executive director for Instructional Initiatives

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

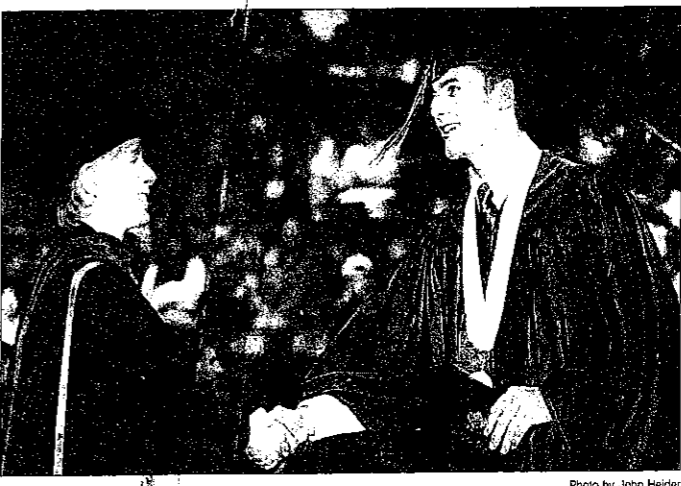
With all the construction going on at Novi High School, most people wouldn't be too surprised to hear that there will be a lot of changes come next school year. Well, now one more change can be added.

Principal Jennifer Cheal's status has officially been elevated to a brand new position that the Novi Board of Education has created, called executive director for Instructional Initiatives. As such, Assistant Principal John Lawrence was elevated to principal and Assistant Principal Randy Gattis' title has changed to high school director of Teaching and Learning.

According to Superintendent Emmet Lippe, the decision to create a new position in the administrative office stems from the growing population in the middle school and high school. Cheal's role will now deal with coordinating and aligning efforts between the high school and middle school, and it will allow an opportunity to strengthen the instructional program and the different kinds of initiatives or new strategies for teaching at each of the buildings.

"The schools are getting larger," Lippe said. "The middle school has gotten larger over the years since I've been here and the high school also has grown. As these schools get larger, it puts more demands on the time of the building principals. With the different initiatives that are going on at the high school, and with all of the things going on at the middle school, this is a new resource for the principals."

The position coordinates such things as career-focused education and professional development for grades seven through 12. "We have gone from 3,700 kids in this school district to 6,000, and we have added a school, Deerfield Elementary, and the



Novi High School principal Dr. Jennifer Cheal greets a member of the 2003 graduating class during last Saturday night's commencement exercises.

Instructional Services." Lippe said that Rita Traynor, who is retiring this year from the assistant superintendent for Instructional Services position, was spread pretty thin in her work, and this will allow Cheal to come in and help Nancy Davis, Traynor's replacement next school year.

"Dr. Cheal will be working very closely with Nancy Davis, but most of her work will be focusing on middle school and high school and that will allow Nancy then to spread herself to the other schools," Lippe said. "This position gives more assistance to a position that is pretty demanding."

Cheal has been the high school principal for the past six years. "I think she is ready for a different area of responsibility now," Lippe said. "Basically, this is to make sure the schools are aligned, that there is more help to get the job done."

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Novi junior wins \$48,000 scholarship from FIRST

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

Unlike a lot of other parents, Lynn and Craig Hepler won't be sweating their son's senior year trying to figure out college finances.

Jeff Hepler, who's finishing up his junior year at Novi High School, recently won a \$48,000 scholarship through Lawrence Technological University (LTU) and FIRST.

FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) was founded in New Hampshire a decade ago by Dean Kamen, who made a fortune inventing kidney dialysis equipment and most recently invented the Segway. It's a high-tech robotics competition that brings together more than 20,000 high school students in 24 competitions across the U.S.

According to Ivan, Novi's team did "real well" this season, placing seventh out of 68 teams at the regional competition at Eastern Michigan University and "mid-pack" at the national level in Houston.

Jeff, who plans on majoring in mechanical engineering at LTU, has been on the team since it formed three years ago. This year the Heplers discovered that each of the more than 800 first teams was eligible to nominate one team member to compete for a \$48,000, four-year scholarship at LTU.

"We thought it would be a good opportunity for Jeff to practice applying for scholarships," said Lynn, who teaches math, reading and English for Detroit Public Schools. Now they won't have to worry about that.

She noted Jeff was one of only two high school juniors awarded merit scholarships by LTU this spring.

Lynn said FIRST is "a phenomenal opportunity for kids and parents." FIRST is designed to generate the same level of excitement for math and science that's usually reserved for sports. She said she and Craig, who is a computer systems analyst with Terrell Packaging in Redford, have really been drawn into the excitement of the competitions.

This year, 27 Novi high school students, mentioned by Nina Hundley and Andrew Mikkola, participated in the FIRST program. The team is sponsored by the regional division of the Canadian auto parts manufacturer Magna.

This fall, FIRST will become even more of a family affair for the Heplers as little brother Eric joins the team as an incoming freshman.

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Meadows vocal concert!

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ON CAMPUS

Novi resident Lisa Lubinsky has been named to the Dean's List at Michigan State University for Spring 2003 semester.

Novi resident Thomas Paul Champagne was among the graduates at Western Michigan University during commencement exercises for Spring 2003.

Discover Card is awarding nearly \$1.5 million in scholarships to high school juniors as part of the Discover Card Tribute Award Scholarship Program. This year marks the 12th year of the Tribute Awards program.

This year, winners were selected from a pool of over 8,000 applicants. While students must maintain a minimum 2.75 cumulative grade point average to qualify, they must also demonstrate accomplishments in three of four areas: special talents, leadership, obstacles overcome, and community service.

The \$2,500 state scholarship recipients in Michigan include Elizabeth Song of Novi.

Karen Janik of Novi has recently accepted a Music Scholarship Award from Valparaiso University. The award was recommended by the faculty of the Department of Music at Valparaiso, based on an interview and performance audition in saxophone. Janik plans to enter Valparaiso University as a first year student this fall to major in music education.

The following Novi residents were awarded the Regents Merit Scholarship from the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and will be honored during a campus ceremony this fall at Michigan State University. Sara Beth was also named to the Dean's List for all winter terms and will be assistant Creative Director of AAF (American Advertising Federation) for 2003-2004 school year.

Novi resident Gary Allgeier was granted a master of business administration degree in the executive program at Northwood University during spring 2003 commencement exercises.

The following Novi residents were named to the spring semester 2003 Dean's List at Western Michigan University: Lauren Brundage, Jeremy Goussinsky, Joanne Holden, Andrea Kalz, Elizabeth Kurtti, Dana Moore, Angela Pantalo, Jeffrey Pitcher, Jason Santeau, Stephanie Soloko, Carrie Wasalaki, Rachel Young, Alicia Boulter, Nicole Asciano, Brandon Bear, Erin Chupinski, Natalie Corti, Brian Fischer, Alethea Kazakos, Jason Marchioni, Christopher Marion, Michael O'Doherty, Lauren Oates, Matthew Polych, Christopher Schneider, Matthew Smith, Lauren Sorrentino, Matthew Stockbridge and Steven Szlaga.

Christina Hildreth wins NYA Youth Recognition Award

A special evening reception for the nominees and their families was recently held at the Italian Epicure Restaurant to honor the Novi Youth Assistance 2002 Youth Recognition recipients. Christina Hildreth, a senior at Novi High, was the recipient of the award. Christina accumulated over 1,100 hours of volunteer work since she started high school.

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NHS's Andrew Krupansky named HomeTown Hero

Student's T.A.C.C. work, volunteer efforts earn award

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Andrew Krupansky, a junior at Novi High School, was one of six volunteers and a business honored for giving countless hours of volunteer time to Oakland County non-profits. He received recognition as a HomeTown Hero of Oakland County at a luncheon last Wednesday at the Marriott at Centerpoint in Pontiac.

Krupansky was honored in the youth category. During his junior year, he took over as president of the Teen's Aiding the Cancer Community (T.A.C.C.) in his role. Krupansky encouraged many of his peers to get involved in volunteer-



Krupansky

He also solicited local businesses to donate to the organization so they could provide backpacks filled with toys and other items that are given to children who have cancer or who are affected by cancer. He has visited Mott Children's Hospital several times as well as Glick's Club and several other local medical centers to spend time with children whose lives are affected by cancer and deliver them the backpacks.

"The HomeTown Hero Award is put on by The United Way and also the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers," Krupansky said. "Basically, as I understand it, one year, one of the editors came up with the idea of honoring the people who give their time volunteer in Oakland County. The response to that was, a plan to do it. So, they created this award and they have different categories."

The six different categories of the award are senior; governance; direct service; faith-based; youth; and business champion. All winners had to be nominated.

"I was nominated by Barbara Cliff, who is the director of all the volunteer activities at Novi High School," said Krupansky, who brought his grandparents to the

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Assistant U.S. Secretary of Energy for Fossil Fuel visits Meadows

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Assistant U.S. Secretary of Energy for Fossil Fuel Carl Michael Smith visited Andrea Alspaugh and Jody Payne's sixth grade classes at Novi Meadows last Wednesday after the students wrote letters to U.S. Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham in March about oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR).

particular drilling in Alaska and what it means and what's happening there and decisions that have to be made," Smith said. "Of course, Michigan is the secretary's home state and he was very attached to receiving all the letters from the students here from his home state and he asked me to come in his place. He had to be in New York, so I'm filling in for him."



Carl Michael Smith (left) along with Congresswoman Thaddeus McCotter spoke to students about ANWR.

thrilled to be there." Congressional Affairs Officer Joshua L. Hutelinson accompanied Smith to the school. The main purpose of their visit was to give the students a better understanding of the issues in Alaska and about the decisions that the United States has to make. "We talked about not only ANWR, but other energy decisions as well," Smith said. "ANWR is certainly an everyone's mind right now."

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Katie Fannon receives a \$500 scholarship donated by Parkview PTO

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Katie Fannon, a Novi High School graduate and former student of Parkview Elementary, is \$500 richer after she was named as the First Annual Joseph Intrick Parkview Alumni Scholarship Recipient. The money, of course, will be used to cover her college expenses.

Mr. Intrick and I was so happy to win the scholarship." The Parkview PTO, which donated the money, asked all former Parkview students to write a special essay and the best one would win the scholarship. "I wrote an essay and I filled out an application for the Parkview Future Alumni Association," Fannon said. "I received the scholarship at our high school honors night and I went to Parkview to read my essay to the students. I had fun answering the kids' questions too."

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Parkview's Ketelhut practices patience while teaching second grade students

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

"My name is Sam Olsen and I'm in second grade at Parkview Elementary," read the nomination form for Patricia Ketelhut. "I would like to compliment Mrs. Ketelhut because she has lots of patience in me. She teaches us so much. I love school! I love curvise because she makes it fun. She helps us all spell! The best part of it all is, if you are the star of the week, you can bring a toy."



Being someone who loves kids and school, teaching the second grade is the perfect job for Ketelhut. "The kids are great," she said. "I have always liked school. When I was a kid I loved school and I loved reading, so I decided in fourth grade that this is what I would do and it never changed from there."

Thinking back on her 29 year career as a teacher, Ketelhut couldn't think of just one memorable moment. "There are so many," she said. "I always love to see how the kids show their parents what they have accomplished. They are just so happy and proud to show them and those are the things that I remember the most."

Ketelhut attended a Catholic school when she was young. Her most memorable teacher was Sister Nicholas, who taught the fourth grade. "I have been out of school for so long, but I do remember most all of them," Ketelhut said. "My fourth grade teacher always had a lot of patience. She never raised her voice, she was always so kind and she really did make me feel special and I think that's what I try to do. When you have kids in a school, each one of them is special and they have to know that they're special. She did that for me. I try to keep in mind that everyone is special."

Even though she loves her job, Ketelhut believes that it has gotten a bit more difficult in the past few years. "The hardest part now is all of the record keeping and collecting all the data," she said. "It's taking time away from our time with the kids. It's just a fact of life, there is going to be a lot more data collected and a lot more documentation of the kids and what they are doing and that is, unfortunately, taking up a lot more of our time. It takes up a lot of time that we can devote to other things that we are really more important to the kids."



Parkview second grade teacher Patricia Ketelhut helps student Westley Lopez out with his school work

I know that it's good to watch their progress and we do want to, but at the same time, there is only so much time in a day."

After her students move on to the third grade, Ketelhut wants them to remember that she loved each and every one of them. "I really do care about them," she said. "They are all so special to me. If she could change anything about her job, Ketelhut would have smaller classrooms. "You do get used to having so many kids, but it sure would be nice not to have 25. But I love my job," she said.

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This concert will help do just that because the local Rotarians have already cut a check for \$25,000 for the Rotary Foundation's worldwide effort.

When Novi Rotary began organizing this concert months ago, it seemed like a no-brainer. Bring the world's greatest jazz trumpeter and his 15-piece orchestra into an intimate venue (1,000 seats), have a great time and support a worthy cause.

But now, less than a week away from showtime, ticket sales are lagging. At \$35, \$40 and \$50, prices are reasonable and in line with a performance of this magnitude.

So what happened?

Perhaps it's the fact that it's a Wednesday night. But the 7:30 show will get you home by 10, and if you're a night owl, the 9:30 concert is perfect.

Maybe Novi is not ready for this type of entertainment. Would residents rather head to Ann Arbor, Detroit or Lansing?

We don't think so.

We think this concert could be the beginning of something much bigger in Novi's future.

Show your support for this music and for the eradication of polio.

