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Keith Pretty, president of Walsh College, (left) accepted a certificate naming the college a Center of Academic Excellence from the National Security Agency's National

INFOSEC Education and Training Program. — Page 12A

Survivor

Cancer survivor Tomoko Ogawa looks at her painting "Today's Dream" at the opening of her exhibition of art at the Assarian Cancer Center at Novi's Providence Hospital last Thursday afternoon. — Page 7A

SPORTS

World Series

It's that time of year again and the Northville Broncos have been gearing up all summer for this very moment — the NABF World Series. — Page 1B

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64 cats removed from townhouse

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Former tenants of an apartment in Novi may be charged with animal abuse and/or abandonment as well as child neglect following the removal of 64 cats from the premises last week.

Oakland County Animal Control officers removed the cats July 18 from a townhouse located at 23962 Chipmunk Trail at Novi Ridge Apartments located on Ten Mile Road between Novi and Meadowbrook roads.

Three of the cats were already dead by the time animal control

officers arrived at the scene Friday morning, according to Sgt. Jerry McNair, supervisor, Oakland County Animal Control in Auburn Hills. The remainder of the animals had to be euthanized.

"We got a call from the Novi police last week, and we service that area," McNair said Monday. "We were out there on July 16 and left a tag on the door instructing the tenants to contact us. The officer had gained entry to the apartment on July 17, and we were contacted again," he said.

Novi Ridge Apartments management declined to comment on the situation. But McNair said

management hired a company to clean out the apartment July 18.

Workers dressed in blue plastic suits and masks hauled away everything from the apartment, including appliances and furniture July 18. The odor from the townhouse could be detected just standing on the sidewalk outside the building.

"The situation was bad. We are preparing our findings for the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office. At this point, we don't know what the charges will be," McNair said.

"We're looking at animal cruelty charges and/or animal aban-

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Sgt. Jerry McNair
Oakland County Animal Control

document," he added.

"We haven't identified how many people were living in the apartment. We were there to remove the animals so that the apartment could be cleaned,"

McNair said.

Otc. Larry Lemerand of the Novi police investigated the case. "He was dispatched to the apart-

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Lakeshore Park play structure dedicated

City officials, local children celebrate several improvements

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

City officials and members of the community came to Lakeshore Park in Novi July 18 for the unveiling of the city's newest improvements to this 384-acre park that overlooks Walled Lake.

The highlight of the event was a ribbon-cutting ceremony dedicating the new playstructure. The city funded several improvements to the park with a \$60,000 community development block grant.

"Today is a special day because we're going to cut a ribbon that wouldn't have been possible without the efforts of a lot of people," Novi Mayor Richard Clark told the audience of young people.

"We would like to thank all of the citizens, including city council members and Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department Director Randy Auler, who volunteered on this project," Clark said.

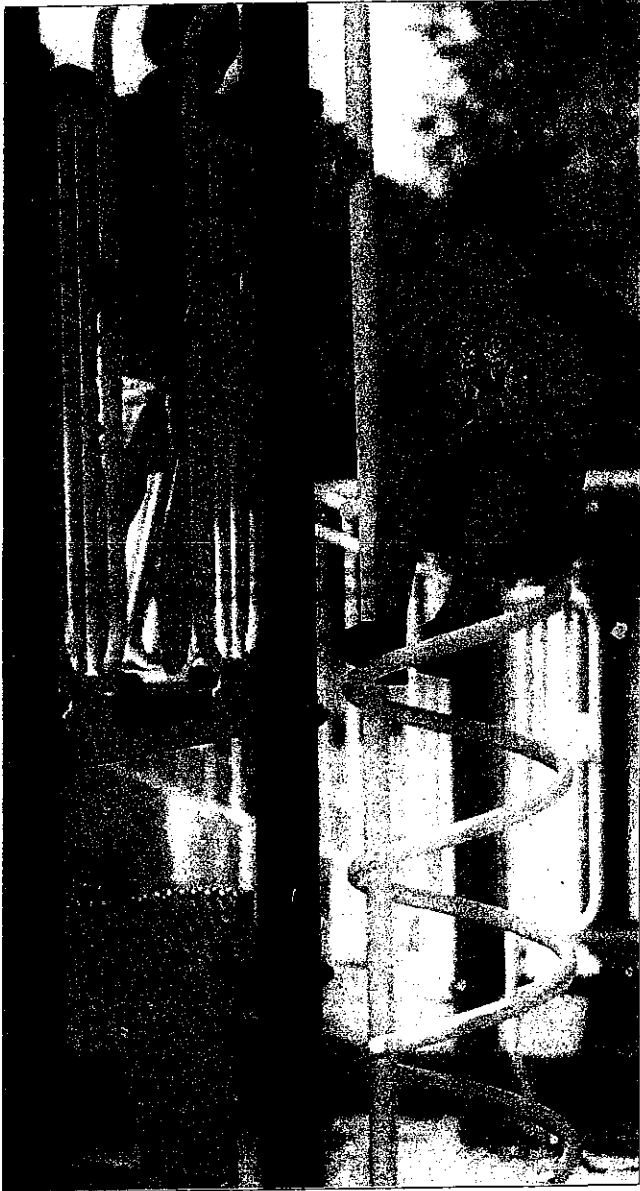
"You can have a picnic, go to the beach, and next year we hope to have concerts at the park. So, there's plenty of things to do here," Clark said.

Improvements include the new playstructure, which can accommodate 130 children; new paths and mountain bike trails.

Visitors to the park can visit the beach along Walled Lake by using a tunnel under South Lake Drive.

Clark said residents of Novi consider Walled Lake citizens to be good neighbors.

"I think we've got a great rela-



Alex Pan, 5, enjoys some of the new playground equipment at Novi's North Lakeshore Park during its dedication ceremony last Friday morning.

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Music & Motor Fest kicks off today

By Grace Blum
SPECIAL WRITER

A year's worth of planning, and the 16th annual Music & Motor Fest is ready to go. There's plenty of activities, entertainment and food to make this year's four-day event one to remember.

Two words: Baskin Robins. Interested? Then venture on down to this year's Music & Motor Fest Ice Cream Social because the company that boasts of 31 flavors is providing ice cream for the event.

On Saturday, July 26 from 12 p.m.-3 p.m., kids of all ages can have some fun at the ice cream social held in the Kid's Fair area. Along with a wide assortment of ice cream flavors, festival visitors can participate in doughnut-dipping, which features pastries from Dunkin' Donuts.

And while you are filling up on ice cream and doughnuts, why not get a little entertainment from Bozo the Clown. Art Cervi, who is the original Bozo the Clown, will make an appearance during the ice cream social. He plans to take the stage at around 1 p.m., and his sidekick, Gary O'Brien, will be joining him.

"He's going to make a very rare appearance, which he doesn't usually do," Cervi said, referring to Bozo's first appearance in five years.

If that still doesn't tickle your fancy, then here's one more reason to come to the Ice Cream Social, an 18 wheel, 53-foot-long Pistons hoop-fest trailer. "It's a mobile interactive basketball experience," said Pat Webb, director of the ice cream social.

The trailer will feature games to play on the outside of the trailer and a mini Pistons hall of fame on the inside.

Besides all that, kids can fish in the trout pond (each fisher will go home with a goldfish), have their faces painted, climb the rock wall and enjoy the big Road Runner trailer, which features interactive video games.

For fun, food and laughter, make sure to stop at the Kid's Fair area Saturday afternoon. It will be an experience that will not too quickly be forgotten!

Get your antiques appraised

Virginia Fournier is going on 40 years of being an independent antique appraiser. She has been involved with appraisals at roadshows, festivals, fairs...you name it, and she's probably been there to appraise items. She started collecting antiques and her interest in them rapidly grew. Soon, she

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Second suspect sought in morning carjacking

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

Novi police have identified the second man in an early-morning carjacking July 15 at 10 Mile and Novi Roads. Police are seeking Daniel Williams, 25, of Detroit on a warrant charging him with carjacking, armed robbery and felonious assault.

Williams' reported companion, Brian Jones, 26, is being held in the Oakland County Jail on a \$1 million cash bond, charged with carjacking, armed robbery, felonious assault and possession of a stolen credit card.

Novi Police Detective Sgt. David Molloy described the pair as "long-time associates" with extensive criminal records. Jones had been released on parole May 27 for a 1999 conviction stemming from a Livonia stolen car case.

Livonia police stopped Jones in a stolen 2003 BMW X-5 at the corner of Schoolcraft and Merriman less than a half hour after it was reported taken at gunpoint from an 18-year-old Plymouth boy at a Speedway gas station in Novi.

Investigators believe the carjacking was triggered by the SUV's "spinner wheels." According to an investigator there have been three carjackings in Metro Detroit in recent months involving vehicles equipped with spinner wheels, which can retail for as much as \$5,000 a set.

Livonia and Redford police lost a white Buick driven by Jones' alleged accomplice in the Novi carjacking. Molloy said investigators believe the car was a LaSabre, but they have yet to locate it or the semi-automatic handgun Jones reportedly used to take the BMW.

Three teenage girls, along with a 19-year-old Farmington Hills man, in addition to the Plymouth teen, escaped the robbery without injury. The two young men reportedly followed the stolen BMW and the white Buick following the robbery, but lost it in traffic on I-275 near Eight Mile.

Minutes later, however, Livonia and Redford police took Jones into custody. At the time of his arrest, he reportedly had a credit card in his possession that had been reported stolen in a Wyandotte robbery the day before

the carjacking.

Magistrate Andrea Richardson set bond for Jones at \$1 million during his arraignment July 16. Molloy noted that carjacking and armed robbery are punishable by up to life in prison. Given Jones' criminal background, he could be prosecuted as a habitual offender.

Jones is scheduled to appear before Judge Brian MacKenzie for preliminary examination July 23.

Molloy noted that Crime Stoppers is offering up to a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of Williams. He said anyone with information on Williams can call (800) 773-2587 or the Novi Police Department at (248) 348-7100.

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Police Report

Tires taken
Officer Jeremy Stenipen reported July 18 finding a 2001 Oldsmobile with its passenger side wheels missing in the Novi Stratton parking lot on Haggerty at 1:25 a.m.

Switch tags
Officer Diane MacGregor charged a 31-year-old Warren woman with retail fraud at 5:45 p.m. July 18 after loss prevention officers at Lord & Taylor said they videotaped the woman switching price tags on two pieces of jewelry valued at \$604.48, lowering their price by \$53. The woman was released after posting a \$100 bond.

You betcha
A 34-year-old Northville man was charged with OUII at 11:30 p.m. July 18 following a traffic stop on Novi Road south of Grand River Avenue. Officer Jason Meier reported that when he asked the man how much he'd had to drink, the man at first said "Nothing really," and then admitted to drinking two beers. The man registered a BAC of .233.

Close, no cigar
Officer Kevin Rhea charged a 21-year-old Novi woman with OUII following a traffic stop at 2:34 a.m. July 19. He said he stopped the woman's 1998 Plymouth Neon after he saw it run a flashing red light at Meadowbrook and Nine Mile.

Officer Craig Felix charged a 53-year-old Farmington Hills man with driving while impaired following a traffic stop on northbound Haggerty near Lewis at 2:13 a.m. July 20. The man told officer Lewis he'd had two beers at a friend's home in Plymouth before setting out in his 1998 Ford Explorer. The man reportedly registered a BAC of .082. He was released after posting a \$100 bond.

Lead foot
Officer Keith Wuotinen stopped a 1999 Chevrolet at 11:57 p.m. July 19 after he clocked it traveling 51 mph in a 40 mph zone on southbound Meadowbrook, just north of 10 Mile Road. He charged the 40-year-old Waterford man driving with OUII after he failed field sobriety tests. The man registered a BAC of .11 and .12 during booking. He was later released after posting a \$100 bond.

Olympic scam
A 47-year-old Novi woman told Officer Michael Prout that an 18-22-year-old woman came to her 1411 Road home at 6:05 p.m. July 19 seeking donations so she could participate in the Olympics. The woman said she thought it was a scam and declined to make a donation.

Just plain lost
Officer Craig Felix stopped a red 2001 Grand Am on westbound 10 Mile Road near Simmons at 10:43 p.m. July 19. The driver, a 21-year-old Novi man, told Officer Felix he was on his way from Delta Township, west of Lansing to his girlfriend's house on Middlebelt Road when he got lost. Officer Felix charged

the man with OUII after he failed a field sobriety test. The man reportedly registered a BAC of .102.

Plate nabbed
A 56-year-old Novi man told Officer Jeremy Stenipen at 10:51 p.m. July 17 that someone stole the license plate from his son's 1991 Nissan 300ZX while it was parked at Guernsey Farm Dairy on Novi Road between 5-10 p.m.

Wrong one driving
Officer Brian Tillman charged a 22-year-old New Hudson woman with OUII following a traffic stop on northbound Novi Road south of Grand River. Officer Tillman said he stopped the woman's white Ford Focus after it made an improper right turn on a red light. The woman said they'd been at the Library Pub, but that she had not been drinking. Her male companion said he had been drinking. He registered a .04 BAC, while she registered a .113.

School vandalism
A 38-year-old Walled Lake woman told Officer James Brandon July 20 that someone vandalized convenience ashtray outside Hickory Woods Elementary School.

Smokin'
Officer Eric Lindblade investigated a 1997 Ford Contour while patrolling parking lots off Karam Drive near 10 Mile Road. The two young men in the car said they were waiting for friends, but Officer Lindblade said he could smell burnt marijuana. He tested the youths if they'd been smoking and the passenger said no, adding that he was on probation and being tested for marijuana use weekly. The driver, an 18-year-old Canton male, said he'd been smoking earlier in the day. Officer

Lindblade found a ceramic bong in the car and charged the driver with violation of the control substance act and possession of narcotic equipment.

Fender bender
Officers Timothy Farrell and Keith Wuotinen charged a 75-year-old Novi woman with OUII following a three-car accident in the parking lot at the Walgreen Store at 244-150 Novi Road at 5:06 p.m. July 18. According to reports, the woman's 2002 Pontiac Grand Am collided with a 2003 Pontiac Vibe and a 1999 Toyota while entering the store's parking lot off Novi Road. While the woman told officers she'd had a drink of vodka two hours before the accident, according to reports, she registered a blood alcohol content (BAC) of .215, twice the legal limit. She was later released without bond.

Failed burglary
A 60-year-old Novi woman told Officer Andrew Hudechek that she discovered someone had smashed the door between her home and the CVS Pharmacy at 22240 Novi Road at 7:24 a.m. July 16. The would-be burglar was unable to gain access to the business.

