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Councilman petitions to fix bridge

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

Novi's City leaders have tried letter writing and attending hearings to save the Beck Road Bridge over I-96; now one city council member is turning to the power of the petition.

M. Sanghvi

"When the people speak, the government has to listen," declared Novi City Council Member Mav Sanghvi. "That is the way democracy is supposed to work."

In April Gov. Jennifer Granholm withdrew funding from the Beck Road Bridge project and 33 others across the state that had been part of former Governor John Engler's Build Michigan III program. Michigan Department of Transportation Director Gloria Jeff countered with what the administration dubbed its "Preserve First" program, which is supposed to focus on repairing and maintaining the roads and bridges the state has rather than expanding infrastructure.

According to Novi City Manager Rick Helwig, the Beck/96 project is currently off the state's five-year work plan. "I'm very apprehensive that it could be set aside for another five years," he said.

That could force the city to come up with a method of refunding \$6 million in bond money to city tax payers that voters approved last year to fund the local matching money.

Helwig added deferring the project could also jeopardize land donations from 12Beck LLC and Providence Hospital. Supporters of the project say the city bond money and land donations more than meet the local match requirements for the 80-percent federally-funded project.

Wrangling over the project has led to threats from state House and Senate Republicans to cut Jeff's salary and to force the projects back into the state budget. The Governor has countered that she will veto any supplemental budget bill refunding the projects.

Sanghvi hopes to have 50,000 signatures on his petition by the end of the month. "Maybe it is time for the people to flex their muscles."

Sanghvi said he plans on getting the support of the Novi Chamber of Commerce, area church groups and others. "This is not a one-man operation. We have got to get the whole community involved," he said. "This is the life blood of Novi. Safety demands it. Our economy relies on it."

Industrial park decision delayed

Residents concerned about tree loss, wetland damage near Beck North

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Novi residents who live in Bristol Corners Subdivision are upset about what's being done in the Beck North Corporate Park, an industrial district next to their lots.

They came to a public hearing of the Novi Planning Commission June 11 to complain about the

loss of trees behind their lots and the potential reduction in future property values.

The hearing followed a request by Northern Equities Group of Farmington Hills for approval of a preliminary site plan for phase two of the Beck North industrial park. The company is proposing a 24-unit, light industrial site condominium project, including associated roads and utilities.

The area comprises 63.22 acres east of Beck Road, north of West Road, south of Pontiac Trail and west of West Park Drive.

Members of the planning commission recommended postponing approval of the preliminary site plan at the June 11 meeting.

The first phase of the project in Wixom was developed and sold three years ago. The second phase in Novi has been presold to a

group of individuals.

The proposal involves an extension of Hudson Drive to the north to Cartier Drive, the construction of two cul-de-sacs, and associated utilities for future users of the park. No buildings are being proposed at this time.

"I think the buildings are better than what we expected in a light

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Industrial District



SOURCE: Novi Planning Commission

They came, they swung

Rotary jazz concert funds help fight against polio

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

The Novi Rotary Club's June 18 concert featuring Wynton Marsalis and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra was a win-win proposition for jazz lovers and those involved in the fight against polio.

The concert at Novi High School took in approximately \$54,000 in gross sales, with about 1,000 people attending the two performances, according to Tony Musu, program director for the club.

"Our foundation had already contributed \$25,000 out of our Rotary Foundation account. Because of a unique situation, we were able to get that matched four-fold, turning that amount into \$125,000," Musu said.

The club received matching funds from the concert proceeds from Rotary International and the Gates Foundation established by computer magnate Bill Gates, founder of Microsoft.

Nothing but smiling faces were seen as concert-goers exited the auditorium, Musu said.

A post-concert party at Local Color in Novi was also well-attended.

"The afterglow party was also a success. Several members of the Lincoln Center Jazz Center Orchestra entertained guests by joining the jazz trio already scheduled for the event," Musu said.

The party went well into the morning hours of June 19 following the concert.

Musu said following the positive reaction of those who attended the concert that Rotary Club members would like to bring world-class trumpeter Marsalis and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra back to Novi next year.

"From listening to people, everyone would like for us to make this an annual event, and I think we already have 1,000 repeat attendees for such a concert," he said.

"We'd like to plan another concert for the spring of 2004," Musu said, hopefully at Novi High School again.

Novi Community Credit Union, Musu's employer, was also instru-



Photo by John Helder

Wynton Marsalis, artistic director of Jazz at Lincoln Center, jams with the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra last Wednesday night at Novi High School's auditorium. This song was their interpretation of "Bolero." For more photos, turn to page 2.

mental in the success of the event by offering its Grand River Ave. branch as the site for a ticket sale telethon for the concert.

"The credit union was really involved the entire time we were promoting the concert," Musu said. "Employees of the credit union and Rotary Club members volunteered their time to make this concert a great success," Musu said.

"On a personal note, we think

this was a great event for the city of Novi. Novi High School was a great venue for the concert because it offered an intimate setting. We certainly hope to have Wynton Marsalis and his orchestra back next year," Musu said.

The Novi Rotary Club continues its fundraising efforts throughout the year. Those who would like to make a tax-deductible donation to the club can do so by contacting Musu at

(248) 348-8500, ext. 404.

The Rotary Club meets at noon each Thursday weekly at the United Methodist Church on Ten Mile Road just west of Meadowbrook.

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Gateway moves forward

Commission OKs ordinance

By Pam Fleming
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Planning commission members reluctantly gave their approval to an amendment of the Gateway East Ordinance June 11 so city council can get moving on the proposed plan for the Grand River Corridor in Novi.

The Downtown Gateway concept, which will now be called the Gateway East Ordinance if the city council approves the amendment, was developed in 1998 by the Master Plan & Zoning Committee as part of the Novi 2020 Master Plan update process.

The committee believed the segment of Grand River west of Meadowbrook and east of downtown needed a development pattern not found elsewhere in the city.

The goal of the new zoning district is to encourage mixed-use development in Novi, including multiple-family residential, office, and limited commercial land uses.

The amendment would provide an optional tool with greater flexibility toward achieving objectives of the district by authorizing use of Planned Unit Development regulations. The Special Development Option was not part of the original ordinance.

This option would permit multiple family uses, higher density for mixed use buildings, increased nonresidential floor space and increased building height.

"This is not your typical zoning amendment," Toni Nagy, planning commission chairwoman, said at the June 11 meeting.

"This ordinance has a fairly long history and we're trying to plan a gateway to the downtown area," she said.

"This area could use a shot in the arm so that Grand River Avenue can become the jewel it can be."

Nagy noted that there is not a

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Engraved commemorative pavers for high school

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Two sizes of bricks have officially gone on sale to the public, which will allow anyone to make a lasting memory by honoring a past, present, or future Novi student, staff member or alum with an engraved commemorative brick in the new pathways of pavers at the Novi High School entrance to Wildcat Stadium. Anything from names of students to different messages can be engraved on the bricks.

According to a brochure put out by the Novi Educational Foundation, proceeds from the

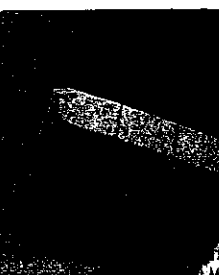
sale of the brick pavers will benefit the NEF's support of extra educational opportunities within the Novi School District. They will be installed during construction, and the design allows pavers to be placed within the walkway leading into the stadium or high school.

"The project is really terrific because it is really a great opportunity for someone to purchase a brick," NEF Trustee Michael Pesendorfer said. "They're not very expensive. They can be dedicated to a friend or a family member or someone else in the district. It's a very inexpensive way to have a momentum at the school

and then secondly, the money goes for a great cause. We are in the process of building an endowment so we will have the opportunity to give out some scholarships down the road."

The NEF is also looking to spend money on current projects that there aren't enough money for in the school district. Also, according to Pesendorfer, there is a chance that somebody affiliated with the school district is going to need someone to step up and help kids who are disadvantaged.

"A foundation seems to be a good opportunity and a good fit



The Novi Educational Foundation bricks will help support in the district.

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Wynton Marsalis takes a solo on the number "Back to Basics" during the first show.



Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra musician Victor Goines, left, shows Walled Lake Western High School freshman Vanessa Petros how to properly position the reed on a clarinet during an afternoon workshop. Local high school musicians were invited to the workshop to learn from Goines, the director of jazz studies at Juilliard in New York.

Photos by John Heider and Lynne Garcia



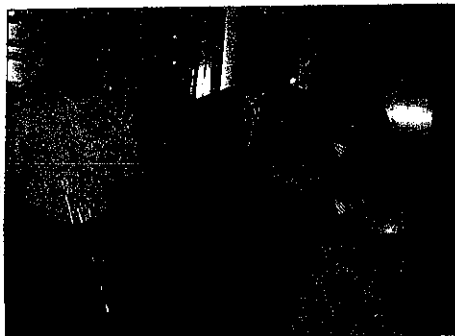
Hamperley, Walter Blanding, Jr., Wes Anderson and Ted Nash accompany Victor Goines as he leads the LCJO's interpretation of Ravel's "Bolero."



Wynton Marsalis entertains the crowd with a solo trumpet performance.

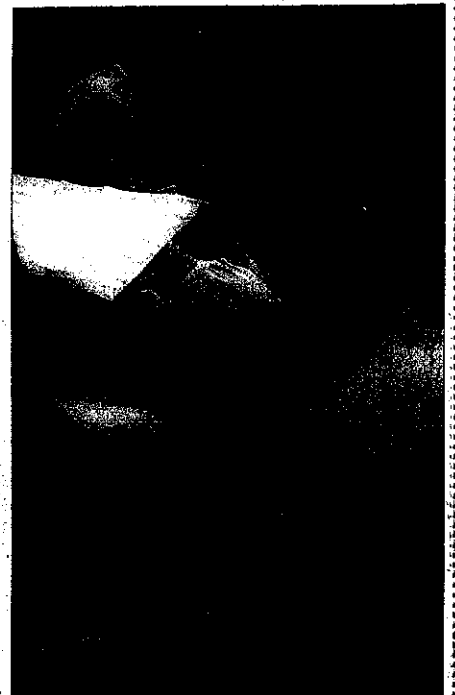


Seneca Black reaches for a high note during the concert.



Members of the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra Marcus Printup (right) and Wes Anderson (center) and jam with Detroit trumpeter Kofi Givens at Local Color during the concert after party.

Jazz @ Novi High 6/18/03



Pianist Eric Lewis comps chords for Wynton Marsalis, soloing on trumpet.



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Industrial park decision delayed

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Industrial park," said Dave Stewart of Northern Equities. "We worked closely with staff to meet concerns of wetlands and woodlands. I think we have an innovative plan and its effect on the environment will be limited."

Residents say the new industrial park will increase noise and decrease the beauty of their lots and serenity of the woodlands.

The developer also plans to build a berm between the industrial park and the residential area to block noise and lights.

Novi resident Andrew Mutch, who served on the planning commission for three and a half years, said a city ordinance states that the city may waive or modify term requirements.

But, he feels that the project shows a disregard for the natural features of the city.

"It's difficult for me to understand how this got a positive reaction. These are high quality and unique woodlands," Mutch said. "Thirteen acres of trees have already been lost in this area. If tonight's plan is approved (by city council members) there would be even more trees lost. The removal or relocation of trees should be done only if no other feasible location is

available.

"Plus, the city is supposed to protect homeowners from any detrimental impact to their property," Mutch added. "I want the applicant to find a way to develop the area and still respect the residents and the environment."

Jason and Linda Roberts live on one of the cut-de-sacs that backs up to the industrial district.

"This (development) has affected the view from our home. We're concerned about losing more trees and it affected property values," Linda Roberts said. "Plus, we feel the security of children will be compromised. There are about 35 children who play in this neighborhood."

Scott and Kellie Halleron, who live on Balfour Drive next to the industrial park, have been concerned with woodland and wetland removal on the Beck North property for more than a year.

"This clearing has negatively impacted our quality of life as residents. Prior to this tree removal, the woodlands were a natural buffer between two properties. Now we have full exposure to the corporate park," they wrote in a recent letter to the city council.

The Hallerons' attorney documented tree removals on the

property as violations of city woodland/wetland ordinances. He claims such removal without permits, even under farming, violates ordinances and is not justified under The Right to Farm Act. Cutting trees without a permit is a considered a misdemeanor per city ordinance.

The city has said that the ordinance allows farmers to remove some trees. But the Hallerons say the ordinance was violated because a large amount of trees were cut down.

Northern Equities recently sold the Beck North property to Amson-Dentis Development, Inc., who will develop the property. Northern Equities is performing design and construction of roads and utilities. Once this portion of the project is completed, the company will have no further affiliation with the park.

Northern Equities has had other developments in North Beck Corporate Park. The company recently clear-cut the trees to put roads in and planted winter wheat.

"The City of Novi has an ordinance governing this subdivision that states that there must be 80 percent opacity (no light shining through) in the winter and 90 percent opacity in the summer," according to Toni Nagy, plan-

ning commission chairwoman. "There are a lot of trees still on the property, but many are very young trees not providing much buffer between the industrial park and the residential area nearby."

Planning commission members suggested a ring road be constructed around the property that would keep construction out of the wetlands and mean that less trees would have to be cut down.

"From 1998 through 2002, Novi has lost 300 acres of woodlands," Nagy said. She noted that the developer was able to plant winter wheat on their site because of a loophole in a city ordinance covering the property.

"My suggestion is that we revisit this ordinance," Nagy added.

Stewart said the developer has no intent to farm any more land in the industrial park.

"I'm sure we can work out something that would be a win-win situation for all," he said.

"I'm sure that a reasonable resolution can be achieved," Nagy said.

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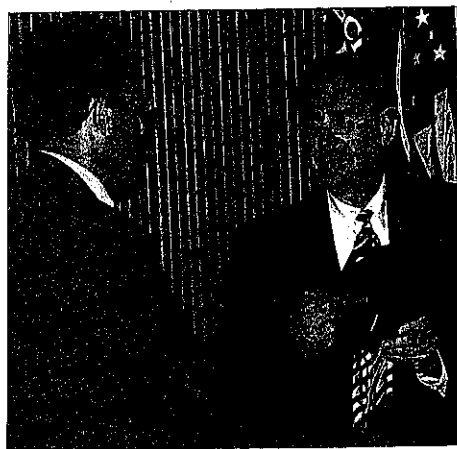


Photo by Phil Foley

Rotarians recognized

Novi Rotary President Joe Carrier accepts a proclamation from Novi Mayor Richard Clark declaring June 16-22 Rotary International Polio Eradication Week. Rotarians in Novi and thousands of other communities around and world have vowed to wipe out polio by 2005.

Commemorative pavers for high school on sale

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for an organization that's part of the school district to some extent and has the ability to come in and help," Pendorfer said. "So, we're looking down the road that this might be an opportunity that we could really step up. All the funds for the bricks are going to be divided between an endowment and for current projects."

A 4"X 8" brick costs \$50 and an 8"X 8" brick costs \$100. They can be bought by filling out a brochure and sending in a check, or by calling (248) 449-1200. Anybody can buy one, not just people affiliated with Novi Schools. "We don't have anything that says that you have to be affiliated with the school district to purchase a brick," Pendorfer said. "The only thing that we reserve the right to do is withhold a brick based on profanity or something like that. Identity, getting the word out and letting people know is our goal right now. People have the assumption that Novi is a higher priced area that has no kids with needs and there is enough money and that's just not the case. There are all kinds of kids who work

hard and deserve a break, so we're just trying to give them a break."

Pendorfer explained that over the last 10 years, the NEF has been struggling to find an identity and also to find a project that will maintain a high profile that people will see or talk about and raise awareness for the foundation. So, with all the construction going on, it found an opportunity to have some kind of lasting impression in an identifiable project.

"I have had some familiarity with this because I had bought a brick for my mother at Comerica Park," Pendorfer said. "She was a big baseball fan and she loved it. In fact, she kind of learned the language when she moved here by reading the sports pages and talking to me in the morning about sports. So, I was familiar with it and I know that some other schools have done it, but that's what we wanted to bring to Novi and we saw the opportunity with the construction."

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Commision OKs Gateway East Ordinance

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lot of development in this area, especially on the south side of Grand River Avenue.

"I'm willing to give the Gateway ordinance a chance," said Jonathan Brateman, a local developer. "It will create venues for more goods and services and an increase in the tax base for the city. I'm trying to think of the area as a whole. I think we have a chance to improve the Grand River corridor."

Joe Atto represents the interests of his brother, who owns property along Grand River Avenue in Novi.

"We want you to kill this ordinance in its current form. We want a new ordinance that will give this city what it needs. We don't want a mandated develop-

ment like Main Street," Atto said. The idea of developing on-street parking on Grand River Avenue was also discussed.

"I'd like to see Novi look like Northville, Plymouth and Belleville," said commission member Larry Papp. "They have on-street parking."

"The city is really struggling. It's growing in all areas, but it really doesn't have an image. We are creating activity with the Gateway Ordinance, and I think it's a very good start," said commission member John Avdoulos.

"We really won't know if it will work until it's actually implemented," Avdoulos said.

"We haven't had a common link with Main Street or the Novi Road corridor. But I don't know if we're ready to move forward

on this after hearing comments from small businesses and developers," said commission member Tim Shroyer.

"I'm having a hard time visualizing this," said commission member Lynn Kocan. "There are a lot of things that need to be answered before the developers can be on board with this."

"I think this is a very good start and we should move on it," said commission member Lynne Paul. "This area needs to be developed in a positive manner."

Nagy has lived in Novi for 21 years.