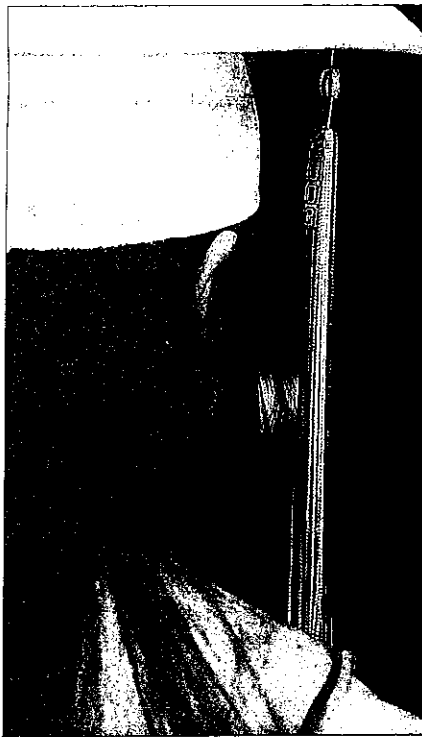
OPINION

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Kelly McMann, right, leans on friend Kale McLallen, left, who winks to some friends in the stands during Saturday night's commencement for Novi High School's class of 2003.

Commencement 2003



A close up of Novi High School graduate Alice Zheng's tassel.



Novi High School students celebrate graduation with a cap toss.

LETTERS

River Day a success...

Saturday, June 7 was Novi River Day and, once again, Novi residents displayed their support of our natural environment by observing the day with volunteer team efforts that included rescued wildflower planting at Lakeshore Park, invasive plant removal at the Garfield Road Conservancy, waterway cleanup at 12 Mile Road, catchbasin labeling in the Village Oaks and Turtle Creek neighborhoods, and children's entertainment of clowning, face painting, balloon art and raffle prizes.

The Novi River Day celebration calls attention to the need to protect water quality in Novi's rivers and streams and also provides the opportunity for all of us to share waterways experiences with our neighbors, children, city staff and new friends while having fun and learning from each other at the same time.

River Day would not have been such an

...really, it was

The annual River Day was held June 7 and was another very successful event thanks to Dave Maurice, Steven Prinz and DPW Director Benny McCuske, as well as all the hard-working staff of the DPW.

A special thanks must be given to Barb Greenberg of the Beautification Committee who almost singlehandedly did the wildflower rescue herself. And thank you to the local businesses who provide the event with food and drink and entertainment for the children. I appreciate all those who give up their Saturday to participate in this event. We have a great sense of community amongst the participants. Once again, thank you to everyone who helped make River Day such a success.

Michelle J. Bononi, Mayor Pro Tem City of Novi

Toni Nagy Novi

Share your opinions: We welcome your letters to the editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask that your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content.

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OTHER OPINIONS

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Cutting distinction between hard news and private scandal

All it took to get Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick off the front pages was for Oakland County Executive Brooks Patterson to get special treatment when pulled over for, um, "erratic" driving. The public embarrassments of the mayor and the executive are by no means new.

What I think deserves more reflective consideration, however, is the proper treatment of such cases by the news media.

Assuming for a moment that we are all capable of going beyond the National Enquirer school of scandal-mongering for its own sake. In the case of this news paper, we try to draw a distinction between the private behavior of public officials and instances where private behavior runs the risk of jeopardizing the integrity of public office.

Over the years, we have known of a fair number of cases where city council members — mayors, judges, city council members — have been inclined to have one too many as they leave the golf course or display a fondness for members of the opposite sex who are not their spouses.

Our standard in such cases is that if the behavior does not interfere with responsible and ethical conduct of public office, we consider such peccadilloes a private matter and, therefore, not to be fit subject for news coverage.

But should a judge, for example, actually preside over a trial when inebriated, we would find a way to dig into the story aggressively.

Why? Because a drunk judge sitting on the bench at a trial is a judge that has cast aside the integrity of his public office. This standard of news coverage, I believe, is rather more rigorous in defining news than that commonly used by the big city papers or TV stations.

Why? Because the kind of journalism we practice in this home-

town newspaper — community journalism — is one that balances our journalistic commitment to fairness and objectivity with the simultaneous fact that as community journalists we are members of the community we cover and, hence, have an obligation to know the consequences of our news judgment.

I have seen too many instances where public reputations of decent and reasonable people were ruined just because a news paper editor decided to print a story about a private misdeed. I've been thinking how this standard would be applied to both Mayor Kilpatrick and Executive Patterson.

In Kilpatrick's case, three items gained lots of press coverage: the size and conduct of his security detail, the "wild parties" at the Manogian Mansion and the firing of the deputy police chief.

The size of the security detail is fit for news coverage, if only because it has to do with the profligate expenditure of tax dollars spent on the mayor's security.

And if members of the detail are driving while drunk or cheating on their overtime reports, the Mayor should be held publicly accountable for failure to supervise subordinates properly.

Are "wild" parties at the Mayor's private residence "news" under this standard? I think not, as long as they are private and do not involve violators of the law.

And if the assertions about the firing of the deputy chief are correct — that he was fired because his investigations got too close to the mayor — that constitutes wholesale dereliction of public duty for Hizzoner and deserves front page treatment.

In the case of Brooks Patterson — whom I like personally and whom I admire for his quick wit and sense of humor — the issue is pretty clear.



Phil Power

My company publishes newspapers in Oakland County, where Patterson is the big boss and by all accounts a very effective executive.

It's been common knowledge to my editors and reporters that Patterson from time to time likes to host a few, especially in the company of his various cronies.

But up to now, this kind of behavior has largely been kept in private and hence has largely stayed out of the news columns.

I think this is proper, as up to now there has been little evidence Patterson's drinking habits have adversely affected the conduct of his public office or provably broken the law.

In the most recent case, however, Patterson very likely was driving while under the influence. There is clear evidence that his erratic driving patterns could have endangered others.

And I cannot escape the conclusion that the Oakland County sheriff's deputies who hunted him over failed to treat him as a likely drunk driver because they were scared to book the big boss.

Patterson will not formally be charged with violating the law, if only because there is no conclusive evidence that would justify changing him with driving while under the influence.

All this is and will be all over the front pages of the papers, properly in my view and not as instance of scandal-mongering media. Making the distinction between hard news and more private scandal is not easy, especially under deadline pressure and when the facts are never as clear as one would wish.

It's especially hard for us community journalists — whose obligations run simultaneously to accuracy and making an impact on the community — to have a civil regard for the distinction between private behavior and public display.

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) 952-2047 or at ppower@homecomm.net.

It's all in the names, or is it?

Change is good. Or should I say, it can be good (which means it can be bad, too). When I first came to this newspaper in March 2002, Victoria Sadlocha was our police beat reporter, a position she held until moving on recently to one of our sister publications near Royal Oak.

When Victoria went to the police station each Tuesday to get the weekly report, she gathered all the pertinent details from the names of the individuals involved.

Her Police Report summaries were informative and interesting to read. We never really heard from readers expressing their love or hate of the report.

When Victoria left, our business reporter, Phil Foley, took over the police beat. It's been awhile since Phil has covered the "top sleep" as a journalist, but he has not paid his dues in Florida doing such.

Down there, Phil was used to including the names of the individuals listed on the police reports, and readers were comfortable with seeing those in print.

And to tell you the truth, I didn't give it much thought when he turned in his first police summary a few weeks ago.

I noticed the addition of the names while editing, but I know that with police reports being public records, we have every right to print them.

However, several readers expressed concerns. That caused me to explore it further with my general manager, who is always great for bouncing thoughts off, and several of my editor colleagues.

A few of the calls came from relatives of those whose names were printed, and they wondered why we had started including the names.

Some calls are understandable and expected. Let's face it — if your son or daughter was arrested, would you want to see their name in the local paper?

It's even more touchy when it's

the name of a minor. Again, if it's public record and the truth, we can print it. Should we? Is another story. The hard-nosed answer is this: If you want to see your name in our police report, don't get arrested.

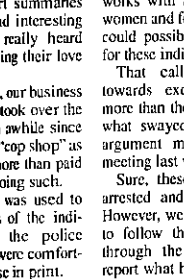
But I'm not really known as a hard-nosed editor, so I'm willing to hear the different perspectives to this issue.

Perhaps, the most intriguing call came from a reader who was concerned that we had included the names of the victims as well. She works with a shelter for abused women and feared that our reports could possibly lead to problems for these individuals.

That call got me leaning towards excluding the names more than the other calls did. But what swayed me most was the argument made at our editors meeting last week.

Below you will find Michelle Bien's 2003 All-AREA Academic Team stilt and photo. Congratulations!

Cal Stone is the editor of the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 113 or at cstone@ht.homecomm.net.



Cal Stone

Shifting gears to schools, I hope you take the time to look at the week's B section, which is an eight-page dedication to the Class of 2003.

Obviously, as the Novi News, our main focus is Novi High School, but we also cover Walled Lake Central and Western.

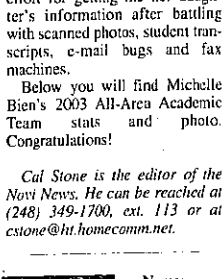
In early April, I mailed out to all three schools forms for their top students to complete, with that information being used in this special section.

Somewhere along the line, Central's packet got misplaced and we ended up getting their information at the last minute.

I waited as long as I could before sending the section off to the printing press Tuesday morning. Then I received a call from a mother who deserves an A for effort for getting me her daughter's information after battling with scanned photos, student transcripts, e-mail bugs and fax machines.

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M. Bien

Name: Michelle Bien

Extra-curricular activities: National Honor Society and National Art Honor Society

Academic Honors: Highest honors freshman through junior year.

Post-graduation plans: University of Michigan

Career plans: Become an illustrator and writer.

Who has influenced you the most in your academic career? My parents have encouraged me to try to succeed.

Name of parents and/or step-parents, guardians: Rebecca Bien and Ted Bien

Brothers and sisters: Brian, 19; Madeline, 15; Michael, 8.



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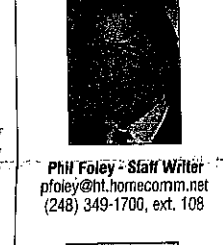
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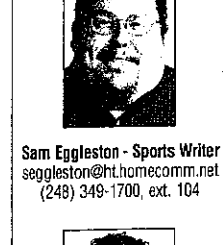
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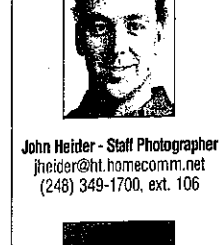
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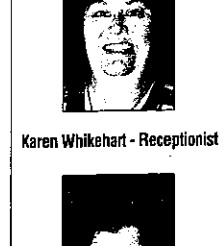
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2003-04 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 18, 2003 at 7:30 o'clock p.m. at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Tait Road, Novi, Michigan, the Board of Education of Novi Community School District will hold a public hearing to consider the district's proposed 2003-04 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2003-04 budget until after the public hearing. Beginning June 18, 2003, a copy of the proposed budget will be available during normal business hours at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Tait Road, Novi, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be subject of this hearing.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

(6-12-03 NN 63305)

Hay Kids! Come Join Our "NO CAVITY CLUB!"

All children 4 years of age and under who come in for a dental check-up and have no cavities are entered in our drawing. At the end of the month one boy and one girl are chosen as winners of a gift certificate to TOYS 'R US!

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Emma Frasier	Nathaniel Mitchell	Nathaniel Skown
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The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Multi-Track Loader according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director.

Sealed bids will be received until 3:00 P.M., prevailing Eastern Time, Tuesday, June 24, 2003, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

CITY OF NOVI
CAROL J. KALINOVIC, PURCHASING DIRECTOR
45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.
Novi, MI 48375-3024

All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED "MULTI-TRACK LOADER" BID AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER.

The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informalities or both; to reject any or all proposals; and in general, to make the award of the contract in any manner deemed by the City, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the City of Novi.

CAROL J. KALINOVIC
PURCHASING DIRECTOR
(248) 347-0446

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NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS AUDIO/VISUAL EQUIPMENT FOR FIRE STATION NO. 4

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Audio/Visual Equipment for Fire Station No. 4 according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Sealed bids will be received until 4:00 P.M., prevailing Eastern Time, Wednesday, June 18, 2003, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

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(6-12-03 NN 63188)

Read Then Recycle

KVC champs for the fourth year!

By Brian Coyle
SPECIAL WRITER

For the fourth year in a row, the Novi Wildcats baseball team has captured the KVC. After losing a heartbreaker early last week to end their playoff run before districts finished, Novi came back and won three of four KVC games to clinch an outright championship in the conference.

"I was really proud of the way we came back after the loss," Novi coach Rick Green said.

Novi 8, Pinckney 2

After clinching a tie atop the KVC on Tuesday, Novi came back roaring on Thursday to gain status as sole heir to the KVC crown. Beginning the week, Novi needed to win two of their last four to hold sole rights to the championship. They picked up one in Tuesday and got the second when they needed in their first game of the double-header against Pinckney.

"We had to win one game to win the league outright," Green said.

Mike Hart pitched effectively well and threw for all seven innings of the game. He gave up only six hits and one walk and struck out ten batters in that game.

"It probably had his best velocity of the year in that game," Green

said.

Offensively, Novi was dominant in that game and managed to knock 15 hits. Matt Nicksch went 3-4 and had a 3-run homer and 5 RBIs. Kevin Gisko went 2-4 and had three stolen bases. Adam Brandau went 2-4 with two solo homers and Josh Buck went 3-4. Zach Flavin and Kerry Krieger also contributed with a pair of hits each.

"We did a good job of hitting the ball," Green said.

Novi 12, Pinckney 11

In the second game of the double-header on Monday, Novi took it to Pinckney in a game that had no bearing on the final standings. Novi was actually up 12-6 going into the final inning but Pinckney made a run to make it close.

"We started packing our bags a little early," Green said.

Novi played this game with a small roster as some of the players attended to other obligations.

