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CLARIFICATION

In a front page article in the July 17 edition of the Novi News, "64 cats removed from townhouse," it stated that Novi police Sgt. Larry Lemerand was dispatched to the apartment to meet an FIA (Family Independent Agency) worker. FIA is the Family Independence Agency. Protective Services is part of the FIA.

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Commissioner's concert

Great Lakes balladeer Lee Murdock is coming to Novi Aug. 7 to celebrate the state's maritime heritage. Murdock will be performing on the lawn of the Novi Civic Center, 7 p.m. in a free concert organized by the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department and funded by the city's Historical Commission.

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Stiff competition

The Northville Broncos U-16 baseball team was well aware that they were going to be facing the possibility of losses when they looked over the teams coming to the 2003 NABF World Series.

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Wixom Rd. zoning changes OK'd

Decision may open door to more commercial development

By Pam Fleming

STAFF WRITER

Homeowners along Wixom Road south of Grand River

Avenue in Novi are pleased that members of the Novi Planning Commission have granted their wish.

Following a public hearing, Commission members voted July 16 to rezone about four acres from one-family residential to community business, opening the door for more commercial development in the area.

If Novi City Council members

approve the zoning change, the land could be used for buildings in both the B-1 and B-2 zoning classifications.

B-1 zoning includes generally recognized retail providing commodities on the premises, such as grocery and drug stores. It could also include personal service establishments, such as dry cleaners, banks, medical offices, and instructional centers for art and

music. B-2 zoning includes all uses permitted in the B-1 classification plus sit-down restaurants, banquet facilities, theaters, business schools, day care centers or nursery schools, professional or medical offices and other similar uses.

The request by Alan and Kathy Bond of Novi did not comply with the city's master plan, and Planning Department staff recom-

mended that the area be zoned as OS-1 or Office Service. This would be more of a transitional use, such as for office buildings.

But Planning Commission members rejected that idea and approved the area for a more commercial use.

"The rezoning means a lot to the Bonds, because they see their

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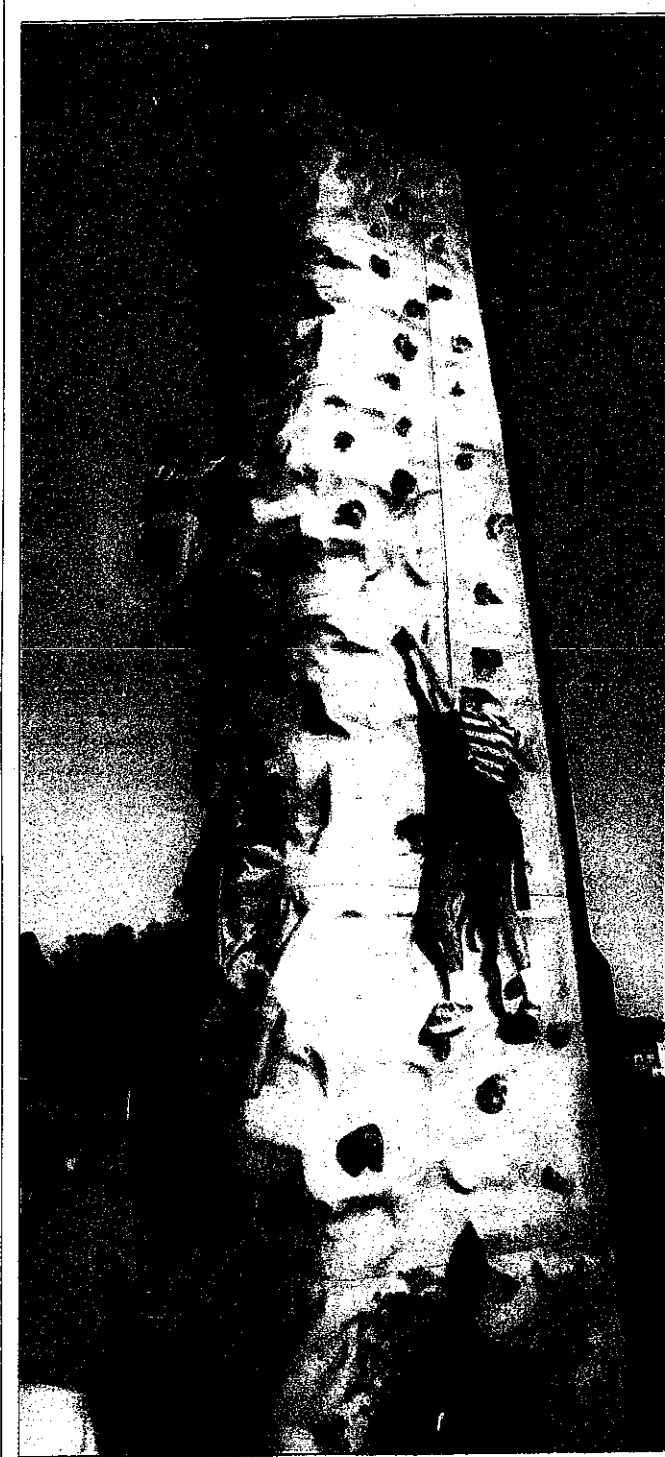


Photo by John Heider

To the top

Youngsters try to tackle a portable climbing wall at this past weekend's activities at the Novi Music and Motor Fest. For more event photos, please turn to page 2.