Party goes south
Officer Brian Tillman was sent to a disturbance at a home on Cidermill Street at 9:22 p.m. June 14. Officer Tillman said he found 10 to 12 juveniles at the home on his arrival and the girl who lived there said her parents weren't home. Officer Tillman said he found an empty 12-pack of

Sticky fingers
Officer Michael Corbett charged a 28-year-old Farmington Hills woman with retail fraud at 5:18 p.m. July 17 after loss prevention officers at Lord & Taylor told him they had videotaped the woman putting \$468 worth of jewelry in her purse and then leaving the store.

Difference of opinion
Officer Jason Meier charged a 22-year-old Novi woman with OUII at 3:24 a.m. July 19 following a traffic stop at the westbound off-ramp from I-96 at 12 Mile and Beck roads. Officer Meier said the woman drove through a red light and then stopped at a red light and registered a .12 and .13 BAC during booking.

No more door-to-door
After receiving reports of soliciting in the Broadmore Park Lane area, Officer Paul Leskie found a 21-year-old Columbus, Ohio, man and a 19-year-old Ohio, man who said they were doing door-to-door sales for Ultimate Power Sales of Buford, Ga. The men were told the company didn't have a permit to do business in Novi and they could not continue.

Concession cash grabbed
A 30-year-old Novi man employed by the city's Parks and Recreation Department told Officer Scott Teves July 16 that someone took \$100 in cash from the concession stand at Lakeshore Park sometime between 2 p.m. July 10 and 9 a.m. July 13. According to reports, some 50 employees had access to the area where the money was left.

Boon
A 50-year-old Novi woman told Officer Vere Wirwille July 15 that someone set off a firecracker in the mailbox at her 11 Mile Road home.

Lakeshore Park play structure dedicated

The fun playscape is open, said 11-year-old Takumi Ueda of Novi, a sixth-grader at Novi Meadows Elementary School who attended the event. "We don't have anything like this in our neighborhood, although we do have one at our school," he said. "You can play here next summer." The City of Novi's 2003 Summer Concert Series includes a Kid's Concert from 7 to 7:45 p.m. and a Community Concert from 7:45 to 8:45 p.m. each Thursday through Aug. 14. The free outdoor concerts take place at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., but plans are to move the concerts to Lakeshore Park next summer. "We want people to bring their lawn chairs and blankets and come out to the park. The area we're using is a natural amphitheater setting, very much like Meadowbrook," Auler said. "It's an activity the whole family can enjoy," he said.

"You can have a picnic, go to the beach, and next year we hope to have concerts at the park. So, there's plenty of things to do here." Richard Clark, Novi mayor

Police Report

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Corona and a 40-ounce bottle of beer in a blue Chevrolet Blazer parked at the residence. Several of the teens were given breathalyzer tests and one 17-year-old Novi boy registered a BAC of .131, according to reports. Officer Tillman charged the teen with minor in possession. He said the teen claimed to have been singled out and swore throughout the arrest.

Almost home
A 44-year-old West Bloomfield man was charged with having open intoxicants in his vehicle and violating a restricted drivers license at 11:40 a.m. July 11 following a traffic stop on northbound M-5 near 13 Mile Road. Officer Timothy Harper said he stopped a 1994 Dodge pickup after he saw it cross the center line several times. Asked if he'd been drinking, the man said he had had a beer an hour before. However, Officer Harper said he found a

still-cold half-empty 40-ounce bottle of beer under the truck's seat. The suspect registered a BAC of .019. He was released after posting an \$80 bond.

Welcome to America
A 41-year-old Novi man reported July 11 that someone took a bag belonging to a 25-year-old man from Ludwigsburg, Germany, from his office at Cosworth Technologies. The bag and its contents, including a computer, airline tickets, cash, travel agency check and passport, were valued at \$6,300.

Forgot to pay?
Officer Michael Corbett charged a 26-year-old White Lake woman with retail fraud at 6:04 p.m. July 11 after loss prevention officers at Lord and Taylor told him they videotaped the woman putting a \$35 necktie in her purse and leaving the store. She was released after posting a \$100 bond.

Purse swiped
A 35-year-old Novi woman reported July 11 that someone between 6:30 p.m. July 10 and

9:30 a.m. July 11 someone enter the garage at her Ashbury Drive home and took her purse from her unlocked vehicle. She said the purse contained a cellphone, \$40 in cash, an earring and several credit cards.

Slow down
Officer Jonathan Zabick stopped a 2002 Honda Accord headed south on Wixom Road near Island Lake Drive July 12 after clocking it at 52 mph in a 35 mph zone. The driver, a 41-year-old Livonia man was charged with OUII after he failed a field sobriety test and registered a BAC of .137.

Blower lifted
A 42-year-old Novi man told Officer Scott Teves July 13 that someone broke into a storage shed at O'Brien Sullivan Funeral Home and took a leaf blower worth \$800.

Partial payment
A 30-year-old Royal Oak man told Officer Scott Teves July 13 that three teens ordered \$27 worth of food at Buffalo Wild Wings at 2:20 p.m. and drove off leaving \$14 behind.

Bad timing
Squeaking tires at 4:41 a.m. July 13 caused a 22-year-old Novi man a trip to the city jail and a OUII charge. Officer Craig Felix said he stopped on 13 Mile Road at Novi Road as the light turned red, a northbound 1994 Cadillac STS squeaked its tires and accelerated to 52 mph in a 40 mph zone. The driver said he was on his way to his girlfriend's

grandmother's house. He didn't make it. According to reports, he registered a BAC of .145. He was later released on a \$100 bond.

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"Elvis" to perform at Gateway Village

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

Only six families have moved into Novi's Gateway Village, but already the developer is moving forward with plans for community-building events.

Southfield developer Pierre Nona is planning to hold a benefit for Building Bridges, a program of Detroit's Christ Child House, at the condominium project Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.

Nona's Triangle Development, Inc. will be bringing in Royal Oak-based Elvis impersonator Kelly Basil in a classic Cadillac complete with a Marilyn Monroe look-alike. Basil will be offering a free concert of the King's best loved hits.

The benefit is being held in the midst of Novi's annual

Music and Motor Fest. To raise funds for Building Bridges, Gateway Village will have chair rentals along with food and drink sales. According to company spokesman Melinda Curtis, Nona and his brother, Mike, want to do more than simply build a condominium project and leave town.

"They want to create interactions. They want to create a sense of community," she said.

"The community is everything to us," said Dean Pearski, the project's general sales manager. "This benefit allows us to support the city's event while we help children in need."

Curtis said the Nona's are planning a series of events to develop a strong sense of community. The 15-acre development on Grand River Avenue near Meadowbrook is aimed at

empty-nesters and rising young professionals. Triangle Development is banking on the proximity of Novi's downtown shopping and restaurant district to make Gateway a success.

While planned as a 184-unit project, since holding their grand opening in February, the Nona's have sold 18 units and have 44 under construction. At Gateway's grand opening, Pierre predicted build-out would take three to four years.

When completed, Gateway's amenities will include five acres of common greens, walking trails and a public fountain.

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Legislature passes balanced budget

State Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Nowi) announced that lawmakers have passed a balanced budget that places heavy emphasis on education and roads - without raising any new taxes on Michigan families.

"This budget reflects the priorities of the Republican legislature and maintains that education will always be priority number one," Cassis said. "Ensuring the preservation of the Merit Award Scholarship and the \$6,700 per-pupil allowance is critical to guaranteeing that our hard-working students are rewarded and receive the best education available."

All three of these issues were strong priorities for me and the House Republicans. "I am disappointed in the amount of revenue sharing that will be cut for the cities that make up the 38th District. I voted for those cuts with confidence that when the Legislature returns in September a more equitable solution for the distribution of revenue sharing funds will be worked out."

The colors and brushstrokes in one of her special bodies of work represent many meanings - hope, understanding, love and acceptance.

While ensuring that education is the top priority, Cassis emphasized that all this was accomplished without raising taxes.

"A fiscally responsible budget with no new taxes was critical, and I am pleased this goal was reached in a cooperative fashion for Michigan families," Cassis said.

DeRoche's reaction

State Rep. Craig DeRoche expressed satisfaction about the way Oakland County did in the budget compromise.

"Looking back at where we as a state were six months ago, I think we have come a long way," said DeRoche, R-Nowi. "At least three great things came out of this budget process that will benefit Oakland residents."

"In the education budgets we received the per-pupil foundation grants for K-12 students and saved the merit scholarships. We also were able to get funding for the I-96/Beck Road interchange.

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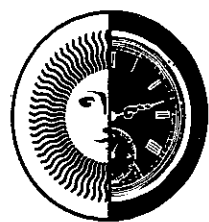
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	9 a.m.-12 a.m.	Computer class-Intro to Windows	1 p.m.-3 p.m.	Healing Touch
	9:30 a.m.	Line Dance*	6:30 p.m.	Clogging*
	11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Sundry Shop Open		
	12:15	Bridge*		
	1 p.m.-3 p.m.	Crafts-Shell Wreath		
	12:30 p.m.	No line dance with Carolyn		
	12:30 p.m.	Huron Country Playhouse Trip		
Friday 7/25				
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	10 a.m.	Body Recall		
	11 a.m.-1 p.m.	Eye Screening-Weber Eye Care		
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	11 a.m.	Goodie Lady		
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Cancer survivor's artwork on display in Novi

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

One can tell at first glance at Ann Arbor artist Tomoko Ogawa's watercolors that a lot of feeling goes into her work.

The colors and brushstrokes in one of her special bodies of work represent many meanings - hope, understanding, love and acceptance.

Ogawa, a 41-year-old breast cancer survivor, has a show of original paintings and "three-dimensional work" done while she had cancer on display at the Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery in Novi.

The gallery is located in the Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., at Providence Hospital at the corner of Grand River Avenue and Beck Road.

The public was invited to a reception July 17 to see the show, titled "Echo of a Ripple," and meet the artist and her family - husband, Sabba Lail, and their 3-year-old daughter, Aabi.

The show will run through Aug. 31. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Ogawa created all of the artwork in the show while she was being treated for breast cancer from 1999 to 2001. For the first time in 17 years as an artist, she used herself as the theme of her artwork. Several of the pieces also have original poetry to accompany them.

"Just like writing a diary, as I painted myself I realized that I was curing myself," Ogawa said. "Colors, which were so frail at the beginning, gradually became substantial. At the completion of surgery and radiation therapy, my sketches were filled with colorful flowers."

"I cordially wish those who are going through treatment to receive my art as a gift of courage and a smile," she added.

The three-dimensional pieces in her show, called The Mirage Box, mix media. Tiny ceramic sculptures, watercolor and collage are displayed together in a shadowbox. The boxes are for sale at \$200 each, but the paintings in the show are not.

"This is very personal. I can't sell it," she said. "But a professor who's a friend of mine suggested that I compile them into a book."

Ogawa, who has a studio in her home, said she learned she had cancer when she went for a checkup while she was pregnant with Aabi.

"I had a lump in my breast with a small red mark on it. I thought it was just a mole," she said.

She had to stop painting when she received treatment.

She said painting helped her over-

come her illness.

"I felt as if all energy in my body and soul was depleted through chemotherapy, which I started just after the birth of my daughter in 1999. But even such hardship could not stop me from painting," she said.

"When you are painting you forget the bad stuff. I could concentrate on my painting and forget the pain for a few minutes. Painting makes me feel good and it also helped me accept what I was dealing with," she recalled.

Ogawa said during her cancer treatment she received an abundance of love from others.

"I had so many people help me when I was sick. Friends and even friends of friends brought food to me and took care of my daughter," she said.

Ogawa said she started studying art when she was only 3 years old and began working as a professional artist in Tokyo in 1985. After visiting Arcosanti, Ariz., for three months to study with Paolo Soleri, an architect, she moved to Ann Arbor in 1993.

While still working and spending time in Tokyo, Ann Arbor eventually became her home base. Her personal show is held each year in the Gallery Cafe, Spitzer Works of Art in Ann Arbor and she has participated in several group shows in Michigan and California.

Since 1997, she has expanded her work to include performing art and collaborates with artists from different domains, such as dancers and musicians.

"I'm happy and healthy and taking care of my daughter," she said. "I'm looking forward to continuing my artwork."

Those who are interested in seeing more of Ogawa's work in her studio can contact her at (734) 997-9186.

Lori Taylor of the Assarian Cancer Center said Ogawa plans to teach a calligraphy class in the near future.

The center also has a program, Tuesdays at Assarian, which takes place every Tuesday from 5 to 9 p.m.

The program provides a variety of activities to enrich the mind, body and spirit for cancer patients, their support people and the adult community. Hawaii Night July 29 will include smoothie making, ceramics, a drum circle, introduction to tai chi and discovering sunsets. For more information or to register for the event, contact Taylor at (248) 465-5455.

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Cancer survivor Tomoko Ogawa looks at her painting "Today's Dream" at the opening of her exhibition of art at the Assarian Cancer Center at Novi's Providence Hospital last Thursday afternoon.

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A Closer Look at the Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital Renovation & Expansion

Expansion Project Proceeding on Schedule

The Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital \$27 million expansion project is continuing on schedule. Since ground was broken in June 2002, significant changes and improvements have occurred with many more on the way.

The construction project will result in the renovation of 55,550 existing square feet and the addition of 40,000 square feet of diagnostic and treatment area. The project included the expansion and relocation of two programs — cardiopulmonary rehabilitation and the Krieger Center: Health Care for Seniors, both of which have already been completed. Upcoming improvements include:

- Expanded cafeteria
- New gift shop
- Expansion of surgical services
- Expansion of radiology and outpatient cardiology services
- New private patient registration areas
- Upgrades to patient care areas
- New main lobby entrance



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Construction crews are busy working on the expanded surgical center that will open this fall.

Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital president, Robert Yellan, said, "The hospital doubled from its original size in 1999 with an expansion project that included new birthing, cancer, surgical and cardiopulmonary centers. Now we are responding again to increased demand for our services."



Jean Wight, M.S.W. and Mary Beth Lapczyk, R.N. staff members at the Krieger Center.

New "Krieger Center: Health Care for Seniors" Opens to Rave Reviews

In June, Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital celebrated the opening of its expanded, new Krieger Center: Health Care for Seniors.

The outpatient Krieger Center provides diagnosis, preventive care, extensive patient education programs, and treatment for adults 62 and older. The center is staffed by board-certified internists specializing in geriatric medicine, as well as nurses and nurse practitioners experienced in caring for older adults. The Krieger Center is the only facility in the area to provide such concentrated health care resources for seniors.

"Our focus is preventive care and maintaining wellness. Too often as we grow older, we accept various medical problems as a normal part of aging when in fact, some conditions can be prevented or effectively treated. The key is education and early diagnosis," explained Lavoisier Cardozo, M.D., medical director of the Krieger Center and a professor of medicine at Wayne State University School of Medicine.