"We had a small roster going into this game," Green said.

Offensively, Novi was on top of their game again as they had 17 hits in this game. Gisko went 3-3 and scored twice as did Dan Morrison who went 2-5. Billy Morrison went 3-4 and knocked in 5 RBIs.

"The Morrison's had a good game," Green said.



Photo by JAN LARIDAS

Novi's Dan Morrison lets a pitch fly against Northville.

Brandon, Buck, Steve Gawnowski and Brian Margrave all had two hits on the day. Dan Morrison got the win in first innings and gave up eight hits while striking out six.

"Criso would be the highlight of that game," Green said.

Novi 1, Brighton 2

In the first game after their district loss, Novi wasn't able to muster enough to overcome the Bulldogs.

Novi 6, Brighton 3

In the second game of that

day Novi won to clinch a piece of the KVC crown. Adam Zorza pitched the game and didn't walk a single batter.

"Zero walks was probably why we won the game," Green said.

Green also said that Novi played sound defense in that game which contributed to their success.

Nicksch and Chris Scott each had two hits in the game.

"That just goes to show you that our team never quit," Green said. "I was proud of those guys."

Novi's defense was there down-fall in this game. The Dan Morrison started the game and got off to a little bit of a slow start. Four runs were scored including two unearned runs. Novi let in three unearned runs in the game.

"These three unearned runs really cost us the game," Green said. "When you don't play solid defense in districts you give up too many runs."

Although Novi lost, the team showed a lot of character in their late inning surge and through their KVC victories after they had been knocked out of districts.

"I was disappointed we didn't play better defense, but I was very proud of our kids," Green said. "We are disappointed anytime we get knocked out."

Novi 8, Salem 3

In the first game of district competition on Monday, Novi took it to Plymouth Salem and won 8-3 behind Mike Hart's sound pitching. Hart pitched six innings, only allowed two earned runs, and struck out six.

"He pitched a great game," Green said.

Doug Benton, Buck and Guffey all had two hits for the Wildcats.

Novi 5, Northville 7

Novi came extremely close to coming back and taking this game as they did so many others this year. Down 7-2 in the last inning with two strikes and two outs, Gawnowski made it to first on an error, the next run shot to bring the game within two. Evan Rodriguez and Flavin singled. Then, Benton hit an infield

single to lead the bases. The final Novi batter struck out to end the game.

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Wildcats bow out to Canton Chiefs

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER



Photo by JAN LARIDAS

Novi senior Kendall Hobart comes off her feet as she lets a pitch fly against Canton.

Novi senior Kendall Hobart

cranked a hard liner — which found it's way right into the first baseman's glove.

Senior Kendall Hobart, the top pitcher for the Wildcats this year, threw a four hitter but still took the brunt of the loss.

"She's been a part of this program since she was a freshman," Jones said of Hobart's role with the "Cats." "She's been the heart and soul of this team and always gives 110 percent. All she has is heart and desire, and you can't coach those things."

The Wildcats will also be losing Shannon Shrader, Rachel Bielski and Nicole Lewis to graduation.

"Shannon has really developed a lot of range," Jones said. "She'll get dirty when you need her to, and she's capable of covering the ball on the opposite side of second base. Hers is a tough role to fill."

Bielski has been a major player for the Novi squad as well, with her role being one of an outfielder while Lewis has been the squad's team sprint.

Jones said. "Her positive attitude has brought so much to this team, and it really makes for a good working atmosphere."

The Wildcats have shown much improvement over last year, and that is something Jones hopes to carry over for next season. One thing she doesn't want to follow her into the 2004 schedule is their close game losses.

"I can probably count 10 different games that we lost in the bottom of the sixth or top of the seventh," she said. "They'll have two outs and a runner on first. Kendall has thrown a two-hitter and lost and plenty of four hitters and lost. I don't know why we can't close games down, but we just can't."

This year has been a bit of a ride for the Wildcats.

"It just seems like we've been on a real roller coaster," Jones noted. "A lot of ups and downs and plenty of curves. Hopefully next year we'll have a smoother ride."

CHANGES ARE MADE IN DETERMINATIONS OF BASE FLOOD ELEVATIONS FOR THE CITY OF NOVI, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, UNDER THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

On May 3, 1993, the Federal Emergency Management Agency identified Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) in the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, through issuance of a Risk Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). The Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration has determined that modification of the elevations of the flood having a 1% chance of being equalled or exceeded in any given year (base or 100-year flood) for certain locations in this community is appropriate. The modified Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) revise the FIRM for the community.

The changes are being made pursuant to Section 206 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (FDPA) to participate in and are in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended (Title XIII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Public Law 90-448), 42 U.S.C. 4001-4128, and 44 CFR Part 65.

A hydrologic analysis was performed to incorporate the placement of fill in the SFHA and the excavation of several detention facilities. This analysis has resulted in a revised delineation of the SFHA, and higher and lower BFEs for an unnamed pond along Shaw Creek, located approximately 150 feet upstream of Interstate 96, and three unnamed ponds along West Branch Shaw Creek, located approximately 30 feet southwest of Grand River Avenue. The table below indicates existing and modified BFEs for selected locations along the affected lengths of the flooding source cited above.

Location	Existing BFE (feet)	Modified BFE (feet)
Approximately 150 feet upstream of Interstate 96	958	956
Approximately 30 feet southwest of Grand River Avenue	None	962
- east pond	None	962
- center pond	None	962
- west pond	None	962

Under the above-mentioned Act of 1968 and 1973, the Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration must develop criteria for floodplain management. For the community to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), the community must use the modified BFEs to administer the floodplain management measures of the NFIP. These modified BFEs will also be used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings and their contents and for the second layer of insurance on existing buildings and contents.

Upon the second publication of notices of these changes in this newspaper, any person has 90 days in which to file a request for reconsideration. The effective date of this Ordinance is June 17, 2003. It shall be published within fifteen (15) days of adoption.

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The Honorable Richard Clark
Mayor, City of Novi
45175 West 10 Mile Road
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(6-12/19-03 NN 63169)

Which seniors want to play just one more game?

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Is it that time of year again already?

For seniors in high school, their final year can fly by in what seems like the blink of an eye. For athletes, their seniors go by even quicker. Lucky for those seniors who are out of school and looking back at their baseball and softball seasons wondering how it went so fast, there's a final game to play.

The Fourth Annual HomeTown Baseball and Softball games will be held June 18 and 19, respectively, at South Lyon High School. The

fields, which were generously donated by the district for the purpose of this game, will open at 4 p.m. both days for a skills competition with a 5 p.m. start for the final game. For others, this will be their final game of organized ball.

Senior baseball and softball players from Milford, Novi, Northville, Lakeland and South Lyon will form the All-Star East squad in the contest, while players from Hartland, Howell, Pinckney, Forkville and Fairplay will form the All-Star West. Senior players from Novi's Sports Jones carried the day.

The game, which is open to the public, is sponsored by HomeTown Newspapers as a final way for the

seniors in the sports coverage area to get a final game before heading into the world of college. For some, this will just be a warm-up for playing against the best-of-the-best at the next level. For others, this will be their final game of organized ball.

Senior baseball and softball players from Milford, Novi, Northville, Lakeland and South Lyon will form the All-Star East squad in the contest, while players from Hartland, Howell, Pinckney, Forkville and Fairplay will form the All-Star West. Senior players from Novi's Sports Jones carried the day.

Prior to the actual game, there will be a skills competition that will highlight the hitting abilities of the players on their respective squads.

Trophies will be given to the winner of both the softball and the baseball skills competition.

There is no cost for admission to the event, and the fields can be located at South Lyon High School, which is on the corner of Pontiac Trail and 11 mile.

As fans of the games of baseball and softball, the sports writers of HomeTown Newspapers are excited to be a part of this event. The hope is that the parents of the players, fans, family and friends will also be able to make it to the contest to cheer their favorite player to victory.

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'Cats can't get past Canton



Novi's Maureen Pawlak, left, goes head-to-head with Canton's Andrea Johnson during last Wednesday night's MHSAA regional soccer playoff action at Dearborn High School.

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

It was a tough end to a great season for the Novi Wildcats soccer team.

Earning their first ever Kensington Valley Conference title, winning the district tournament with a win over the Northville Mustangs and getting a bid into regional play.

Unfortunately for Novi, that was where the trip ended. Taking on a tough Canton squad, which seemed to be favored on paper, the Wildcats fell 2-0 in regional tournament play.

"They have a rare combination of great size and speed," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "They were the better team and deserved to win."

The Wildcats found themselves falling behind as Canton took a controversial throw-in that was followed up by a stellar kick on goal that went into the upper right and found the back of the net.

"According to a lot of fans, including my four older brothers, the throw-in was supposed to be ours," Novi senior goalie Kellie Pfeiffer said. "I managed to get a tip on it when I jumped for it, but it still went in."

The Wildcats, who finished 15-3-2 on the year, had a heck of a run as they fought Canton every step of the way. By the end of the game, though down only 2-0, it seemed that Novi knew what the ultimate outcome was going to be.

"It honestly didn't look like everyone cared a lot," Pfeiffer said. "There were a few players who really stepped up and you

could see it, but there were others that looked like they had just given up."

The second goal of the night for Canton, which Pfeiffer has caught herself thinking about more than once, came on a breakaway. The Wildcat sweeper came out to challenge the play, but found herself beat, and Pfeiffer came out to dive for the ball.

"She managed to kick it right before I dove," the senior goaltender said. "I just trickled right in. If I would have stepped up a little sooner, I would have definitely had it. I stopped shots like that earlier in the game."

The game came in a slightly awkward situation. Not only was there a slight drizzle to keep the field slick, but the first game of the tournament between Livonia Stevenson and Ann Arbor Pioneer went into triple overtime with Pioneer winning the game with a shoot-out.

"Normally, we warm up and then go out and play," Pfeiffer said. "Instead, we warmed up and then just sat around watching the rest of their game. It was good to watch in case we ended up in that same situation, but our heads might not have been as much into it if we would have played right after our warm up."

Though Pfeiffer may replay the goals in her mind for the next couple of weeks, pondering if she could have stopped them or made a difference in the game, there is one thing that her coach knows for sure.

"If it weren't for Kellie Pfeiffer's brilliant play in goal, we would have lost by more," O'Leary said.



Photo by John Heider

Novi's Kelly McMann, center, is pushed into the Canton netminder (who's just made a save) by Erica Ahrens during last Wednesday night's playoff game at Dearborn.

Gilchrist ready for collegiate athletic career

By Brian Doyle
SPECIAL WRITER

From Saratoga, New York to Novi, Michigan to Dayton, Ohio Brian Gilchrist is continuing down the laid in front of him. The recent Novi graduate will be heading down to the University of Dayton next fall to run cross-country for the Fliers.

Gilchrist has signed a letter of intent with the Fliers and has received an academic and athletic scholarship package that will almost cover all of his tuition costs.

"I'm very excited about it," Gilchrist said. "I've heard good things about it and I can't wait."

Gilchrist's quickly found out that Dayton college was the place he wanted to be. His guidance counselor suggested the school to him and he liked what he found out about Dayton. Later that day he e-mailed Dayton's cross-country coach and went down for an open-house the following weekend.

"It was crazy how it all worked out," Gilchrist said. "Two days after Mrs. Talbot suggested it, I'm down there talking to the coach."

As soon as he arrived on campus, Gilchrist knew that Dayton was the place for him.

"Everybody was so nice down there and the coach was awesome," he said.

Gilchrist went on a return visit a few months later and spent some time with the team which got him even more excited about his decision.

"All the guys on the team are awesome," he said. "There is nothing I'm not looking forward too about it."

Prior to his time in Novi, Gilchrist attended high school in Saratoga, N.Y. Half-way through his junior year, Gilchrist and his family made the move to Novi. Gilchrist had a very strong bond with his teammates in Saratoga, who were state champions in cross-country while Gilchrist ran there.

"The team there was like family," Gilchrist said. "If there is one memory from high school, it is my team from Saratoga and everything we did. We were just like brothers."

Gilchrist also left behind a lot of his family. Gilchrist and his large extended family would get together frequently when he lived in Saratoga.

"It was kind of like that Big Fat Greek Wedding thing," Gilchrist said about their usual Sunday night dinner gatherings.

Leaving behind both those things made the transfer to Novi an especially tough one.

"I was not so happy when I came to Novi," Gilchrist said.

However, Gilchrist met someone special who helped him get through initial tough times. Gilchrist met Christina Boothman at Sleeping Bear campgrounds in Traverse City. They now have been dating for just under a year.

"She made this last year more enjoyable," Gilchrist said. "She made me glad that I moved to Michigan."

Gilchrist also has depended heavily on something else to get him through this, and many other tough times in his life.

"My faith is probably the most important thing to me," Gilchrist said. "My faith has helped me with everything I've been through

recently."

Although leaving Saratoga behind was tough, Gilchrist said that he has enjoyed his time at Novi.

"I've had some good times at Novi," he said. "I've definitely enjoyed the last year and a half."

Gilchrist has grown to be close friends with his running partner and fellow Novi athlete Mark Moore.

"It's been really fun being able to run with him," Gilchrist said. "We've become really good friends."

Gilchrist and Moore have become regulars at his favorite restaurant On The Border and frequent the spot about once a week.

"We're preferred customers," Gilchrist said. "We've probably been there fifty times since this winter."

As an athlete, Gilchrist has two people that he admires. Lance Armstrong for his work ethic and perseverance through everything he had to deal with and Mark's older brother Tim Moore, who is running at Notre Dame currently.

"Tim loves to run," Gilchrist said. "His work ethic is amazing, the amount of time he puts into it is amazing, and its amazing how he keeps going."