"What we need to ask ourselves is, 'What do we want to be when we grow up?' I've been on the planning commission for three years," she said. "and I don't want Grand River to be chopped up. I'd like this to be

part of the master plan for the Grand River corridor. But I'm not sure what we're aesthetically trying to achieve."

"I think it could be a mix of things, and that's one of the things that makes it attractive," said Rod Arroyo, AICP.

Commission member John Avdoulos said he would like to see the speed limit reduced on Grand River to encourage more motorists to stop and patronize local businesses.

"As it stands, we all have concerns. But we need to move forward on this," Nagy said.

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Livonia company rescues Novi firefighter McNamara's yard

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

Retirement saved Dan McNamara's life.

If someone hadn't retired in the Detroit Fire Department last summer, the 48-year-old Novi man wouldn't have taken the departmental promotions physical; wouldn't have discovered he was suffering from myelodysplastic syndrome; and most likely when he died, the doctors would have chalked it up to another middle-aged heart attack.

Now, 10 months after his doctors said he had six months to live, McNamara is still here, but he's not out of the woods yet.

"There are three survival points," said his wife, Mary. "Thirty percent don't survive the chemo. Of those, 30 percent don't survive the transplant and of those, less than 20 percent survive 100 days."

For Dan the 100 day mark was in April. Still, for a guy who used to jog every night and was in the gym three-four hours a day, there are still a lot of things he can't do. One of them is yardwork.

While Dan looks pretty good on the outside following his stem cell transplant in January, "it's still touch and go," said Mary. Even though he received a transplant

from his sister, there is still a problem with rejection. Since the transplant, Dan's had trouble eating because of stomach and intestinal problems, and at one point his liver stopped functioning. "He's up and down," said Mary, explaining. "The graft looks at the body as an invader."

Without the transplant, Dan's prognosis would have been a lot grimmer. Detroit radio personality J.P. McCarthy died while waiting for a transplant.

Myelodysplastic syndrome, said Mary, is a form of leukemia. "Your bone marrow stops producing normal cells. Your red blood cells aren't getting oxygen to the heart. Your white cells don't fight infections. And your platelets won't clot, so you can bleed to death. Basically, you have bad, bad blood," she said.

Dan's blood was so bad, the first doctor he spoke to told him that if he planned on ending his 21-year engagement on an up note, he had weeks - not months - to do something. Mary said they had been planning a wedding in Hawaii with friends and family. "Life was good, then out of the blue it was, 'Oh, my god.'"

They got married September 8 in Mary's backyard with Novi Mayor Richard Clark doing the honors.

With the transplant behind them and Dan on the mend, the McNamaras' life is a lot less chaotic than it was last fall, but it's still not back to normal. While Dan is doing limited duty in his job as president of Local 344 of the International Association of Firefighters and vice president of the state organization, he still can't do yardwork for fear of a life-threatening infection.

"We have a large area and the two of us could maintain it, but I just can't maintain it alone," said Mary.

Help is on the way

Sunday a group of volunteers from Livonia-based Valassis will descend on the McNamara home for a morning of weeding, flower planting and painting as part of the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan's Day of Caring.

"We try to be a complete support system," said Foundation spokesman Jim Blackledge. "A lot of people forget that many cancer patients can't do the basics."

He noted that while health insurance may cover cancer treatments, there are lots of extras, such as things as small as yard maintenance and parking fees to as large as flying in a donor in from another state, that aren't covered.

"It's the little things that make such a big difference," said Mary. "It's such a sweet thing for them to do this."

The Day of Caring provides our Valassis team with a wonderful opportunity to do something meaningful and tangible, and gives us a tremendous amount of satisfaction," said Gwyneth Fisher, a placement specialist with Valassis and volunteer leader for the event.

Valassis spokesman Stacie McAnuff said Fisher is a member of the company's Giving Committee, which looks for opportunities to give back to the community Valassis employees live and work in.

While the McNamaras firmly believe Dan's transplant will lead to a cure for his illness, Mary said it's been a frustrating experience. She said he's gone from a strapping firefighter, to someone who couldn't walk three steps when he first got out of the hospital; to someone who's fighting his way back.

She said Valassis' Day of Caring will go a long way toward boosting his spirits.

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Photo by Phil Foley

A year ago Dan McNamara, a Detroit firefighter, thought he was slowing with age, but a routine physical revealed a rare form of leukemia was killing him. Now he's on the mend, but he and his wife, Mary, are unable to keep up with the yardwork at their Novi home. Volunteers from Valassis, a Livonia-based promotions company, will come to their aid Saturday.

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POLICE REPORT

Not tonight, dear

Officer Keith Wronin charged a 28-year-old New Hudson man with OUIL just past midnight June 18 following a traffic stop on I-96 near Wixom Road. Officer Wronin said he clocked the man's green 1994 Pontiac Grand Am at speeds between 90-95 mph westbound on the expressway from Meadowbrook. According to reports, the man admitted to driving "about 80" in an attempt to see his girlfriend. Instead, Officer Wronin took the man into custody after he failed field sobriety tests. The man reportedly registered a .11 blood alcohol content (BAC) at the police station.

Missing frog

Debra Rossala of Novi told Officer Vee Warwick June 18 that someone stole a lawn ornament from her yard. She said it was a frog holding a blue globe with a yellow sunflower.

Rock their world

Novi resident Yoshitern Tagawa told Officer Larry Lemenard June 18 that one of two cars drove through his yard some time after 11 p.m. the night before, tearing up his grass. Officer Lemenard suggested Tagawa have some large stones installed along the edge of his property.

Too fast, too intoxicated

Officer Eric Lindblade charged a 24-year-old Canton man with OUIL June 16 following a traffic stop on I-96 at 1:54 a.m. Officer Lindblade reported the man was driving 84 mph in a 70 mph zone. After the man failed field sobriety tests, he was taken into custody and registered a preliminary BAC of .13. He later released after posting a \$100 bond.

Store vandalized

James Dietrich of Novi told Officer Diane MacGregor that someone smashed out two windows at the Scott Schepirine store in the West Oaks shopping center. Witnesses reported seeing four boys running through the parking lot of the Emagine theater. Damage was estimated at \$300.

Window shot

Novi resident Tracy Flagg told Officer Keith Wronin June 16 that someone shot her window with a BB gun.

Weaving driver

Officer Jason Meier charged a 21-year-old Troy man with OUIL following a traffic stop on I-275 at 2:13 a.m. Officer Meier said he first spotted a silver 2002 Dodge Stratus following another car too closely on exit 196. He said he stopped the car after it turned on I-275, began weaving and then abruptly passed the car it was following. He took the driver of the Dodge into custody after the man failed field sobriety test. The man later registered a .13 BAC, according to reports.

Hose job

Cheryl Casterline of Novi told Officer Craig Chisnar June 13 that someone cut up two hoses and damaged the fittings at Thurston Elementary School.

Drop the bag and run

William Ferguson of Novi told Officer Jeremy Stimpson June 13 that he confronted two women leaving the TJ Maxx store about 4:30 p.m. with a blue baby supply duffel bag. According to reports, the woman dropped the bag and ran to a nearby black car and drove off. The bag contained \$1,250 worth of stolen clothing. The suspects were described as black women in their 20s or 30s. One was described as wearing a white shirt and having black hair, while the other reportedly had a blond ponytail and was wearing a black skirt and pants outfit.

Pocket the games and run

Robert Craft of Novi told Officer Kevin Healey June 13 that he confronted a man trying to leave the Circuit City store with two unpaid PlayStation games about 5 p.m. According to reports, the man ran to a silver Pontiac Bonneville and drove off. There was no video tape of the incident and the license plate number given investigators came back as "no record found."

Race donations

Karen Lynch of Novi told Officer Michael Marchetti June 13 that a white man was soliciting donations around 8 p.m. in her neighborhood for wheelchair races.

Home vandalized

Jan Cullen of Novi told Officer Jeremy Stimpson June 19 that someone egged her house, put shaving cream on her 1994 Pontiac Grand Am and left tire marks in her yard. She said she thinks this may have something to do with acquaintances of her teen-aged son.

Car window smashed

Feng Pang of Novi told Officer Jeffrey Brown that someone smashed out the rear window of his gold 1993 Cadillac.

Middle of the road

Officer Jason Meier charged a 21-year-old Northville woman with OUIL following a traffic stop at 1:19 a.m. June 17 on Novi Road north of 10 Mile Road. Officer Meier said he stopped the man after he watched her car straddle the center line for about 100 yards. After failing field sobriety tests, the woman was taken into custody and reportedly registered a BAC of .13.

Tag

Officer Larry Lemenard cited a 45-year-old Northville man with hazardous driving June 18 after he reportedly drove his 2001 Audi into a 2003 Pontiac driven by a 17-year-old West Bloomfield woman. The Pontiac, according to reports, was stopped in the southbound left-hand turn lane at Arena Drive on Novi Road. The Northville man was taken to St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia with unspecified injuries.

Serial egger

Cang Chen of Novi told Officer Mark Kuhl June 18 that someone threw eight eggs at her house, causing an estimated \$100 damage. She said it's the third or fourth time this has happened since October.



Wixom FD photo/Cherie Kirby

Next Generation

Addison Township Fire Chief George V. Spencer, son of Wixom Fire Chief George W. Spencer, shares memories of his father during ceremonies June 19 at Baker's of Milford marking the elder Spencer's retirement after 44 years with the Wixom Fire Department.

Firefighters learn to deal with propane emergencies

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enhance the capability of our local responders."

However, the most likely way local firefighters will put their newly learned skills to use is putting out fires on backyard grills. "Everybody's got a gas grill," observed Salom. "All ya gotta do is cross thread the tank and proof, there it goes."

Milford Fire Chief Larry Waligors agreed, adding that most problems with backyard grills are caused by lack of attention. "People light 'em and walk away," he said. Waligors said it's important to keep a lit grill at least

six feet away from a house. He added, his department has started to see a growing number of people having problems with improperly used patio heaters as well.

The Wixom training session was one of a dozen or so the Michigan Propane Gas Association will hold across the state this summer. After leaving Wixom, Lincoln and his crew were headed for Bridgeport and then on to Cass County, followed by Three Rivers.

Chief Spencer said that while this was the first time his department has hosted the associations' training program, his department holds a mutual aid training pro-

gram every month. Along with firefighters from South Lyon to Grand Blanc and Milford to Royal Oak, the training session also including fire crews from Ford's Wixom Assembly Plant and General Motors Corp's Milford Proving Ground.

"It helps build teamwork between the departments," he said added, "it refreshes skills for the older guys and helps the young ones learn new skills."

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Cool anniversary

Guernsey Farms Dairy at 21300 Novi Road in Northville celebrates its 63rd anniversary this year. The dairy/restaurant gave out complimentary ice cream cones from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday and Tuesday in observance of the event. Anthony Castro hands a cone to Mackenzie Kwasiemuz of Novi while Guernsey employees Jeff Ollwek, Kaitlyn Sherwood and Cara Cooper look on. Guernsey Farms Dairy has been a family owned and operated business by the McGuire family since 1940.



Novi's not the place for mopeds or BB guns

By Phil Foley STAFF WRITER

School's been out not quite a week and already parents all over Novi are starting to hear the dreaded, "I'm bored."

If you're one of those parents and you're thinking about solving your problem with a trip to the store for a go-ped, a BB gun or even a slingshot, think twice.

According to Novi Police Officer Tim Harper, every spring the department gets a spike in complaints from residents about children riding mopeds and go-peds through their neighborhoods and carrying everything from blowguns to pellet guns.

A lot of the problems, said Officer Harper, are the result of a lack of information.

For instance, while they look good in the store and kids want them in the worst way, most parents are clueless when it comes to the rules for mopeds and go-peds, said Officer Harper.

For instance, he noted, most parents don't realize that mopeds can only be operated on the streets and require a special license, available at the Secretary of State's Office.

The good news is, the minimum age for a moped license is 15, but the bad news (if you're a kid) is that under the age of 19 you must wear an approved motorcycle helmet and you can't carry a passenger.

Officer Harper said moped riders must obey all the same traffic laws as everyone else, with the exception that they are required to stay as far to the right on the pavement as possible.

"Go-peds, which are essentially motorized skateboards, are a different matter entirely," said Officer Harper. They are legally categorized as mopeds, but since they don't meet any of the moped requirements, they can't be used legally on any Novi Street and mopeds can't legally be used on the city's sidewalks.

"There's nowhere in Michigan where they're legally permitted," he said. "They're missing key accessories that would allow them to be used."

For instance, he noted, they don't have the required brakes, horn, headlight or rearview mirror. Since they don't have a seat, a go-ped's handlebars can't be the regulation height above the seat.

Officer Harper said that while mopeds have been around for quite awhile, questions about go-peds started popping up about a year and a half ago. He said one woman was surprised to find out her child couldn't use a go-ped legally in Novi after she bought one in California, where they are fairly popular.

"There's nowhere in Michigan where they're legally permitted. They're missing key accessories that would allow them to be used."

Novi Police Officer Tim Harper regarding go-peds

He noted that while mopeds can be used on private property, a minimum of five acres is required and restrictions on how far away you have to stay from occupied homes and property lines make their use virtually impossible.

While BB guns were an innocuous part of growing up for many people, in Novi the basic rule is, if it shoots something, it's classified as a dangerous weapon and it's against city ordinance to possess or operate it outdoors.

According to Officer Harper, items on the no list include BB guns, pellet guns, spring-operated guns, slingshots, wrist rockets, bow and arrows, blowguns and pellet poppers. Use and possession of these items outside a house is a misdemeanor, he said, adding people transporting paintball guns to places like the Atomic Paintball, Walled Lake's indoor,

With fireworks, if it's fun, it's illegal

By Phil Foley STAFF WRITER

With the Fourth of July just around the corner, many area residents are wondering once again what kind of fireworks can they legally use at home.

The short answer? Not many. According to Novi Police Sergeant Matt Conquest, "In the state of Michigan, if it lifts off the ground or goes boom, it's illegal."

For the long legal explanation, you can go to www.michigan.gov/msp and type the word "fireworks" in the search box, but the quick answer said Sgt. Conquest is that possession of bottle rockets or firecrackers could land you in jail for up to 90 days and leave you with a \$500 fine or worse.

Lt. Tim McNamara recalled an incident on Novi's Eastlake Drive in the early '80s where two men were launching bottle rockets through the sunroof of their van. "One of the bottle rockets set the rest of the fireworks on fire and the two men were severely burned over 50 percent of their bodies," he said.

He recalled another time when a man was lit in the eye with flying debris while playing with fireworks and noted that every year or two Novi's fire rescue crews treat a hand injury or two as a result of misuse of fireworks.

Lt. McNamara said fireworks most often make their appearance at parties, which not uncommonly feature alcohol and the mixture of fireworks and alcohol makes a recipe for disaster.

Even if it doesn't lead to injuries, the use of fireworks in a neighborhood, said Lt. McNamara, often leads to bad

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Source: Michigan State Police

feelings. "People just don't want to hear that late at night."

Sgt. Conquest noted that while every year the department gets numerous complaints for possession of illegal fireworks, it's been a decade or more since the last arrest in Novi for illegal sale of fireworks. As always, said Sgt. Conquest, the Novi Police Department will be strictly enforcing state law and local ordinances.

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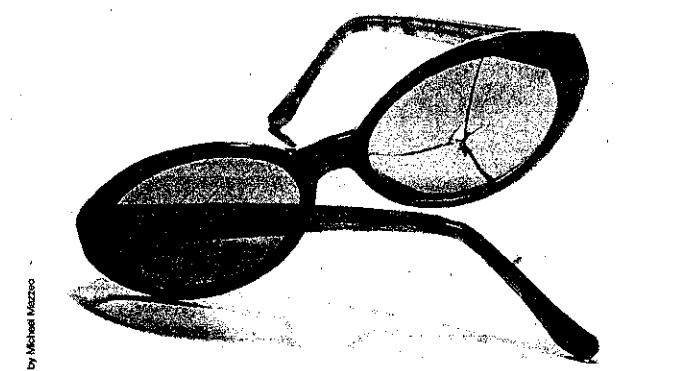
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 1 p.m. - Euchre Tournament, Putting Contest and Dunk Tank. A special lap around the track with the Pied Piper and Children.
 2 p.m. - Special appearance by VINO, Country Line Dancing, a Ballroom Throw, Twister and "Mr. Relay" will walk a lap.
 3 p.m. - Music by the Barbershop quartet.
 4 p.m. - Face Painting, Freaky Nail Painting, Cake Walk and The Armed and Dangerous lap will be complete with squirt guns.
 5 p.m. - Wear your school colors and walk a lap to the music of The Flying Dragon Band.
 6 p.m. - The Flying Dragon Band will Rock 'n Roll you around the track for the Fabulous '50s lap. Big out your poodle skirts and saddle shoes. Enjoy a Pied Piper lap for the kids and Air Busch Race painting, too.
 7 p.m. - Hugh Clear's Band will perform '50s and '60s music for the Three-legged lap.
 8 p.m. - Wear your Fancy Pants or Ugly Bridesmaid Dress and walk a lap to the music of Hugh Clear's Band.
 9 p.m. - Take the hand of your Significant Other or a Special Friend and enjoy the Songs of Joan Kurtz and Janet Snyder.
 10 p.m. - Luminary Ceremony begins. Make sure you have purchased your Lumina bags and be a part of this very meaningful event! Pastor Parolko will speak, followed by The Revind Band's rendition of "Amazing Grace" and signed by Patti Somi. Elizabeth Mittalo will sing "The Rose".
 11 p.m. - The Revind Band will provide music for the Glow in the Dark lap.
Sunday, June 29
 Midnight - Join us for a Pizza Party and more great music from The Revind Band.
 1-3 a.m. - The Fremt Paradox Band will entertain you.
 2-10 p.m. - Mechanical "The Groove-matist" DJ will play a song for \$1 and stop a song for \$10.
 7 a.m. - After a full day and night of Relay, enter the Bad Hair Contest.
 9 a.m. - Closing Ceremony Begins.
 10 a.m. - See you next year!