Patients may be referred to the Krieger Center by their personal physician for a range of specialized programs: memory and cognitive evaluation; gait analysis and physical therapy; and nutrition counseling.

In addition, an extensive library with computer stations enable senior adults to research health care topics and obtain up-to-date information.

The Krieger Center was established through a gift from The Carls Foundation with additional funding provided by the Mary Thompson Foundation. Additional information about the Krieger Center's services is available by calling 248-937-4211.



Guests enjoyed healthy cooking tips.

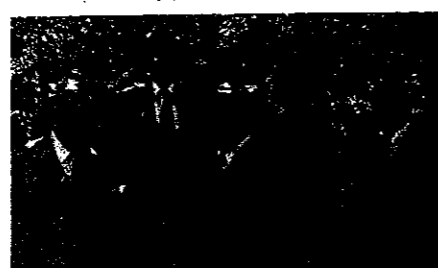
Krieger Center Open House
An Open House celebrating the opening of the "Krieger Center: Health Care for Seniors" was held in mid-June. More than 100 community leaders, donors and members of the medical community attended the event and heard a presentation on healthy aging. The open house also included tours, demonstrations of specialized information technology for seniors, exercise programs, and cooking techniques.



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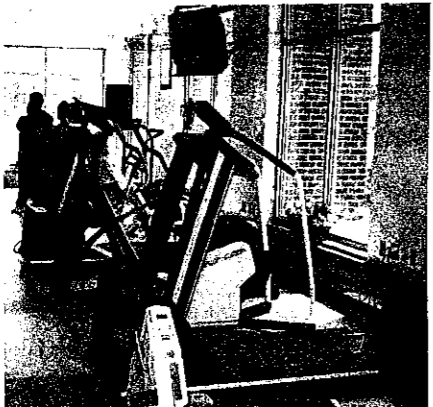


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Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Center Celebrates Relocation

In May, the Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital (HVSH) Cardiopulmonary program relocated to a brand new 1,540 square foot fitness and rehabilitation center within the hospital.

The center features equipment often found in professional health clubs such as treadmills, stair machines, recumbent bicycles, free weights and other resistance equipment.

The highly trained and skilled cardiopulmonary rehabilitation staff of cardiac nurses, exercise physiologists, and respiratory therapists provide individualized attention that helps patients improve their cardiovascular and cardiopulmonary health in a safe, supervised setting. All staff members are certified in Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) as well as numerous other professional/rehabilitation certifications such as Advanced Certification in Sports Medicine.

Cardiac Rehabilitation
The cardiac rehabilitation program is designed to provide a resource to answer questions, help patients to make appropriate lifestyle changes and increase cardiovascular fitness

Special Guest Address Addresses Attendees at "All Hearts Come Home"

When guests gathered for an open house celebrating the cardiopulmonary rehabilitation program's relocation, they had the opportunity to hear from a patient that has a healthier heart, thanks to his participation in the rehabilitation program.



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Novi stylists gain new techniques, products from celebrity designer

■ GiGi's & Co. becomes first salon in city to offer John Sahag line

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Gillian Mashni, owner of GiGi & Co. hair salon at 24263 Novi Rd. in Novi, and her staff members have served the residents of Novi for seven years. But Mashni was looking for something new and fresh for their clients.

She found it when she and her staff recently learned some innovative techniques from celebrity hair designer John Sahag of New York.

Sahag was the feature artist at a hair show in Royal Oak attended by Mashni and staff members Margie Funke and Johanna Novak.

Regarded as a creative genius and current trendsetter, Sahag is known for the development and application of special dry hair cutting techniques he's been using for 30 years.

"Much like creating a sculpture, Sahag visualizes a shape and then removes the excess hair," according to Anna Lewis, a local salon consultant.

"It takes years of practice and discipline to master the art. Typically, a hair dresser will start by applying a portion of what he or she has learned in their everyday work. It all begins with changing the way you think about hair," Lewis said.

Mashni explained that to cut hair dry, a stylist must first flatten the hair with a flat iron. "It's more work to cut hair dry because you have to get it straight first. This way, you're working with a clean canvas," Mashni said. She also recently took a class on Japanese hair straightening and is incorporating some of these techniques with Sahag's.

GiGi & Co. is also the first salon in Novi to offer the Sahag product line.

"What makes this product line stand apart is its ability to get the hair to look shiny and smooth, and to hold its style without sticky buildup," Lewis said. "It's like an invisible product. It's lightweight but still holds your hair in place."

Albie Mulcahy, Sahag's director of education, even paid a visit to the Novi salon after the Royal Oak show to review some of the techniques and products presented.

Lewis said it took Sahag eight years to develop the new product



Albie Mulcahy, director of education for New York celebrity stylist John Sahag, texturizes GiGi & Co. hair salon owner Gillian Mashni's hair at her Novi shop. Mulcahy visited staff at the local salon following a recent hair show presented by Sahag in Royal Oak.

line, which was only introduced to the metro Detroit area in January 2002.

Born in Beirut of Armenian descent, Sahag looks more like a rock star than a hair stylist. He was raised in New Zealand and began his career as a stylist at the age of 8.

"He began sweeping floors at a salon. That's where he became inspired," Lewis said.

He started receiving recognition for his work in his early teens, and his hair-styles were soon featured in European magazines. His more than 50 celebrity clients have included Brad Pitt, Jennifer Aniston, Brooke Shields, Jennifer Lopez, Sarah Jessica Parker, Sandra Bullock, Courtney Cox-Arquette, Demi Moore, Jon Bon Jovi, Hugh Grant, and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Springsteen to name a few.

Lewis said Sahag's idea to develop a new product line for hair care came to life when he began working on models' hair in

New York. "Sometimes you need three different looks on one model, and he couldn't find products on the market to suit his needs for this constant restyling. So he developed his own," Lewis said.

"We're doing great with his new product line," Mashni said. "We spent over a year looking for these products, then someone dropped off a sample one day."

"I had one woman who was literally begging for the hair spray," Funke said. "She said it gave her hair body without it feeling like she had a helmet on her head."

GiGi & Co. is located in the Pine Ridge shopping center on the west side of Novi Road just north of Ten Mile Road.

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Border Cantina hits 10-year mark

Border Cantina in Novi, located at 21420 Novi Road, recently celebrated its 10th anniversary. The Tex-Mex restaurant hosts a live band each year during the May 5 Cinco de Mayo observance and has won several *HomeTown Newspapers* reader awards. The restaurant was recently remodeled and features outdoor dining. For more information, call (248) 347-7827.

Shiro's to observe third anniversary

Shiro's Restaurant, located at 43180 Nine Mile just east of Novi Road in Novi, will observe its third anniversary Aug. 7 and invites the public to a special celebration. For a set price per guest, the party will begin at 6:30 p.m. and offer live music, wine, champagne and several different dishes, including all-you-can-eat sushi. The restaurant serves Japanese dishes with a French flair. Familiar dishes, such as chicken, salmon or beef teriyaki, are some of the house favorites. Half orders are also available, according to J. W. Shin of Shiro's. To make reservations for the anniversary celebration, call (248) 348-1212.

Cold Stone Creamery to host social

Cold Stone Creamery in Novi will join stores nationwide in hosting the franchise's second annual "World's Largest Ice Cream Social" from 5 to 8 p.m. July 24. The Novi store is located at Fountain Walk Shopping Center south of Twelve Mile Road and west of Novi Road. In honor of National Ice

Cream Month, all ice cream purchases made at Cold Stone during July will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation. This foundation grants wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions. Cold Stone will also debut its Make-A-Wish Creation inspired by Alexei, a 7-year-old "wish child" from Atlanta. The recipe includes Cake Batter Ice Cream with Oreo's, M & M's and chocolate fudge. In addition, Cold Stone invites ice cream lovers to invent their own signature ice cream concoctions and have their name and recipe inscribed on a special Make-A-Wish star to be posted on the store walls in July. At the end of July, Cold Stone Creamery will donate the star proceeds, all customer donations and profits generated during National Ice Cream Month to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Donations will grant Alexei's wish to travel to Alaska with his family.

Downtown revitalization workshops set

Main Street Oakland County (MSOC) in Pontiac will have a series of downtown revitalization workshops and conferences this summer that are open to the public. All workshops run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Commercial & Savings Bank Building, 30 N. Saginaw St., in downtown Pontiac, unless otherwise noted. "Market Analysis: Using Your Market Analysis for Business Retention and Recruitment," led by Valeria Cristofoli, senior program associate, the National Main Street Center, will take place Aug. 7. "Volunteer Development: Increasing Community Involvement on the Four-Point Committee and More," directed by Lauren Atkins, senior program associate, the National Main Street Center, is slated for Aug. 14. "Heritage VI Conference: Celebrating Towns and Their Natural Surroundings," Sept. 17 at the Historic Holly Hotel in Holly, will feature Randall Arendt, conservation planner and author, and Balbazar Korab, a world-renowned photographer. An MSOC program update and related Main Street sessions are planned. "Design Workshop: Exploring Good Design and Related Resources for Downtowns," is scheduled for Oct. 20-21. Ten speakers of national and regional prominence will discuss building/facade rehab, streetscape design, sign ordinances, design

review, 3-D downtown modeling, Main Street Design Committee work plan development, historic preservation tax incentives and neighborhood revitalization. For more information or to register, call (248) 452-2166.

June jobs rate increases

Michigan's seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate rose by four-tenths of a percentage point to 7.2 percent in June, according to John Palmer, deputy director for Workshop Programs, Michigan Department of Career Development. Employment declined by 10,000, and unemployment increased by 22,000 as the state civilian labor force added 12,000. The state's jobless rate in June was the highest monthly rate for the state in 10 years. "The labor market remained weak in June," Palmer said. "In the past year, job losses continued to mount in manufacturing and in professional and business services. The auto sector has cut 11,000 jobs since June 2002. Job growth in other large industry sectors in the state has been sluggish." Over the year, the number of unemployed in Michigan increased by 54,000 or 17 percent. Nationwide, joblessness has

increased almost 11 percent since June 2002.

County offers business workshops

Oakland County Planning & Economic Development Services will offer several seminars this summer. Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend these events planned by the Oakland County Business Center. "How to Write a Business Plan," from 9 a.m. to noon is a workshop for small business owners developing a plan to serve as their roadmap to success. The workshop will take place at the Oakland County complex, 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., in Pontiac. For location specifics and to register, call (248) 858-0783. The fee of \$40 includes all materials. This workshop will be offered again Aug. 21. Other workshops offered in August include "How to Start a Business" and "Market Research: What It Is and How to Do It" on Aug. 7; "Small Business Loan Workshop" on Aug. 28.

Compiled by Pam Fleming

Local clubs to celebrate National Gymnastics Day

Events to raise funds for Children's Miracle Network

Local gymnastics enthusiasts will celebrate National Gymnastics Day Aug. 2 with several fund-raising events planned for the Children's Miracle Network, an organization that benefits hospitalized children. With goals of raising money for the children's charity and celebrating the sport of gymnastics, this fifth annual event is being chaired by gymnastics legends Mary Lou Retton and Bela Karolyi.

USA Gymnastics, headquartered in Indianapolis, is celebrating its third year of partnership with the Children's Miracle Network and has raised more than \$115,000 to date. Founded in 1980 and headquartered in Salt Lake City, Utah, the Children's Miracle Network is an international nonprofit organization dedicated to helping children by raising funds and awareness for 170 children's hospitals across North America. Children's Miracle Network hospitals in Michigan include William Beaumont Hospital in Troy, Hurley Medical Center in Flint, DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids and Sparrow Hospital in Lansing. National Gymnastics Day has received nationwide support through state proclamations, along with the endorsement of the U.S. Olympic Committee. Mrs. Smith's Flip-A-Flon, which will be conducted by clubs across


the country and is designed to raise money for local children's hospitals nationwide. Participating gymnasts security pledges within their community for the number of flips the gymnast can perform on National Gymnastics Day. Clubs have planned other activities as well to boost involvement in the event. All Star Gymnastics in Novi will host a free "Gymfest" from noon to 2:30 p.m. Aug. 2 at Ford Field in Northville near the intersection of Dunlap and Horton. The day will include a "Flip-A-Flon," which is a fundraiser for the Children's Miracle Network, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.; free tumbling lessons, exhibitions by competitive team gymnasts; a moon-walk; obstacle course; face painting; balloons; games; contests; prizes; and food. Gymnasts will also be able to register for fall classes throughout the day.

All Star Gymnastics will also have an open house at its gym Aug. 2 at 22515 Heslip in Novi. For more information, call Mel Edges at (248) 380-5330. The Sports Club of Novi, located at 42500 Arena Drive, will offer a special event from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 2 in observance of National Gymnastics Day. Children are invited to come to the gym, where they will participate in a free introduction to gymnastics. Attendees can stay as long as they wish between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to experience stations offering various aspects of gymnastics, such as tumbling, balance beam, trampoline and more. Children will rotate among the stations every 10 minutes. Jennifer Sturges of Novi, a

Level 10 state gymnastics champion, will also be at the club at noon for a brief exhibition and to sign autographs. Sturges will attend Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo in the fall on a gymnastics scholarship. Visitors are encouraged to donate any amount to the Children's Miracle Network throughout the day. Those who donate \$25 or more Aug. 2 will be eligible for prizes to be awarded that day. Prizes will include a private gymnastics lesson, private swimming lesson, massage and personal training session—all donated by Sports Club of Novi employees. Dogers do not have to be present to win. For more information, call Melissa Meadows, gymnastics instructor, at (248) 735-8850. The summer of 2003 will bring incredible exposure to the sport of gymnastics as the U.S. will host the 2003 World Gymnastics Championships in Anaheim, Calif. With the 2004 Olympics next summer, the current national gymnastics teams are proving their talent and depth. America witnessed a tremendous growth in gymnastics enrollment after the 1996 Olympic women's gold medal win in Atlanta. Interest in the sport continues to grow, with more than 4 million American children participating in gymnastics today.

For more information, visit the USA Gymnastics Web site at www.usa-gymnastics.org. 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@hometown.com.

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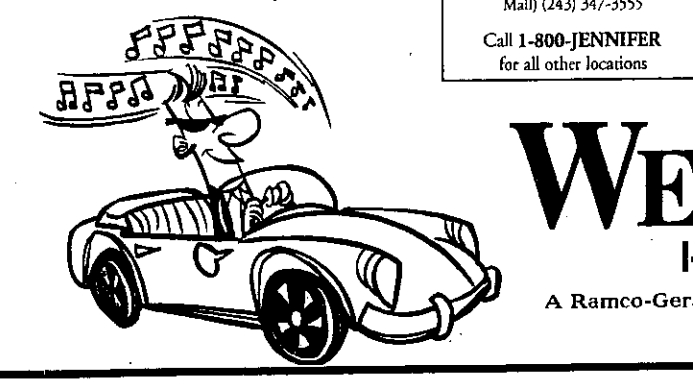
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Walsh takes lead in computer security training

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

The virtual world, it turns out, can be just as dark and scary a place as the real one.