When Gilchrist isn't running or playing other sports he enjoys playing his guitar or spending time on the water. When he was little he would go out on a sailboat with his family and when he was older his parents bought a ski-boat.

"Ever since then I've been boating whenever I get a chance," he said. "I've grown up into it, its kind of a subconscious thing."

It's no surprise that Gilchrist ultimately wants to study Naval architecture and Marine engineering. Gilchrist was also seriously considering attending the Coast Guard Academy. Presently, he plans to get his base at Dayton with a degree in mechanical engineering and a concentration in aerospace engineering.

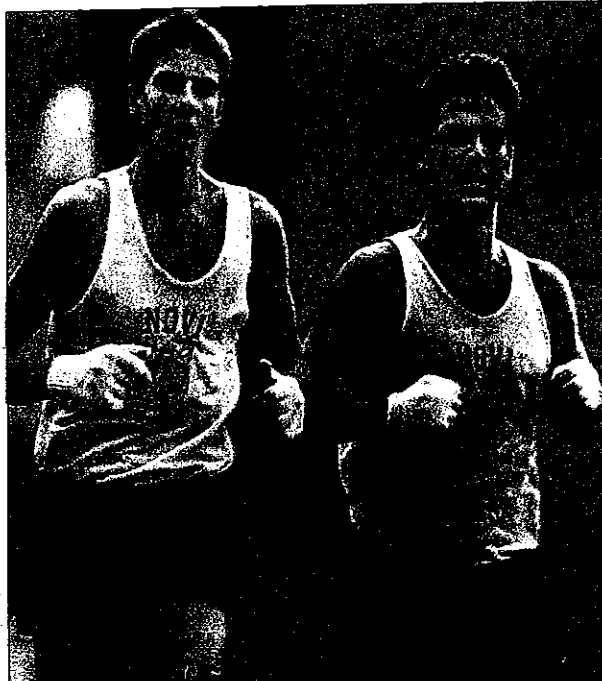


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Novi's Mark Moore, left, and Brian Gilchrist take part in the playoffs last fall. Since Gilchrist moved to Novi, he and Moore have become fast friends.

neering. "I've wanted to be an engineer all through high school," Gilchrist said. The future looks bright for Gilchrist as he attempts to continue his athletic and academic success at the next level as a Dayton Flier.

Brian Doyle is a special writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. Comments can be directed to the sports department at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.

Weaver shares her talent with students

By Annette Jaworski
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

You might say that Donna Gramlich is a basket case. Actually the middle school teacher for Oak Valley is not suffering from end-of-the-school-year blues — she's actually an accomplished and talented basket weaver. Not only does she create beautiful pieces, she's shared her skills with many others so they can enjoy this unique craft.

Gramlich's creativity has drawn her to a number of crafts through the years. Those stopped once she began weaving, a natural fit for her background and skills.

"With a major in weaving and clothing textiles, I understood the concept of basket weaving," she explained.

She took her first basket weaving class eighteen years ago on her husband David's racquetball night. She quickly proved her talents and two years later began teaching classes for the Huron Valley Continuing Education for adults. Although she loved teaching adults, it was a huge commitment to keep while holding down a full-time teaching job. She now mainly weaves for pleasure, but recently taught the craft to a group of about twelve Oak Valley students, who were eager to try something new.

"Kids aren't afraid to make mistakes. They aren't worried about the details. That's great because most things are repairable or fixable," she said.

Basics with students

Gramlich kept the process as simple as possible for her young students. First students "twined the bottom," which is the beginning of the basket. It's probably one of the hardest steps.

"Once they see it and try it, they certainly can do it," she said.

For the baskets in the top right photo, the students used a regular weave, following an alternating in and out pattern. They chose from a number of colors to alternate with the natural strips or reeds. Next they "upset the spokes" by bending or turning the spokes down. At



Above and lower right: Teacher Donna Gramlich enjoys making a variety of baskets. Above right: Lyndsay Jaworski, Kalyn Petrilli and Katie Jewett show off their baskets.



the top, they cut and tucked the spokes down and lashed an inner and outer rim. Sea grass was used to finish the trim at the top. After two class sessions, students each proudly took home their own uniquely designed basket.

"Each basket was their own creation, they selected the different color combinations and width of reed," Gramlich said.

Kalyn Petrilli, a sixth-grader at Oak Valley, chose a pattern of navy, red and plum alternated with natural reed. The task seemed a lot easier once she got started. Her favorite part was "being there with my friends and we could see how each other was doing." After it was complete, she

was more than happy with the results. "I was kind of amazed once it was done. I didn't think I could make it," Petrilli said.

Embellishments are key
Adding embellishments to the baskets is another way to express individuality and taste. "Once you're familiar with the materials, there's a lot you can do with this," Gramlich said.

Even handles give a basket personality, Gramlich said. Some are merely woven twill tape. Other variations might be a wire handle or a preformed wooden D-handle.

Gramlich dyes all of her own strips for weaving, using com-

mercial dye to achieve color. Some use natural sources such as roots, barks and berries.

Her Christmas basket uses a red and white plaid fabric with tiny green Christmas trees and bows. Many of her baskets have a seasonal theme that she uses to decorate for the holidays. For example, the Christmas baskets may hold ornaments or pinecones, while the Easter ones she might tuck in a bunny. She keeps current photos in a small basket for browsing through. Some are used to store towels and some are just for display. One of her favorite uses for baskets is serving food. Lined with a kitchen towel or napkin, they're perfect

to serve snacks and rolls in.

Among the many of her unique baskets is a large sachet-shaped one that can be used like a briefcase. It's handy for a teacher since it's large enough to hold a binder or folders. Another is a small and delicate basket made of birch bark. "It's not very firm, but it sure is pretty," she said.

Trendy teacher

Gramlich keeps up with the most current trends in basket weaving by attending conventions and meeting informally with fellow weavers. She is a member of the Association of Michigan Basket Weavers and looks forward to their yearly convention

for new ideas and concepts. "It's a sharing type of thing. We share information, and we share sources. We sort of help teach each other," she said.

After creating hundreds of handmade baskets, what's her most difficult challenge?

"Deciding which one to make," she commented. The number of basket patterns and ideas has increased so tremendously during the time she has enjoyed this craft, it's difficult to decide which one to make first.

Gramlich has taught a variety of after-school classes to Oak Valley students, including candle-making, candy-making and pillow-making.



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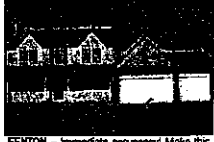
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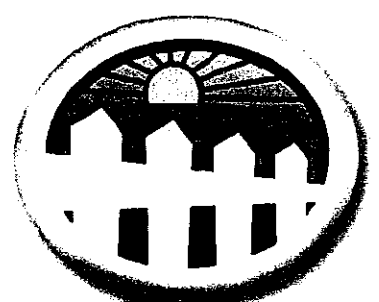
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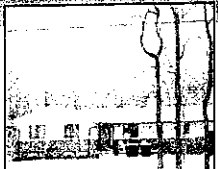
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CANTON - Just like new 1999 townhouse. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths! Great room w/natural fireplace has marble surround. Formal dining room w/doorwall to deck. Kitchen has upgraded 42" oak cabinets. Ceramic baths, 1st floor laundry, 2 car attached garage w/drywall. Clean & ready to move in! \$209,000 (38SAR) 734-455-5600



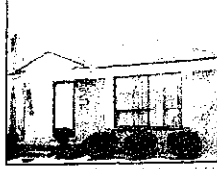
WESTLAND - Livonia Schools. 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch that is in move-in condition. All major updates have been done: roof, windows, glass block in '02 & hardwood floors. Finished basement w/hot bar & plenty of extra storage. \$152,500 (10RAN) 248-349-5600



NOVI - New listing. Charming Crosswinds condo w/2 bedroom, 2.5 bath features many updates. Home located at back of complex for maximum privacy. 1 car garage w/opener. Includes all appliances. Great location - closest to major x-ways. \$174,500 (76PON) 248-349-5600



NORTHVILLE - Location! Location! This stunning 3 bedroom cape code 1998 built condo sets new meaning to prime lot. It is located on a gorgeous waterfront lot with a breathtaking view. Add a professionally finished walk-out basement & large deck off great room. Sharp, clean & wow. \$428,000 (38LAK) 248-349-5600



WESTLAND - Great 3 bedroom brick ranch. First time home buyer prize find! Large living room w/wired lights & hardwood floors. Detached garage and full basement. Neutral decor thru-out. \$129,999 (23AVO) 734-455-5600

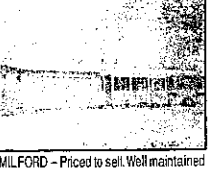


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NORTHVILLE - Bed & Breakfast! Feels Wonderful colonial sitting on approx. 2 beautiful acres, w/stocked pond! Traditional layout, LR, formal DR, huge FR w/panoramic view, spa room, master suite w/WIC. Unique keeping room, fireplaces, bsmt, huge deck & tennis ct. REDUCED! \$469,500 (00BEC) 734-455-5600



NORTHVILLE - Links of Northville. 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo w/2 car attached garage, basement, family room w/doorwall, cathedral ceiling, fireplace & newer carpet, 1st floor laundry, master bedroom w/master bath w/hot tub & skylight. Better than new. \$309,900 (18LOC) 734-455-5600



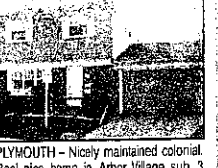
DEARBORN - Great starter home. 2 bedroom, 1 bath brick ranch. Cove ceilings, hardwood floors in living room & bedrooms + basement. Close to Oakwood Hospital & expressways. \$100,000 (20SOU) 734-455-5600



NORTHVILLE - Popular Orchard Heights neighborhood offers this 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home that is bright & sunny. Hardwood floors, finished basement with w/o to patio & perennial garden. Close to downtown & many favorite spots. \$374,600 (27THA) 248-349-5600



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PLYMOUTH - Nicely maintained colonial. Real nice home in Arbor Village sub. 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 2 car at garage & basement. Large spacious rooms. Family room w/natural fieldstone fireplace/skylight. Newer windows, some carpet & tile floor. Large fenced yard. 1 year home w/warranty. \$211,900 (57HUS) 248-349-5600



NEW BOSTON - Better Homes and Gardens Home. 4 BR cape code sitting on 3/4 acre lot w/1st flr master suite w/WIC & Jacuzzi tub, 2.5 baths. LR w/gas fireplace, DR, lg country kit w/oak cabs, oak flr in foyer, light oak trim. 2.5 car at garage, 90% eff furn & CA. Home Warr. \$318,800 (09BRY) 734-455-5600



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DEARBORN HGTS. - Custom built brick ranch on approximately 1/3 of an acre w/finished basement, 2.5 car attached garage, 2 fireplaces. Updates: windows, roof, siding, AC, furnace, deck & electric. \$265,000 (69LOH) 734-455-5600



LIVONIA - Room to room. Get lost in your backyard - it's big, beautiful & almost an acre. Cozy cape code w/3 bedrooms, 2 baths, basement & 2+ car garage. Exterior updated such as: siding, roof, windows & deck. \$194,500 (97BRO) 248-349-5600



GREEN OAK - South Lyon schools. 4 bedroom colonial in a park-like setting w/association pond, swimming, fishing, canoeing on approx 1/2 acre. Remodeled bath '03, tear off roof '02, tile counter '00, dishwasher '00. Family room w/fireplace w/newer sliding door to outside patio. Gas grill. \$235,900 (29PON) 248-349-5600



LIVONIA - Burton Hollow Estates. A must see. Beautiful 4 bedroom home in Stevenson area. Updated kitchen w/washed maple cabinets. Vaulted ceiling and open floor plan. Overlooks private park-like backyard. Brick patio pavers. Hot tub stays. \$259,900 (14WHI) 248-349-5600



GARDEN CITY - Unique colonial. Rare to own a unique home with open layout w/spiral staircase to upper level. Many updates, neutral decor, large deck overlooking beautiful yard. \$134,999 (08CAM) 734-455-5600



DEARBORN HGTS. - Custom built brick ranch on approximately 1/3 of an acre w/finished basement, 2.5 car attached garage, 2 fireplaces. Updates: windows, roof, siding, AC, furnace, deck & electric. \$265,000 (69LOH) 734-455-5600



CANTON - Ranch on quiet court. 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, great room, formal dining room, fireplace, vaulted ceilings, cedar deck, full basement, 2 car attached garage. A pleasure to show. \$227,000 (45STA) 734-455-5600



LIVONIA - Room to room. Get lost in your backyard - it's big, beautiful & almost an acre. Cozy cape code w/3 bedrooms, 2 baths, basement & 2+ car garage. Exterior updated such as: siding, roof, windows & deck. \$194,500 (97BRO) 248-349-5600



WIXOM - Spacious colonial. This immaculate home offers 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Great room with vaulted ceilings, dining room and a master suite w/cathedral ceilings. Neutral decor. Close to nature preserve and Walled Lake schools. Sub has approx 10 acres of woodland commons area. \$304,900 (76TRA) 248-349-5600



FARMINGTON HILLS - Your search is over. Custom built 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath Hamill open floor plan w/wearing ceilings, glass views of trees & stream. Loft plus 2 levels of top of the line quality materials. Cost much more to duplicate. \$479,900 (74SOU) 248-349-5600



SUPERIOR - Turn of the century farmhouse. Spacious 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial offering recent renovations. Kitchen, baths (1 w/Jacuzzi tub), entire 2nd floor great room, formal dining room w/wood burning stove. Separate living quarters. All in a beautiful country setting. \$278,000 (90CHE) 734-455-5600



DEARBORN - Gorgeous executive condo. 3350-sq. ft. ranch presents 2 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, finished basement, 2 car attached garage in gated community at the TPC golf course overlooking fairway. Master suite w/jetted tub & separate shower, spacious white kitchen w/granite counter. \$899,900 (5PRES) 734-455-5600