WL's Relay for Life set for Saturday

By Paul Green

Part costume ball, part triathlon, part memorial, and all heart. This coming Saturday June 28th at 10:00 am to Sunday June 29th at 10:00 am, the Walled Lake DDA will host their first Relay for Life in conjunction with the American Cancer Society (ACS). The relay is a 24-hour walking event designed to educate the community and raise money to support the efforts of the ACS.

The first Relay for Life was in Tacoma, WA in 1985. Dr. Gordon Klatt walked around a track for 24 hours, and raised \$27,000 for the ACS. Since then it has become the largest nonprofit fundraising event in the world. Communities all over the world participate in Relays. Walled Lake joins other local and state relays, along with events held in Australia, Ireland, Canada, and Singapore.

Teams from around the Walled Lake community formed by local businesses and residents have been collecting contributions, and preparing for the 24-hour long event. Teams will camp on the field next to the Walled Lake Fire Station on Maple Road. The field will have a truck surrounding the event, and at least one member of each team must be walking on the track for the duration of the event. The largest number of teams a first year event has ever had is 10. The Walled Lake Relay currently has 17 teams.

Pat Wlodarczyk, owner of Modern Floors in Walled Lake, is DDA President of the event for the Walled Lake's own Parks and Rec. Band, and many others. Events for kids include everyone's favorite purple dinosaur, clown, leonard handling with pirates, a moonwalk, puppet shows, and more. Adults can participate in a putting competition, Euchre tournaments, volleyball, silent auctions, and line dancing. Walled Lake's Big Boy restaurant is donating 10% of their Friday, June 27th proceeds to the ACS to support the event.

The event opens with a "Victory Lap". Cancer survivors will take the first lap around the field in a

show of strength and solidarity. Sunset will be followed by what has become the signature of the Relay for Life events: the Luminary Ceremony. Luminary bags can be purchased from any team, or on the day of the event for \$10.00. The bags are decorated to commemorate the memory of a cancer victim, or to celebrate cancer survivors. Once darkness settles over the event site, the bags will be placed inside. The glowing lumina bags

will outline the Relay track, as "Amazing Grace" is sung and signed for the crowd. Those who have witnessed such a scene can attest to the emotion, power, and grandeur this ceremony holds.

The relay will not be without it's lighter moments. You can request songs from the DJ for a nominal donation, or request that songs be stopped for a larger donation. Kids can make instruments and participate in the "Pied Piper" theme lap. At midnight there will be a pizza

party, and music will follow all through the night.

The Walled Lake Relay for Life is just one of the many events brought to the City of Walled Lake by the DDA Promotion Team. Along with the Relay, they have already had this year's Chalk Art Festival, the 2nd Annual Mother's Day Off, and the weekly Farmer's Market every Wednesday through October (on Maple Rd, next to the Fire Station), featuring goods produced by Michigan's Farmers. The

2nd Annual Pet Awareness Day is returning in September.

If you have any questions about upcoming events, or would like to attend/participate/sponsor or volunteer, please contact Charlene Long at the Walled Lake Downtown Development Authority at 248-926-9004 or email clong@walledlake.com.

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OBITUARY

Cathy (nee' Rusaw) Scanlon
 Cathy Scanlon of Novi died June 23, 2003. She was 47. She was member of Pontiac-Oakland Society of Artists, Colored Pencil Society of America and the Beauty and the Beast Fan Club.

Survivors include her husband, James; her father, Robert Rusaw; one brother, Michael (Peggy); two sisters, Jeanette (John) Kuckrocker and Roberta (Ron) Eckel, brother-in-law Mel Inman and several nieces and nephews. Preceding her in death was her mother, Grace and one sister, Deanna Inman.

A rite of Christian burial will be June 26, 11 a.m. at Church of the Holy Cross, 46200 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi.

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LOI @ NPL
Kids going into the 5th grade and beyond are invited to sign up for "LOI, to NPL." We'll feature awesome programs and prizes throughout the summer.

Laugh it up
Sign-up is now underway for the 2003 Summer Reading Program, "Laugh It Up @ the Library." The program is for children in the 4th grade and below.

Craft programs
We have two craft programs scheduled for Tuesday, July 1. Crafts for children ages 5-6 will be at 1 p.m., crafts for children age 7 and up will be at 2 p.m. There is a \$1.00 materials fee for each 40-minute program. No registration is necessary, but space is limited.

Drum Lady
Drum Lady Lori Fithian will teach children age 4 and up how to form a "drumline" on Wednesday, July 2, from 1-2 p.m. Kids will learn fun percussion techniques in this unique, interactive program. No registration is necessary.

Independence Day
The library will be closed Friday, July 4.

Tie-dye extravaganza
Kids going into 5th grade and up can make their own tie-dyed clothing on Monday, July 7, at 1 p.m. Wear old clothes and bring a 100 percent cotton t-shirt or other item to dye. There is a \$1 materials fee for this project. Register in advance in the Teen Area.

Adult book discussion group
Our July selection is "Blue Diary" by Alice Hoffman. The group meets Monday, July 7, at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room.

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Join us Wednesday, July 9, at 7 p.m. for juggling, puppetry, and family fun from multitalented entertainer Chris Clark. No registration is required.

Senior book discussion group
Senior booklovers are reading "Empire Falls" by Richard Russo for their July meeting. The group meets in the library meeting room on Thursday, July 10, at noon.

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Magician Baffling Bill will teach kids in the fifth grade and up some tricks of the trade on Monday, June 30, from 1-2 p.m. You'll be able to take home cool magic supplies to master your magic tricks. There is a \$2 materials fee for this workshop. Register in advance in the Teen Area.

Drop-in story time
Story time for children ages four to seven will be held Thursday, July 3. The 30-minute session begins at 11 a.m. No registration is necessary.

Music & Motor Fest cruiser volunteers needed

By Grace Blum
SPECIAL WRITER

Interested in volunteering for the 17th annual Music & Motor Fest on July 24-27? The festival committee desperately needs volunteers. Whether working for the entire event, or for just one hour, all volunteers willing to be cruisers for the festival are greatly appreciated.

"We really appreciate people coming forth and volunteering," said Donnie Varhol, director of volunteers for Novi's Music & Motor Fest. "I want to make a plea - we really need more cruisers."

Cruisers can be called the backbone of the Music & Motor Fest. They are people within the community of Novi who volunteer their time for the festival. And service groups are community people that volunteer to do the beverage gardens or tents. Service groups of past years have included Novi Newsletters, the Lions and the Lionesses.

"Everything we put into the event comes back to the community in one way or another," said Varhol. "Cruisers do anything from preparing and setting up for the festival, manning the work stations for the crowds and passing out information about the festival. People of any age can volunteer to be a cruiser and the festival's office will attempt to place cruisers at the station they would prefer to work at."

"We use cruisers for anything and everything," Varhol said. "And Varhol was quick to say that if someone outside of the Novi community would like to be a cruiser, then contact the festival's office because the committee would love to have as many cruisers as possible."

"Cruisers are great and we appreciate anybody who gives us even an hour of their time," said Varhol.

For those interested in becoming a cruiser for this year's Music & Motor Fest, contact the festival's office at (248) 437-9759. Expect to fill out an application and then you're an official Music & Motor Fest cruiser. It's as simple as that!

SENIOR CALENDAR

Thursday 6/26
9 a.m.-11 a.m. Computer Class-Intro to Windows
11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Line Dance
Sunday Shop Open 12
12:15 p.m. Lunch
12:45 p.m. Bridge*
1 p.m. Beginners/2 p.m. Adv. Line Dance
1 p.m.-3 p.m. Computer-Fund. of Internet
Clinton Railroad Trip

Friday 6/27
9 a.m. Stretch & Strength
10 a.m. Body Recall
11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sunday Shop Open
12:30 p.m. Lunch
1 p.m.-3 p.m. Bingo
12:30 p.m. Clogging*
12:30 p.m. Dupl. Bridge

Monday 6/30
9 a.m. Stretch & Strength
9 a.m.-11 a.m. Intro to Computers
10 a.m. Body Recall
11 a.m. Goodie Lady

11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday Shop Open
noon Lunch
12:30 p.m. Pinochle*
1 p.m.-3 p.m. Healing Touch
6:30 p.m. Clogging*

Tuesday 7/1
9 a.m.-12 p.m. Massage Therapy
9 a.m. Panera Bread
9:30 a.m. Line Dance*
10 a.m. Crafts & Asian Pacific
noon Lunch
12:30 p.m. Bingo

Wednesday 7/2
NO
10 a.m. Body Recall
11:00 a.m. Blood Pressure
11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sunday Shop Open
10 a.m. TOPS Class
noon Lunch
12:30 p.m. Clogging*

Nicholas M. Schlemper has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. He is the son of Ken Schlemper of Union, Missouri and Sheri Summers of Wolverine Lake, Mich.



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BUSINESS SHORTS

July business workshops set
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"How to Start a Business" is a seminar for anyone thinking about going into business. Participants examine their entrepreneurial skills, learn how to implement their ideas and receive a list of pitfalls to avoid when starting a business.

The class runs from 9 a.m. to noon July 10. The cost is \$30 and includes the Starting a Business in Oakland County published by the Oakland County Planning & Economic Development Services.

"How to Write a Business Plan" is a workshop for small business owners who are developing a plan to serve as their roadmap to success. The class will take place from 9 a.m. to noon July 24 at the Oakland County complex. The fee is \$40 and includes all materials.

Both classes will be held at the Oakland County complex, 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac. To register for either class, call (248) 858-0783.

Premium Storage buys building
Friedman Real Estate Group recently completed the sale of a 30,000-square-foot industrial warehouse at 40900 Grand River Ave. Premium Storage purchased the building for \$1.3 million and will demolish it to rebuild a 325-unit storage facility. The seller, Autometric Properties, purchased the building in June 2000 for \$1.1 million.

DeMaria Building wins award
DeMaria Building Co. in Novi recently won the Washnetaw Contractors Association 2003 Pyramid Award. Winner of the "Best Project Team" category, DeMaria received the honor from the association for the construction of the Crossroads Market Place at Eastern Michigan University (EMU) in Ypsilanti.

The association also honored Architects Angelini & Associates and EMU for their involvement in the project. The Pyramid Award recognizes exceptional efforts in team work, service and innovation. The open-air, farmer's market design of Crossroads Market Place required an extensive renovation within an occupied facility.

Novi resident helps needy
During the month of June, the Rev. Carol Kramer of Novi will donate 20 percent of her healing sessions to Touching Hearts Inc., a nonprofit organization that focuses on the needs of the tiny, poor country of Malawi, Africa. In 2001, Malawi was hit by devastating floods that ruined many crops and brought on a horrible famine.

Kramer's sessions, which are designed to relax the body, calm the mind and lift spirits, include therapeutic touch, reiki and qigong. Kramer works out of her Novi home along with helping the Spiritual Reflections store in downtown Farmington.

To schedule a healing session with Kramer, call her at (248) 349-1489. For more information about Touching Hearts, visit the Web site www.touchinghearts.net or contact Michele Dixon at (248)

Michigan jobless rate increases
Michigan's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in May edged upward over the month by one-tenth of a percentage point to 6.7 percent, according to John Palmer, deputy director for Workforce Programs, Michigan Department of Career Development.

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BUSINESS

Pam Fleming, business reporter, (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, pfleming@ohiocomm.net

Arab women's delegation comes to Wixom

Local plant offers warm welcome to foreign visitors

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

It's not every day that a group of Middle Eastern women have an opportunity to eat barbecue.

But Michael and Bonnie Brown, owners of Brown Jig Grinding in Wixom, cooked up a batch of the sweet meat for a delegation of Arab women who came to learn about business American-style.

The 17 women, who hailed from several Middle Eastern countries, visited the Wixom plant as part of a pilot project, the U.S. Department of Commerce Middle East Executive Training in the United States (MEET U.S.) program.

This business development program for women began June 2 and ends tomorrow, according to Janna Judah, one of the organizers of the program.

The Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) funds the program. Organizers of the event also included the Arab-American Chamber of Commerce.

Women were selected to participate in the program based on their answers to a questionnaire regarding their professional and educational background. Applicants were also interviewed to see how they would fit in with the other trainees.

The women arrived in Detroit June 14, attended evening association with Ford Motor Co.'s 100th anniversary celebration and an Arab festival in Detroit over the weekend.

Other stops included a meeting with Weight Watchers president Florine Marx at the company's headquarters in Farmington Hills and a visit with staff from Standard Federal headquarters in Troy.

The visitors stayed at the Doubletree Hotel in Novi.

They left for Chicago after the Brown Jig Grinding event June 18 on their way to Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Brown explained how the women happened to visit his plant.

"My niece, Erin Crutch, works in the Department of Commerce. She e-mailed me about a month ago and asked me if I would be interested in hosting the women," he said.

"They were extremely knowledgeable. They seemed very interested in the precision manufacturing of our various parts. We make component parts and gauges for automotive, aircraft, the military, food industry and construction trades," Brown said.

Brown said Brown Jig Grinding was established in 1966.

"It's a family-owned business. My father, Milner, is 82 and still works here. We were in Novi for 20 years when Timberline Lumber and moved to Wixom seven years ago," Brown said. "It's been heading up his father's business since 1981."

Before flying to Detroit, the Middle Eastern women spent two weeks in Washington, D.C., for general business training and training in U.S. business practices, including e-commerce training.

"Most of these women already have their own businesses or are in high-level positions in their own countries. They were here to enhance their skills and network," Judah said.

The women visited Midmar, a large Middle Eastern owned and operated business, while in Cedar Rapids. They flew back to Washington, D.C., for a couple of days before returning to the Middle East.

The visitors said they were quite impressed with Brown Jig Grinding.

"It's a family run business. It's a small business in terms of employees, but they do really well. It is pertinent to some of our industries. One of our delegates does flooring for sports facilities. Another does industrial design," Judah said.

"We've been here for 20 days. We've toured several businesses in Virginia, and Maryland since we've been here," said Zeynab Bedoui of Tunisia.

"We visited McCann-Erickson, IT companies and service companies. This was the first plant that we toured, and we found it to be exceptionally well-run. It was neat and clean, and the exit signs

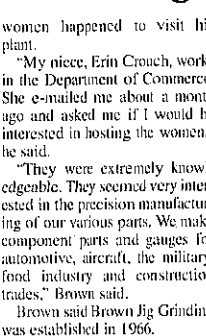


Photo courtesy Brown Jig Grinding

The staff of Brown Jig Grinding in Wixom recently hosted a plant tour and barbecue for a group of Middle Eastern business women visiting the U.S. Commerce officer Michael Brown is pictured with the 17 women who were part of the U.S. Department of Commerce pilot project, the Middle East Executive Training in the United States (MEET U.S.) program that provides business development training for women.

were well shown. There was also no smell in the plant. My feeling is that the plant is well run," Bedoui said.

"It's a family-owned company and it's impressive how the president controls everything. I think they have good feedback from their clients as well," she added.

"We're extremely impressed by the industry. Where we come from there are not a lot of manufacturing facilities with this level of precision. To import this computerized machinery would be very expensive. More importantly, on a human level, we were met with so much hospitality and a fantastic attitude," said Rasha Abu Bakr Mansour El Gammal from Egypt.

"We had a huge barbecue out on the porch, and all the workers ate with us. We're very, very grateful," she added.

"Feeding people is a major part of our culture. This is how you determine how generous someone is. We've been met with a high degree of hospitality from everyone and enjoyed the lovely day in Lebanon."

"What's more striking is how warm and friendly they are. It's like one big happy family, but their business is very industrial. They have received us over a barbecue they cooked themselves. We don't know how to thank them," she said.

Brown said the day included a tour of the plant, a hands-on demonstration and the barbecue. Brown Jig Grinding is located at 28005 Oakland Oaks off Grand River Ave in Wixom.

Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at pfleming@ohiocomm.net.

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Silver ID (identification) jewelry has been popular since the 1950s, when they likely became an offshoot of World War II military gear. While they originally showed up on guys' wrists, women began to appreciate their boyfriend's chunky silver bracelets as the quintessential sign of going steady. Today, designers also produce smaller silver ID bracelets in more delicate sizes, which are appropriate for wear by women whether or not they are getting steady. In any case, the old rule of wear still pertains: Always wear your silver ID bracelet on the same wrist as your watch. As for engraving, it is traditional to use first names only. However, some wearers opt for initials or even a brief personal message. Jewelry always makes a great gift. For anyone not totally familiar with fine jewelry and gemstones, knowing and having confidence in his jeweler is of the utmost importance.

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NHS entrepreneur now selling her designs on the Web

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Jeannette Tiso, a soon-to-be senior at Novi High, is not a traditional high school student. In fact, many people her age would probably not even consider attempting the things she is currently doing. Not only is she a good student, but she also has started a business by designing and selling her own line of clothing.

Tiso's story started back in middle school, seventh grade to be exact, when she taught herself how to sew and was altering her own clothing. She didn't think much of it back then, so she gave it a break for a while. But when she got into high school, she picked up her hobby once again and people started to notice.