Mike McGill, chairman of Walsh College's business information technology department, told scores of Information Technology (IT) specialists gathered at the school's Novi campus Monday "Traditional methods for professional security are inadequate and IT security is in its infancy."

The IT specialists were in town for the kick-off of Walsh's new information assurance curriculum as well as see school officials presented with a Center of Academic Excellence certificate from the National Security Agency.

"They came to Walsh working in a vastly different world than the one they did a year ago. 'Prior to 9-11,' said Walsh's president, Keith Pretty, few people other than Tom Clancy could think of an airplane being used as a weapon of mass destruction."

That change in the world brought an audience as diverse as senior members of the Detroit Police Department and Eleanor Josits, head of Focus Hope, an industrial training program, to attend workshops ranging from Walsh faculty member Nan Fothais' discussion of the return on investment for security

projects to the FBI's Chris Hingan's discussion of his agency's focus on threat management and response.

Both Senator Carl Levin and U.S. Rep. Jim Kisteberg were slated to be on hand for the event, but were called back to Washington for Congressional business. The head of the National Security Agency's National INFOSEC Education and Training Program, Dr. William Macaonaghly, on the other hand, was delayed in Washington due to weather issues.

That left Pretty reorganizing his school's shining moment on the fly. Not only has Walsh been tapped as one of only 50 colleges and universities in the country to receive the NSA's Center of Academic Excellence certificate, the International Information Systems Security Certification Consortium recently approved the school's information assurance curriculum for continuing professional education credits.

Pretty added the college has added an information assurance certificate program, a bachelor's degree in business information technology and a master's degree in business information technology to its offerings. All of these have been put into an Information Assurance Center (IAC).

"The IAC couldn't be more timely," suggested Pretty. He noted that technology has evolved so rapidly

that in just five years the world has gone from being relatively unconnected about information security to a point where people have to be concerned all the way down to the household level.

"Michigan and the world have been tremendous advantages in IT," offered Mr. McGill. "Robotics now do tasks that are repetitive, mundane or dangerous. But we've also created data bases that are larger than anything before."

On a national level, said Macaonaghly, the U.S. owns 70 percent of the world's intellectual property. This year alone, he noted \$125 billion will be spent on research and development in this country. That, he said, is more than the R&D budgets of Japan, Canada, the United Kingdom and Italy combined. Over the next decade American business and government will spend some \$2 trillion on R&D.

"That's just too juicy a target to pass up."

"Some of our competitors," said Macaonaghly, "will find it far easier to hire a spy than do the research."

According to Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, one recent study showed that 40 major U.S. corporations lost and estimated \$800 to computer break-ins last year.

Macaonaghly pointed out that in arguing for the passage of the Cybersecurity Research and

Education Act of 2002, on congressman observed, "A terrorist can do as much damage with a keyboard and modem as a gun or a bomb" in today's world.

Across the country, telecommunications systems, just-in-time supply chains for industry, mass transit systems and distribution systems for food, fuel and consumer goods are all controlled by computer networks.

Federal computer networks are responsible for managing everything from mid-air fueling coordinates for the military to ensuring that a soldier's monthly pension check arrives on time. "What happens," asked Macaonaghly, "if computer code is corrupted and the bombers are here and the tankers are here," pointing to the ceiling. Information Assurance for a military as high tech as ours, he said, "is a key information item in winning wars."

The problem, said Macaonaghly and others, is while there is a growing need for people trained in information assurance in government, the military and business, the numbers simply aren't there. Worse at the federal level, said Macaonaghly, is that a recent IT survey revealed "to our dismay" that higher security managers was number six on a list of priorities for IT managers in the federal government.

Michigan's state government has



Keith Pretty (left), president of Walsh College, accepts a certificate naming the college a Center of Academic Excellence from Dr. William Macaonaghly, program manager of the National Security Agency's National INFOSEC Education and Training Program.

signed up as one of the first partners in Walsh's IAC. Noting that Michigan is the "most connected state in the country," Ten Takai, who was appointed director of the state Department of Information Technology by Governor Jennifer Granholm in February, said "all state employees in the state need to be aware of who has custody of the network and our information."

Over the next year Walsh staff and advanced students are expected to beef up security on select state computer systems. However, Pretty said the final details of the project have yet to be worked out.

Observed McGill, "This is just the beginning, not the end."

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Olson-Niebel

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Olson of Novi announce the engagement of their son, Ryan Olson, to Stephanie Niebel, daughter of Allen and Dana Niebel of Pigeon.

The groom-elect graduated from Novi High School in 1993 and Lawrence Technological University in 1999. He is currently employed by Cooper Standard, Auburn Hills.

The bride-elect graduated from Laker High School in 1995. She is employed by Watson Wyatt, Southfield and is currently attending Walsh College, pursuing a bachelor of science degree in



A June 2004 wedding is planned.

Vartanian-Gillett

Gary and Virginia Vartanian of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Vartanian, to Eric Gillett, son of Dave and Wanda Gillett of Greenville, Mich.

The bride-elect is a 1996 graduate of Novi High School and a 2001 graduate of St. Mary's College of Ave Maria University. She is currently employed by Enterprise Rent-A-Car.

The groom-elect is a 1996 graduate of Oakfield Baptist Academy and a 2000 graduate of Taylor University.



An October 2003 wedding is planned.

BIRTH

Dobson

Kevin and Tiffany Dobson of Ann Arbor, formerly of Novi, proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Abigail Elizabeth Dobson. Abigail was born May 13, 2003 at University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor. She weighed 5 pounds, 8 ounces and was 19 inches in length. She joins her big brother, Stuart.

Her proud grandparents are Greg and Gwen Dobson of South Lyon, John and Ann Prince of Belaire, Mich., and David and Taurja Mastny of Oxford, Mich. Great-grandparents are Harvey



and Ruth Pawlowski of White Lake, Theodore Bourne of Ilish Hills, Mich., and Bill and Sue Mastny of Edgewater, Fla.

OBITUARIES

Marie E. Cartledge

Marie Cartledge of West Olive, Mich., died July 15, 2003. She was 42. Mrs. Cartledge was born

October 22, 1960 to Melvin and Barbara (Erickman) Pietron in Livonia.

She was a graduate of Western Michigan University and had been an assistant vice president of Michigan National Bank in Novi, and for the last three years she was a senior sales trainer for Hawthorn

Corp. in Holland, Mich. She was a member of Haven Shores Community Church, an avid reader, gardener, and crafter. She also played the violin and was a wolf preservation activist. Mrs. Cartledge had her lifetime wish of swimming with the dolphins at Discovery Cove in Fla. this past year.

Survivors include her husband, Richard; her mother, Barbara Pietron of Novi, one stepson, Brian Goods of West Olive; one daughter, Jamie Lynne Cartledge of Grand Haven; one sister, Laura (Brian) Mann of Palm Bay, Fla.; one brother, Daniel (Gina) Pietron of Farmington Hills; four nephews,

Ken Kolke, Evan Mann, Andrew Richard, and Emmanuel Frowner; and her friend of 33 years, Julie (Tobe) Perik of Brighton.

She was preceded in death by her father, Melvin.

A memorial mass was held July 19, 2003 at Church of the Holy Family, Novi. Memorial may be

made to Children's Ministry or Memorial Tree Program of Haven Shores Community Church, 9608 Hiawatha, West Olive, Mich., 49660 or to cancer research. You may sign the guest book at www.clockfuneralhome.com. Arrangements were made by Clock Funeral Home, 16777 Lincoln St., Grand Haven.

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Children play on the recently installed playground at Novi's North Lakeshore Park last Friday morning. The city dedicated its improvements to the park on that day.

Photo by John Heider

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Of course, there will be plenty of great food to eat every day. Novi is known for its fabulous restaurants, and many of them will be serving mouth-watering munchies at the Taste Fest Chow on Main.

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LETTERS

Catholic Central clarifications

I would like to clarify two issues recently addressed in the July 17th edition of the Novi News.

The first issue is the request by Toll Brothers to remove an historical barn from their site. City Council and Toll Brothers entered into a Residential Unit Development agreement. The RUD contained specific language that Toll Brothers must keep the historical barn on their site. The question the Planning Commission had to answer is whether the removal of the historical barn constitutes a major or minor change to the agreement, not whether the relocation of the barn to Maybury would be feasible.

Since the RUD agreement was entered into between City Council and Toll Brothers, the planning commission's finding was that the request by Toll Brothers to change the agreement should be returned to City Council since it is within City Council's purview to

make changes to agreements that they have entered into.

We are all saddened by the tragedy at Maybury, however, our decision had nothing to do with Maybury, but rather the legality of making a change to an existing agreement.

The second point of clarification is Catholic Central's parking situation. The Planning Commission's approval of the preliminary site plan included a stipulation that Catholic Central receive approval from some facility within the area for parking during football games. The Planning Commission specifically requested final site plan approval to make sure that an agreement for parking was entered into. Providence Hospital has agreed to allow Catholic Central to use their site for parking during football games.

I hope that this clarifies the issues commented on by residents. It is gratifying to know that residents are interested in the issues before the Planning Commission. I would hope that more public participation will ensue in the future and welcome the opportunity to respond to any and all issues before the commission. Please feel free to contact me with

any questions you may have.

Tori Nagy
Novi Planning Commission Chairperson

Impeach?

Remember President Truman and his, "The Buck Stops Here?"

Not so with this Administration. Busts! "Bring 'em on" is his bully-boy, childish answer to what is happening in the Iraq "non-war." Remember the Hollywood-staged end of the war May 1st?

My heart goes out to our soldiers and their families. It is obvious the Administration has no working plan for Iraq, except, of course, to seize the oil wells.

Does lying to the American people about the necessity of war constitute a charge for impeachment? I think so. How about you?

Elizabeth Nicastri
Wixom

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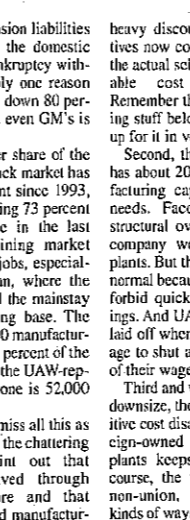
Issues of survival at stake in contract negotiations

Contract talks between the UAW and the U.S. auto industry got under way last week. They are coming at a bad time for everybody.

The last contract was negotiated back in 1999 when the livin' was easy and the provisions were rich: The UAW got 3 percent annual wage increases (plus cost of living adjustments) for four years, a ban on plant closings and a fat and virtually cost-free health care plan.

Things are different this time around. The Big Three, which collectively made \$18.2 billion in profit in 1999, made only \$1.2 billion in 2002. Ford is losing money and Chrysler is struggling to stay out of the red.

Phil Power



Wall Street analysts are speculating that pension liabilities could push one of the domestic automakers into bankruptcy within a decade, possibly one reason why Ford's stock is down 80 percent since 1998 and even GM's is off 40 percent.

U.S. manufacturer share of the domestic car and truck market has dropped 13.5 percent since 1993, including a frightening 73 percent to 63 percent slide in the last seven years. Declining market share means fewer jobs, especially here in Michigan, where the auto industry is still the mainstay of our manufacturing base. The state has lost 172,000 manufacturing jobs — that's 19 percent of the total — since 2000; the UAW represented job loss alone is \$2,000 since 1999.

The optimists dismiss all this as negative chatter from the chattering classes. They point out that Detroit has survived through tough times before and that domestic quality and manufactur-

ing efficiency seem to be picking up. And they say there's nothing like a good dose of good times to revive Michigan's most important industry.

Maybe so, but my old friend and director of the Center for Automotive Research, Dave Cole, makes a good argument that the basic business model of American auto companies is broken.

First, the industry's basic manufacturing strategy has always been that it's cheaper per unit to keep factory output as high as it can go and to rely on incentives to keep selling the cars. OK, but in order to sell its cars against competition from Japanese manufacturers, U.S. companies have had to engage in heavy discounting. Buyer incentives now come close to reducing the actual selling price to the variable cost to manufacture. Remember the old saw about selling stuff below cost but making it up for it in volume?

Second, the U.S. auto industry has about 20 percent more manufacturing capacity than it really needs. Faced with substantial structural overcapacity, a normal company would promptly close plants. But the auto industry is not normal because its UAW contracts forbid quick or easy plant closings. And UAW members who are laid off when manufacturers manage to shut a plant get 95 percent of their wages guaranteed.

Third and worse, even if it could downsize, the Big Three's competitive cost disadvantage against foreign-owned U.S. manufacturing plants gets getting worse. Of course, the transplant plants are non-union, which helps in all kinds of ways. And, being new, the

transplants have a younger work force and fewer expensive retiree benefits. Health care and pension costs for their UAW-represented work force add up to a cost differential of around \$10 per hour, or something like \$1,000 per car.

The bottom line: The domestic auto industry has too much capacity that it can't sell without minuscule expensive incentives. It can't shrink output because of union contracts. And even if it could shrink, it would still face enormous cost disadvantages against foreign-owned plants.

Which gets us back to the negotiations that started last week. The Big Three need a ton of concessions, but they must bear in mind that whatever contracts are hammered out must ultimately be acceptable to the union rank and file. An angry work force is hardly a competitive advantage, especially when many American customers already think U.S.-made cars are below foreign quality standards.

The UAW, for its part, is facing an equally difficult situation made more complex by the fact that the union, unlike the companies, is essentially a political institution: A leadership team that doesn't deliver at contract time is not likely to enjoy a long tenure in office.

Both parties ought to recognize that issues of survival are working this time around. The real question is whether the UAW recognizes a scary parallel: The history of the United Steelworkers Union that contributed to the slow, steady strangulation of the domestic steel industry and ultimately to the marginalization of the union itself.

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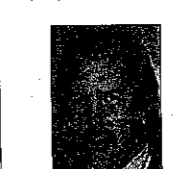
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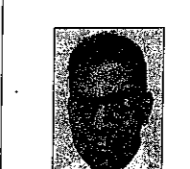
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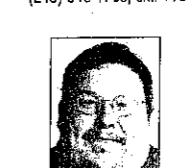
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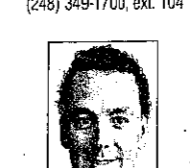
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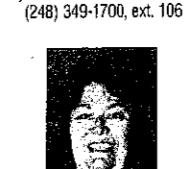
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Got the gig, just need a name

A lot of my friends in this area, and many readers, know I play in a band. And they're always asking me when and where the next gig is so they can come out and hear us.