DEARBORN - Spectacular home at TPC. Luxurious gated community offers hardwood floors in spacious foyer, library & gourmet kitchen which has white cabinets, wine rack & built-in appliances, basement. Rec room & 2 car attached garage. All this offered in this 3 bedroom, 3 full & 2 half baths. \$549,900 (36TUR) 734-455-5600



LIVONIA - Great opportunity. A bit of time & TLC will generate a great investment in this "Stables" home. This all brick 3 bedroom ranch features a 2 car garage, along with all original hardwood floors. The living room features a natural fireplace too. \$163,800 (37HUB) 248-349-5600



SOUTH LYON - Welcome Home. Move in and enjoy golf course living. First floor master. Oak kitchen walk-in pantry. Finished basement. Spacious dining room and a master suite w/cathedral ceilings. Neutral decor. Close to nature preserve and Walled Lake schools. Sub has approx 10 acres of woodland commons area. \$304,900 (76TRA) 248-349-5600



WHITMORE LAKE - Private-Peaceful-Perfect. Enjoy lake access with this sharp 3 bedroom ranch w/many updates. Move in to enjoy the summer. Many updates: hot water tank, 2.5 car garage, hardwood floors & the list goes on. Private fenced triple lot. \$165,000 (49WAL) 248-349-5600



PLYMOUTH - Classic style townhouse. Berkshire model w/open layout w/cathedral & vaulted ceilings, GR w/gas fireplace, trimmed woodwork & ceramic tile. French door to 2nd bedroom/skylight. Skylights in kit & baths. Kitchen w/white Menilite cabs, tin lower level, 2 car at garage. \$191,000 (12DRA) 734-455-5600



FARMINGTON HILLS - Great location, close to everything. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, full basement, 2.5 car oversized garage, fenced yard, Andersen windows, newer roof, furnace, sliding & AC. Family room/living room combo. Farmington schools. \$172,900 (65PUR) 734-455-5600



DEARBORN - A place to call home. Nice 3 bedroom Dearborn bungalow offers fireplace in living room, cove ceilings, finished basement w/full bath & bar, newer furnace & CA. \$134,900 (45WOO) 734-455-5600



GREAT S. REDFORD RANCH. This brick home is in move-in condition. Open floor plan that includes 3 BR, LR, DR & kitchen w/appliances. Finished basement w/ice room, half bath & den/study room. Large covered deck great for family gatherings. 2 car garage. \$139,900 (40WCH) 248-349-5600



NOVI - Picture yourself golfing. It's a no-no. No painting, no fixing in this golf course membership community. 3 bedroom, 1st floor master bedroom. Cal-de-sac setting and unit backs to 6th fairway. Large wood deck. Breathtaking lower level w/office. Lot! \$224,900 (17PRI) 248-349-5600



DESIRABLE AREA - offers this 3 bedroom ranch. Newer roof, freshly painted and updated oak kitchen. Lower level also offers additional 2 bedrooms, full kitchen and family room. \$172,000 (42OXF) 248-349-5600

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Don't use home equity loans to patch faulty finances

Here is one message that really resonates with consumers: "Consolidate your high interest debt with a home equity loan." But what looks like an easy way out of debt could land you on the street.

Home equity lending is the practice of granting loans to consumers against the equity in their homes. It typically takes two forms: A closed-end loan and a line of credit. Sometimes called a term loan, a home equity loan is dispersed by a lender in one lump sum. The loans have a fixed interest rate and fixed monthly payments for a specific period of time, usually five years to 15 years.

Home equity lines of credit, also known as HELOCs, work on a revolving credit basis—you pay on only the amount you've withdrawn. The interest varies over the life of the loan, and payments will depend on the current interest rate and how much credit you've used.

Homeowners borrow against the equity in their homes to pay for home improvement projects, medical expenses and college tuition. But the single most popular reason people take out home equity loans is to consolidate bills. In 2001, according to the Consumer Bankers Association, 52 percent of home equity loans and 47 percent of HELOCs were for debt consolidation.

For many people, a home equity loan is the smart way to borrow. Low interest rates and tax-deductible interest make these loans an attractive alternative to forking out hundreds of dollars each month to service high-interest credit cards. But for consumers who have a history of abusing credit, home equity loans may not be such a smart way to borrow.

The National Home Equity Mortgage Association reports that in 2001 there were more than 5 million subprime equity borrower households—borrowers who could not qualify for prime loans because of questionable credit histories. And while subprime loans offer consumers with questionable credit a means to capitalize on the equity in their homes, without a debt management plan and the discipline to stop using their credit cards, say experts, in an economic downturn these consumers could lose their homes.

Before you take out a home equity loan, consider the downside of home equity borrowing:

- Even though you'll be paying less each month, you could end up paying more over the long run because your payments will span a longer period. Run the numbers to determine if your tax deduction will compensate for the extra money you'll pay over the life of the loan.
- Your loan is secured by your property. If you run into financial difficulties and default on your loan, you could lose your home. (Credit card companies can't foreclose on your home.)
- You could pay costs similar to the ones you paid when you bought your home including closing costs (estimate 2 percent to 5 percent of the loan), a property appraisal fee, application fee and points—the service fees figured on the total amount of your loan or line of credit. Ask your lender whether they'll be willing to waive certain fees.
- If you plan to sell your house to fund your retirement, consider passing on the home equity loan. You don't want to tap into the wealth (your home's equity) you've accumulated over the years to pay off credit card bills.
- Relying on your home equity as a source of cash will prevent you from ever learning how to save and pay for items with cash instead of relying on credit cards.

If you decide to take out a home equity loan, take some steps to ensure you won't fall into the credit card trap again:

- Cut up all your credit cards but the one with the lowest interest rate and related fees; lower your spending limit to \$1,000.
- Devote one month to tracking your spending to see where you're frittering away your money.
- Craft a realistic budget and stick to it.
- Invest in a paper shredder. Every time you receive a credit card offer in the mail, open the envelope, remove the application and take it straight to the shredder.

Mary Davis manages public affairs for the Michigan Credit Union League (MCUL), a statewide trade association representing Michigan credit unions. Send your financial questions to "Your Money Matters" c/o the Michigan Credit Union League, P.O. Box 8054, Plymouth, MI 48170-8054, or stop by our Web site (www.mcui.org) to learn more about smart money management. Comments about this column may be emailed to mcd@mcui.org.

ADVERTORIAL



Dayn Benson guarantees the work of his company, Mr. Handyman, is done on time and done right.

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No job is too small for My Handyman

By Elizabeth Heer

Dayn Benson at My Handyman believes in his company's tagline: Work is done on time and it's done right. Guaranteed.

"In fact," said Benson, "We guarantee we will be on time or

your service charge is free. You will not have to wait and wonder if we're going to show up."

My Handyman is the kind of company homeowners need to call when those annoying little jobs just pile up, or when there just isn't time to do the spring cleanup or

seasonal chores. Don't have the tools or expertise to install a ceiling fan? Not a problem.

"We specialize in doing small jobs, the kinds of things that your dad or grandfather used to do for you," Benson explained. "Often you just can't find a professional to come out and do a two- or three-hour job." But he cautions, "We're not contractors—we're not going to remodel, refinish your basement or redo your roof."

What are some of the jobs My Handyman will tackle? How about pressure wash and seal your deck, fix your screen door, repair drywall, clean those gutters, fix a drippy faucet, put up a tile backsplash, or move furniture around. "We do any little odd job where you just don't know who to call to get it done," Benson said. "And the preventive work we do can pay off by helping to avoid bigger problems in the long run, such as caulking around the bathtub or sink, or cleaning the gutters, which helps preserve your roof," he added.

Benson is experienced in the building industry. As a degreed civil engineer, he worked in the construction industry as a sales manager/consultant to contractors. "A big reason I got into this business is I saw such a huge need for somebody who would do the little stuff. There are lots of good contractors out there and remodelers and builders who can put up a deck. But if you try and get someone to come out and replace a tile that cracked, or fix a hole in the drywall where the door opened too far, or someone put a foot through a door, it's just hard to get someone to come out because the job is too small."

The technicians he employees

work only for My Handyman and are not subcontractors. They are properly bonded and insured, and arrive with all the tools and expertise needed to handle any job you may have.

"Our guys are uniformed and drive clearly marked vans. All our employees have had thorough background and criminal checks, and drug tests," Benson said. "They are good at what they do—they have a minimum of 15 years experience in the industry."

Benson notes that his employees' focus remains customer-driven. He recalls one job where his technician went above and beyond for their customer.

"Most people will have a flexible time frame in which to get a job done, where it's not an emergency," Benson said. "However, we had a customer who unexpectedly needed grab bars installed for her husband because he had been discharged from the hospital a day early. We had a technician who stayed until late at night installing the railings so the husband could move around his house. Those are the type of guys I look to employ, those who will go out of their way to be a customer advocate."

Benson and his technicians also take the time to get to know their customers and take pride in building lasting relationships with them. Loyal customer Mike Brueger at Mercedes-Benz of Ann Arbor gladly sings the praises of My Handyman.

"When you meet the men and women who work for Dayn Benson at My Handyman," explained Brueger, "you're happy to turn your house over to them and head off to work, and you can feel comfortable that they will do the job and lock up behind them-

DETAILS

Who do you call for the odd job around the house, or to do preventive maintenance or seasonal home work? My Handyman provides uniformed and skilled technicians who specialize in getting the small job done right. They guarantee prompt, safe, and reliable service. Call Dayn Benson at My Handyman toll free at 877-MyHandy (877-694-2639) for more information. Visit them on the Web at www.myhandyman.com.

selves. They always put down protective dropcloths and clean up afterwards. And when you come home the work is done. It's nice to have an operation with people you can trust, with uniformed workers and marked trucks. It's truly a trustworthy operation."

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Bread pudding, a classic dish to please the crowd

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When you need a dessert that will please guests of all ages, consider bread pudding. Assemble it ahead of time, refrigerate and then pop it in the oven just before dinner. By the time you're ready for dessert, the bread pudding will be at its best — steaming hot, fresh from the oven. Nothing could be simpler.

The classic combination of bread, milk, eggs and sugar lends itself to an assortment of flavors. You can stick with traditional raisins and cinnamon, or try more exotic cardamom and rose-flower water.

Chocolate-Hazelnut Bread Pudding has nutty crunch and rich flavor, while Blueberry Bread Puddings with Lemon Curd are a fruity, tangy offering. Mix and match sauces and bread puddings to suit your taste — whether it be for something sweet, tangy, or creamy.

If you make it:

- To get a head start, assemble and refrigerate the pudding up to 4 hours in advance.
- Let the bread stand in at least 30 minutes after tossing it with the custard mixture to ensure that every drop of liquid is absorbed, yielding a creamier texture. Because most recipes use egg-and-milk custards, this soak needs to take place in the refrigerator.
- If you're using stale bread, add 1/4 cup more liquid (milk or water, depending on the recipe). How do you define stale bread? It doesn't compress when you cut it.
- Most of these puddings cook in a water bath, which surrounds delicate custard-based dishes with gentle heat to keep the custard from breaking.
- Use a 9-by-13-inch metal baking pan or a large roasting pan for the water bath.
- Bread puddings are best served warm from the oven; they don't reheat well.

Blueberry Bread Puddings with Lemon Curd

(Serves 8)

Puddings:

- 1-1/4 cups reduced-fat milk
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1-1/2 leaspoons grated lemon zest
- 3 eggs, lightly beaten
- 4-1/2 cups (about 8 ounces) cubed French bread (1/2-inch cubes)
- Cooking spray:**
- 1-1/2 cups frozen blueberries, divided

Lemon curd:

- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
- 2 leaspoons butter

To prepare puddings: Combine milk, sugar, lemon zest and eggs in a large bowl, stirring well with a whisk. Add bread, tossing gently to coat. Cover and chill 30 minutes or up to 4 hours.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Divide half of bread mixture evenly among 8 (6-ounce) ramekins or custard cups coated with cooking spray; sprinkle evenly with half of the berries. Divide remaining bread mixture among ramekins; top with remaining berries.

Cover each ramekin with foil. Place ramekins in a 9-by-13-inch baking pan; add hot water to pan to a depth of 1 inch. Bake, covered, for 15 minutes. Uncover and bake an additional 15 minutes or until a knife inserted in center comes out clean.

To prepare lemon curd: Combine 1/3 cup sugar and 1 egg in a small saucepan over medium heat, stirring with a whisk. Cook 2 minutes or until sugar dissolves and mixture is light in color, stirring constantly. Stir in lemon juice and butter; cook 2 minutes or until mixture coats the back of a spoon, stirring constantly with a whisk.

Place saucepan in a large ice-filled bowl for 5 minutes, or until lemon curd cools to room temperature. Serve lemon curd over warm bread puddings.

Kitchen as classroom

As we grow, much of our learning takes place outside of school as we observe and interact with the world around us. Every new activity is an opportunity to learn facts and concepts about life, and cooking is no exception.

By cooking with your children or letting them help out in the kitchen, you can impart many important lessons about math, reading and many other subjects.

A professionally trained chef with years of experience, Laurie Wolf now lends her unique talents to the pages of Child Magazine as food editor. A resident of Westchester County, N.Y., Wolf lives with her husband Bruce, their two children and many cats and dogs. Here she offers creative ideas for helping kids learn important lessons while having fun in the kitchen.

■ **Math.** Children can pick up math skills in almost every part of the cooking process, Wolf says. Learning the difference between a quarter of a cup and a quart measure is an important skill for a four or five-year-old.