"I thought that if people liked what I did to my clothes, then maybe I should turn it into something," Tiso said. "I took a marketing class and joined DECA, which is a business club. So, I learned about selling and I learned that I wanted to study business. I started selling designs through my Web site after DECA. Within the last couple months, I have been creating clothes which have been three or four pieces a month and adding to the collection and doing fashion shows. I just call around and ask if people want to host a fashion show and I find out when events are happening."



Jeannette Tiso (middle, black dress) with her high school friends who model dresses she designed.

Tiso's fashion shows usually run about 10 minutes and they show 20 pieces. She also sells promotional T-shirts, which have been popular with male students around the high school. "The girls usually buy the costumes that I make and I just sell them through fashion shows," she said.

"It was horrible," Tiso said, "but it's kind of cool because some people still want to buy stuff from that fashion show, which I can't understand. I just sell it for really cheap prices."

The designs that Tiso makes are mostly dresses and skirts with all-

"It's kind of like a love/hate thing, she said. "I just do it because the finished product looks good. I liked what the end products were from sewing, but not the actual sewing itself."

Tiso is going to get into advanced topics next year. She wants to do finance because her brother is majoring in finance at Western Michigan University, so he's helping her to figure out how much she needs to make.

"Right now I don't make a profit. I put all the money back into buying fabrics," Tiso said. "I work way more than I have money coming in. It doesn't really balance out, but I make enough to get the materials that I need. I change for labor, but it really goes back into fabric expenses. Materials like fliers and different

"I'm from New York originally, so I'm thinking about going back there for college. But the thing is, there is no major for what I want to do," Tiso said. "There are some majors, but at a fashion school they want to teach you how to sew and I have taught myself how to sew and they would be teaching me all new techniques. I would probably have a lot of fun, but I don't want to learn it from them, I want to learn it from me. I want to go to a business school and I'm going to go to a fashion school and I will try to open up a shop."

One thing that Tiso found challenging was balancing her school work with her extra-curricular activities. She gives an average of about six hours per class or outfit that she designs, so when final exams came up, she literally had no sleep.

"I had a lot of jobs to finish up before school ended," she said. "I could have done better in school, but I think I did OK. My parents are supportive. They don't want to get in the way of school, but they don't want to restrict it either. If they restrict it they don't want it to be their fault if I don't go as far as I want to go. My boyfriend and I help each other out. It's just kind of a system we have worked out. He does all the pictures for all the shows and he will go out and buy thread if I need it and stuff like that."

Tiso has put on four real fashion shows so far. The first one, which she describes as "the bad one," and one at a show. She is also planning a

Entrepreneur sells her designs on Web

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benefit for some time this summer, but she just hasn't found the venue yet.

"That's the problem right now because with no school, it's hard to find a venue," she said. "I'm going to call the Neutral Zone in Ann Arbor to see if they will let me have a show there, which is like a teen hang out club. Ann Arbor is my biggest market, so I try to have them there, but I have to look around some more to find other places."

For more information on Tiso's clothing, or her fashion shows, visit www.vintageguru.com.

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Meadows hosts volunteer appreciation tea to honor Parent-Teacher Organization

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Novi Meadows hosted its annual end-of-the-year Volunteer Appreciation Tea last Tuesday to honor those who have helped out in the building in various ways throughout the school year. Those people include the PTO, room mothers, parents who helped out with field trips and who did secretarial work in the office.

"It's important because it was a chance to let the parents know that their work is very appreciated and to honor them," Novi Meadows Reading Specialist Judy Sauer said. "The PTO especially, is very involved in the building. They put on several fund raises throughout the year and they provide a lot of money for classroom teachers to buy supplies. They are very generous with that."

According to Sauer, the hour-long event is always tough to schedule because of everyone's busy lives. "It's always held in a fund-raiser type of setting, but I like to have it at about 40 people. It ranges from 40 to 70 each year depending on what's going on. They just came by and we had refreshments for them. The teachers came to visit for a little to thank them and there is always some kind of thank you favor. This year we had a note pad for the volunteers and some of the kids made some hand prints with a poem. It's all that they do. We just had punch and cookies and fruit. It was a pretty simple event."

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Koster finds new way to save money

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Novi School's Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance Jim Koster has found a way to save the Novi Community School District close to \$160,000 next school year by purchasing electricity from the Michigan School Energy Cooperative instead of from Exelon, the former long-time provider.

Koster said he wouldn't know the new rates from Exelon until almost the start of the next school year, which was too long to wait.

"Exelon has been giving us excellent service in a very good price range for a long time," he said. "It is a huge multi-billion dollar company. I was told in the winter that they would reevaluate the Michigan market, so I kept calling them and they couldn't give me a price."

Koster said that the savings are clean and they're hard dollars, which is in the districts' favor. "We already know that if we consume the same amount of units of energy next year as this year, we will save approximately \$158,387," he said. "If we consume less energy, that amount will be greater. It all depends on the weather."

The new company, MISEC, is a separate legal entity that has the authority to buy electricity.

"I was frank with the Exelon representative on the phone and he was frank with me," Koster said. "I asked him if he were in my shoes, what would he do and he told me that he would go with the cooperative. Now, to turn business away, you have to be really frank, but that also tells me that he's not really ready for September yet."

No four-day school week in Novi any time soon

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

The Michigan State Legislature recently ruled that school districts in Michigan now have the option of a four-day week starting next school year. Superintendent Emmet Lippe does not, however, see that happening in Novi any time soon.

"We are aware that we have that option now," he said. "The trouble with that is, the school districts would have the latitude of having four-day weeks. Primarily there is some interest in our state schools where they are looking at expanding of land within the school district and where they can consolidate expenses for electricity and transportation, that type of thing. In Novi, we really haven't discussed that because we feel like instruction time in a given day is probably about the right amount."

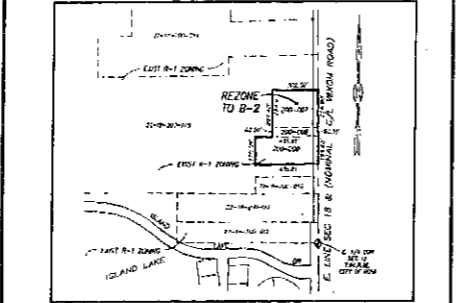
A four-day week in a school district would expand instruction time and put more hours per day in less days.

"We're not so sure that that's in our best interest at this time," Lippe said. "For us it's nice that the state has given us that option, but it's not anything we would want to pursue at this time."

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To rezone a part of the NE 1/4 of Section 18, T.1N., R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being parcels 22-18-200-007, 22-18-200-008 and 22-18-200-009, more particularly described as follows:

Parcel 22-18-200-007
The East 302.50' of the North 234.90' of the South 297.40' of the North 112' of the South 112' of the NE 1/4, Containing 1.83 acres.

Parcel 22-18-200-008
The East 302.50' of the South 62.50' of the North 112' of the South 112' of the NE 1/4, Containing 0.13 acres.

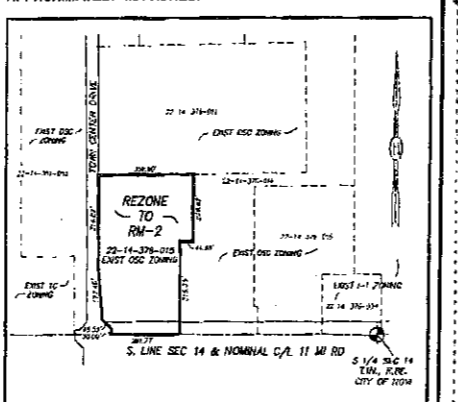
Parcel 22-18-200-009
Beginning at a point on the East line of Section 18 (nominal C.L. of Wixom Road), said point being North 491.30' from the E 1/4 corner of said Section 18; thence N88°44'00"W, 436.80 feet; thence North 170.00 feet; thence S88°40'12"E, 435.61 feet to the East line of Section 18 (nominal C.L. of Wixom Road); thence along said East line South 169.60 feet to the point of beginning, Containing 1.70 acres.

R-1 RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE
B-2 COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT
ORDINANCE NO. 18,628
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 628
CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN

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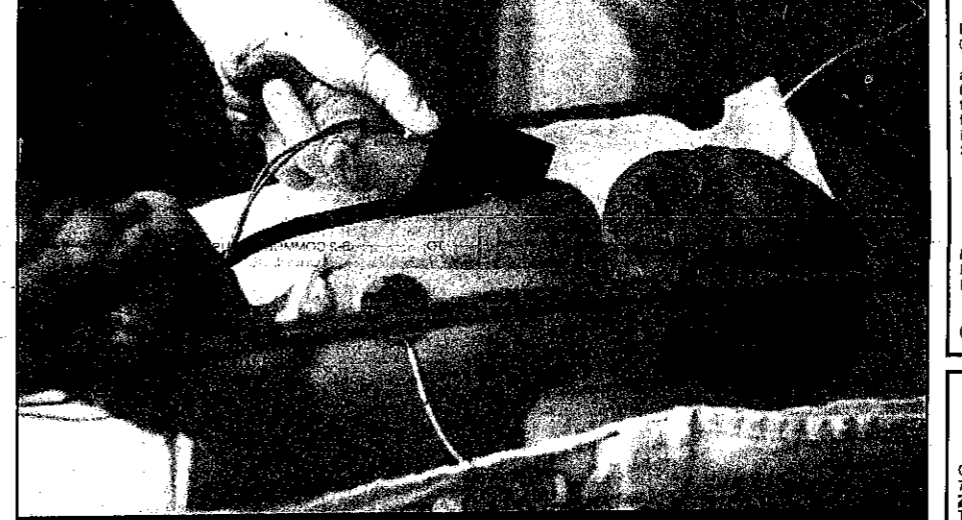
To rezone a part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 16, T.1N., R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being parcel 22-16-225-011 more particularly described as follows:

Beginning of a point on the South line of Section 16 (nominal C.L. of Eleven Mile Road) and point being S87°29'30"W, 362.89 feet from the South 1/4 corner of Section 16, thence continuing along the South line of Section 16 (nominal C.L. of Eleven Mile Road) South 87°29'30"W, 261.77 feet to a point on the County right-of-way line of Town Center Drive; thence continuing along said County right-of-way line the following four corners: N02°19'18"W, 200.00 feet; and N48°52'10"E, 42.38 feet; and S87°29'30"W, 272.43 feet; and S87°29'30"W, 44.84 feet; thence S02°05'30"E, 325.50 feet to the point of beginning, Containing 4.04 acres.

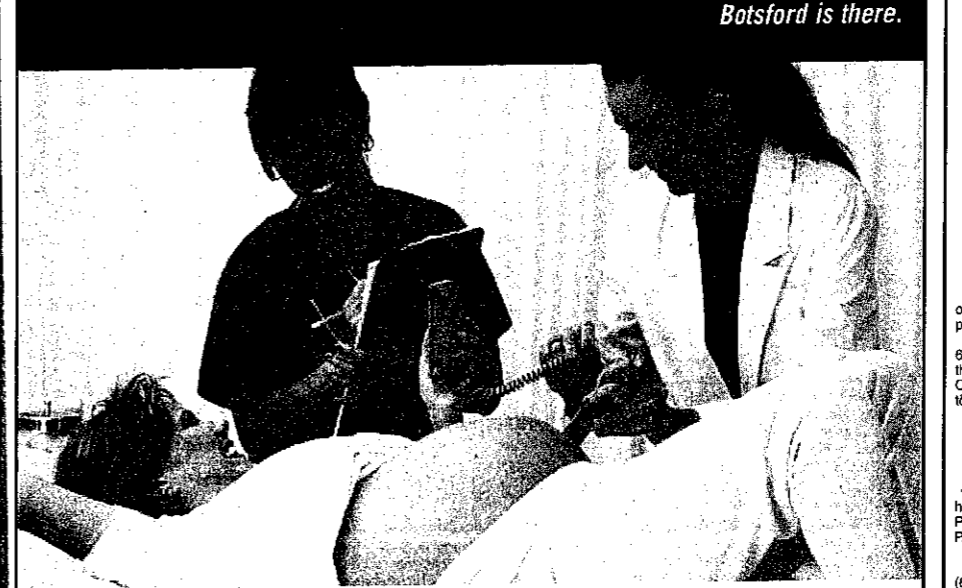
FROM: OFFICE SERVICE-TECHNOLOGY DISTRICT
TO: B-2 (HIGH DENSITY MULTIPLE FAMILY DISTRICT)

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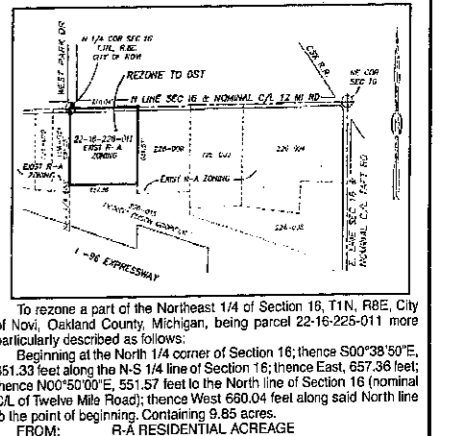
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FROM: R-1 RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE
TO: DST (OFFICE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY DISTRICT)

ORDINANCE NO. 18,629
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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Every day I am asked questions like, "What would you recommend we order from the special menu?" or "Which fish is best?" and "What fish doesn't taste fishy?" If it tastes fishy, it isn't fresh! Consequently, none of our fish tastes fishy at Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro. In general we try very hard to order mild flavored species. We do not always have varieties that the layman is familiar with. Sometimes it takes a bit of coaxing to persuade you to taste wolfish, (ocean cutfish), rockfish, (similar to grouper), or tallop, also known as blackfish.

Loop de mer, or ocean cutfish, is sweet and firm with a snow-white flesh. I prefer it to farm-raised catfish because of the texture. It is also perhaps the ugliest creature in the sea-vicious looking with big, gooey teeth - but it makes such beautiful and tasty files.

Years ago, I couldn't sell a piece without guaranteeing its wonderful flavor. Now I can sell out an entire shipment in one evening. This is happening more and more with the unconventional fish. We have lots of people to call when their favorite seafood favorites has been bay scallops. If they are available, they buy them for the restaurant. Their flesh is creamy white and smells very similar to the ocean. If they are quickly seared and finished in the oven, an incomparable sweetness comes out - what I refer to as "candy of the sea".

Bivalve mollusks, belonging to the same family as mussels and clams, scallops have two hinged shells and feed on microscopic plants and animals which they filter out of the nutrient-rich ocean waters. They swim only when threatened by clapping their shells together to create a jetting effect. A single population can carry a scallop up to 14 feet.

Sea scallops have a maximum lifespan of 16-17 years and their shells can grow as large as 18 inches. They become marketable in approximately four years. In its early life, a scallop grows rapidly and its age can be determined by counting the lines on the outside of the shell.

There are over 300 species of scallop with those from the Northwest Atlantic being the most prized. Guess where ours come from? Fishing vessels towing large chain dredges across the ocean bottom collect the shellfish. Once on board the boat, the scallops are dumped, shocked, washed and iced. Once in a while, whole scallops are brought to market. I've used them whole and although beautiful, they're not practical or cost effective. It is imperative that the fishermen use good judgment on bringing up the dredges before they are too full. If the scallops are not cleaned and iced in the least amount of time possible, they heat up and when bagged begin to spoil from the inside out.

Many plants take part in a practice called "soaking" which masks off odors, adds weight and improves appearance. The soak solution has a tremendous water-binding capacity, so 100 pounds of scallops becomes 120 pounds of scallops in just two days. Salt is cheap, so there is a tremendous return on investment.


These "bargain" scallops show their true colors in your kitchen. The cell walls break down when cooked, and the water is released. The trapped odors are liberated and even if the sea scallops weren't old enough when soaked, the process destroys the rich, sweet flavor.

Soaked scallops will be white in color or have white fringes around the meat due to the bleaching effect. Generally they will have no odor or foul smell and will be slimy to the touch. Unsoaked sea scallops have a sweet ocean smell with firm, moist meat. Their natural color varies from creamy white to tannish pink to orange.

I can't stress enough... Know who you buy your fish from. Ask to smell and inspect it before purchase. It is heavenly to open a tin of scallops from our purveyor in Boston. The ocean smells so real, it is as if you've just returned from a walk on the beach.

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

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ON CAMPUS

Alexander Fleming of Novi was named to the Dean's List for spring 2003 semester at Alfred University. He is a senior in the college of Liberal Arts and Sciences. A graduate of Cranbrook Kingswood School, Fleming is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fleming of Novi.

Paul Walling, son of Paul Walling of Novi and Denise

Waling of Walled Lake, and James Clark, son of Denise Clark of Novi, were named to the Dean's List for spring term 2003 at Northwood University.

Novi residents Bianca Mielth, Adam Pitcher, Laura Pitcher and Colleen Fahrner were named to the 2003 Spring Semester Dean's List at Adrian College.

Cadet John Denton, son of Robert and Rosemarie Denton of Novi, has been awarded the Outstanding Musician Award and a Ranking Cadet Award for Grades 5-8 at Howe Military School. He also made the Superintendent's List for the sixth six weeks grading period of 2002-2003.

Novi residents Joshua Melton and Eric Walle were among the graduates at Vanderbilt University during commencement exercises May 2003.

The following Walled Lake residents were among the graduates of Michigan State University during commencement exercises Spring 2003: Benjamin Busch, Dylan Echols, Kimberly Large, Heather Lynam, Michael Murphy and Ryan Rabish.