Well, we don't play very often, but this Sunday we'll be at the Music & Motor Fest in Novi's Main Street area from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Our lineup has been juggled a bit because my regular singer and guitarist are out of town, but I've got a couple of ringers filling in.

Howlin' Hank Mowry hails from Grand Rapids and blows some of the meanest harmonica you'll ever hear. He also owns a great blues voice, he dresses hip and the girls say he's hot.

Doug Deming has graciously offered his services on guitar, and I couldn't be happier. Doug fronts the Jeweltones, who play on the same stage immediately after our set. Doug has a killer CD that he recorded in L.A., and it's always an honor to share the stage with him.

Doug's brother, Brian, is our drummer and he is T.O.U.-G-H on the skins. A tasty timekeeper, if I do say so.

Cal Stone



Like me, he's an equipment junkie. I think he's got more drum sets than I've got teeth.

Lastly, on keyboards, we've got Tony Karam. I have been playing around metro-Detroit since 1986, and I have yet to hear a piano player drive a crowd like Tony does. He throws in some great organ work as well.

Myself, I keep a "low" profile. Upright bass. Nothing fancy either.

My "usual" band is called the Jump Cats, but seeing as 2/5ths of the band is different, I've been trying to come up with a good name just for this festival. I'm leaning towards The Messarams, after that great Ray Charles' tune of the same name.

Whatever we call ourselves, I hope you stop by to listen and say hi!

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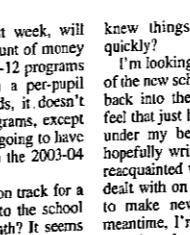
What a summer it's been so far

Just by driving down Taft Road past 10 Mile, it looks as though all the construction is coming along nicely at the high school, Novi Woods.

Elementary looks to be almost completed and it seems that all is well in all the other parts of the school district too.

Teachers and school administrators can now rest a little easier knowing that a new compromise, reached between Gov. Jennifer Granholm and state lawmakers last week, will hold steady the amount of money students in public K-12 programs would be given on a per-pupil basis. In other words, it doesn't look like many programs, except adult education, are going to have to be cut after all in the 2003-04 school year.

Ramez Khuri



So, is everything on track for a smooth transition into the school year in about a month? It looks that way to me, even though I haven't heard from many school administrators, teachers or PTO representatives in a while. I'm assuming that means all is well.

This is my first summer work-

ing at The Novi News and so far it has been a wild ride. I went from working on sevens to 10 stories per week during the school year to coming up with four or five during the summer. I'm not complaining about that, mind you, but it's almost like going from one extreme to another and I find that pretty interesting. I feel like I just stepped out of a steaming hot sauna and jumped into an ice cold swimming pool. Who else could change so quickly?

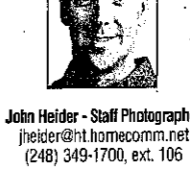
I'm looking forward to the start of the new school year and getting back into the swing of things. I feel that just having that first year under my belt will help me to be hopefully write better stories, get reacquainted with all the people I dealt with on a regular basis, and to make new contacts. In the meantime, I'm going to continue to enjoy the already wonderful summer I'm having.

I'm not really big on going on vacation, so some of you may find this boring, but I do. So far, I've been to Comerica Park in

Detroit for two Tigers games, Ford Field in Detroit for an Eminem concert and, yes, I went out of town a few times to Chicago and Wisconsin. At the first Tiger game I went to, Detroit beat the Chicago White Sox 1-0, which was really fun to watch. The second game, which was actually the next day, the Tigers lost, but I was chosen to be the Comerica Park Tiger Trivia contest. My mug was put up on the big screen and I was told to answer three multiple-choice questions. To make a long story short, both me and the guy I was playing against answered one out of three correctly, so we both won two tickets to the upcoming Buick Open Golf Tournament (which I already gave to my aunt and uncle) and a VHS copy of "The Rookie."

The Eminem concert was great, too. I didn't much care for the first two acts, but when Slim Shady and D12 hit the stage, it was quite a sight to see. Eminem rocked, or should I say rapped, for probably about an hour and 40 minutes. That was just a fun night all around.

I'll see you all next month!



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County receives sophisticated HazMat emergency vehicle

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

While there's little likelihood that al-Qaeda operatives are huddled in caves in Afghanistan pouring over maps of Wixom and Waldecker Lake, there are enormous tanks of industrial chemicals rumbling through these communities on CSX railroad tracks daily and scores of small shops and factories handle an alphabet soup of potentially hazardous materials.

Dozens of firefighters from small communities across west and north Oakland County gathered in Pontiac July 16 to watch County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and Michael Strain, administrator of the county's Emergency Response and Preparedness Office, roll out the first of four specially equipped hazardous materials (HazMat) vehicles at the county's government center.

"This is an historic moment in Oakland County," declared Patterson. "This is more than just dollars. The shock and horror of 9-11 brought all the fire department chiefs to the table."

While the county appropriated \$1.7 million to bolster first responders in the wake of last year's terrorist attacks and the federal government kicked in another \$700,000 for equipment and training for the county's police and fire departments, each of the fire departments in the county's four HazMat corridors have agreed to have their firefighters trained as HazMat technicians and to contribute \$1,000 annually to the maintenance for the 35 1/2-foot, 40,000-pound truck assigned to their area.

Larry Walligora, Milford's Fire Chief and head of the West Oakland HazMat Mutual Aid Team, noted that just since the program began, 90 Oakland County fire fighters have become HazMat technicians.

Now the ones in this part of the county have a vehicle equipped with the latest in personal protection equipment and items needed to safely handle everything from exotic chemicals to radiological and biological threats.

"Before," noted Wixom's Acting Fire Chief Jeff Yuchasz, "we had to rely on Oakway (a mutual aid group of communities along Woodward Avenue) or Pontiac."

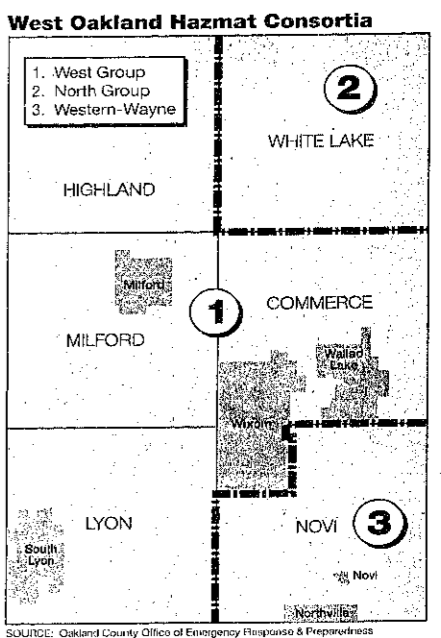
That meant that in the event of a major chemical spill, that sophisticated help could be an hour or more away.

While Wixom and Waldecker Lake have active annual inspection programs for businesses in their communities, neither they nor communities like South Lyon or Milford could afford the extra \$300,000 to purchase a HazMat vehicle of their own or the \$50,000 to \$75,000 to equip it.

"We'd never be able to fund something like this," said South Lyon Fire Chief Craig Kaska. He said having this type of vehicle centrally located in his part of the county, "Gives me an extra sense of security."

With 196 slicing through the heart of his community, Lyon Township Fire Chief Les Cash, said he breathes a little easier having the new HazMat vehicle in the fleet. He said his community is more concerned about a semi wreck on the freeway than a terrorist attack. Cash added, "This is something we couldn't afford."

County Commissioner Jeff Potter (R-District 8), while west Oakland County began as a string of farming communities, "we've developed a



SOURCE: Oakland County Office of Emergency Response & Preparedness

Historical commission looks for ways to share city's past

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

Novi's Historical Commission is looking to the future to explore the city's past.

"Novi's history as a farming community may not be my personal history as my family's history, but it's there our community came from," observed Kathy Mutch, the commission's chairman.

The commission meets monthly in the Novi Township Hall on 10 Mile Road between the Historic First Family Farmstead and the Novi Public Library. The group's next meeting will be Aug. 21.

Novi, noted Mutch, for much of its history, has been a place people went through on their way to somewhere else. Before the French settled Detroit, the Grand River, Shiawassee and Pontiac trails crisscrossed what would become Novi.

She added that most people don't realize that the vast majority of Waldecker Lake is actually inside the city limits and that the famed Waldecker Casino and amusement park that lured thousands of Detroiters away from the summer heat in the first decades of the 20th Century stood in what's now the city of Novi.

Mutch said commission members have been exploring ways of bringing Novi's history to its residents. At the commission's July 17 meeting, members discussed plans for several publications.

According to Mutch, the commission is eyeing creating a children's book looking at Novi's farming heritage and pamphlets discussing the township hall and the nearby Forest Farm. Site of the first township meeting in the 1830s when it belonged to Cyrenius Simmons.

Originally built in 1876, the Novi Township Hall stood on Novi Road on a site now occupied by Panera Bread until 1986 when it was moved to its present site and the commission was created. Mutch said the new township hall pamphlet will not only look at the history of the building, but the evolution of local government from a township supervisor and some appointed fence watchers to what it is today.

Much said the commission has been discussing plans to make the hall, which is not much bigger than the garages of some of the city's high end homes, more accessible to the public. "It can be used as an exhibit space, but there are limits," said Mutch.

Given the building's small space, she said it's unlikely to be ever used as a city museum. She said it's more likely to be used as a site for weddings and small group meetings.

"There's a shortage of meeting space in the city," said Mutch noting that frequent all available space in the library, schools and civic center are booked.

The township hall, said Mutch, was in "pretty bad shape" when the commission first took over responsibility for the structure. She said the building still has some minor repairs to be completed and commission members are exploring other ways to make it more "user-friendly." She said the commission would like to replace the building's tables and chairs, which are essentially city Center castoffs.

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 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center (unless otherwise stated)
 DETAILS: July 31, Chris Lynn The Illusionist, and The Gratitude Steel Band; August 7, Lee Murdock 7 to 9 p.m., sponsored by Novi Historical Commission; August 14, Funny Puppet Guy/Rosco the Clown, and Novi Concert Band (on the Providence Medical Center grounds)
 PHONE: (248) 347-0400

Widowed Friends Movie Night
 DATE: Saturday, July 26
 TIME: 6:30 p.m.
 LOCATION: AMC Theater, Haggerty Road between 7 Mile and 8 Mile roads
 PHONE: (248) 349-9145

Huron Valley-Sisal Hospital Blood Drive
 DATE: Monday, July 28
 TIME: 6:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
 LOCATION: Hospital's Conference Center, 1 William Carls Dr., Commerce
 DETAILS: Apts. encouraged, walk-ins welcome. Process takes a little more than an hour. Must be 17, over 110 pounds, good general health.
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Walled Lake Summer Concerts
 DATE: Monday, July 28
 TIME: 7:30-9 p.m.
 LOCATION: Riley Park
 DETAILS: McCullers, swing and blues
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 DATE: Wednesday, July 30
 TIME: 6:30-8:30 p.m.
 LOCATION: Fountain Walk Shopping Center, I-96 and Novi Road
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The Story Tellers
 DATE: Friday-Sunday, August 1-3
 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center State, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road
 DETAILS: Novi Theatres presents 'The Pithness & the Pea; The Nightingale; The Giant with the Golden Hairs; and The Elves and the Shoemaker'
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Lakes Baptist Church Vacation Bible School
 DATE: August 4-8
 TIME: 9 a.m.-noon
 LOCATION: 309 Decker Rd., Walled Lake
 DETAILS: No charge, parents invited to special free lunch on Friday. Theme "Patriotic Fever".
 PHONE: Cindy Hammond, (248) 624-2900.

Walled Lake Summer Concerts
 DATE: Monday, August 4
 TIME: 7:30-9 p.m.
 LOCATION: Walled Lake Villa
 DETAILS: Southern Knights, country
 PHONE: (248) 624-4847

Under the Sea Night
 DATE: Wednesday, Aug. 6
 TIME: 6:30-8:30 P.M.
 LOCATION: Fountain Walk Shopping Center, I-96 and Novi Road
 DETAILS: Children can hang out with their favorite underwater characters like the Little

Mermaid. Free ice cream, bubbles, beach balls and seaside craft item to take home.
 PHONE: (248) 348-8769

Movie-In-The-Park
 DATE: Thursday, Aug 7
 TIME: gates open at 8:30 p.m.; show at 9:30
 LOCATION: Gilbert Willis Park (Off Loon Lake Rd)
 DETAILS: Bring your blanket, lawn chairs and enjoy a drive-in-like movie experience. Watch Spiderman shoot his webs on a 16' x 24' screen. Concessions available. Fee is \$1 per person.
 PHONE: (248) 624-2850

Magie at the Fountain
 DATE: Wednesday, Aug. 13
 TIME: 6:30-8:30 p.m.
 LOCATION: Fountain Walk Shopping Center, I-96 and Novi Road
 DETAILS: Magical night of princesses and magicians. Free hotdogs, chips and pop to the first 1,000 visitors. Children can make their own crown or tiara.
 PHONE: (248) 348-8762

Healthcare Provider Appreciation Weekend
 DATE: Aug. 14-15
 LOCATION: Borders Books & Music, Novi Town Center
 DETAILS: Borders wants to thank all of the healthcare professionals who dedicate themselves to the care of others. Those involved in the healthcare field who visit their neighborhood Borders stores between August 15-17, will receive a special 20 percent discount simply by showing their professional identification.
 PHONE: (248) 347-0780

Alpha Omega Publications Workshop
 DATE: Thursday, August 21.
 TIME: 6 p.m.-9 p.m.
 LOCATION: Double Tree Hotel, 27000 Sheraton Dr., Novi.
 DETAILS: Free workshop. Learn about the opportunities of home education, view our CD-ROM curriculum, and inquire about other AOP resources.
 PHONE: 1-800-682-7391 or e-mail Events@aop.com.

Walled Lake Summer Concerts
 DATE: Sunday, August 24
 TIME: 7:30-9 p.m.
 LOCATION: The Boathouse
 DETAILS: Paul Rarib66, lock
 PHONE: (248) 624-4847

Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County Recycling Collection-Nov

DATE: Saturday, September 20
 TIME: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi
 PHONE: For more information, call Recycling Coordinator, Kathy Conner, (248) 208-2270.