■ **Reading.** Cooking is also a great way to get kids reading. You can read recipes to young children, and older kids benefit from the fact that they are participating in what they're reading, making the act of reading relevant.

■ **Safety.** The kitchen is also an important place to stress safety lessons, from the potential dangers of electricity, gas and heat to proper respect for sharp knives. Wolf suggests starting younger kids out with plastic knives and utensils so they can experience what it's like to cut something before they learn to handle the greater risk of a metal implement.

■ **Confidence and sociability.** Learning to follow recipes, measure ingredients and cook can also give kids confidence. Cooperating to make a meal can build social skills and teach kids to get along and take directions. And in the end, time spent in the kitchen making food is quality time, and that's important for both parents and children.



Several dishes from instructor Chakra Earthsong's Live Food preparation class.

SOME LIKE IT RAW

By Lisa McKinnon

SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

It's the ingredients, not the cooks, who can't stand the heat of the kitchen, say those who swear by "living" foods.

The paty is made from ground-up sunflower seeds. The buns are cabbage leaves cut into rough squares. And the mayonnaise is a blend of softened cashews and lemon juice.

Clearly, the "hamburger" sitting on Chakra Earthsong's plate isn't a hamburger at all but an incredible variation. It's also an example of raw or "living" cuisine, one of the hottest trends in food right now.

Well, make that likewise. In accordance with the principles of living foods, nothing about this burger has been prepared at anything higher than 115 degrees.

That includes the way the sunflower seeds and shelled cashews were processed before they arrived in Earthsong's Ojai, Calif., kitchen. The burger itself was "cooked" in her dehydrator, but could just as easily have been left outside.

"I've seen people wipe their dishboards really clean and place veggie burgers in the sun," she said with a laugh.

As the name implies, raw foodists want not only their food but the ingredients that go into said food to be raw. Such is not because, although the fish may be raw, the rice is cooked. Coffee is a roasting, among other things, the beans have been roasted at high temperatures. Milk (it's pasteurized), tuff (the soybeans are cooked) and chocolate (cacao beans are roasted) are also on the don't list for raw-food purists.



Chakra Earthsong holds a basket filled with thyme, oregano and rosemary as she discusses ingredients during one of her food preparation classes at her home.

"The intention is to boost vitality and bring energy into the body. It's not for everybody."

Traditional nutritionists are all for eating more fruits and vegetables. But they find fault with the enzyme-depletion theory.

"I've never seen anything to suggest that enzymes are in limited supply," said Lois Zamary, a registered dietitian with a private practice in Ventura, Calif. Aside from helping lessen the potential for salmonella, cooking some foods actually aids digestion because the fibers are broken down in the process, she added.

And some nutrients, like lycopene, a potent antioxidant commonly found in tomatoes, are more available to the body when heated. "Spinach is another example. Raw, it's high in B vitamins. Cooked, it's high in iron."

Ultimately, said Zamary, "the best nutrition is a variety — some cooked, some raw."

Whereas Broiman continues to advocate living foods as a better system (to him, eggs are "chick-a abortions"), Klein is widely recognized for elevating the specialized cuisine to levels of beauty and business heretofore unseen by those for whom self-ideal has been a vegan badge of honor.

Klein's unabashed approach has attracted the attention of chefs, foodies and restaurant critics, vegetarians and otherwise. Food & Wine magazine used words like "complex" and "voluptuous" to describe the food at Roxanne's. There is a waiting list to get a reservation for one of the restaurant's 62 seats.

And Chicago chef Charlie Trotter, author of a 2001 cookbook on meat and game, teamed with Klein to write "Raw," which was published in December. Trotter, 100, is a frequent contributor to "Raw."

— Lisa McKinnon

How hot are you?

Just how hot is this form of haute cuisine allowed to get? That's a matter of debate in the raw food community.

Roxanne Klein, chef and co-owner at the gourmet living-foods restaurant, Roxanne's in Marin County, Calif., keeps things spry, blending and drying at no higher than 118 degrees.

At that temperature, staff members of the Living Libations, a Santa Monica, Calif., raw food collective, Klein might as well be using a microwave. The group's dehydrators are set at 105 degrees.

But it's to Klein and her 1-1/2-year-old organic restaurant that credit must be given for sparking new interest in raw foods, which Earthsong laughingly described as "the oldest cuisine in the world." It's true.

Living Libations first began through the culinary community in the early 1990s when a flamboyant, hair-dripping young chef named Lillian Libations served "salmon made from carrot pulp." It has now shuttered. San Francisco

RECIPES

SUNFLOWER VEGGIE BURGERS

2 cups sunflower seeds, ground in a food processor to a coarse meal

1/4 cup golden flax seeds, ground in your blender to corn meal consistency

2 cups finely grated carrots

1/2 cup minced red onion

1/4 cup dried parsley

1/4 cup minced red pepper

3/4 cup minced celery

1 tablespoon soy sauce or tamari.

Water as needed

Mix all of the ingredients, except water, together in a bowl. Add water 1 tablespoon at a time until it reaches a good burger-making consistency.

Shape mixture into eight to 10 burgers, patting down so each patty is about 1/2-inch thick, or a bit thinner. Place on baking sheets and dry in the hot sun, covered with a piece of cheesecloth, for six to eight hours, or bake in your oven on the lowest possible temperature.

MARINATED MUSHROOM MAGIC

2 cups sliced portobello, shiitake or cremini mushrooms (large pieces OK, as they will shrink)

1/2 cup tamari

1 1/2 cup water

1/4 cup olive oil

2 cloves garlic

2 tablespoons fresh herbs (chives, basil, oregano, thyme, rosemary or cilantro), or your favorite dried blend

Place sliced mushrooms in a pan deep enough to allow them to be covered by the marinade.

Combine marinade ingredients in a blender and mix until garlic is pureed (you may wish to mince the cloves before adding them to the blender). Pour marinade over the mushrooms and allow to sit at least 1 hour before eating. The flavors will intensify as each hour passes.

The mushrooms will shrink as their juices release, so stir the pan to make sure they remain covered.

Marinated mushrooms will keep for about 3 days in the refrigerator. When you have eaten all the mushrooms, use the leftover marinade in a salad dressing or soup.

SIMPLE KALE SALAD

Look for the hemp and flax oils suggested in this recipe or stick with olive oil.

1 bunch lacinato or other variety of kale

1/2 to 1 teaspoon Celtic or other quality sea salt

1/4 cup olive oil or a blend of either flax and olive oil, or hemp oil and olive oil

2 cloves fresh squeezed garlic

Tamari or soy sauce to taste

Lemon juice to taste

Place leaves of washed kale into bite-sized pieces. Set stems aside to juice or to add to a soup stock following your own recipe.

Place leaves in a large bowl, sprinkle with sea salt and squeeze and massage the greens until they wilt. This usually takes 2 to 5 minutes, depending on the level of pressure you apply to the greens.

Toss greens with remaining ingredients. Adjust seasoning according to personal preference. The salad is ready to eat immediately but is even more delicious if flavors are allowed to meld for 1 to 3 hours before serving.

Covered and refrigerated, it will keep for about 3 days.

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Women and weight training

Women of all ages can add muscle, prevent injuries — and build confidence — through weight training

By Barbara Bradley

SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Dr. Jane Berry, 50, recently went on a dinosaur bone hunting expedition in Wyoming, where she spent days "banging rocks" and taking them in buckets. After that, she went home and took down a tree in her yard with a chain saw.

Not bad for a woman who once spent two years unable to bend her elbow.

Berry, a Memphis, Tenn., physician in general practice, recently began a fitness program that includes weightlifting three times a week. She says it's giving her new strength that is changing her life.

Increasing numbers of women have come to see pumping iron as more than just a way to trim flabby arms.

"You can be thin with aerobic and flexible with stretching," said Neal Cordell, a personal trainer and an instructor of fitness and wellness at Southeast Tennessee Community College in Memphis. "But it's weight training that builds muscle, and muscle that keeps the bones aligned and prevents injuries and breakdowns," he said. "I don't think you can be physically fit without all three."

"Maintaining muscle mass is one of the biggest controls you have over the aging process," said Pam Green, fitness manager at Wimbledon Sportspix in Memphis.

High-quality strength work gives us strength to do daily tasks, helps make it possible to do aerobic exercise for cardiovascular health and helps control weight, because people with more muscle have a higher metabolic rate, she said.

According to American Sports Data, the fastest-growing exercise programs balance cardiovascular exercise, flexibility and strength components.

Such a three-pronged workout is offered by Greg Liebermann, owner of Greg's Gym in Memphis and personal trainer for Berry and other clients, most of whom are women.

Liebermann offers a six-week program that requires stretching at home or the gym six times a week for 7 to 9 minutes; cardiovascular work (walking, biking, swimming) five or six times a week for 30 or 45 minutes (or you work up to this time); and weight training three times a week for 45 minutes in his gym.

The first six weeks, clients lift mostly on Nautilus equipment. Dumbbells and barbells are incorporated as the client progresses.

"All you people are intimidated by all this apparatus," said Liebermann. "... But they get results right away. And usually after two weeks, I have to slow them down."

The shock of the change is most noticeable in older women, he said.

"Weight training gets a lot of press as a way to combat osteoporosis, a common problem for women and, to a lesser extent, for men. But men and women both have much more to gain."

According to Liebermann, weight training helps people maintain lean body mass, helps develop coordination and balance to prevent injuries, helps prevent strokes, lowers cholesterol, fights depression and enhances sexual ability.

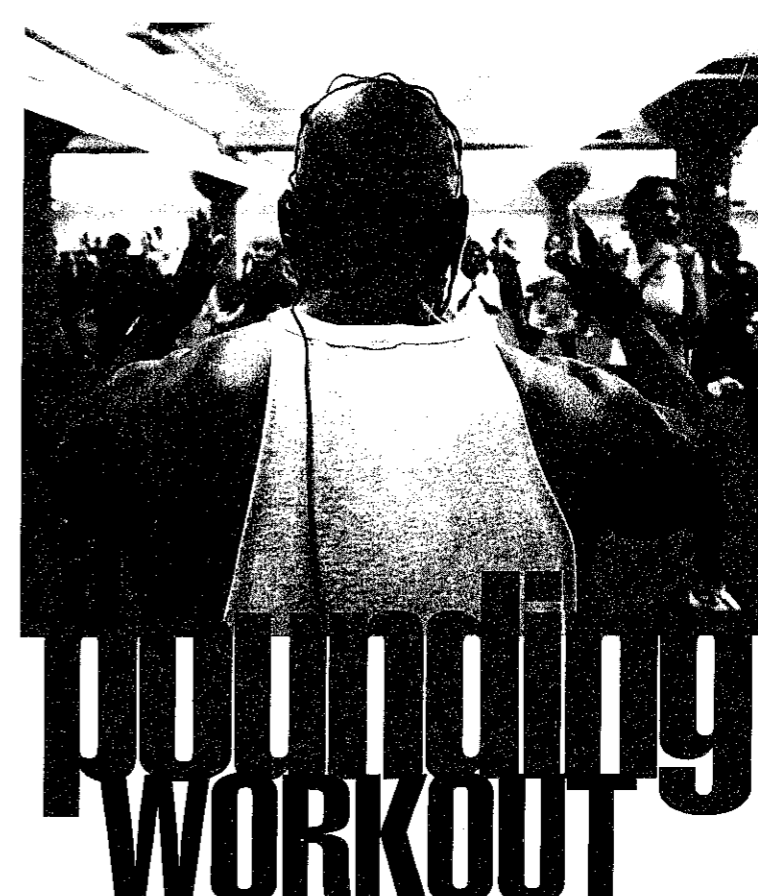
What's the best way to begin using weights?

"Almost everyone uses both free weights and machines, said Cordell. But for a beginner who has an instructor, he recommends higher repetitions with lighter free weights. They provide more range of motion and more variety in how they can be used, and the balancing they require helps work out secondary muscles — a big plus you don't get with machines," he said.

Clear advantages with machines are that they are safer and easier for beginners who aren't getting instruction, resistance can be changed quickly and easily, and there are some exercises difficult to do any other way.

After six weeks, you should "wake up" the muscles by changing the program to heavier weights and fewer repetitions, he said. If you get an injury, drop back to the first program to let the muscles recover, he said.

Muscles need to rest, he said. So, for example, you might do weights only on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. On the off-days, you could make your aerobic exercises more strenuous.



A high-energy boxer's workout gives its participants the chance to do just about everything a real boxer does

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Anthony Travis teaches "aero boxing" at French Riviera Spa in Poplar Plaza. It is aerobics with a boxing flavor to it—jabs in the air, whirling fists like on a speed bag, twirling arms like a jump rope, bobbing and weaving.

Then they move to stomach crunches. After that it's back up for more jabs and jumping jacks and more of Travis wearing around taking a few seconds to give individuals encouragement.

Except for high school football, Travis, 33, was never very athletic. He became a self-described weight-lifting junkie and bulked up for three years.

"I thought aerobics classes were for girls until I took my first one and couldn't last through the warmup," said Travis. "I started coming back."

In 1999 he started taking a kick-boxing class and soon got his certification to teach the class.

"I started adding all sorts of music to my class," said Travis. "I like everything, Latin, rap, rock. I realized that people responded if I played music that they liked."

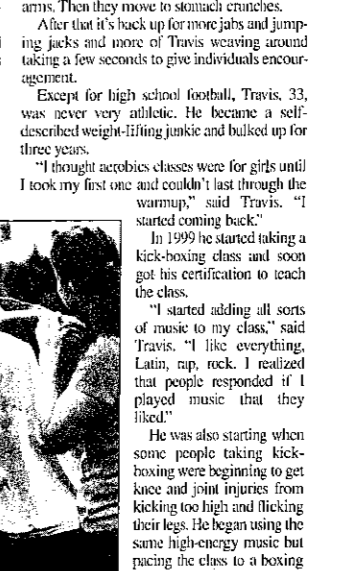
He was also starting when some people taking kick-boxing were beginning to get knee and joint injuries from kicking too high and flicking their legs. He began using the same high-energy music but pacing the class to a boxing workout.