The following local students graduated May 10 from Albion College: Larry R. Drury received a degree in economics and management, with a minor in speech communication. He is the son of Tony Drury and Ripley Drury of Wilmington, Del. and a graduate of Novi High School. Kimberly G. Tuller graduated summa cum laude, receiving a degree in economics and management and Spanish with a concentration in the Gerstacker Liberal Arts Institute in Professional Management. At the College's recent Honors Convocation, Tuller was awarded a Walter A. Terpenning Award in Economics. Tuller is the daughter of Edwin Tuller and Gail Tuller of Novi and a graduate of Novi High School.

The following Novi residents were among the graduates of Michigan State University during commencement exercises Spring 2003: Nicole Angelocci, Jennifer Bagdady, Michelle Blumer, Alaina Chipponeri, Jennifer Corless, Julia Diponia, Rebecca Gold, Ian Haley, Cynthia Hampton, Ann Hardin, Brian Leroy, Karen Leoffler, Alexander Lowery, Lauren Madeja, Erin Parker, Clayton Perry, Jeannette Renaud, Rebecca Rittner, Shaun Rohlig, Shannon Rose, Zafar Shamoon, Ian Smith, Megan Smith,

Stacey Smith, Betsey Staab, Melanie Turek, and Brian Wilson.

Julie Johnston of Novi was selected to attend the Global Young Leaders Conference from June 15 to June 26 in Washington, D. C. and New York City. GYLC is



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a unique leadership development program for secondary school students from around the world who have demonstrated leadership potential and scholastic merit. Johnston will be among 350 outstanding scholars from around the world to attend the conference. The theme of GYLC is *The Leaders of Tomorrow preparing*

for the *Global Challenges and Responsibilities of the Future*. Johnston will interact with key leaders and newsmakers with powerful influence over politics, finance, culture and diplomacy, and will take part in a carefully designed curriculum, which includes thought-provoking simulations that build leadership skills.

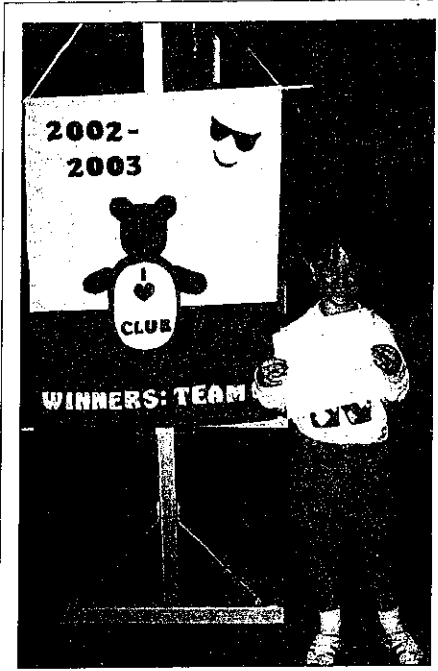
Phillip Hornshaw of Novi is among 21 of the state's top high school students who have accepted the Centralis Scholar Award to attend Central Michigan University. The award is valued at more than \$45,000 over four years. Recipients are selected by crite-

ria based on high school grades, standardized test scores, interviews, leadership qualities and a competitive exam. He is the son of William Hornshaw Jr. of Plymouth and Rosie and Greg Guidici of Novi.

Novi residents Jennifer Kinsman and Michael Larson were named to the Spring 2003 Dean's List at John Carroll University.

Novi resident James Clark was named to the Spring 2003 Dean's List at Northwood University.

Matthew Flaherty, son of Bruce and Mary Jane Flaherty of Novi, was among the graduates of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Prescott, Ariz. during Spring 2003 commencement exercises.



Courtesy Photo

Book Bash!

Parkview Elementary School had its annual Book Bash last Monday. The Book Bash is the end of year event for the B.E.A.R. (Be Excited About Reading) club which is a reading incentive program the whole school can participate in. If students read at least 240 minutes each month, for six months, they were eligible to receive a book. Shown is first grader Maggie Wilk with the BEAR club banner she designed. Team D on the banner indicates that the fourth grade team read the most minutes of all Parkview students.

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Now that's the way to do it

East All-Star Softball team shares players, evens series with victory



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Jessica Wolfe tags out South Lyon's Janelle Osborne, while looking down the runner at third. Wolfe went on to make a run-saving play to help end a late-inning threat by HomeTown West's All-Star squad.

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Bright blue skies, cool temperatures and a wind that made catching even a routine fly ball a task of its own were the conditions the Fourth-Annual HomeTown All-Star Softball Classic was played in. The conditions, which could easily have been considered ideal compared to much of the regular season, helped play a part in the 7-3 victory HomeTown East pulled out over their West counterparts. "It was a lot of fun," said Northville's Amy Prentiss, who

won the hitting contest with 17 points prior to the start of the game. "It gave us a chance to play a final game before we go away to college." The East team, coached by Novi's Sunny Jones, consisted of players from Milford, Lakeland, Novi and Northville while the West had girls from Brighton, Pinckney, Hartland, Howell, Fowlerville and South Lyon. The two players from South Lyon, Janelle Osborne and Kasey Harmon, were penciled in to play for the East squad until a lack of West participants prompted their move.

"It was all in good fun," Osborne said. "The whole game was pretty worthwhile, so why not?" Harmon agreed. "It was just nice to be able to play with other people from the KVC (Kensington Valley Conference)," Harmon told the *Livingston County Daily Press and Argus*. "In the KVC, you always want to beat who you're going up against. But this kind of game is different. This is a really nice bunch of girls." The East victory evened out the record between the two squads at 2-2. The win came from intense teamwork and a

quick bond that formed between the players — and it didn't hurt to have some gritty performances across the board. One of the most notable was that of Amy Stewart, a Lakeland graduate, who went the distance and whiffed seven batters in the process. "I didn't even know what the record was," Stewart said. "We're just here to get to know each other, and it was a lot of fun." Lakeland had another notable performance, this one coming from Cristyn Cottone who slapped a two-RBI double in the bottom of the sixth inning

to break a 2-2 tie between the teams. "We were just goofing around, and this is a good way to go out," Cottone said. With the game tied 2-2 heading into the sixth inning, the All-Star Classic was turning out to be a contest that mirrored many of the Kensington Valley Conference and Western Lakes Athletics Association matchups these girls had become accustomed to. Basically, they were well aware that one side or the other was going to have to buckle under the pressure.

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How the West won

By Stan Frank
SPORTS WRITER

Lightning struck well before last Wednesday's annual HomeTown Newspapers' East-West All-Star game was stopped with one inning remaining to be played. In leading the West to a 10-7 win, Hartland's Sean Hoorelbeke and Craig Sutter and Howell's R.J. Southwell all tattooed towering home runs over the center-field fence. The West, consisting of seniors from Brighton, Fowlerville, Hartland, Howell and Pinckney, posted its first victory in the history of the four-year event. The East (Lakeland, Milford, Northville, Novi and South Lyon) cut into the West's lead with a pair of runs in the bottom of the eighth inning, but was prevented an attempt to complete a comeback when a bolt of lightning was seen skyward prior to the start of the final frame. "We made a good run there at the end," East Manager Brad Farquhar of Lakeland said. "You never know, if we play that last inning, the way our bats got going there, maybe we come back." West Manager Brian Morrison of Hartland disagreed. "I'm confident that we would have held on that last inning," Morrison said afterward. The game's first pitch was thrown by Milford's Ben Darga, the former two-time

Kensington Valley Conference Player of the Year, whose senior season was cut short due to a knee injury. Darga, a University of

Detroit-Mercy recruit, rode to the mound on a pair of crutches and, admittedly, threw high to Northville catcher Scott McNeish.

"It was a terrible throw," Darga said with a laugh. Darga, who had not thrown a baseball in seven weeks, was scheduled the following day to

begin walking without crutches. This season's KVC Player of the Year, Lakeland right-hander Kyle Fedorka, took the hill for the East and promptly struck out the first two batters of the game. The East missed a golden opportunity in its half of the first when Hartland lefty Matt Sattler escaped a bases-loaded jam by striking out consecutive batters. The West scored three unearned runs in the second inning, a result of a pair of errors and a passed ball. The East got one back in its half of the frame when Mike Slesinski singled off Sattler to drive in his Milford teammate Dan Merian. Slesinski went 2 for 2 in the game and was hit by a pitch. After pitching a scoreless third inning, Milford southpaw Mark Westenberg tied the contest with a single off Pinckney's Jon McCracken, scoring Northville's Alex Richard and Roger Garfield, respectively. Westenberg went 2 for 2 in the contest and played an unprecedented four positions — pitcher, center field, first base and catcher. "I like to call myself an All-Star utility player," Westenberg said, only half-joking. Westenberg ran into trouble when Southwell led off the fourth with the day's first home run.

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Novi's Darren Guffey scoops up a grounder during the All-Star game in South Lyon.

MICROFILM COPY Maier drafted by Royals

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Somewhere in Novi, there's a young boy who sits down and watches the Detroit Tigers playing and dreams that one day he'll be taking to a Major League field. At one point in time, that little boy was Novi's own Mitch Maier. Maier, a 2000 Novi High School graduate and former University of Toledo Rocket baseball player, found out recently that dreams do come true. In the first round of Major League Baseball's draft and pick number 30, the Kansas City Royals knew exactly who they wanted and Maier was that man.

Major League Baseball Draft Pick

"It's very exciting," said Maier, who was recently selected as a first-team All-American. "Just to get the opportunity to play professional baseball is a fantastic opportunity. It's something I've always dreamed of." With the second-highest batting average in the United States at the time of the draft, Maier seemed like a sure thing for the Royals. "Quite a few of us had the opportunity to see him," said Deric Ladnier, the Senior Director of Scouting for the Royals. "He has one of the better bats in the country, and he's put the numbers up consistently over the past few years." One thing that the Kansas City organization did note was that they hoped Maier's time in the minors would be a limited one.

"We see him as someone who can get through the organization quickly," Ladnier said. "All he has to do is prove that he can do it, and his time in the minors will be a short one." Maier was scheduled to report to the Royals' accelerated team in the Arizona Rookie League June 15. There, Maier will be introduced into the world of professional baseball. "There, I'll be using a wood bat and getting the hang of the different pace of the game," Maier said. "Right now, I'm looking at just doing my best and learning all that I can." Maier, who stands 6-foot-2 and weighs in at 195 pounds, was one of the first draftees to sign with his squad. "They gave me a great offer and I couldn't turn it down," Maier said. "I'm very happy with it and very comfortable with it. I was ready to sign it and get going." According to the Royals, Maier's contract includes a \$900,000 signing bonus and an invitation next spring to the major-league camp.

"It's all very exciting for me and my family," Maier said. "I wasn't expecting it to all work out this way, but I'm happy it did. This is something I'll never forget." Ladnier noted that drafting Maier was never a question of when or where. "This wasn't a game of chess and there was no way we were going to wait for another round," he said. "This was the guy we wanted. The whole point of the draft is to ensure the future talent and the quality of play that individuals can give to a major league club. "This young man has got the whole package. He has the talent and the tools to play professional baseball and has the make-up to build an organization around. We live and die by the draft, and we look to get players that we can develop from within. Mitch is the kind of player that we want in Kansas City." Maier was invited to work-out with the Royals before their game against the San Francisco Giants June 13, where he had the opportunity to work with former All-Star catcher and current Royals manager Tony Pena. Maier was also in full Royals uniform and then sat in a luxury box with his family for the game. Overall, Maier said it's not about where he might end up or what the future holds for him. It's about playing the game. "It's just a great experience," Maier said. "I'm ready to head out and do what I do. I want to play and have a good time while I'm out there." Being a native of Metro Detroit, Maier found himself a

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MAIER: Drafted

Royals like what they see in Novi grad

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fan of the Detroit Tigers growing up. In turn, it gave him plenty of chances to watch American League Central teams — including the Royals.

"I'm very familiar with the Royals and what they've been able to accomplish over the years," Maier said. "I've seen them play quite a few times growing up when we went to watch the Tigers. It's exciting to have them select me and I'm very open to the fact that I'll be playing for them."

Maier said he was excited about all of the possibilities that were before him — and, coincidentally, so are the Royals.

"This is what a scouting director lives and dies for," Ladnier said. "It will be a lot of fun, and no doubt an experience that he will never forget. He'll get the chance to look back on all of the years when he stepped onto a major-league field and when he signs that contract he'll understand where it all comes from. Getting back here is what's about to start working."

Since being drafted, there had been some rumors circulating that Maier might find himself in left field instead of behind the plate. But, Maier was quick to note that his preference is to be a catcher.

"Catcher is the position I love to play," he said. "I grew up playing behind the plate and that's where I want to be."

"That doesn't mean he is open to change though. "If, for some reason, catching

GETTING NOTICED

Mich Maier had plenty to draw notice to himself as a collegiate baseball player at the University of Toledo. His abilities brought him plenty of notice, as he was selected in the Major League Baseball Draft at pick number 30 by the Kansas City Royals.

His career batting average in college was a .414, which is the second-highest in the Mid-American Conference. The first-team 2003 All-American selection became the eighth Toledo Rocket in the past 10 years to be selected in the MLB draft and his pick at 30th is the highest ever in the history of the college.

This past season, Maier sported a .448 batting average, which was the second-best in the nation. He set school records in the single-season batting average, hits (87) and RBIs (51) while tying the record in doubles (16) and stolen bases (29). For career statistics, Maier set the Toledo record in hits (228), doubles (42), RBIs (147) and total bases (147). His second in the books in runs scored (152) and led for third in home runs with 26.

"The summer after baseball was over with the Wildcats, Maier was eyeing the University of Michigan football program with some contact from Lloyd Carr's recruiting staff. But, that's when the University of Toledo called him up and now the rest is history. Hard working but a lot of fun, Maier played during the off season found Maier playing to his ability with a lot more potential being seen by those around him.

"It's been such an exciting time," Maier said. "I had a good idea that I was going to get drafted, but to get picked in the first round was a surprise. I really couldn't have asked for it to work out any better."

And now, every little boy sitting these days dreaming that one day

doesn't work out and the Royals ask me to move to the outfield, it's not a point I would argue."

Ladnier noted that Maier has the potential — now he just has to

live up to it.

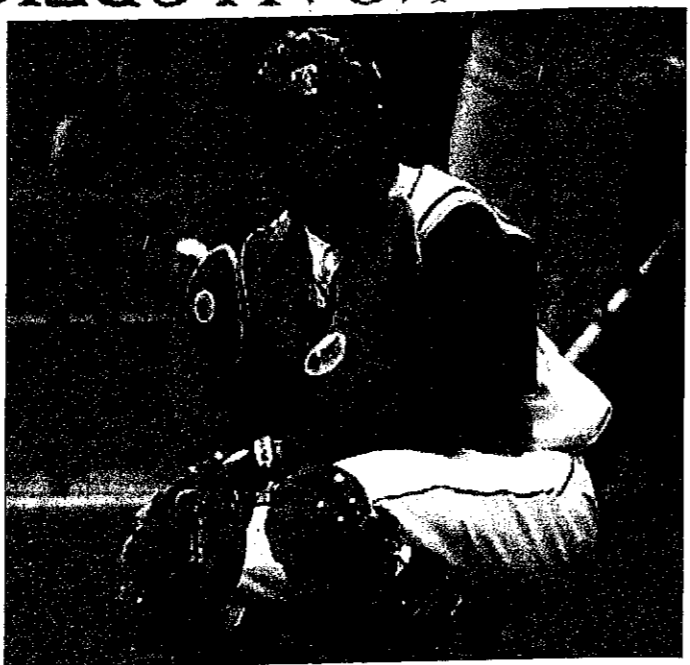
"If he goes out and starts off the way we think he will, he could advance through the organization very quickly," he said. "He's got the size, the strength and the attitude to play at this level."

And he's got the offensive ability to put it all together.

"He's a left-handed batter with power and the ability to run the bases," Ladnier said. "He's got the arm strength to be a catcher in this organization, but we're going to have to work on his throwing mechanics."

And work isn't something Maier is afraid of. Coming through the high school program at Novi, he wasn't the best player through the first couple of years with the likes of A. J. Rowe on his squad — but he worked through it.

The summer after baseball was over with the Wildcats, Maier was eyeing the University of Michigan football program with some contact from Lloyd Carr's recruiting staff. But, that's when the University of Toledo called him up and now the rest is history. Hard working but a lot of fun, Maier played during the off season found Maier playing to his ability with a lot more



Novi's own Mitch Maier, in full Toledo Rockets' catching gear, was recently selected as the 30th pick in the Major League Baseball draft by the Kansas City Royals.

potential being seen by those around him. "It's been such an exciting time," Maier said. "I had a good idea that I was going to get drafted, but to get picked in the first round was a surprise. I really couldn't have asked for it to work out any better."

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WEST: Plenty of lightning in All-Star game

Continued from B1

Later in the inning, Hoerbeck jacked a three-run shot to increase the West's lead to 7-3. Hoerbeck's homer plated Sattler, who had walked and Blackney's Jake Gardner, who had reached on an error.

South Lyon right-hander relieved Westenberg in the fifth and was touched by Southwell with a homer, which gave the West a commanding 8-3 lead.

"The ball was going out of the park today," West's Morrison said. "And thank the good Lord that it was on our side more than theirs."

The East squad scratched across a run in their half of the fifth after Lakeland's Brad Munson drew an errant throw

while attempting to cruise all the way from first to third on a single by Westenberg, Munson, who had also singled, hustled home to cut the West's lead to 8-4.

Northville right-hander Tyler Carter pitched impressively in the sixth inning, holding the West scoreless on one hit.