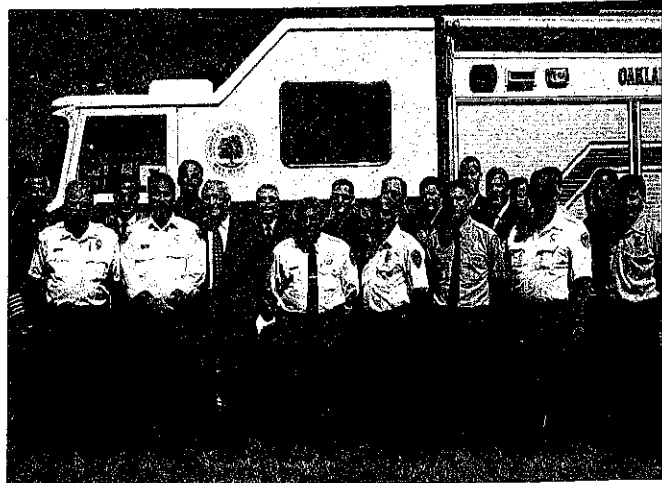
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Providence Center for the Healing Arts-Art Show
 DATE: ongoing until August 31, 2003
 TIME: Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
 LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi.
 DETAILS: "Echo of a Ripple", a show of original paintings and three-dimensional artwork by cancer survivor Tomoko Ogawa.
 PHONE: Lori Taylor, (248) 465-5455.

Women's Prayer Support
 DATE: every Saturday
 TIME: 9-10:30 a.m.
 LOCATION: Harvest Fellowship Church, 49329 Pontiac Trail, Wixom (Parking is behind the church)
 DETAILS: You are welcome to come for encouragement, help, hope and prayer as you face life's problems, issues and frustrations. Drop in for five minutes or longer.
 PHONE: Nancy & Susan (248) 926-8332 or by e-mail at harvestfellowship@comcast.net

Adoption Day
 DATE: first and third Fridays of the month
 TIME: 10 a.m.
 LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church (on Meadowbrook Rd. between 10 Mile Rd. and Grand River Rd.)
 DETAILS: We are a not for profit, non-denominational group that brings adoptive families together. Our twice a month meetings provide families with the opportunity to share play and conversation. During the summer, we meet at specially designated times and locations.
 PHONE: For more information contact Michelle Pergeau (248) 887-4955 or Sandra Noonan (248) 960-3257.

American Business Women's Association
 DATE: third Mondays
 TIME: 6:30 p.m.
 LOCATION: Wyndham Garden Hotel in Novi



Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and members of the West Oakland HazMat Response Team show off the \$300,000 hazardous materials (HazMat) truck team members will share. The truck is expected to rotate between each of the 11 local fire departments in the team.

County gets HazMat vehicle

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 huge chemical-based industry in the area."
 Commerce Township Fire Chief Joseph Schomack agreed with Potter that the HazMat vehicles are most likely to be used first in an industrial accident. "In the past we never had the equipment to work with, now we're getting hands on training," he said.
 Like other fire chiefs in the West Oakland HazMat Mutual Aid Team Schomack said having a HazMat vehicle stationed in the area and available for training will better prepare community fire fighters to respond to the unthinkable.
 Strum noted that while Novi

and Farmington Hills have been members of the Western Wayne Mutual Aid Team for more than two decades, the county's new HazMat vehicles along with the county's recently purchased decontamination truck will be available to them.
 Ken Van Sparentak, who left the Ferndale Fire Department to take over as Walled Lake's fire chief just eight days before the HazMat trucks arrived, said he looks forward to having his turn to have the vehicle stationed at his department. "It will be quite a crowd pleaser," he offered.
 Strum said each of the 10 departments in the West Oakland HazMat Mutual Aid Team will get to train for a month with the vehi-

cle before it is eventually based in a central location.
 "These vehicles," he said, "will give our first responders an advantage in dealing with just about any kind of emergency whether it's a hazardous materials incident or a terrorist attack. When it comes to emergency preparedness, Oakland County is the recognized leader."
 According to Patterson, Oakland County has more certified HazMat technicians than any other county in the state. Now they have the equipment to back them up.
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DETAILS: American Business Women's Association (ABWA) brings together working women of diverse occupations and provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow professionally and personally through networking support, education, leadership, & national recognition. Meetings are \$16, which includes full dinner. Future dates for the Novi Oaks Charter Chapter include May 19, June 16 and July 21.
 PHONE: Chris Struwe by phone (248) 269-2035 or e-mail Christina.struwe@huntington.com

Business referrals
 DATE: every Wed. ongoing
 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Rd.
 TIME: 7 - 8:30 a.m.
 DETAILS: Meeting of local professionals and business looking to increase word-of-mouth referral business. Various classifications open and eager to bring you qualified business leads.
 PHONE: (734) 462-6460

Novi Toastmasters
 DATE: First and third Tuesdays of the month
 LOCATION: Novi Civic

Center, activities room
 TIME: 7-8:45 p.m.
 DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your communication skills, voice your opinion, polish your presentations and practice leadership.
 PHONE: For more information, call Colleen at (248) 685-9226.

Send calendar items to Cal Stone, Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48168 or e-mail to cstone@ht.homecomm.net.

LET'S TALK *Jewelry* WITH **GARY S. WEINSTEIN** GEMOLOGIST

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When purchasing a diamond, experts recommend that the 4 Cs-Cut, Color, Carat and Clarity be carefully assessed. Of these factors, cut may be the most important. A diamond cutter uses a mathematical formula to unleash each diamond's brilliance and fire. This formula refers to the number of facets that a diamond possesses and also takes into account the depth of the cut. If a diamond is cut too shallow or too deep, it will lose some of its fire. A well-cut diamond, on the other hand, will reflect it back into the viewer's eye. Beyond that, colorless diamonds are the most valuable. Carat refers to weight, not size. Finally, the most desirable clarity grade is flawless.

The important thing to keep in mind when it comes to buying jewelry and gemstones, is that one should choose a true professional, one who knows and loves his art. For anyone not totally familiar with jewelry and gemstones, knowing and having confidence in his or her jeweler is of the utmost importance.

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MOVIE GUIDE

Lara Croft Tomb Raider 2

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Thursday, July 24, 2003

Broncos gearing up for Series

NABF World Series comes to town today through Sunday

Coach Aaron Knieper

Years Coaching Northville teams:
Three.

Experience in the game of baseball:
Former professional baseball player, as well as a college and USA Jr. Olympic Baseball player.

Favorite professional player?
Roger Clemens.

Favorite professional team?
The New York Yankees.

Who is your role model?
Stephen Jaksco, the baseball coach at Central Michigan University.

Comments on the Broncos and the World Series:

This year's team has put in countless hours of dedication, commitment and practice to form a competitive Northville program. Each player has grown and is a tremendous athlete and person. The Northville Broncos will out hustle and team in the tournament and expose more heart as a team that expected from our program. The coaches appreciate the hard work put in by the players and their commitment to success.



Coach Aaron Knieper

It's that time of year again and the Northville Broncos have been gearing up all summer for this very moment — the NABF World Series.

The Broncos, which are sporting a slew of talented players and some serious bats this year, will be looking to show some of the most competitive teams from across the country that this little corner of Michigan houses talent equal to that elsewhere in this great nation.

The first thing a lot of fans of the World Series are going to notice is the bold statements under that mug shot of coach Aaron Knieper. He's putting it out on the line by saying the Broncos are going to out-hustle any squad in the series. I have to give it to him — I think he's right. Players like Jimmy Cicala and Brian Tellish have already done a good job of making their names and their faces known in this series as well as in the varsity ranks with Northville High School. They come to play each and every game, so why would we think the series is going to be any different for them?

Last year, the Broncos pulled out an exciting victory over the always tough and always talented Bayside Yankees. This year, they are hungry for more. With some intense training from the experienced Knieper and Coach Max Riehl, the Broncos will be in the hunt in each and every game. They have what it takes, now they just have to put the pieces together and earn the victories.

This year, over those of years gone by, the Broncos not only stand a chance of winning a couple of games, but they also have what it takes to give everyone a run for their money.

Sure, teams like the Bayside Yankees and the Indiana Bulls are staples in this tournament, but so are the Broncos. They have a tradition of hosting this event, and now they want to expand that tradition by being a contender for the division title and maybe even more.

Teams from all over the country play in regional tournaments



Sam Eggleston

with high hopes of making it to Northville to participate in this series. Northville, on the other hand, has the luxury of being the host team and earning an automatic bid into the fray. Sometimes, the Broncos have trouble keeping up with the fast-paced programs that come to town in hopes of earning the NABF title, but this year they look to have put together a deserving program of their own.

With the numbers these guys have been putting up, I wouldn't be surprised to see plenty of Northville players rounding the bases in this tournament. They know what it takes to win, and they are ready to go out and do it.

No matter who they play, or what their record ends up being when all is said and done, the Northville Broncos have to remember one thing — baseball is a game and it's meant to be fun. Sometimes it's hard to see past the numbers of winning and losing, but if you have fun while doing what you love, then you're always a winner.

I hope the best for our Broncos, and expect to be reporting on at least a single victory for next week's paper and hopefully much, much more.

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Doug Thomsen #17

Position:
Pitcher, Right Field and First Base

Batting Average:
N/A

Pitching Statistics:
0-2, 3.98 ERA (Two saves)

What are your feelings and goals for playing in the 2003 NABF World Series?

I want to do my best, leave everything on the field and win games.

How have coaches Max Riehl and Aaron Knieper helped you as a baseball player?

Coach Knieper helped me with pitching and work ethic, and Coach Riehl taught me the fundamentals when I was 14.

How have they helped you as a person?

They made me realize that you have to try your hardest all the time at everything.

Who are your role models?

Nolan Ryan and Michael Jordan.

What are your future plans?

To go to college, get a job and be rich.

Who is your favorite athlete?

Nolan Ryan.



Doug Thomsen

David Van Horn #10

Position:
Pitcher, Outfield

Batting Average:
.400

Pitching Statistics:
2-1, 3.07 ERA

What are your feelings and goals for playing in the 2003 NABF World Series?

I'm excited about participating in a World Series. I'd like to bring home the championship trophy to Northville.

How have coaches Max Riehl and Aaron Knieper helped you as a baseball player?

They have really helped me understand the mechanics of the game.

How have they helped you as a person?

I've learned that when I work on the little things, there is a big payoff at the end.

Who are your role models?

My parents. They taught me that if you want to achieve something, you have to work at it.

What are your future plans?

I'd like to attend college, although I haven't decided on a major.

Who is your favorite athlete?

Michael Jordan.



David Van Horn

2003 NABF WORLD SERIES INFORMATION

GROUP A TEAMS

1. Youngstown Astro Falcons
2. Huntington Hounds
3. **NORTHVILLE BRONCOS**
4. St. Louis Red Birds
5. Worth Copperheads

GROUP B TEAMS

1. Diamond Stars
2. Ohio Warhawks
3. Indiana Bulls
4. Baseball City Reds
5. Bayside Yankees.

Schedule for 2003 NABF World Series

Today

Round One

- Indiana Bulls versus Ohio Warhawks at Hillside Field, 9 a.m.
- Youngstown Astro Falcons versus St. Louis Red Birds at Ford Field, 9:30 a.m.
- **NORTHVILLE BRONCOS** versus Huntington Hounds at Hillside Field, noon
- Diamond Stars versus Baseball City Reds at Hillside Field, 3 p.m.

Tomorrow

Round Two

- **BRONCOS** versus Falcons at Ford Field, 9 a.m.
- Bulls versus Stars at Hillside Field, 9 a.m.
- Red Birds versus Worth Copperheads at Hillside Field, noon
- Reds versus Bayside Yankees at Ford Field, noon

Round Three

- Copperheads versus **BRONCOS** at Hillside Field, 3 p.m.
- Yankees versus Bulls at Ford Field, 3 p.m.
- Falcons versus Huntington Hounds at Hillside Field, 6 p.m.
- Stars versus Warhawks at Ford Field, 6 p.m.

Saturday

Round Four

- Hounds versus Copperheads at Ford Field, 9 a.m.
- Warhawks versus Yankees at Hillside Field, 9 a.m.
- **BRONCOS** versus Red Birds at Hillside Field, noon
- Bulls versus Reds at Ford Field, noon

Round Five

- Red Birds versus Hounds at Hillside Field, 3 p.m.
- Reds versus Warhawks at Ford Field, 3 p.m.
- Copperheads versus Falcons at Ford Field, 6 p.m.
- Yankees versus Stars at Hillside Field, 6 p.m.

Sunday

Round Six

- Winner of Group A versus Runner-up Group B at Hillside Field, 9 a.m.
- Winner of Group B versus Runner-Up Group A at Hillside Field, noon

Round Seven Championship Game

- Winners of Round Six games play for NABF World Series Championship at Hillside Field, 4 p.m.

Josh Szatkowski #18

Position:
First Base and Catcher

Batting Average:
.311

What are your feelings and goals for playing in the 2003 NABF World Series?

Playing in the World Series means a lot to me. This is what I've been looking forward to since the beginning of my Bronco career when I was just nine. My goal, as well as the team's goal, is to simply win the Series.

How have coaches Max Riehl and Aaron Knieper helped you as a baseball player?

Coach Riehl and Coach Knieper are two of the best coaches you can find. Both are very knowledgeable and love the game. They are both always there for you whether you need a ride to a game or you are just looking for someone to talk to. They have taught me an incredible amount about the game of baseball.

How have they helped you as a person?

These two coaches have helped in every aspect. Whether it's Coach Knieper teaching you how to act on and off the field or Coach Riehl with his confidence boosting batting practice and talks. Coach Knieper has taught me that hustling and working and striving harder and harder each day really does make a difference. Coach Riehl encourages that too, but also recognizes that it is OK to laugh and have fun while playing baseball — which is very important.

Who are your role models?

My father is my role model because he has always been there for me and will do anything to help me out.

What are your future plans?

Play varsity baseball at Catholic Central and then move on to play in college.

Who is your favorite athlete?

Chipper Jones.



Josh Szatkowski

Brian Tellish #45

Position:
Pitcher, Catcher and First Base

Batting Average:
.306

Pitching Statistics:
1-3, 4.10 ERA

What are your feelings and goals for playing in the 2003 NABF World Series?

Last year, as a 15-year-old, I had the privilege of playing in the Series in which we won one game. This year, my goal is for our team to win at least two games.

How have coaches Max Riehl and Aaron Knieper helped you as a baseball player?

Coach Riehl and Knieper have helped me tremendously with my pitching ability as well as my hitting.

How have they helped you as a person?

Throughout the year, Coach Riehl and Knieper have taught me many things about how baseball parallels one's life.

Who are your role models?

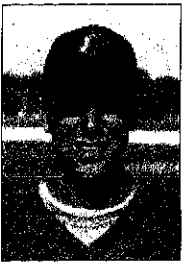
My primary role model is my sister, Lisa. Basically, anything she does is something I would like to do or try to do.

What are your future plans?

My future plans are to attend college and play on the university's baseball team. Also, my dream has been to be drafted.

Who is your favorite athlete?

Roger Clemens.