Travis moved to Memphis last year and got a membership at French Riviera Spa. He also began asking the managers to let him teach his class.

"I finally got a call one day because they needed a substitute instructor for an aerobics class," said Travis. "That was my first chance to teach 'aero boxing' in Memphis." The gym started to get phone calls about the class, and it just took off from there.

Jennie Logan, 28, started the class in September after recovering from gastric bypass surgery. She's lost 100 pounds.

"I needed to find someone to motivate me to keep at the exercise," said Logan. "Anthony is great. He's always walking around telling us how great we are doing. It definitely helps."



Travis Christian jabs at Brandy's hand during this hour-long workout.



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Weights and measures: What to look for when choosing a gym

By Jennifer Jones

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When searching for the right place to get in shape, the confusing jungle of exercise equipment and hard bodies might scare you right back to the burger joint down the block. But knowing what to ask and what to look for will help you feel right at home while sweating like a champion.

"Don't be intimidated by the size of the gym or club. You should have a feeling that you belong there, a feeling that you are important," says Tony Leviton, co-owner of Palmcetto Fitness in Anderson, S.C. "Make sure that you're satisfied. If you're not happy when you come to a club, you're never going to go."

People go to a gym for physical exercise but also for stress or anxiety relief, he says, so you want to feel comfortable and not intimidated.

Take a look around the weight room and at the various exercise machines. Dusty, dirty equipment indicates poor upkeep and management. Is the equipment wiped down regularly (not only the vinyl but the entire framework as well)?

Check to see if the prospective gym offers a variety of equipment and classes that accommodate the full spectrum, from beginners to intermediate and advanced, to keep you challenged as you are able to handle a more advanced workout.

"Ask if they have a qualified personnel and don't just take a yes," Leviton says. "Ask what organization they are certified through. Get specifics."

Also, most fitness centers will allow you to try them out before joining. After all, how in the world will you know if you'll go if you haven't even been there? "It's just like buying a car — you don't just take somebody's word for it, but take it out for a test drive," Leviton says. "Any good club will allow a person to come in for a trial membership and give it a test run."

Customer service is the first thing to look for, says Candace Lefevre, general manager of Total Fitness in Anderson.

"If you've got the customer service you're supposed to have, everything else will fall into place. People should always be there to help you whenever you need them, either for a question about the machines or a question about diet and fitness," she says.

Also, you should always tear the gym before you join to make sure it offers what you need for your specific program.

Brad Smith, owner of Ladies First Fitness in Anderson, says it's imperative to know the correct way to exercise in order to meet your goal.

"People should look for a club that's going to work with them and show them how to use the program, not just 'Welcome and good luck,'" he says.

It's important to change the program to give the body a continued workout, Smith says, as the body adapts to a program after 30 to 45 days. "Hopefully, you're getting in better shape so what was difficult in January isn't so challenging anymore. It's important to get your program evaluated and updated," he says.

Staff members should be on-hand to explain what happens on a workout program, for example, explaining how weight loss occurs. A person who works out and increases their lean muscle might not lose pounds but they might drop two dress sizes.

"If you're geared toward just looking at the scale, you'll get frustrated," Smith says.

Obviously, price is something to think about. You have to see if it fits into your budget.

"Of course, affordability is important," Smith says. "It shouldn't cost an arm and a leg to work your arms and your legs."

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Garden tips from the pros

By Jennifer Sergent
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Whatever you choose to plant in your garden, professional gardeners and landscapers offer a variety of tips to ensure that it will prosper.

■ Fertilize your lawn with its own clippings. Mike McGrath, an organic gardening guru and former editor of Organic Gardening magazine, recommends a mulching mower that turns the clippings into a fine powder that is dispersed over the fresh-cut grass.

■ Grass clippings are a better fertilizer than what you buy," he says.

■ McGrath also encourages people to hold on to the leaves they rake up in the fall, because they'll make a great mulch for garden beds in the spring.

■ Not everyone subscribes to the organic philosophy. Chemical fertilizers can be safe if they're used properly, says John Story, general manager of Meadowbrook Farm in Meadowbrook, Penn. "Chemicals are the same as guns. If you use them wrong, they'll kill you. If you don't use them wrong, they're safe," he says.

■ Story generally advises home gardeners to do a little bit of gardening nearly every day. "A garden full of weeds can be pretty daunting," he says. "Do a little bit frequently and don't let it get ahead of you. Don't let it go and let it go."

■ To better conserve water for your garden, keep a barrel or trashcan under the downspout of your gutter, says Bill Rein, a horticulturist at Delaware Valley College's arboretum. Rein also advises people to connect hoses to that container to create a drip irrigation system through plant beds, or direct the runoff toward a specific area with wet-soil tolerant plants, to create a "rain garden."

■ Just don't direct the rain water to the street. That causes erosion," he says. "We're trying to show people how to simply reuse water."

■ For those who like to keep fresh flowers in their homes, Barney DeFusco of Robertson's florist in Chestnut Hill Penn., advises that they change the water and clip the stems every day — and use warm water in the vase.

■ For outdoor flower boxes, use lots of low-nitrogen fertilizer. "Fertilize like crazy," DeFusco says.

■ Organic gardeners might opt for more natural ways to fertilize, like spreading animal manure. But DeFusco warned that the smell might overtake the aroma of your blooms.

■ Above all, be optimistic, Story says. "Keep trying and keep trying," he says. Don't get frustrated if a plant dies. All living things die. A gardener's favorite saying is, "Wait 'til next year."

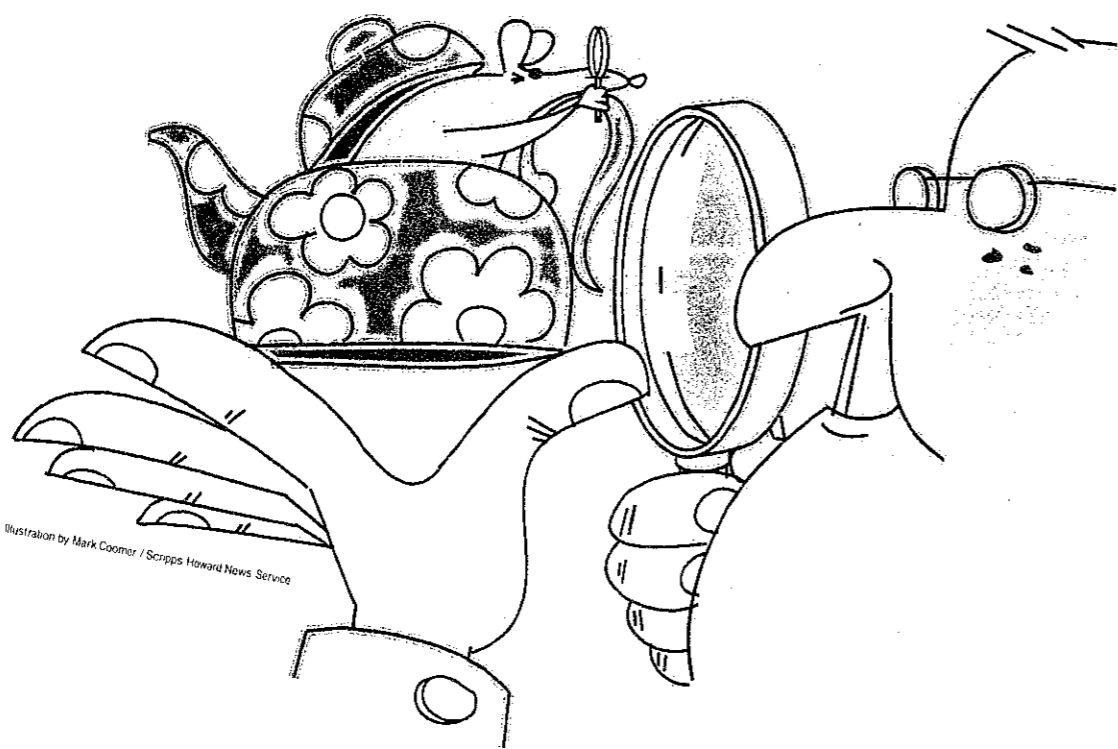


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PRICETHIS

Is that junk in your basement a hidden treasure? Bring it to the Home Show for an appraisal

By Rebecca Cpudret
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Joe Rosson is a man of great humor, great empathy and even greater knowledge. And if he tells you your treasured antique didn't actually sail with the Pilgrims on the Mayflower, believe him.

As one of the nation's foremost antique appraisers, Rosson interacts with the public daily as co-host with Helaine Fendelman of "Treasures in Your Attic," a Scripps Howard News Service columnist (tagged with Fendelman) and as an independent appraiser who hears hundreds of antiques-related stories each week.

"In all appraising, I'm basically asking people to bring in their treasures — and I'll be there to give them a verbal appraisal," Rosson said.

That's often difficult to do, not because Rosson lacks the knowledge, but because "it's sometimes difficult to tell people that what they treasure has little monetary value," he said. "That's not something people want to hear."

And he always reminds people that appraisals are in terms of insurance replacement values, not fair-market value, which usually is 40 percent to 60 percent of the replacement value.

Many people, Rosson said, not only have items for appraisal, they have world-of-mouth family histories about those items. And the more family history someone has, the more difficult it is to tell the family its history is incorrect.

"That's so difficult. These things are family treasures, so we have to be tactful. We certainly don't want to hurt anyone's feelings — ever."

He's had many people bring in items they've been told came with the family on the Mayflower. "If everything that supposedly came over on the Mayflower actually did, the Mayflower would've had to pull a barge behind it to get all the stuff here."

"When I have to tell a family the history they've believed for years is wrong, it's difficult. These are family treasures."

Sometimes both Rosson and an item's owner are overjoyed at a discovery. In Memphis, someone brought in a couple of paintings they thought were "nice" — but Rosson told him they were worth



Joe Rosson and Helaine Fendelman co-host "Treasures in Your Attic" as well as write columns about antique appraisal. While he enjoys his work, he often finds it hard to break the bad news to someone who believes their antique is not what they thought it was worth. "When I have to tell a family the history they've believed for years is wrong, it's difficult. These are family treasures."

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\$125,000 apiece.

"People are usually hopeful, but they often aren't sure just what they have and are quite surprised, even flabbergasted, at what I tell them."

Case in point: people who pick up items at garage sales and flea markets and find out that nice old lamp is a \$60,000 or \$80,000 Tiffany original.

"But then I do worry about the people who sold it to them," Rosson said. "Before selling anything you're not sure of, have it appraised. You might be making a terrible mistake, and take a terrible loss, if you don't."

And, he said, he can't stress condition enough. "It's one of the most important factors in defining a valuable item. If it's scratched or broken, it won't have as much value."

He said it's "always wonderful to look up at someone, talk about how wonderful their object is — and

how valuable it is.

"If I didn't get to do that several times during an event, it would be deadly. It's so much fun to see the beautiful, the strange, the rare items people have."

Rosson and Fendelman have a new book out, "Price It Yourself" (HarperResource, \$19.95). "It's our first book to tell people how to self-appraise their items. We talk about how to go about valuing an item, then researching it. And there's a reference guide, as well."

The book also contains 45 practice appraisals and a self-test with answers so you can see how you do at making your own appraisals.

There are several items Rosson will not appraise: fine jewelry, which "requires a gemologist with specialized equipment," he said; firearms and weapons, "because things like that create problems in public spaces"; and Oriental carpets, "because I'm just not a specialist in that area."

Garden design by 10 modern masters

By Kim Ode
MINNEAPOLIS ST. PAUL STAR TRIBUNE

At first glance, "Breaking Ground" by Page Dickey (Artisan, \$24.95) promised to be irksome in the way that fabulous garden books are irksome — with their reflecting pools and Calder sculptures and Defense Department budgets.

But given half a chance, the book offered unexpected inspiration in its 10 gardens set in a wide variety of climates, from California to Provence. Its premise is that the best gardens are not done to a landscape, and that our increasingly fragile and finite environments must be cultivated with care. It's a talky book with more text than sketches, and won the American Horticultural Society Book Award.

Many of the garden designs feature a few of the currently popular exotic plants and lots of ornamental grasses and native plants, but there is more hedgepodge than formality. The old suggestion of planting fewer varieties, but lots of each, comes alive in pictures of great swaths of hydrangea or euphorbia or dahlias.

When Dickey concludes that she'll now strive for fragrance and "an unstudied chasteness in the choice of my plants," she sounds sound precious, but newly grounded in a sense of place.

Breaking Ground

Attracting butterflies takes planning

By Donna B. Stinnett
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Many gardeners actively pursue and work at the challenge of tempting butterflies of all kinds to become regular inhabitants of the local landscape.

Horticulturist Mike Keen says there are some things to consider when butterfly gardening. "It's much more than just choosing a few plants," he says, though there are certainly some plants that butterflies favor over others.

"A healthy population of butterflies relies on an 'interdependent relationship with many plants, trees, flowers and grasses. All of those things decide whether you can get a butterfly to come and whether you can get it to stay."

Butterfly gardening requires thoughtful consideration of what the creatures need in all stages of their life cycle.

"It's important to understand the life cycles and what food sources we need to have for

something that starts as an egg and ends up as a flying creature," he says.

The adult stage, for example, needs a lot of plants blooming in succession so there's a constant source of nectar, Keen says. "But the plants are important, kind of like a 'butterfly buffet,'" he says.

Larva (or caterpillars), on the other hand, require a lot of easily accessed foliage to satisfy their "eating machine" tendencies.