Carter's teammate Joe Zumstein did not fare as well, however. Zumstein, a soft-tossing lefty, surrendered a two-run double off the bat of Fowlerville's Bobby Browning, scoring Brighton's Rich Leach and Southwell.

"I was throwing some mean, hanging curves," said a light-hearted Zumstein afterward. Northville's Scott McNeilsh,



who caught the entire game for the East, led off the bottom of the seventh by blasting a solo shot to center, cutting the deficit

to 10-5.

Northville righty Roger Garfield pitched a perfect eighth inning, even snagging a buller hit back to the mound to record the final out.

In the bottom half of the eighth, the East seemed primed for a comeback, closing the gap to 10-7 when Richard came home on a passed ball and Merian scored on Novi's Evan Rodriguez's single.

However, lightning was witnessed as the East squad was taken the field in the top of the ninth, cutting short any possibility of a comeback.

Despite the loss, Farquhar said afterward that the East squad was successful in achieving its main objective. "It was a great time,"

Farquhar said. "The kids really enjoyed themselves and that's what is important."

"It was fun in here," Zumstein said from the dugout. "It was fun hanging out with people from different teams."

Said Westenberg: "It was a lot of fun. I got to meet all the players from all the other schools that we've played before. A month ago they were my opponents, today they were my teammates. It was fun to get to know them."

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SOFTBALL: East wins

Continued from B1

Luckily for the East All-Stars, their counterparts were the ones to get first.

Stewart gave up a walk to the West's Jessica Wolfe at first base and found Hartland's Amber Gentry crossing the plate on a fly pitch before the East defense buckled down and snuffed out the flames of the rally.

Cottone ended the game going 2-for-3 with two RBI, while Wolfe and Stewart went 2-for-3 with an RBI each. Prentiss went 1-for-1 on the day, as did fellow Mustang Allison Day, while Lakeland's Danielle Shamus went 1-for-2. Novi's Shradner and Lewis each reached base on walks. Northville's Lindsay Tomask and Candia Nabozny went 0-for-2 and 0-for-1 respectively.

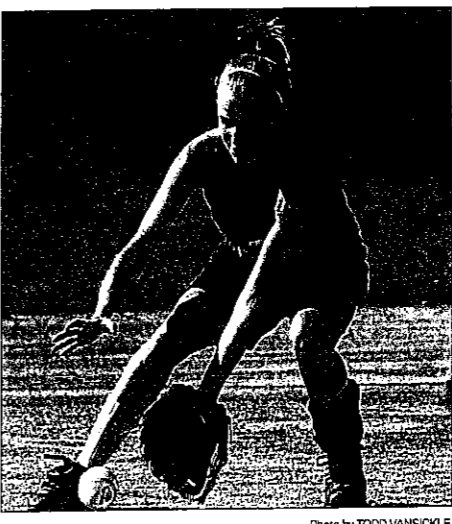
For the West, Osborne went 1-for-2 with a walk and Harmon went 0-for-3 on the day.

Stewart gave up a walk to the West's Jessica Wolfe at first base and found Hartland's Amber Gentry crossing the plate on a fly pitch before the East defense buckled down and snuffed out the flames of the rally.

The following batter drove a grounder straight to Wolfe again, who snagged it and stepped on the bag to end the threat.

And that's the motivation the East needed. In the bottom of the inning, the East squad loaded the bases as Lakeland's Tami Janssens was hit by a pitch and advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Robinson. Novi's Nicole Lewis took a walk to put runners at first and second before Maverick Kid Kalitz went down swinging for the second out of the inning. Prentiss loaded the bases after being hit by the pitch.

And then, Cottone slammed a single to center to drive in two runs to break the tie and take a 4-2 lead for the East before Novi's Shannon Shradner drew a walk to load the bases once again. Moments later, Wolfe singled in a run before Stewart added to her already impressive day by cranking out a deep dou-



Novi's Shannon Shradner scopes up a grounder to shortstop.

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Home Brewing: This microbrew is made by you

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If you're a beer lover who has graduated from mass-produced beers to microbrews, then perhaps it's time you took the next step and started brewing beer in your own home.

It's a growing hobby that offers not only fun and personal satisfaction but a delicious portable product to share with friends. Beer expert Michael Brown is a former assistant manager at the Flying Saucer Draught Emporium, which specializes in imported and microbrewed beers. Brown is now employed by Central Market HEB, a Texas gourmet grocery chain, where he serves as a wine steward and teaches a class about beer. Here he offers tips for those hoping to brew beer at home.

Local shops. The first step in home brewing, says Brown, is finding a local brewing supply shop with a friendly and knowledgeable staff. Be sure to ask lots of questions, and let them know your beer preference, your budget, and how much time and space you want to devote to brewing.

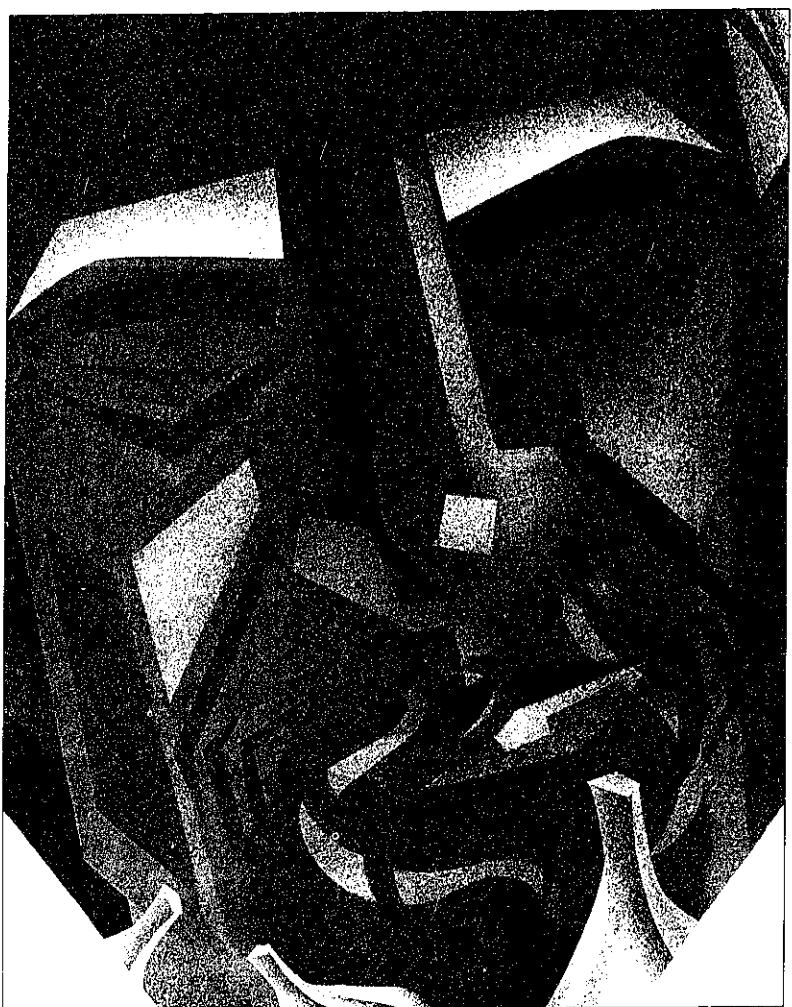
Initial investment. A typical initial investment for a small homebrew setup is around \$100 for equipment and enough supplies to produce one batch of beer.

Buy glass. Brown recommends buying fermentation equipment made of glass, because it's easier to clean than equipment made of other materials, and cleanliness is always important when you're working out of your home.

Brews and batches. When brewing your own beer, you're the consumer, brewer, brewmaster and customer all rolled into one, so make whatever you like. A five-gallon batch will usually get you 2 1/2 to 3 cases of beer, so you'll have enough to store or to serve to friends at a homebrew party.

Results. Brown thinks there's nothing quite like handing your pals some of your home-brewed beer and hearing that it's the best beer they've ever tasted. And the pride of making something yourself will taste almost as good as the beer you've created.

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Aging affects many areas of the body, especially a person's palate. Many times, getting older changes flavor perceptions and dulls one's senses.

The Aging Palate

Dimmed senses, medications threaten to extinguish joy of eating

Story By Marlene Parrish ■ Illustration By Anita Dufalle ■ PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE

Becoming a beer expert

FINE LIVING NETWORK
Enjoyed for centuries, beer is more popular than ever before, with beverages from Chile to China offering ales, lagers and stouts to an ever-thirsty global community.

If you've always stuck to one brand of beer, dipping a toe in the wider world, with its hundreds of distinctive flavors and colorful brand names, might seem intimidating. With a little help from a beer expert, however, you can learn all you need to know to become a sophisticated sultan of suds.

Paul Pacult of Wallkill, N.Y., is editor of the Spirit Journal newsletter and the author of "The Beer Essentials: The Spirit Journal Guide to Over 650 of the World's Beers." Here he offers his expert advice for developing a taste for great beer.

American lagers. For many beer drinkers, the standard American lagers — those mass-produced brands that keep sporting events on the air with their huge advertising budgets — are all there is to beer. But Pacult sees these mild beers as just the starting place. They're good beers, but not great beers, and the goal is to get your taste buds headed in a new direction.

Microbrews. The next step, according to Pacult, is trying out some lovingly crafted microbrews like Sam Adams and some guiser-small-batch lagers. Beers like this offer more character and a more concentrated flavor for a bolder taste.

British ales. Pacult considers these ales the best in the world. These include brands like Sam Smith's, Young's and Fullers. A bitter from Britain is a good compromise between the meaty, heavy beers of Europe and the lighter American beers. It's an enjoyable mid-point, and the place where Pacult suggests most beer drinkers go.

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Like the old gray mare, we ain't what we used to be. As we age, our bodies change. Most of us aren't aware of it, but loss of flavor perception is not an unusual part of aging. As we get older, our senses of smell and taste begin to diminish. We hear ourselves and others saying, "Food just doesn't taste the way it used to."

It's not nostalgia. It's the "graying" of flavor.

There are plenty of things that ordinary people leading ordinary lives can do to respond to these changes as they age. But first we have to sort out the semantics. What we call flavor is a package that includes taste, smell, texture, temperature effects and irritants such as carbonation and acids.

Taste: Humans are born with about 10,000 taste buds. But not all of us are similarly endowed. Girls, on average, have more taste buds than boys. Young adults have roughly 250 taste buds in each papilla, those tiny bumps on your tongue, located not only there but all around the entire oral cavity. Taste buds die and renew themselves, with a turnover rate of about 10 days.

But the number of taste buds begins to decrease around age 40 to 50 in women and 50 to 60 in men. By our mid-70s, we may have fewer than 100 taste buds per papilla.

That's why, as we get older, foods need to be more assertive to achieve the same level of taste that younger people experience in the same dish.

Taste and medications also are closely related. Older people may be taking three or more daily medications. This can be a critical factor, since more than 250 drugs may contribute to taste disorders. One of the ways in which these medications can affect taste and smell is by diminishing the production and changing the composition of saliva.

The aging mouth produces less saliva, and food that's not mixed with saliva cannot be tasted. Lesser amounts of saliva also make swallowing more difficult, digestion less efficient and dental problems more prevalent. The aging mouth's ability to feel the fattiness of foods also declines.

Medical problems and treatments such as chemotherapy and radiation also may prevent food from tasting good. Good flavor plays such an important role in eating, enjoying and digesting food properly that people who undergo these treatments may lose weight and their physical condition may deteriorate.

Taste is composed of five primary sensations: sweet, sour, salty, bitter and a recently acknowledged fifth flavor, umami. The overall taste of any food is a complex mixture of them.

Umami is a multi-dimensional, subtle taste that blends well with others. It has been called savory, and it is known to expand and round out flavors.

We taste it every time we go to an Italian restaurant. Parmesan cheese, other aged cheeses, mushrooms, toma-

atoes, sun-dried tomatoes and protein-rich foods such as steak and seafood all have a very distinctive umami taste. So do seasonings such as MSG and soy sauce.

Smell: In contrast to the five tastes, humans can detect some 20,000 different odors and 20 different intensities. Well, not everybody. A new study estimates that up to 62 percent of Americans over 53 have olfactory impairments such as anosmia (no sense of smell) or hyposmia (a greatly diminished sense of smell).

Odor loss isn't uniform and total taste loss is rare, but there are two separate thresholds — the ability to detect a taste (salty) and the ability to identify the food (anchovy).

Recent research draws attention to small disorders in all age groups, often undetected by patients and overlooked by physicians. Tesis showed the prevalence of smell loss among seniors to be much larger than previously appreciated. Causes vary, from genetics to viruses, chemical exposure, things such as Alzheimer's disease or head injuries.

"This is how small works. You bite a freshly cut raw onion. Its aroma is swiftly detected in two ways: directly through your nose, but also through the back of the mouth and up into the nose. There are about 5 million smell receptors located in a small patch of tissue the size of a postage stamp in the roof of each nasal cavity. Like taste receptors, these receptors are continually being renewed but have a longer turnover time of between 30 and 120 days.

The perception of onion odor then speeds along a path to the olfactory bulb, the place in the brain where smell is interpreted. As we age, the olfactory bulb "dims." With degenerative changes, it gets "moth-eaten," and our sense of smell declines.

Because of this degeneration, a 65-year-old may require 2 to 100 times more of an odor even to recognize it. A person over age 65 may require anywhere from 2 to 10 times the amount of taste enhancers — salt, pepper, condiments — to make a food "taste good."

The process: All of this tasting and smelling is going on throughout the oral and nasal cavities. The ability to appreciate the full flavor of a food depends on several things, but mostly on really good chewing.

Chewing starts the saliva flowing, and the enzymes in the saliva mix with the food to begin the digestive process. You won't taste anything unless it is initially liquid or mixed with saliva. The mixture of tastes in the saliva activates the taste receptors and sends information to the brain, which tells us what the food "tastes like."

It all comes down to this. No food is nutritious unless it is eaten, and most food won't be eaten unless it tastes good. When food no longer tastes or smells good to us, we don't enjoy it and won't eat much. Loss of flavor can slide us into a downward spiral, headed for poor nutrition and poor health.

Little kitchen helpers begin at early age

By Janet Zimmerman

THE PRESS-ENTERPRISE
In this age of fast food and fast-paced lives, Linda Rounds couldn't be happier that her 12-year-old son likes to cook.

Yes and she spends many evenings together in the kitchen of their Temecula, Calif., home, cooking tortillas, cutting up ingredients or fixing their favorite dish — chicken with linguine and spinach.

"You know where your kids are, you know what they're doing and it's good experience for them," said Rounds, a homemaker.

In 1999, 88 percent of children ages 6 to 17 were fixing meals, according to a national youth trends survey by Nickelodeon and Yankelovich Partners. According to the survey, 26 percent of 9- to 17-year-olds usually made meals for their family, up from 15 percent in 1995.

"Our family unit has changed so you don't have a mom at home cooking the meals. Kids are more involved in daily household activities because a lot of them are fending for themselves," said Joan Cirillo, author of "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Cooking With Kids."

Parents who don't want to bother with the guaranteed mess and chaos should know that the benefits of including children in the kitchen are numerous, experts say.

"Our family unit has changed so you don't have a mom at home cooking the meals."

Joan Cirillo, author

What's more, youngsters are more likely to eat what they make, said Kate Heyhoe, author of "Cooking With Kids for Dummies."

"Parents should involve their kids from the very start. As (children) watch someone else in the kitchen, even if they're very young, they learn by osmosis," she said.

That doesn't mean handing a 3-year-old a knife and a recipe card.

"A lot of times it's not the whole recipe, it's just a few tasks within it — measuring, getting items out of the cupboards, rinsing vegetables, using the salad spinner," Heyhoe said. "It's not just throwing the kids in the kitchen, it's the kid and the parent working together. It's family time."

Having children help with meals also allows parents to use quality time productively, said Heyhoe, who gives tips and recipes on her Web site, www.cookingwithkids.com.

Wes Rounds learned the basics at a class at Thornton Winery in Temecula, Calif., called Kids Can Cook. The class, for 8- to 13-year-olds, was two hours and cost \$28.

The chef from the winery's Cafe Champagne taught the youngsters how to make rollups, pizza, lemmings, frozen bananas and smoothies. They picked their own herbs, made a cookbook, decorated an apron and learned about food safety.

Wes first became interested in cooking three years ago, during a family vacation. His cousins — one a caterer and the other a chef at a five-star restaurant — put him to work in the kitchen.

"It runs in the family," he said.

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Create a sensory garden that stimulates all five senses. Include plants that feel interesting to the touch, some that please your nose or those that offer a noise factor, such as seed-pods that rustle in the breeze.

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A fine crop of gardening books

Five publications provide plant knowledge, good reading

By Dan Verria

SACRAMENTO BEE
"Tabletop Gardens," by William Holt (Storey Books, \$27.50)

An extraordinary book on creating miniature indoor gardens for centerpieces, window sills, corners and any other area of the house. Author Rosemary McCreary and photographer William Holt present projects you'll want to tackle. A lavender garden, a child's fairy-tale garden, a fountain garden and seasonal gardens are but a few.

While these tiny gardens may look like works of art, McCreary doesn't ignore practical advice such as how to prevent water stains on tabletops.



"New Book of Herbs," by Jekka McVicar (DK Publishing, \$30)

A valuable addition to any herb-lover's library, Jekka McVicar's book includes just about everything you'd want to know about these unique plants: culinary, medicinal, ornamental and even home-cleaning uses for herbs. Especially interesting are directions for mixing up furniture polish, upholstery shampoo, all-purpose surface cleaners and window cleaner by using homegrown herbs.