Founder of Wixom firm Acromag dies

Lyon Twp. resident viewed as pioneer in measurement, control technology

By Pam Fleming

STAFF WRITER

Henry Patton II, a resident of Lyon Township, former resident of Novi, and founder and president/CEO of Acromag, Inc., in Wixom, died July 23 from complications following a heart attack.

A key figure in the development of process measurement and control technology, Patton founded Acromag in 1957 in Detroit and remained active as CEO until his recent illness. He was regarded as a pioneer in the field of signal conditioning, originally adapting magnetic amplifier technology for use in process control applications.

Under Patton's leadership and engineering expertise, Acromag grew into a multi-million-dollar international corporation, relocating to Wixom in 1965.

"He was a brilliant man and an excellent engineer," said Robert Greenfield, communications man-

ager for Acromag, who worked with Patton for more than 13 years.

"No matter what subject he studied, he became an expert at it, whether it was engineering, business, photography, music or burglar alarms," Greenfield said. He explained that when officials decided it was time to purchase an alarm system for Acromag that Patton thoroughly researched the product line.

"He also cared about the welfare of his employees. His number one objective was job security for his employees. He ran the company conservatively to maintain stable employment for his workers," Greenfield said.

"He never married and devoted his life to the company he start-

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Police catch second suspect in carjacking

By Phil Foley

STAFF WRITER

Police didn't have to look hard for the second suspect in a July 15 armed carjacking in Novi.

According to Novi Police Detective David Molloy, Daniel Williams, 25, was apprehended about noon July 22 as he walked up to the parole office on Detroit's Clinton street to meet with his probation officer.

Molloy said Williams was on probation for a auto theft conviction stemming from a 1999 incident in Detroit.

Novi Police say Williams was the wheelman for Brian Jones, 26, who they say took a 2003 BMW X-5 at gunpoint from an 18-year-old Plymouth boy at the Speedway gas station at the corner of Novi and 10 Mile roads.

The SUV was recovered in Livonia less than an hour after the carjacking, and Jones is now being held on a \$1 million bond at the Oakland County Jail, charged with carjacking, armed robbery, felonious assault and possession of a stolen credit card.

Molloy said both men have extensive criminal records and are long-time associates. He noted Jones had only been out of prison since May, paroled on a 1999 auto theft conviction. He said the pair could be prosecuted as habitual offenders.

The Plymouth teen was accompanied by a 19-year-old Farmington man and three Novi teenage girls. None of them were injured in the incident, which police believe was triggered by the SUV's "spinner wheels." Molloy said within a week of the Novi incident, spinner wheels were the target of a carjacking in Warren and two more in Livonia. However, he added, it's not believed the cases are directly related.

Molloy said investigators have yet to locate the white Buick Williams reportedly used in the carjacking or the semi-automatic handgun they say Jones used.

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Novi man shows car at Concours d'Elegance

By Phil Foley

STAFF WRITER

"His hobby became his living and his living became his hobby. We raised four kids and sent them to school. It wasn't such a bad thing," said Theresa Coppola approvingly from the corner of the Eight Mile garage her husband, Joe, has been coming to every day since retiring in 1985.

While he's spent much of that time restoring several award-winning antique cars, a huge block of that time has been devoted to restoring the love of his

automotive life, a 1936 Auburn Boattail Speedster.

Sunday Joe will roll the deep wine-colored car past the judge's stand at the Meadow Brook Concours d'Elegance for the first time while 15 to 20 of his family members watch and perhaps take home his fourth Meadowbrook trophy.

And if not? "It's been a labor of love," the Novi resident said.

Coppola first heard of the Boattail Speedster as a 12-year-old Italian immigrant growing up in the Wyoming and Fenkle area of Detroit. "All the older guys

talked about 'em, but I never seen one," he recalled.

It wasn't until years later while touring the storage barn of a Maryland car collector that he saw one in the flesh and knew he had to have one. However, the collector "wanted \$80,000 for the Auburn. He might as well have said \$80 million, but I knew at that very moment that I wanted a Speedster."

Coppola finally found an Auburn he could afford, sort of, in St. Louis. "I paid too much for a



Photo by Phil Foley

After nearly 20 years of work, Novi resident Joe Coppola is ready to unveil his masterpiece project, a 1936 Auburn Boattail Speedster, this weekend.