Brian Tellish

Rob Moffat #13

Position:
Pitcher and Outfield

Batting Average:
.289

Pitching Statistics:
3-2, 1.95 ERA

What are your feelings and goals for playing in the 2003 NABF World Series?

I am looking forward to the competition.

How have coaches Max Riehl and Aaron Knieper helped you as a baseball player?

No answer.

How have they helped you as a person?

No answer.

Who are your role models?

Ken Dorsey, Juan Dixon and Ted Williams.

What are your future plans?

Play baseball in college.

Who is your favorite athlete?

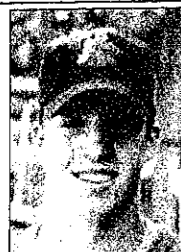
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Rob Moffat

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Andrew Gonyea
#4



Position:
Center Field

Batting Average:
.365

Pitching Statistics:
N/A

What are your feelings and goals for playing in the 2003 NABF World Series?
We, as a team, would like to compete for the NABF championship against some of the toughest competition in the country. This is a great challenge that should really define our team.

How have coaches Max Riehl and Aaron Knieper helped you as a baseball player?
They have taught me that hard work is essential for improvement in all aspects of baseball and life.


How have they helped you as a person?
See above answer.

Who are your role models?
JC and my parents.

What are your future plans?
As of now, to have an enjoyable summer.

Who is your favorite athlete?
Ben Wallace.

Andrew Smith
#11



Position:
Pitcher and Shortstop

Batting Average:
.383

Pitching Statistics:
3-0, 1.65 ERA

What are your feelings and goals for playing in the 2003 NABF World Series?
I think that in the NABF World Series, it's not only my goal but the whole team's goal to win the whole thing. But, it won't be easy.

How have coaches Max Riehl and Aaron Knieper helped you as a baseball player?
Both of them have taught me to be a smart, "heads-up" player. If something goes wrong, they showed me what to do to correct it.


How have they helped you as a person?
They have helped me as a person by teaching me discipline, teamwork, striving to do my best and never give up.

Who are your role models?
My parents and professional baseball players.

What are your future plans?
To continue in school and try to attend the University of Michigan and try to play baseball there.

Who is your favorite athlete?
Nomar Garciaparra.

Ryan Des Jardins
#5



Position:
Pitcher, Catcher and Third Base

Batting Average:
.282

Pitching Statistics:
1-0, 7.00 ERA

What are your feelings and goals for playing in the 2003 NABF World Series?
I think that it's a great opportunity for all of us. We should make the best of it by winning.

How have coaches Max Riehl and Aaron Knieper helped you as a baseball player?
They have taught me that if I want something I've never had, I must do something I've never done.


How have they helped you as a person?
My parents, teachers and coaches.

Who are your role models?
My parents, teachers and coaches.

What are your future plans?
To go off to a good college and eventually become a doctor.

Who is your favorite athlete?
Nolan Ryan.

Jimmy Cicala
#16



Position:
Shortstop, Second Base and Outfield

Batting Average:
.413

Pitching Statistics:
N/A

What are your feelings and goals for playing in the 2003 NABF World Series?
I'm excited to represent Northville for the second year in the World Series. My goal is to win our pool and to make it to Sunday.

How have coaches Max Riehl and Aaron Knieper helped you as a baseball player?
Coach Riehl and Knieper have pushed me to work hard and play at as high a level as I can.


How have they helped you as a person?
Coach Riehl and Knieper emphasize hard work and dedication, which will help me beyond baseball.

Who are your role models?
Cal Ripken, Jr. and Richie Sexson.

What are your future plans?
Finish strong at NHS and attend a good school.

Who is your favorite athlete?
Mike Tyson.

Bobby Henderson
#9



Position:
Pitcher, Outfield and First Base

Batting Average:
.362

Pitching Statistics:
2-0, 0.44 ERA

What are your feelings and goals for playing in the 2003 NABF World Series?
I am excited that the World Series is finally here, and my goal is to play without any regrets.

How have coaches Max Riehl and Aaron Knieper helped you as a baseball player?
Riehl and Knieper have shown me that the hard work I do in the off-season and by myself will eventually make me a better ballplayer.


How have they helped you as a person?
Coach Knieper stresses the importance of heart in an individual, and I think he has brought out the heart in all of us.

Who are your role models?
Cal Ripken, Jr. and Ted Williams.

What are your future plans?
My goal is to be one of the top starting pitchers on varsity next year.

Who is your favorite athlete?
Nomar Garciaparra.

Rob Riehl
#3



Position:
Second Base

Batting Average:
.310

Pitching Statistics:
N/A

What are your feelings and goals for playing in the 2003 NABF World Series?
I've watched others play in the World Series many years and I'm glad to have my chance to play in it.

How have coaches Max Riehl and Aaron Knieper helped you as a baseball player?
They have taught me that it is all about how you prep for a big game.

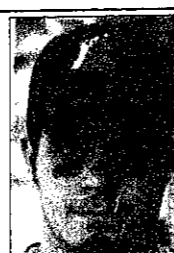
How have they helped you as a person?
They taught me that the little things set you apart from everyone else.

Who are your role models?
My parents.

What are your future plans?
Get to college and major in business.

Who is your favorite athlete?
Alfonso Soriano.

Rick Birdsall
#21



Position:
Catcher and Third Base

Batting Average:
.400

Pitching Statistics:
N/A

What are your feelings and goals for playing in the 2003 NABF World Series?
I hope to have a good showing in the World Series, but more importantly, I want to enjoy this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

How have coaches Max Riehl and Aaron Knieper helped you as a baseball player?
The one thing that my coaches have taught me is to be a fundamentally sound player; to be good in all aspects of the game by working on the basics.

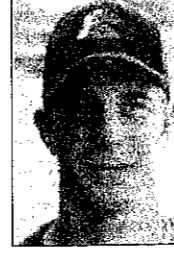
How have they helped you as a person?
Off the field, they have shown me how to be a better person. They have helped me learn how to present myself when I am around family and peers.

Who are your role models?
My father is my role model.

What are your future plans?
After graduation, I plan on attending a major university to become an engineer.

Who is your favorite athlete?
Kirk Gibson.

Cory Patterson
#7



Position:
Pitcher, Second Base and Third Base

Batting Average:
.333

Pitching Statistics:
0-0, 0.00 ERA in four relief appearances

What are your feelings and goals for playing in the 2003 NABF World Series?
I am looking forward to playing and contributing in every game of the 2003 World Series because it is a great opportunity. We have a unique advantage because we are playing on our home field.

How have coaches Max Riehl and Aaron Knieper helped you as a baseball player?
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'Tenchu' at its finest

Popular ninja series keeps tradition alive

By Sam Eggleston
ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

Secret ninja.

They move through the shadows, being one with their surroundings. They are quick to kill, their strike a venomous one. They are the unseen and unheard assassins.

The newest installment of the ninja series "Tenchu" comes in the form of "Tenchu: Wrath of Heaven," and it can easily be described as one of the best "sneaking" games on the PlayStation 2 right now. By sneaking, I mean avoiding the enemy and trying to stay out of a fight if possible.

"Tenchu" takes place in 16th-century Japan. There are small buildings that dot the landscape of each level, and around every corner there is the threat of dim-witted adversaries that are just waiting for you to test your ninja prowess on them.

One of the first things that gamers will notice with this tidy little package of a game is the controls are pretty easy to learn. Let's take a stealth-kill for example. A stealth-kill is a move where you get the ultimate drop on an unsuspecting enemy. With a quick move, you kill them, silently of course, and rid yourself of what could have been a problem in the form of being seen or heard. Instead of having to hold R2 and press the triangle while rotating the analog stick in a counter-clockwise direction like some games might try to get you to do, "Tenchu" simply has you press the square button to complete the move after being sneaky enough to not be heard or seen to that point.

Beyond using your handy katana to deal with your enemies, there are a number of items that can be employed as well. Everything from ninja throwing stars to poison darts and paralyzing food can be used. No, you won't find laser guns or grenades in this game, as it's only the 1500s and all of those goodies have yet to be thought of by villains.

Beyond items, abilities can be learned as well. For example, after performing nine stealth kills during any particular mission, a skill that can be learned is that of "ninja sight" where you can see further than before and throw items that distance.

For those who walked through the first two "Tenchu" titles, this game will hold a small surprise. There are 26 missions in total in this game, and the levels are large and the missions are pretty long in themselves. There's a good amount of depth to each level as well, with some environments that are packed with hidden areas that house either some handy items or a slew of enemies to fight off.

In the footsteps of "Metal Gear Solid 2," this game utilizes the questions/exclamation alert system to keep you in the know on the awareness of your enemies when it comes to your presence.

In this game, a question mark indicates that an enemy or an innocent bystander is not aware of your presence, while an exclamation mark indicates that an enemy has spotted you, but has not identified you as a threat yet.

There is also a combination of an exclamation and question marks that indicates the enemy heard something suspicious, and a double-exclamation mark indicates that you've been spotted and then the enemy chases you.

The enemies and computer AI are probably the most dumb-founding thing about this game. Instead of chasing you or calling in help, an enemy will just "forget" that you existed or pretend that you didn't just jump up on the roof and are standing just a few feet above his head. They just turn back and wander to their post, where you can sneak back up on them and rid yourself of their presence. In the end, you'll quickly realize that good triumphs over evil for a single reason — the bad guys are as dumb as rocks!

One of the cooler things about this game is the multi-play option. You can actually play through a mission with a friend acting as your partner through the entire thing. Though the versus-mode is little more than hack-and-slash, the cooperation ability is enough to make up for it.

The game has a few pitfalls — some of which include small glitches in the environment such as camera angles.

Sometimes, right in the middle of a fight, the camera may switch and leave you staring right into a wall with little or no clue which way you have to turn to fight. This happens very little though, but can still be annoying.

Fans of the series will be extremely enthused, while other gamers may find themselves engrossed in a series that they previously had no interest in. This game is a good one to go after, but those who are extremely good at games may want to just consider renting it for a week before deciding to buy it or not. Chances are, you might already have beaten it by then.

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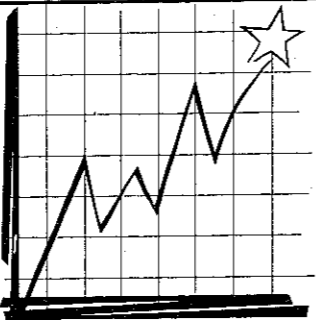
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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Frozen yogurt is my favorite treat during the summer. Many days I will eat a medium no-fat yogurt cone for lunch. Who needs a sandwich? Then after dinner, I must go for a small cone. Actually, times when my husband is out of town, I'll eat a diet of frozen yogurt for several days. Cooking for myself isn't appealing. Then about the end of July, it's time ease out a bit. Not that I would ever totally give up on the delightful light flavors — but a bit of a change is good for the soul.



Chef Mary Brady

There are many options for low-fat yogurt desserts for the person with a sweet tooth. The simplest are chilled fresh fruits, served in beautiful glass bowls or wine goblets. A wedge of lime onto the glass adds a touch of elegance. A dollop of no-fat plain yogurt and a sprinkle of granulated sugar add new dimensions. Low-fat desserts depend primarily on the intense flavors of fruit, fruit juices, and flavorings. It is not appropriate to ever dilute flavors with water unless they are extremely tart, such as lemon or lime. If a liquid is needed to dissolve gelatin, or to thin out sauce that is too thick, use orange juice, a fruit liquor or a sweetener such as part or sherry.

Citrus zest can add a tremendous amount of flavor to desserts that will eliminate the need for sugar. Tossing blueberries with the juice of a lemon gives the fruit the lift it needs. The same is true for strawberries, mangoes, peapaws or melons. On several tropical vacations, breakfast was simply local fresh fruit with a wedge of lime. Other tricks include whipping cream evaporated milk and using as a replacement for whipped cream. Gelatin can be softened and added to part of the juice or fruit puree being used for an earlier dessert. For a quick, low-calorie treat, mix sugar free Jell-O with no-fat yogurt and allow to set. Using frozen fruit juice instead of water adds pizzazz. Before the Jell-O is set, layer with fresh fruit in a parfait glass.

One of the simplest methods of all is poaching white fruit. Prepare pears and apples simmered in juice just until tender. Cool the fruit, then serve with the natural syrup. Your guests and family will appreciate the delicate taste of real fruit. Reduce poaching juices in half to intensify the flavors. Add a cinnamon stick, allspice and nutmeg to the cooking liquid for zip. Fresh fruit is normally high in natural sugar, so it is not necessary to load the fruit with sugar. Confectioner's sugar goes much farther than granulated.

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■ 1 cup halved strawberries
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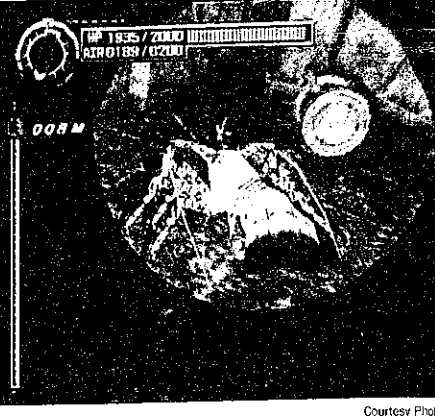
Combine first four ingredients and blend until very smooth. Chill at least one hour and up to 24 hours. Mix 1-tablespoon amaretto with 1-tablespoon water and sprinkle gelatin over. Let stand for five minutes until gelatin dissolves. Place the mixture in a large bowl and whisk in yogurt. Set the bowl over a large bowl of ice and stir until the mixture thickens and begins to gel. Immediately beat with an electric mixer on high speed for 4-5 minutes or until the mixture is chilled. Toss fruit together. Spoon a layer of ricotta mixture in the bottom of the parfait glass. Top with fruit. Continue finishing with a layer of fruit. Serve immediately or chill for up to two hours.

When having friends, berries and other yogurt, let sit a few hours to allow the essences to work together. Make fruit sauces by processing fruit to a liquid state, straining and sweetening if desired. Substitute ricotta and Neufchatel cheese for cream cheese when possible. Doing so can reduce calories as high as thirty percent.

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'Everblue 2' not your average video game

By Sam Eggleston
ENTERTAINMENT WRITER



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Have you ever thought about buying something that you weren't sure you'd like, and after getting it home you find that it's much better than you thought it was going to be? Well, that was the case with "Everblue 2." I was over at the Electronics Boutique and this game caught my eye because it had a lot of fish on the screens and my daughter, who is 19 months old, just loves fish. What a great way to keep her occupied!

Well, this game ended up being strangely addicting and I still can't figure out why. "Everblue 2" has a very un-video-game-like focus with the premise of the title being scuba diving — but the uniqueness in the concepts and execution was enough to keep me playing after I first put it in.