There are other things that butterflies need to make them want to stay in your yard.

"They like to bask in sunny area," Keen says. That makes rocks and pieces of driftwood among the things to place in the garden area to give butterflies a place to sit in the sun.

They also are attracted to "puddling."

"Butterflies need some water source to keep them there, and the way to do it is 'puddling,'" he says. "And it's very important to remember that it can't be a clear water source laid out for them."

They also need shelter from the wind because their wings are fragile.

Butterfly houses that you can build yourself or purchase ready-made can be good for attracting aspects of a habitat that don't occur naturally.

To attract and keep butterflies, you'll also probably need to reduce the use of pesticides that prove fatal to the caterpillar stage, Keen says. Herbicides probably won't affect the insects, but might kill its food source.

For plant selection, he suggests a sample garden that — with the addition of other habitat considerations — would make a splendid place for butterflies.

Plants include purple coneflower, gill, holyhock, joe-joe weed, globe centauria, poony, turtlehead, swamp milkweed, yarrow, Queen Anne's lace, daisy, "Marianne" heliotrop, gayfeather, butterfly weed, petunia, mountain blue, annual aster, "Autumn joy" sedum, rock cress, French marigold, blanket flower, nasturtium and goldenrod.

Finally, don't expect perfection the first year.

"It will take a lot of time, practice and moving plants," he says. "It's important to recreate a habitat as best you can. And if you're supplying everything it needs, it might stay right there. We can try to attract them, but we can't control what they do."



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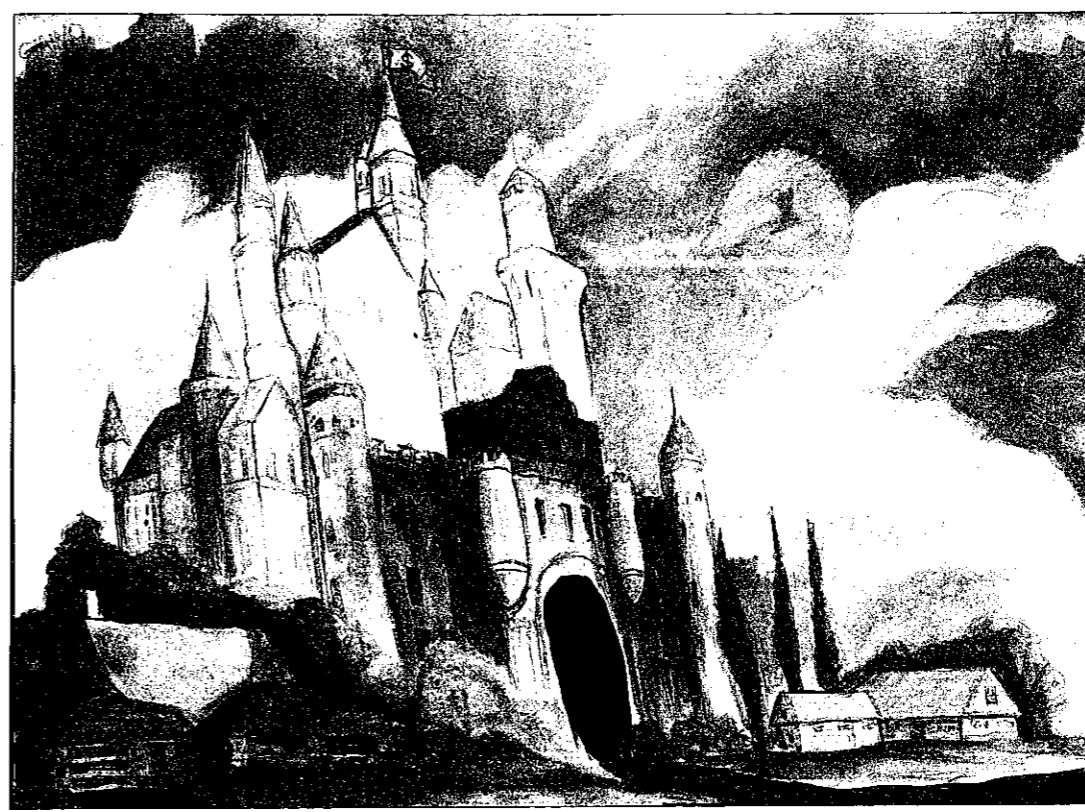


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DISGRACE, FAILURE DON'T CURE EXEC'S'

EDIFICE COMPLEXES

By Robert Trigaux
ST. PETERSBURG TIMES

Welcome to the 2003 Obesity Tour. No, not that stuff about our expanded waistlines. Today, we're going to tour some of the humongous homes — maybe "personal resorts" is a better phrase — that have emerged by the dozens during the megawatt boom of the past decade.

On this obesity tour, we're not interested in folks who happen to live in those puny mansions of yesterday. It's when we start to approach the 20,000-square-foot trophy mansions — or preferably the 40,000-square-foot castles — or the 50,000-square-foot Versailles wannabe — or, yes, the 80,000-square-foot palace that even Saddam Hussein would envy — that the trend to mammothize seems worthy of our visit.

Many of these immense homes were built for fat-cat business executives whose overcompensated careers or companies have since crashed and burned. Some have recently taken the "perp walk" in handcuffs or are under federal investigation, and others were at least affiliated with companies built on false foundations.

Let the tour begin.

Welcome to the 50,000-square-foot, French-style chateau owned by Larry House, which sits on 27 acres on the outskirts of Birmingham, Ala. House (an appropriate name) was the protégé in the 1990s of Richard Scrushy, the founder of HealthSouth Corp. who was recently fired as HealthSouth chairman and chief executive. The government filed a lawsuit March 19 accusing HealthSouth and Scrushy of overstating earnings by at least \$1.4-billion since 1999 to make it appear that the company was meeting Wall Street expectations. House's house, complete with 22 bathrooms, was put up for auction in early April.

Next stop, elite Bel-Air in Southern California, for a look at the 23,000-square-foot mansion owned by Gary Winnick, founder of the now-bankrupt telecommunications company Global Crossing Ltd. More than \$54-billion of shareholders' money was wiped out. Winnick lost plenty, too, but he had also sold millions of shares two years earlier and cleared more than \$575-million. That left plenty to buy the \$94-million mansion, the highest price ever recorded for a home in Los Angeles County.

Many of these immense homes were built for fat-cat business executives whose careers or companies have since crashed and burned.

Third stop: Florida. In Boca Raton, former WorldCom chief financial officer Scott Sullivan is building a 24,000-square-foot, five-building Mediterranean-style hideaway ringed by gates with television monitors. OK, it's on the small side for this tour. But it comes with a private lagoon, a two-story boathouse and an 18-seat movie theater.

Sullivan started construction on the multimillion-dollar house in 1998. He endured a slight interruption last summer. During a series of well publicized perk walks, FBI agents handcuffed Sullivan and took him to jail. He was indicted on charges that he helped the bankrupt telecommunications giant hide billions of dollars in expenses. But Sullivan apparently isn't letting the prospect of a trial, and perhaps a prison term, interfere with continuing work on his dream mansion.

The obesity tour continues with a visit to Carmel, Ind., and the 30,000-square-foot French country mansion of Stephen Hilbert, the co-founder of now-bankrupt financial services giant Conseco. Hilbert's estate includes a personal basketball court that's a full-sized replica of Indiana University's Assembly Hall.

Last stop? The latest whopper of them all, Orlando, Fla., timeshare king David Siegel is planning a new French-style home that will measure an astonishing 88,198 square feet.

Early plans call for an indoor ice-skating rink — complete with its own Zamboni — two bowling lanes, swimming pool and waterfall, library, movie theater, spa, 15 bedrooms and at least 18 full or half baths. The bed in the master suite will sit on a giant turntable that can spin 360 degrees.

Service providers work the Internet for customers

By Erika Stutzman
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Jill Hollingsworth is very busy. Between working full time in Denver, the daily commute and keeping her house in Boulder, where she lives with her husband — who also works full time — finding time for things like snowshoeing and tennis seemed impossible.

"Many of us live in Colorado for what it offers," Hollingsworth said. "To give that up because of work and obligations is a huge sacrifice."

So Hollingsworth did what so many people looking for help did: She clicked on Google.

Her Web search brought her to www.yourconcierge.com, also known as Melissa Crawford of Boulder, who offers house-cleaning and personal-assistant services ranging from organizing files to running errands.

"With Melissa's help, I get my weekends back, and that's precious to me," Hollingsworth said.

You can buy just about everything on the Internet these days, but a growing number of people are selling what people say they want most: time.

Finding themselves, between jobs or just willing to strike out on their own, service providers offering everything from house-painting to errand-running



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Nicholas Auxier paints the upper wall in a client's foyer. Auxier posted his services on craigslist.com and has picked up more business than he can handle.

deciding she needed a change from the dot-bomb era in California.

"I wanted to do something I was good at and that could be profitable," Crawford said. "And organization is my thing. I have a background in administration — if there's something I don't do, I'll find someone who will."

She provides notary services and runs errands. A developer sent her out after doorknobs, a condominium owner had her paint her walls.

"What it comes down to, is what people think their time is worth," Crawford said.

For those without friend-or-family references, a clearinghouse for contractors who post online resides in the Denver-Boulder section of Craigslist (http://denver.craigslist.org).

On any given day, the site will list services from painters and roofers, masseuses, baby-sitters and dog walkers.

Nicholas Auxier, 20, of Boulder, who calls himself a "concierge in working boots," posted a "Man around the House" ad on Craigslist. "... It's amazing what people pay out here for yard work," Auxier said.

Auxier said he's found a lot home improvement and landscape jobs in Boulder. In the first three days after his Craigslist posting, he had four jobs lined up.

He soon started doing handy work and office work for a local real estate company, and has recently been working 10- to 12-hour days.

His services, like Crawford's, are extremely varied. "I'll clean up dog poop, prime windows and haul stuff in my truck to (charity)," he said.

Mortgaging their job futures

Workers who hop on refinancing bandwagon may face tough road

By Jim Buchta
MINNEAPOLIS ST. PAUL STAR TRIBUNE

After more than 15 years working for boom-and-bust Silicon Valley technology companies, Sante Armstrong couldn't hack it any more. So she pursued a job with a more certain future. Selling subprime mortgages for Wells Fargo in Minneapolis.

Ronny Loew hopped on the bandwagon, too. A year ago, Loew, of Minneapolis, gave up the feast-or-famine life of late-night gigs as a jazz musician for a mortgage job.

"I was drowning in debt and realized I needed to do something to improve my life," he said.

While tech companies, retailers and manufacturers have been shrinking their staffs, the mortgage industry has been growing thanks to low interest rates that have fueled a refinancing boom.

But the good times won't last forever, industry officials say. When mortgage interest rates rise and the refinancing business dries up, layoffs could be in the offing. The mortgage industry has seen these kinds of cycles before, but in a slack economy it's another setback for job seekers.

Loew already has earned more in a year selling mortgages than he earned in a decade playing music, and Armstrong expects to clear close to \$100,000 during her first year.

Minnesota doesn't track the number of people working specifically in the mortgage industry, but according to the state Department of Commerce, which began licensing residential mortgage originators and services in 1999, the number of companies with active licenses grew almost 30 percent during the past year, from 1,457 to 1,858.

Wells Fargo Home Mortgage in Minneapolis increased the number of loan officers on its staff by 16 percent and the number of sales associates by 25 percent, area manager Doug Winter said. At the company's processing center in Bloomington, the staff has grown 12 percent.

Nationwide, there were 413,000 people working in mortgage banking offices and brokerages in January, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics — a whopping 16 percent more than the year before.

Don Handy, former general counsel for the Mortgage Association of Minnesota, said that an eventual hike in mortgage rates and a subsequent wave of layoffs will be inevitable.

Eric Mitchell, vice president of business development with Provident Mortgage in Minneapolis, agrees. "It's going to be like somebody turning the faucet off," he said. "It's just going to end abruptly."

That's why Armstrong deliberately chose to focus on the subprime market, one sector of the mortgage industry that's more than likely to outlive the reef boom. A growing number of people are being forced into higher-interest, subprime loans because they have less-than-perfect credit.

Winter said that because of increases are cyclical and that although volume has been at record levels, they haven't had to hire as many workers as in the past. Mortgage companies are shifting to automated application and underwriting software replacing work once done by individuals.

Already, though, new technology is having a detrimental impact on some mortgage workers. Principal Financial Group announced recently that it was phasing out its traditional residential mortgage unit and will sell mortgages only by the telephone or online through its Mortgage Direct unit. An estimated 500 people will lose their jobs.

Veterans of the industry have seen this pattern before: The economy goes into a recession, interest rates fall and mortgage lending booms.

But the situation is different this time. Rates are so low that some homeowners have refinanced two to three times in just a year, said Mitchell. "We're in a very rare market right now," he said. "It's unprecedented."

According to the Mortgage Bankers Association of America, more than 75 percent of all loan applications recently were refinancings. That will come to an abrupt halt if rates rise, hurting lenders specializing in refinancing most.

A rate increase of only a quarter percent, for example, could cut the refinancing business in half — virtually overnight — forcing an estimated 25 percent of all mortgage companies in the Twin Cities to go out of business, Mitchell predicts.


"You're going to see the mortgage industry be much more comparable to other industries that are suffering right now," he said.

That's why some companies have relied on temporary workers to help fill the gap.

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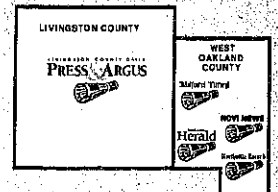
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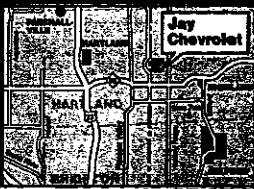
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