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Crowds stroll along Main Street in Novi during Friday night's Music and Motor Fest.



Dave Gillam, a volunteer with the Novi Lions organization, pulls a beer Friday night.



Caleb Roy enjoys the maze of mirrors in the Space Maze during the Music and Motor Fest.



A passer-by takes a gander at a Ford Mustang parked near Grand River Ave.



Musician Terry Stevenson entertains on the Roadrunner stage.



Kids enjoy an amusement ride in the festival's carnival section.

Music & Motor Festival 2003

Photos by John Heider and Lynne Garcia
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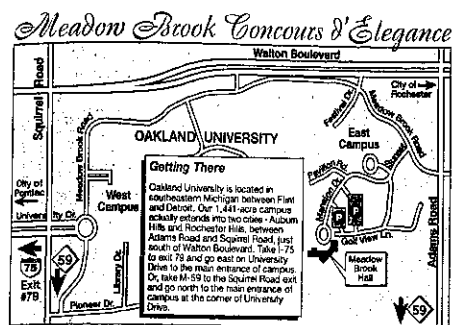


Members from That 80's Band make the crowd sing and dance on Friday night.



Elaine McIntyre and Eric Ridenour paint their entries for The Kids Art Contest sponsored by the Childrens Auto Art Booth.

Novi man shows car at Concours d'Elegance this Sunday in Rochester Hills



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car I was gonna tear down and rebuild," he recalled.

Designed by the late Gordon Buehrig, recognized as one of the last great individual car designers, the Speedster is one of the most sought-after cars of its era. With an impossibly long hood, enormous flaring pontoon fenders and a ragtop that looks more like a cap, the Speedster looks fast.

A metal tag affixed to the dash of each of the some 140 cars built between 1935 and '36 signed by Auburn, Cord, Duesenberg's chief test driver Ab Jenkins attested to the fact that the car had been test driven in excess 100 mph at the factory's grounds in Auburn, Ind. Coppola found another metal tag beneath the debris in the golf bag compartment behind the rear seat.

The tag, which had once been glued to the dash, read, "This car especially made for E.A. Schwarzkoff." A teacher friend of Coppola's did a little research and discovered that Schwarzkoff had been a famous opera diva in the mid 1930s. "Now there's some history for you," said Coppola, waving the tag which he plans on using as a keychain tag his car.

Of course Auburns, Cords and Dusenbergs were never late color cars. The Meadow Brook Concours d'Elegance is marking its 25th year with a display of 25 Dusenbergs. Organizers say it's the most significant collection of cars in one place since six Bugati Royales were brought together at Pebble Beach, Calif.

GETTING THERE
Meadow Brook Concours d'Elegance
Meadow Brook Hall, Oakland University
9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 3
Tickets \$25. Children under 12 free.
For information or group rates call (248) 269-7672

Cassis' bill provides taxpayers access

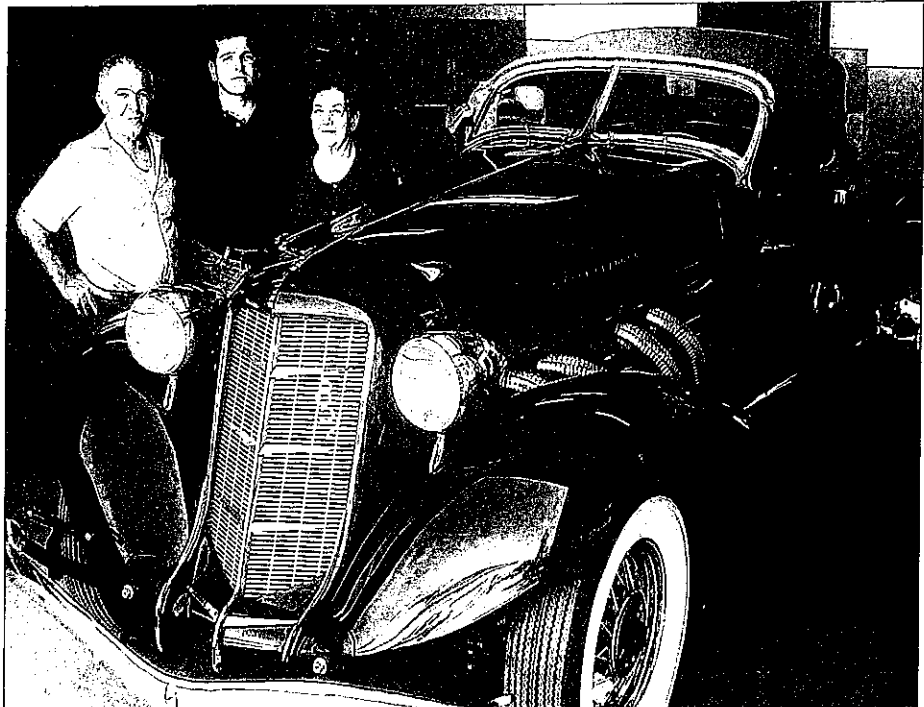
Legislation State Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) sponsored requiring the Michigan Department of Treasury to publish their letter rulings was signed into law, ensuring that the public will now be able to easily access those rulings.