Games find themselves playing Leo, a diver whose ship ends up on some island in the Caribbean after a storm damages it. After immediately meeting a girl named Ellis, you're introduced to the island's diving center and then to a group of divers called the Amigas.

A screen shot of underwater exploration in "Everblue 2." The combination of RPG elements and diving action makes "Everblue 2" a strange little game, but one that some gamers may find interesting. The diving graphics are pretty good, especially in sunken ships with real-time lighting, but the sound is really good down the overall. The sounds of this game are not even noteworthy, especially the gassy island music or the bubbling of your regulator — which leads me

to believe that gamers who enjoy originality in their games over presentation should have a good time with this one.

"Everblue 2" is one of those games that I would not definitely even think about buying. The only reason for that is that I've never even seen this title anywhere else, and it was the only one where I picked mine up. Though a little quirky, "Everblue 2" manages to be a fun little fish. Given a try if you like very original games, but leave it alone if you're more into mainstream concepts and flashy presentation.

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SCREEN BEAT

By Brian Renner
THE MOVIE INSIDER

Coming to theaters this weekend is "Northfork," the latest from Mark and Michael Polish (Polish Brothers), who previously won acclaim for "Twin Falls, Idaho" and "Jackpot," the first two films in a series about America's Heartland and the country's shifting dreams and visions. The film takes place in 1955, where industries are booming as America undergoes a post-World-War II transformation. However, in the small town of Northfork, the townspeople are being evacuated because of the construction of a dam that will wash away their homes. A group of government employees, hired to get rid of the small town, who run rampant, go about the business of destroying lives. Meanwhile, a young orphan boy lies sick in bed, being cared for by a devoted priest. The boy's fevered dreams include fantastic images that might be angels...

people around the country followed with rapt interest the Scabiscuit story, leading to his winning of the Horse of the Year honors in 1938. "Scabiscuit" is a Universal Pictures release and rated PG-13 for some sexual situations, and violent sports-related images. Angelina Jolie returns as popular video game character and world explorer extraordinaire Lara Croft in "Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life." This time around, she journeys to an underwater temple, which leads to a sphere containing the mythical Pandora's Box, only to have it stolen from her by Chen Lo, the leader of a Chinese crime syndicate, who wants to use the Box as a doomsday weapon. "Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life" (PG-13), romantic drama "Nicholas Nickleby" (PG-13), psychological drama "Read My Lips" (R), and ensemble comedy "Span" (R).

DVD

"Ararat" (R), "Batman: The Animated Series - Out of the Shadows" (1992) (NR), "Bonanza: The Best of Bonanza" (NR), "Challenge of the Superfriends: United They Stand" (NR), "Felicity: The Complete Second Season" (6-DVD Set) (NR), "The Honeymoon Killers" (Criterion Edition) (R), "Justice League: Paradise Lost" (NR), "Kingpin" (3-DVD Set) (NR), "Tons of Trouble" (PG), and "Umberto D." (Criterion Collection) (NR).

Horror thriller "Final Destination 2" (R), legal thriller "The Life of David Gale" (PG-13), romantic drama "Nicholas Nickleby" (PG-13), psychological drama "Read My Lips" (R), and ensemble comedy "Span" (R).

and I wanted it to be in 3-D. I liked the idea of the audience getting totally immersed in this visually exciting world, having to duck and shift in their seats to avoid being hit by flying objects. It soon occurred to me that this was the perfect concept for the third Spy Kids movie. It's totally different from the first two movies, yet takes the characters everyone already knows and shows them completely new and lots of fun surprises for the audience. "Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over" is a Dimension Films release and rated PG for action violence and peril.

Video and DVD

Horror thriller "Final Destination 2" (R), legal thriller "The Life of David Gale" (PG-13), romantic drama "Nicholas Nickleby" (PG-13), psychological drama "Read My Lips" (R), and ensemble comedy "Span" (R).

'Extraordinary Gentlemen' is worth the price of admission

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER



Courtesy Photo

Ever since "Batman" came out in 1989, I have always said that some of the best movie stories can be found in the pages of comic books. Apparently, someone in Hollywood is thinking the same way. The recent emergence of films such as "Spider-Man," "X-Men" and "The Hulk," just to name a few, have audiences flocking to movie theaters every weekend to spend a couple of hours on a magical ride in their favorite super hero's shoes, or fights, if you will.

Though "The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen" isn't your typical super hero movie, it is an entertaining film that is worth the price of admission on a Saturday afternoon. Boasting a cast which includes Sean Connery, Stuart Townsend, Shane West, Naseeruddin Shah, Peta Wilson, Tony Curran, Jason Flemyng and Richard Roxburgh, this movie gives audiences a small glimpse of many different supernatural powers, which when they're all united, turn out to be useful to the League in its fight against the evil phantom. Connery plays the role of Allan Quartermain, the one first recruited by a man called M to form the League. Introduced next is Captain Nemo, who owns a ship he calls "The sword of the ocean," Mina Harker, who is a vampire, Rodney Skinner, who is an invisible man, Dorian Gray, who is virtually indestructible, Secret Service Agent Tom Sawyer, who provided an American touch to the film; and last but not least, Dr. Jekyll, who used his brute

strength as Mr. Hyde to knock some bad guys around.

Now, I admit that I have never read the comic book that this movie is based on, so I don't know if it followed it well or not, but that really didn't matter to me. I thought that it was a refreshing idea to have so many different personalities come together who all possess a unique way to contribute to a team effort, as opposed to the more traditional story line of one super hero saving a city from a super villain.

There was one major flaw that I had with the movie however. When it was over, I had to ask my friend, Joe, who is a real comic book buff, where some of the characters came from. I really think that each character's past should have been explained a bit more so people like me could understand all the Sherlock Holmes references, or the "Brain Stoker's Dracula" insinuations. I think that element would have contributed a lot to this movie, which in turn, would have made it better.

On the whole, "The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen" wasn't the greatest movie ever made, but then again, most movies aren't. It was however, a fun ride which shouldn't be missed.

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Stadium seating comes to Novi Town Center 8 Theater

If you've gone to the movies before and had your view of the screen partially blocked by the person in front of you, the Novi Town Center 8 Theater is in the process of eliminating this nuisance.

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The installation of stadium seating is accomplished with the placement of 12" concrete risers in every row of elevated seats. This familiar tiered "stadium" structure allows movie patrons to have a heads-and-shoulders view above people in the row in front of them, providing an optimum viewing experience.

To further enhance a trip to the movies, super comfortable Irwin high-back rocking seats with flip-up arm rests will also be installed in theater No. 8. Even the surroundings will improve, with the interior of the theater to be done with new wall fabric in contemporary colors.

"Novi moviegoers will enjoy the comfort and unrestricted view they'll have with both the new stadium seating configuration and the new high back rocking seats," says Bob Goodrich, President of Goodrich Quality Theaters. "Add to this the digital stereo sound technology we added last fall, and you can see Goodrich Quality Theaters are intent on offering patrons the finest movie experience in the area."

Plans call for at least three additional theaters at the Novi Town Center 8 to be converted to stadium seating over the course of the next year. The conversion of older theaters to stadium seating has previously been done in twenty-five of the company's auditoriums.

Goodrich Quality Theaters, with its main office in Grand Rapids, MI, owns 33 theaters in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Missouri, totaling 279 screens.

Iron Chef comes to Novi

Epoch Restaurant Group announced that Iron Chef Japanese, Masaharu Morimoto, will be joining Executive Chef Takashi Yagihashi in the kitchen at Tribute Restaurant on Monday August 11 for an evening of world-class cuisine and fine wine.

Tribute will host Morimoto, along with three other world-renowned guest chefs, for its annual fund raiser to support the James Beard Foundation, which fosters appreciation, education and training in the culinary arts.

Morimoto is instantly recognizable to avid television viewers from Food Network's Iron Chef. Hailing from Nobu in New York City, he is chef/owner of Morimoto in Philadelphia and is known as much for the diamond in his left ear, as for his fun and inventive concoctions that inspire and tease the palate.

Also preparing courses for this event are: French Chef Andrew Carmellini from Café Boulud (and before that Le Cirque) in New York City; Douglas Rodriguez, cookbook author and chef/owner of Alma de Cuba in Philadelphia and Deseo in Scottsdale, Ariz., and considered to be the inventor of Nuevo Latino cuisine; and Johnny Luzzini, from the esteemed Jean Georges in New York City, named One of the Ten Best Pastry Chefs in America (as was Tribute's own Michael Laiskonis).

The bios of each of these chefs read like a Who's Who of the cooking world, with a litany of awards and achievements. Ordinarily, Tribute showcases the finest Michigan has to offer. This one night exceeds even those standards by providing an unparalleled opportunity to taste creations by literally some of the best chefs in the world today.

The August 11 benefit at Tribute will have one seating at 6:45 pm. Seven courses will be offered including wine for \$250/per person (excluding tip and taxes). For reservations, call (248) 848-9393 or visit www.tribute-restaurant.com

Epoch Restaurant Group (www.epochrestaurantgroup.com), Michigan's premier fine dining company owns and operates the area's foremost restaurant establishments, including nationally acclaimed Tribute in Farmington Hills, Forté in Birmingham; Latitude and Knot, just a bar in Bay Harbor; and Epoch Events, an off-premise catering and event coordination firm.

ADVERTORIAL



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At Coyote Golf Club in New Hudson, Assistant Pro Jay McNeill, PGA Head Pro Jason Raney, restaurant Manager Mellisa Parr, Assistant Pro Nicolas Thompson, Superintendent Patrick Naszradi and Chef David Krupin welcome you to their beautiful course.

Discover the new Coyote Golf Club

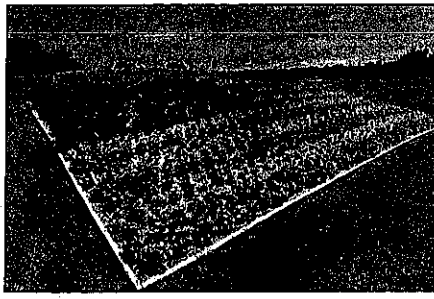
By Elizabeth Heer
SPECIAL WRITER

Drive into Coyote Golf Club and right away you get the idea. This place is so friendly, they offer a welcome in more than one language. The wood carved signs are just one clue that things have changed at the 18-hole golf facility. The entire golf club has been reorganized and updated - from expanded restaurant and banquet space, enhanced landscaping, right down to new management and a new 50-member staff that teams up to provide customer-friendly service.

"Come in and check out our new look," offers Sam VanDusen, Coyote's general manager, who adds that the fresh look extends to friendly and inviting new concepts in hospitality service.

The clubhouse, expanded to 3,200 square feet, now can comfortably seat up to 200 people with the addition of banquet space. The emphasis here is on providing a market year round for wedding receptions, showers, bereavement gatherings, Christmas parties, and special events, according to Mellisa Parr, restaurant manager. "We also have a smaller room where companies can hold breakfast or luncheon meetings," she added.

Besides booking hospitality events, Parr also oversees the restaurant and an all-new, very friendly wait staff. David Krupin, formerly at The Preserve Golf Club in Fenton, has taken over chef duties in the kitchen. With the help of line



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cooks Diana Watkins and Trevor Allen, his new menu runs the gamut from burgers, ribs, stir fry, sliders, to regional favorites like quesadillas and Thai. Daily specials for lunch and dinner satisfy hungry golfers, who along with other diners, can also enjoy great weather and a beautiful view while dining on Coyote's patio.

"Weekends we do barbecues on the patio, with chicken, burgers, brats, watermelon, chips, and cookies," Parr said. "It's fast food for the golfers, which they appreciate," added VanDusen.

Parr is offering special summer events on the patio as well. During July, for example, music on the patio will lure diners outside to enjoy the beat and eats.

Coyote Golf Club staff go out of their way to make golf outings delicious fun. Golfers can enjoy beer carts set up on the course, and then feast on a great buffet after play. "We can set up anything - do steaks on the grill, mostaccoli, whatever they want," Parr said, adding that any outing, from corporate to fund raising, can be accommodated. Back in the bar area, thirsty

customers enjoy daily drink specials and popular arcade games, like Golden Tee 2004 and Megatouch. Eight TVs add to the bar's comfortable atmosphere.

PGA golf professional Jason Raney heads the pro shop where leagues, outings, and tee times can be arranged.

"We have increased the number of leagues, but there are still openings," he said. Raney's two assistants, Nicholas Thompson and Jay McNeill, provide lessons by appointment, and junior golf clinics for the younger set aged 8 to 16 can be arranged.

"Our senior rates start at age 50 and the lady's rate for any age is available Monday through Friday before noon and weekends after 3 p.m.," Raney said. The fully stocked pro shop also sells top name brand products.

The 18-hole championship course offers four different sets of tees for all levels of ability, a driving range, and full practice facility. Patrick Naszradi, course superintendent and his crew of 10 work their magic in giving Coyote its unique look.

"He uses more than 16,000 flowers on the golf course and grounds to create the American flag, Red Wings logo, Michigan State University and U of M logo, and our coyote," said VanDusen. "It's probably one of the best kept courses in the area."

Unique woodcarvings throughout enhance the course as well. Environmental-friendly electric golf carts can traverse the six and a half miles of asphalt paths around the course,

DETAILS

Visit Coyote Golf Club and discover friendly service along with expanded banquet facilities and new restaurant features. Golf outings and leagues are still available for 2003 and 2004. Coyote Golf Club is located at 28700 Milford Road in New Hudson. Call (248) 486-1228 for more information. Visit Coyote Golf Club on the web at www.coyotegolfclub.com and reserve tee times online anytime night or day. Updates and discount coupons are also available on the website. Enjoy the restaurant and bar area, open from 6 a.m. till midnight to serve golfers and diners.

or golfers may walk if preferred. Coyote's updated Web site, at www.coyotegolfclub.com, allows golfers to book reservations online as well as print out handy discount coupons. Rate information, menus, updates on outings, and photos of the course and facility can be found on the website, Raney said.

Coyote's managers and staff invite you to stop on by and see for yourself how friendly the newly improved golf club can be.

Coyote Golf Club is located at 28700 Milford Road, New Hudson.

COYOTE

248-486-1228

Coyote Golf Club is a full-service restaurant and clubhouse located on the grounds of the new 18-hole Coyote Golf Club in New Hudson, Michigan. We offer a variety of dining options, including a full-service restaurant, a bar, and a lounge. Our menu features a variety of dishes, including burgers, ribs, sliders, and regional favorites like quesadillas and Thai. We also offer a variety of beverages, including beer, wine, and cocktails. Our clubhouse is a great place to relax and enjoy the view of the golf course. We also offer a variety of services, including golf lessons, equipment, and more. For more information, call (248) 486-1228 or visit www.coyotegolfclub.com

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