McVicar also includes recipes using herb sauces, marinades, vinegars, butters, etc.

Her list of "top 100" herbs is illustrated with color photos and text on propagation, site selection, maintenance, harvesting and the uses of each herb.



"Architecture in the Garden," by James van Sweden (Random House, \$39.95)

Landscape architect James van Sweden chronicles how he tackled landscaping challenges for his clients. His professional advice may help the do-it-yourselfer.

Van Sweden emphasizes the "marriage" of home and garden by exploring terrain, hard-scape, angles and curves. And he doesn't mind dropping a name or two with lines like, "As I pulled up to Oprah Winfrey's front door for the first time..."

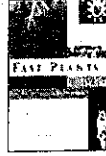
Color photos of professionally landscaped gardens are for the dreamers in the crowd and are sure to inspire a chorus of ohs and ahs.



"Fast Plants: Choosing & Growing Plants for Gardens in a Hurry," by Sue Fisher (Fireseed Books, \$16)

Fast-growing plants for new landscapes and impatient gardeners. These "speedy species" include climbers, shrubs, conifers, perennials and others reputed to grow like weeds. The author, Sue Fisher, lives and gardens in England, but most of the plants are grown in the U.S. — California Flambush, Mexican orange flower, rock rose, etc.

Growing tips and color photos of each plant are a big help.



"The Story of Gardening," by Penelope Hobhouse (DK Publishing, \$40)

If your interest in gardening runs deeper than this year's pepper crop, this is a collectible tome for you.

Author Penelope Hobhouse, the grande dame of British horticulture, begins with the world's first gardens in Mesopotamia, Egypt and ancient Persia, and finishes with the designers, gardeners and landscape architects who have shaped the present and will influence the future.



The upper level of Camille Butrus' garden outbuilding is designed for sitting and enjoying the family's Italian water garden. The lower level is used for storage of lawn and garden equipment.

Outhouses are In

Buildings bring focal points, architecture to gardens

Story By Robin Clemow ■ Photos By Jan-Michael Stump ■ Scripps Howard News Service

Living rooms have couches. Bathrooms have toilets. Kitchens have ovens. And gardens? They have outbuildings.

"Every garden needs one," said garden designer Kelvin Terry of J.K. Terry & Company in Hometown, Ala. "It's a way of bringing the architecture of the home into the garden."

Other designers agree. Whether a gazebo, a small putting shed or a well-designed storage building, an outbuilding unifies home and garden and serves both as an aesthetic aid and a space creator.

Those who want to add a structure to their garden can order a kit to install themselves in a weekend or hire a designer to draw something original and have it built by a professional.

Plan to spend \$25 per square foot, or more, depending on the extravagance of your project and whether you build it yourself.

Before beginning the project, designers recommend thinking about the architecture of the home and the utilitarian purpose of the outbuilding.

"People want a place to keep garden supplies," said garden designer Mary Zahl of Birmingham, Ala. "They want a place to store plants, sometimes in the winter. A lot of homes don't have garages or storage areas that are part of the house, so some of my clients want the additional storage."

All these, Zahl said, are great reasons to add an outbuilding to your garden. But she said they should be second to the aesthetic value the outbuilding adds. "If you go to the great gardens of the world, they have outbuildings that are a focal point," she said.

Terry said a garden structure can act as an axis, its walls and corners creating imaginary lines on which to build the garden. A carefully placed structure can complement the lines in an already-established garden.

Outbuildings range from the simple to the extravagant.

Fred Murray of Mountain Brook, Ala., uses his simple but well-designed outbuilding as a garden shed.

"I use it to keep garden tools and fertilizer and stuff like that," he said of the building in the middle

of his gardens. Murray said he had the garden shed custom built to complement the home but not duplicate it.

"It's just a cedar board and batten house with a shingle roof," he said. "All I used is some color to make it compatible."

Camille Butrus of Mountain Brook went a few steps further to make her garden house fit in with her stone home and complement her Italian water garden.

"My husband wanted a place for lawn mowers and that kind of thing," Butrus said. "Where he wanted to put it, I didn't want anything unattractive because it was in the garden."

Architect James Carter of Birmingham designed a two-story garden house for the Butrus home. The bottom floor opens like a small garage into the lower garden at the back of the house, while the upper floor is a shaded patio at the end of the Italian garden. A steep roof and stone archways make the entertaining spot/lawn garage a perfect match to the 1930s stone home.

Designers offered some additional ideas for outbuildings: an outdoor covered patio that includes a fireplace, a rectangular building divided unevenly to serve as lawn equipment storage and potting shed, a small garden shed with glass ceiling to act as a partial greenhouse, or buildings that mimic historic structures such as a well or spring house.

Terry said those who hire an architect or garden designer should expect to pay \$5,000 or more, even up to \$25,000 or \$30,000. The savvy do-it-yourselfer could put up a 10-foot square outbuilding, he said, for \$2,000 to \$2,500. Terry recommended using recycled materials such as windows, doors or light fixtures being discarded from a remodeling project.

Terry said those who choose to design their own or pick from prefabricated kits should consider using the same roofing material or pitch as the home, siding in the same color and style, and architectural accents such as a door, outside light or doornest that matches the home.

"Try to pull some element out of the architecture of the home, and try to duplicate it so it doesn't look retrofitted," he said. "Picture the outbuilding as big furniture."



Fred Murray had his 9-foot by 9-foot cedarboard and batten garden shed built at his home about five years ago. The door seen here is actually an antique that used to be on another house — it still has the old address on it — but now is just decorative.



Sally and Peter Werthing use their garden shed for storage of lawn and garden equipment and a few children's toys, like the small tractor sitting next to the shed.

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MONEY MATTERS

Weathering post-college unemployment

The national unemployment rate was 5.7 percent then, not much lower than it is now. This year's crop of new college grads will compete with unemployed seasoned professionals—victims of downsizing and corporate restructuring—for the same jobs. They're also leaving school saddled with student loan and credit card debt. According to a recent study by Nellie Mae, a national provider of higher education loans, the average undergraduate student loan debt is more than \$18,000, up 66 percent from 1997. Throw credit cards into the mix and grads are embarking on their professional lives almost \$20K in debt.

If you are weathering a post-college period of unemployment, consider employing these survival tips.

Craft a budget and live within your means. Track your spending for a month, paying particular attention to how much you fritter away on non-essential items like Starbucks coffees and tickets for sporting events. And then create a budget. List all sources of monthly income in one column and note your fixed expenses, like your rent and car payment, in another column. Allot yourself some spending money but be prepared to make some temporary but significant changes to your lifestyle until you secure a job.

Consolidate your student loans. You have until June 30, 2003 to consolidate your Federal Stafford student loans at a repayment rate of 4.06 percent—the lowest level in history. (The rate for Federal Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students (PLUS) is at 4.86.) Consolidation allows you to extend your repayment period well past the typical 10-year term for federal student loans thereby lowering your monthly payments. There's a drawback to consolidating your student loans: while you'll pay less every month, in the long run you'll pay thousands of dollars more in interest because you're extending the loan's life.

Always make minimum payments on your credit card bills. If you're having trouble making the payments, borrow money from your family to pay off the balance. To show them you're serious about paying the money back, draw up a contract that reflects how much you borrowed and when you expect to repay the debt, with interest.

Move back home with mom and dad. A temporary living arrangement with your parents could save you between \$500 and \$1,000 per month, depending on your geographic location. But don't think of it as a "free ride." Chances are your parents weren't expecting you to move back home after you finished college. Volunteer to pay a nominal amount for room and board and offer to help pay for some of the household expenses.

Consider graduate school very carefully. If you're considering enrolling in graduate school because you can't find a job that meets your preferences, you could be making a mistake. According to Nellie Mae, students who attend graduate school borrow, on average, an additional \$31,000 beyond their undergraduate loans. Your decision to attend grad school should be based on your desire to pursue a particular field of study or acquire skills for a particular profession. (For help with gauging whether graduate school is right for you, visit Nellie Mae's online Grad School Planning article at www.nelliemae.com, under "library, articles.")

Don't go without health insurance. If your parents provided health insurance for you while you were in school, you'll likely find yourself without it after you graduate. Most health insurance policies discontinue cover a student or reaches the age of 23 or 25. Consider buying a short-term policy. As long as you are healthy, you can save money by selecting a high deductible of \$1,000 or more.

Mary Davis manages public affairs for the Michigan Credit Union League (MCUL), a statewide trade association representing Michigan credit unions.



Correction:

In the June 12 edition, the business My Handyman was incorrectly identified as Mr. Handyman. Owner Dayn Benson's (pictured) business is located at 6760 Pontiac Trail in South Lyon. Visit them on the Web at www.myhandyman.com.

ADVERTORIAL



Photo by HAL GOULD

The families of South Lyon Gardens work to give your family beautiful choices to make your landscape project its best, from colorful plants and art to statuary and pond supplies.

South Lyon Gardens provides beauty for the home and garden

By Elizabeth Heer
SPECIAL WRITER

Homes and gardens can be beautified in one stop at South Lyon Gardens, where a homeowner can enjoy a journey of great possibilities. Begin your exploration in the garden shop where you'll find unique decorations for your garden and home — everything from rocking chairs, to garden statuary, bird feeders, fountains, candles, framed art, Amish furniture, to pond supplies — just a few items South Lyon Gardens carries. But don't forget the store is open year round, and the merchandise changes with the seasons. In October, South Lyon Gardens is a great place

to find pumpkins and hardy mums for fall decorating. And make a point to stop by at Christmas time and see their extensive line of décor for the holidays.

At the garden center, step outside and into a patio-like setting that could be your own dream backyard garden. Numerous perennials, annuals, shrubs, and trees line the two acres for you to relax and stroll around to shop for your garden needs. South Lyon Gardens offers more than just top-quality nursery stock. The landscaping team also offers free estimates and design services that can assist the homeowner in landscaping their entire yard as well as expert installation serv-

ices. Free delivery is provided for those who wish to do-it-yourself.

In the center of the nursery is a large pond stocked with huge Koi fish that are intriguing and relaxing to watch. If you want to install your own waterfall or pond, South Lyon Gardens can assist you, or do the whole job for you from start to finish, including providing the fish and the water plants for the pond. They sell Koi, Comets, and Shubunkin fish as well as a wide variety of plants for the water garden. Fish food, pumps, and numerous pond supplies are also available.

Owners Tom Bullock and Bill O'Connor have been partners since shortly after

O'Connor graduated from Michigan State University in 1976 with a degree in horticulture marketing. The partners have made landscaping new residences their specialty since that time. Now, with the purchase and move to their present location this past October, they plan to expand their business while specializing in the nursery portion.

"We plan to continue providing customers with free landscape design help and will be able to do entire landscaping projects at a customer's home from start to finish, or we can deliver all the materials for the homeowner to install themselves, which can help reduce the costs," O'Connor said. If you can't find just the right plant, just ask the friendly staff.

"Any shrubs, trees, or perennials that we don't have in stock can be ordered and obtained in just a few days time," he added.

It's a family affair at South Lyon Gardens for the O'Connor and Bullock families. O'Connor and his wife are the parents of Billy and Lauren. Billy works on the landscape crew with other local high school graduates and college kids. Bullock and his wife, Marianne, have three children — Tyler, Patrick, and Abigail. Bullock's brother, Dennis, and Marianne's sister, Bridget, also work at the nursery. "All the members of both our families help out one way or another in keeping the garden center running," O'Connor added.

Bullock and O'Connor also serve on the board of directors for the South Lyon Area Chamber of Commerce. Since the move to their new location, both men look forward to the growth possibilities of their

DETAILS

South Lyon Gardens, a favorite mainstay along Pontiac Trail since 1993, is now located at 21130 Pontiac Trail, just north of Eight Mile Road. More than two acres of beauty and interest will beckon you to stop by and explore home accessories, garden art, ponds, perennials, annuals, trees, and shrubs. South Lyon Gardens is open Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call (248) 486-3735 for more information.

business, as well as continuing to grow with the South Lyon community in the coming years.

Mark your calendars now, O'Connor advises. South Lyon Gardens will be holding a Customer Appreciation Day and Barbecue on Saturday, July 12. Stop by, enjoy a hot dog — and save on all your purchases.

"We will have special sales and discounts that day as our way of saying thanks to all our great customers who have supported us over the years, and continue to support us," O'Connor said.

South Lyon Gardens is open seven days a week for your shopping convenience. Hours are Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The garden center and store is located at 21130 Pontiac Trail, just north of Eight Mile. Call (248) 486-3735 for more information.



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Ever dreamed of a pond or fountain as a centerpiece to your garden? South Lyon Gardens shows you how and has everything you need to do it yourself. Or, they will install it for you.

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Adhesive hooks have the problem nailed

By Rose Bennett Gilbert
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: I picked up an idea from a designer show house that I'd like to use in my own living room, but don't know how to "engineer" it at home. The designer had hung all kinds of things on the wall over the sofa — baskets with plants, a piece of San Blas embroidery, some antique doll furniture.

The trouble is, our walls are nice wood paneling that my husband won't think of putting a nail in. The only answer we can come up with is to stand a screen or a tall sheet of plywood behind the sofa and hang things from it. I collect miniature chairs and majolica. Any other ideas?

A: Clever you, both of your solutions sound viable, though the screen is probably the more attractive bet (unless you dress up the plywood's edges with ribbon or half-round wood molding).

Another idea, thanks to the inventive people who brought you such specialized stickies as Scotch Tape and Post-Its: 3M makes the smart black hooks that are doing all the work behind the scenes of the photo we show here.

Over the sofa, the self-sticking hooks hold the quartet of mini-chairs and a pair of buckets filled with dried hydrangeas. At the window, they support the ropes from which the curtains are swagged.

The idea is that the entire arrangement can be changed at will because 3M's "Command" adhesive lets go willingly when it's time for something new. No marred walls, never again a nail hole, the company promises. Check it out on their Web site: www.commandadhesive.com.

Q: Does your home decor need a stamp of approval?

A: Now you can have it, literally. The U.S. Postal Service this month introduces a series of custom-framed reproductions of original stamp art. Some is by favorite artists, such as Norman Rockwell and Peter Max. Others are reproductions of stamps commemorating historic events, such as the Statue of Liberty's 200th birthday



GNS Photo

New, easy-stick hooks make hanging lightweight items simple.

and the Expo '74 Worlds Fair.

You can hang Uncle Sam's 22-cent image, a giant katydid from the 1999 "Insects & Spiders" series, or preview the "Holiday Music Makers" stamps coming out for Christmas 2003. Already, there are some 300 stamps to choose from, and you can have them in a huge selection of sizes, surface finishes, mat and frame colors, with or without the perforated edges and price of postage.

Prices vary from \$39.95 to \$500. Explore the options by computer at www.postalartgallery.com — and (no surprise) your artwork will be mailed directly to your door, along with the 203 billion other things the Postal Service

delivers every year.

We can expect even more such "home" deliveries, says Pamela York, manager of licensing for the Postal Service. Future plans call for stamp art on wallpapers and fabrics, rugs, bath accessories, anywhere you want to "go postal" (Pamela said we could say that).

Q: Interested in more ways to decorate by computer?

A: Visit the first-ever eBay Showhouse on line at www.ebay.com/showhouse. We went through it in real time this week, ogling the artistry of six top New York designers who decorated a 5,000-square-foot two-level penthouse on the chic side of town.

Led by Jamie Drake — hizzoner's personal decorator who not only does Mayor Michael Bloomberg's own homes, but also rehabilitated historic Gracie Mansion last year — the designers spent weeks shopping eBay themselves for the always interesting, sometimes eccentric, furnishings they used throughout the penthouse and (two) terraces.

Laura Bohm found an eight-foot palm, not to mention classic Donghia furniture for her children's bedroom. Christopher Coleman striped his bedroom's walls and '50s-vintage bedside tables with colored electrical tape in various widths.

Also known for colorful ideas, Drake drenched the living room in screaming pink and centered it with a flokati rug. Yes, he warned, flokati's coming back. Upstairs, Tiffany Dubin used two in a sitting room that virtually vibrated with the '50s-'60s wallpapers she'd collected.

Marian McEvoy, former editor of Elle Decor and House Beautiful, set an enormous white-painted table with e-finds, such as art deco silverware, and surrounded it with upholstered chairs, centered with traditional Suzani appliques from Uzbekistan. Never know what you'll find on eBay!

Designer Glenn Gisser came up with an impressive collection of artworks, including African masks and an authentic Matisse lithograph.

eBay funded the designers' shopping sprees, and the whole thing will go back on sale Oct. 23-30 to benefit the Alpha Workshops in New York, a design studio where designers and artists with HIV hand-make highly original home furnishings, such as furniture, fabrics, wallpapers and accessories.

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Emerald ash borer is still hanging around the area

Q: I keep reading the stuff in the paper about Emerald Ash Borer. I have one big ash in front of my house. Should I wait until I see a problem? Or has the problem stopped where it was in other counties?

A: Do I have some bad news for you. Nothing has stopped with Emerald Ash Borer; it's actually moving faster. That's because more trees are loaded with beetles and more beetles are flying in more directions. More bad news:

Emerald Ash Borer is in Livingston County. These are the townships where it has been found: Hartland, Brighton, Green Oak, Oceola, Genoa, Hamburg and Howell. If you need convincing, take a little drive to the Livingston County West Complex at Grand River Avenue and Highlander Way. Look at the ash trees on the west side of Highlander Way in front of the Sheriff's Department. They are all dying from Emerald Ash Borer. Ash trees throughout the complex are in various states of damage. Even the ashes that appear to be healthy are probably infested. Trees with as little as ten to twenty percent damage cannot be saved. So, if you wait until you see damage, the cure will be a chainsaw. You need to make a decision about what you want to do with your tree, because, sooner or later, the Beetle of Death will come a-knocking. Guaranteed. Your choices are to do nothing or cut it down before the EAB appears or treat the tree with an insecticide. You can call a Certified Arborist to inject the tree. That is usually done in May or June. You can buy a homeowner product locally to treat the tree yourself. That is best done in late April. It is late now but it is possible that you may be spared for a few months or a year. The product is Bayer Advanced Garden Tree and Shrub Insect Control. It is a liquid that is mixed with water and applied to the root zone. It is done once a year and should be done once every year. Because it is kind of late in the season, this year would be a gamble. So you might want to hope for good odds and do it anyway. Or, if the tree is small, you can spray the foliage, branches and trunk with liquid Sevin at the beginning of May, the beginning of June and the beginning of July. Spray it with a very good coat. Just remember, there is very little research currently about how well these products work. Emerald Ash Borer was only identified last July. So choose your path and stick with it.



Home Grown
Gretchen Voyle

Q: I have a sweet little snowball bush that has curled leaves. When I uncured the leaves, they were filled with awful little dark insects. The leaves felt sticky. What are these?

A: The aphids have landed. Aphids are sucking insects. They suck the juices out of the plant and excrete a sticky liquid called honeydew. The leaves feel like a Post-it Note. Aphids are usually easy to kill. They get way harder to kill when they are wrapped up like a burrito in the leaves. You can use something like Insecticidal Soap that is purchased or liquid Sevin or many other products that are labeled for aphids. You need a pressurized sprayer. Do not use the hose-end things because they don't release the same amount of water and chemical consistently. Aim to spray into the ends of the rolled leaves to kill your pals. Be prepared to do it again because of the rolled leaves. Aphids rarely kill plants unless the plants are extremely small or in pathetic condition to begin with.

Gretchen Voyle, MSU Extension-Livingston County horticulture agent, can be reached at (517) 546-3950.



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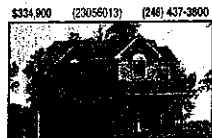
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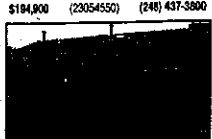
SOUTH LYON - New construction in Green Oak Township. Distinctive quality and features throughout. Dramatic great room with 17 foot ceiling, master suite with jacuzzi tub, three car garage, large bonus room/office. Move in before the new school year begins.



NEW HUDSON - New construction with all the extras. Wonderful two story floor plan. Volume ceilings, great room with gas fireplace, oak cabinets, hardwood floors in kitchen, great room & hall. Ceramic in baths, master suite with Jacuzzi, double closets, upstairs loft area.



SOUTH LYON - Ranch style condo has open floor plan. Features two bedrooms, master has two closets, two full baths, living room with gas fireplace, dining room has downall leading to deck. Kitchen is open to dining area, first floor laundry. Two car garage, handicap accessible.



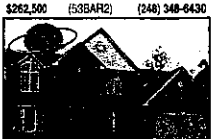
SOUTH LYON - Charming ranch in a beautiful community. Popular open floor plan. Large finished lower level has spare bedroom. Cathedral ceiling in living room, skylight in kitchen, oak counter, appliances. Master bedroom suite open to sunporch & deck.



GREEN OAK - Quality built energy efficient temporary home on approximately 1 acre. Four beds, 2.5 baths, fireplace in family room leading to deck. Kitchen has Corian counter tops, breakfast nook has bay window, library or possible 5th bedroom. Three car garage.



CANTON - Sunflower Village Colonial! Enjoy the pool, tennis courts and clubhouse! Nice home with four bedrooms, 2.5 baths, updated kitchen, newer roof, windows & hot water heater! Formal dining room, library and family room.



SOUTH LYON - Beautiful 1999 colonial in South Lyon. Four bedrooms, 2.5 bath, 2,881 square feet, two-story foyer, hardwood floors, den, two-story great room with skylights, bay windows in living overlooking room. Very classy home to move right into.



FARMINGTON HILLS - Country Glens condo, Farmington Hills! One of the larger one bedroom units in the complex. Quiet with a great view & private balcony. All appliances stay. A must see home!



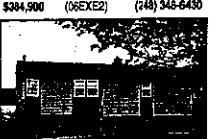
NOVI - Bright, airy & immaculate home in Novi. Four bedrooms, 2.5 baths, large family room with fireplace. Updates include: windows, roof, carpet, new kitchen/foyer floor, counters in kitchen, bath and lav. New oak trim baseboards on first floor. Cedar deck.



FARMINGTON HILLS - Great starter home on a nice lot! Across from parklike setting. Two bedrooms, one bath with updates in kitchen, bath, electrical, copper plumbing, hardwood floors, nice landscaping with private backyard.



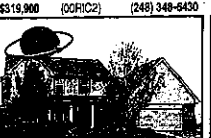
NOVI - Mint condition! Colonial totally updated with new carpet, granite kitchen, hardwood floors, finished lower level with half bath and 2,784 square feet. Awesome yard and court location.



NOVI - Country place condo! Beautiful 1,200 square foot Cottage Ranch in mint condition. Two full baths, two bedroom, one car attached garage. Northville mailing. Must see!



BRIGHTON - Beautiful parklike setting. 2-story colonial on almost 2 acres w/semi lake. Pool, water garden & near Huron Metro Park. 3 BR, 2.5 baths, bsmt, 2-car garage and lots of updates!



LIVONIA - Impeccably maintained. Transfers perfect! Move right into this 4 BR, 3.5 bath colonial. Beautiful kitchen with accent tile & island. Lg FR w/FP & cathedral ceiling, main BR w/whis & her closets & spacious bath.



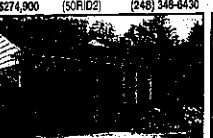
NOVI - All the work is done, sparkling Novi ranch! 3 BR, 2 full baths, fresh paint & all new moldings. Kitchen remodeled, mstr bath updated, windows, HWH & carpet in 2001. Lg yard & close to school & park.



NOVI - Country place condo! Great location, great value! Lovely 2 BR, 1.5 bath end-unit in the heart of complex. Lg mstr BR with WIC. A must see home!



NOVI - A diamond in the rough! Generous rm sizes, 4 BR, 4 baths, maple/ceramic kit, DR w/FP, frid/bst w/ice rm & full bath. Newer windows, turn & ca. Refreshing pool, warranty. Super buy, super price!



FARMINGTON - Downtown Farmington brick ranch! Walk to shopping, parks & more from this great 3 BR home. New windows, new carpet, newly fr'd floors, 1.5 baths, CA and great lot!



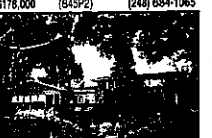
NEW HUDSON - Get more, this ranch home has it all! Lg lot, oak-deck, 3 BR, 2.5 baths, FR, LR, DR & eat-in kitchen. Landscaped, lg deck w/also, full bsmt with extra BR. Great neighborhood. 5 min to x-way and shopping.



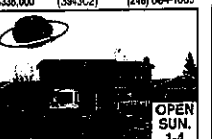
SOUTHFIELD - This condo is a beauty in every way. Almost 1100 sq. ft. Garage, Deck, Fireplace. Vaulted ceilings. New carpet & kitchen floor. 2 story foyer. Open. Neutral. A "10"



MILFORD - Milford-great value. Very neat, clean brick home. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 2 car garage with workshop. Great neighborhood with sidewalks. New above ground pool and fenced yard.



HIGHLAND - Duck Lake contemporary! Over 2000 sq. ft. home on a lush lot on all sports private Duck Lake! 3 bedrooms, den & Florida room. Brick fireplace. Updated main bath has jetted tub & separate shower. Lots of decking. New well. Circle drive.



MILFORD - Cozy colonial 4 bedrooms, 3.1 baths. Full finished basement. Fireplace, 2 master suites, Library, Formal dining. First floor laundry, 2800 sq. ft. Florida room. Deck. Pool. Pavers. Mature trees. 1.5 acres!



NOVI - Pride of ownership shows thru-out this beautiful brick Greenwood Oaks colonial. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Huge bonus room above side entry garage. Master suite w/large walk-in closet & Jacuzzi. Dramatic 2 story foyer. Huge island kitchen w/all appliances included. Lots of closet space. 1st floor laundry.

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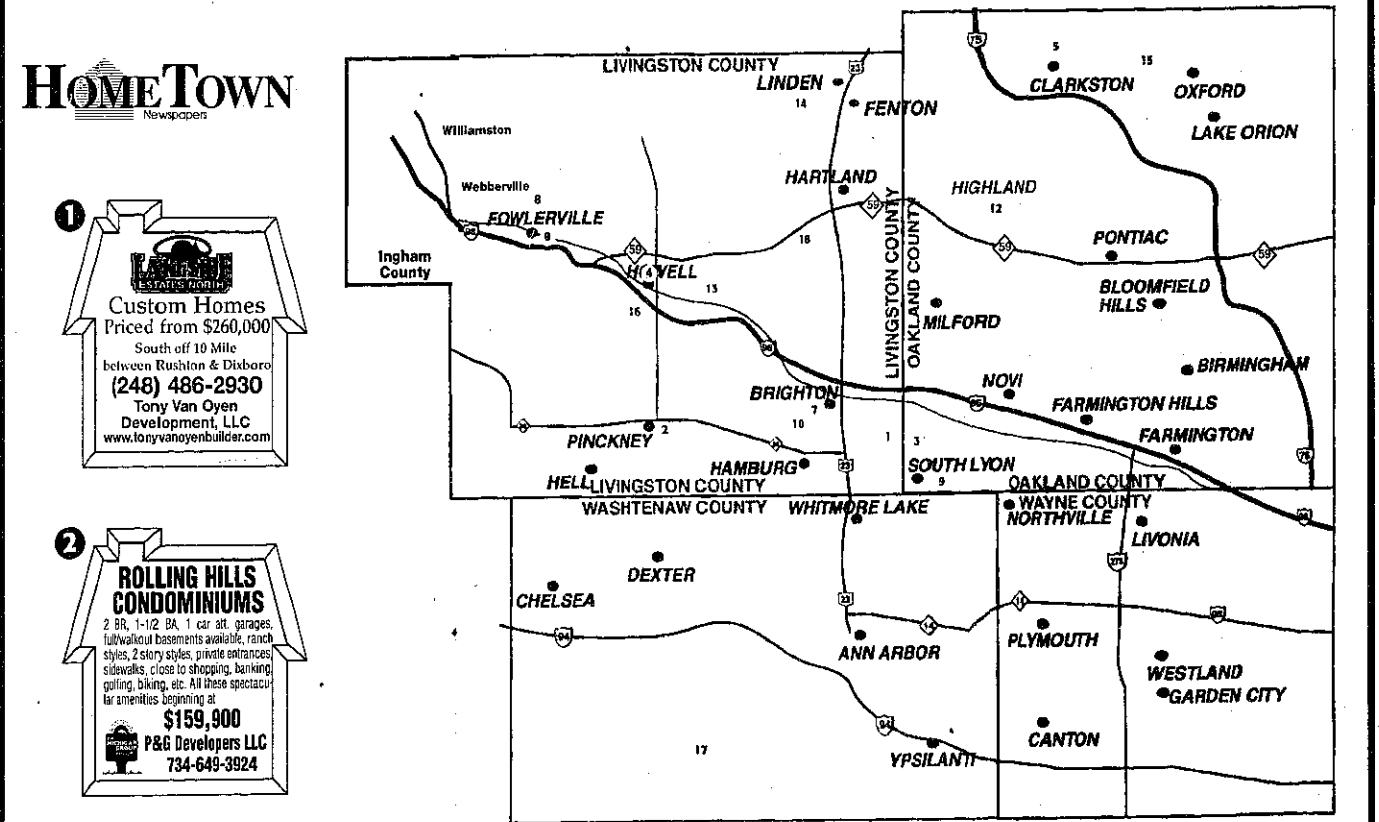
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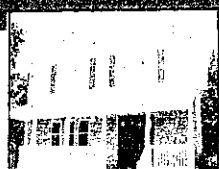
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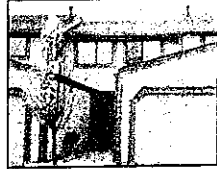
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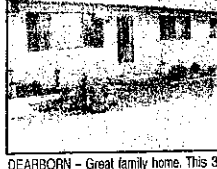
CANTON - Show like a model! Located on lg lot overlooking woods w/2 story foyer, side entry garage + many upgrades including: 9 ceilings on 1st floor, gourmet kitchen w/42" maple cabs, hardwood floors & appls, large dining room, crown moldings, spacious deck & finished basement. \$344,900 (56SIN) 734-455-5600



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FARMINGTON HILLS - This week's best buy. Transfer forces the sale of this totally updated 2 bedroom ranch. Newer white island kitchen and bath. Double lot w/possible split. 3 car garage, first floor laundry, newer Andersen windows, roof, furnace & C/A. What a great opportunity. \$142,900 (24ROO) 248-349-5600



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LIVONIA - Stunning condo. Spacious 1 story that offers incredible living w/door-wall to private patio. Huge master suite w/walk closet. Large utility room. Association dues includes water & gas. Patio overlooks treed and grassy courtyard. \$135,900 (05UNI) 248-349-5600



WYANDOTTE - Wonderful ranch. 3 bedroom ranch in Wyandotte w/large master bedroom & family room, full basement, newer kitchen, furnace, C/A & roof all approx 8 years old + appliances stay. \$150,000 (27ELE) 734-455-5600



DEARBORN HGTS. - Old world charm abounds. Beautifully updated. Refined hwd floors, living room w/lrpic, oak kit, dining room, updated bath, 1st floor laundry, lg 80x135 lot, 2 car w/raft screened-in room. Beautifully landscaped & flower beds. Beautiful. Walk to public & private schools. \$144,900 (69MAY) 734-455-5600

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OAK PARK - Updated ranch. 2 bedroom, 1 bath home w/updated kitchen & bath, fresh paint, CA, vinyl windows, deck in fenced-in backyard. Open floor plan. Perfect starter in this move in condition home. A must see. "Handicap Accessible". \$98,900 (41TRO) 734-455-5600



SOUTH LYON - One of a kind - approx 10 acres. See it for yourself! Quality built 40, 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath colonial w/open floor plan w/views from every window. Nice location sitting to a pond. Long wood walk path to serene tree island. Nicely finished w/out w/frnch doors. \$568,000 (89DIX) 248-349-5600



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FARMINGTON HILLS - Spacious colonial. Spacious 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home w/2 car attached garage, finished basement, hardwood floors in living room & dining room, bright kitchen w/breakfast area, 1st floor laundry & 1 year home warranty. \$244,900 (37WES) 734-455-5600



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CANTON - Move right in! Sharp 3 bedroom, 1.5 updated baths w/Corian counters & tub/shower. Hardwood floors thru-out & most appliances. \$139,000 (58HAR) 734-455-5600



GIBRALTAR - Live on the water! Large 3 bedroom colonial offers newer kitchen & bath, 2 tier deck that leads to boat dock w/10 ton hoist. Lots of windows overlooking the canal. 2 car garage & close to schools & freeway. \$319,900 (45POI) 734-455-5600



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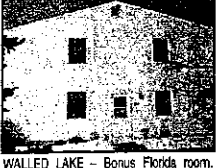
WAYNE - Cute bungalow. Great Wayne bungalow w/updated carpet, windows, furnace, CA & roof. Remodeled kitchen, neutral decor. Open floor plan. Must see! \$118,000 (89WIN) 734-455-5600



SOUTH LYON - Welcome Home. Beautiful Amish 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath brick colonial offers spacious master bedroom w/walk-in closet, cedar closet, terrific storage & 9' doorwall to deck. Open kit w/oak cabs, walk-out lower level. Prof. landscaped. Incredible wooded private lot. \$319,900 (32PLV) 248-349-5600



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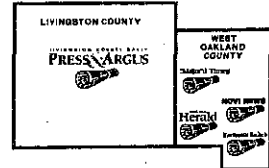
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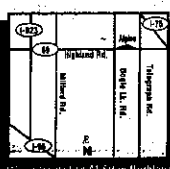
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GMS..... **\$30,605²³** Retail..... **\$31,855⁰⁰**

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Side impact airbags, rain sense wipers, electric sliding glass sunroof, automatic load leveling, heated front seats, vortec 4200 SFI, 4 speed automatic, polished aluminum, wheels, memory driver seat, 6 disc in dash C/D changer, Bose premium sound. Stock #03-1304.

GMS..... **\$29,046⁷³** Retail..... **\$30,296⁷³**
 GMS Lease..... **\$371⁵³** Retail Lease..... **\$398³³**
Total Due \$300.04 Total Due \$314.79

2003 SILHOUETTE

Universal garage door opener, pulse wipers & rear wiper/washer, roof top luggage carrier, cruise control, power windows, power locks, keyless entry & more. Stock #03-1349

GMS..... **\$19,710³⁸** Retail..... **\$20,960³⁸**
 GMS Lease..... **\$284²⁸** Retail Lease..... **\$311⁰⁰**
Total Due \$61.36 Total Due \$75.20

2003 ALERO SEDAN

Traction control, 4 speed automatic transmission, touring tires, power locks, CD player, air conditioning, cruise. Stock #03-1259.

GMS..... **\$12,870⁹⁰** Retail..... **\$13,800⁹⁰**
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