"This new law is a victory for taxpayers," Cassis said. "It has always been my commitment to make Michigan laws more taxpayer friendly by ensuring that people have access to all the information they need in making sound tax decisions in compliance with state laws and regulations."

Letter rulings are official decisions made by the Department of Treasury that respond to questions posed by taxpayers on issues that may be unclear in the law. In the past, the publishing of letter rulings was common practice. Over the last three years, however, the department has cut back in publication.

"If the IRS publishes their rulings, it is just common sense that the State of Michigan follow suit," Cassis said. "We are here to serve the people of Michigan, and this law provides better access to public information."

The legislation, Senate Bill 121, passed with overwhelming bipartisan support both the House and Senate unanimously. The bill was signed by the governor and assigned Public Act 92 of 2003.



Novi's Coppola family, Joe, Anthony and Theresa, show off the 1936 Auburn Boatall Speedster that Joe's spent the better part of the past two decades restoring. The car will go on public display for the first time Sunday at the 25th annual Meadow Brook Concours d'Elegance on the grounds of Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall.

Coppola's Auburn will be sharing the grounds of Meadow Brook Hall with a1935 SSJ LaGrande Supercharged Speedster, once owned by Gary Cooper; a 1931 Derham Tourster, once owned by Howard Hughes; and a 1936 SSJ LaGrande Supercharged Speedster, once owned by Clark Gable.

While Coppola readily admits his Auburn is a trailer queen, he's quick to point out it's not a check-book queen.

"I love to do the work," he said, pointing to doors and exhaust pipes he fabricated himself. However, he did say he's had some help on the project. His son, Anthony, a project manager with Leidal & Hart Mason Contractors in Livonia, painted the car. A company in California custom fabricated new fenders for the car at a cost that would get most people a pretty nice used car.

When Coppola got the car in St. Louis, it was painted a fire engine red and had a 1950's-era Oldsmobile under the hood and the Auburn seat had been replaced with hot rod buckets. Luckily, the owner had the original Auburn engine and Coppola rebuilt and reinstalled it, complete with the supercharger that once pushed it past a C-note.

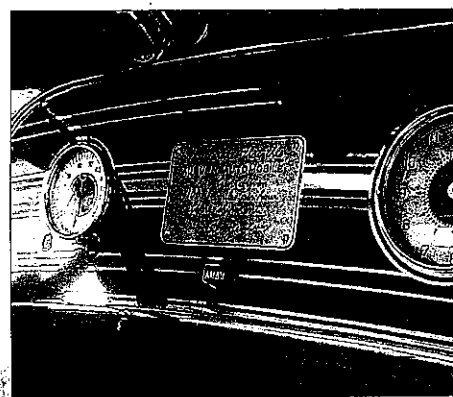
Coppola's first win at Meadow Brook came in 1994 with a 1957 Cadillac El Dorado he restored for a friend. He said he and Lee Bartell were checking out other cars when a couple of German guys told them they'd won in broken English. "We were so excited we made a beeline for the car," he recalled. "I never dreamed I could win a blue ribbon, but I did."

In 1997, Coppola won with a 1940 LaSalle Club Coupe. "It was all restored by me," he said, smiling broadly. Five years later the Concours judges recognized his 1939 Cadillac as the most significant GM car at the show.

Today Coppola has seven cars, including the Speedster, in his collection. "It's not about quantity, it's about quality. This is quality. I've been through every bolt," he said with a wave to the Speedster.

"Sometimes," said Theresa, "I think it's a little over excessive. But I'm very proud of him. He's a very talented man."

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According to Joe Coppola, every Auburn Boatall Speedster that left the Indiana plant came with a plaque like this one on the dash attesting to the fact that it had been driven by Ab Jenkins at more than 100 mph. Coppola's car won't reach speeds even close to that at Sunday's Meadow Brook Concours d'Elegance at Oakland University, but it's still a sight to behold.

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H. Patton III, founder of Wixom firm Acromag, dies

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Greenfield noted. Patton was involved in community activities and was well-known by Wixom city officials. Greenfield said.

"He even took pictures of the city's new fire station when it opened and shared the photos with the firefighters," he said.

Patton was a longtime member of the Instrumentation Society of America and recently served as treasurer for the local chapter. He was a strong supporter of the University of Michigan-Dearborn's College of Engineering program. He received the Distinguished Education Program Advocate award from the university in May.

An avid photographer and classical music lover, Patton collected cameras and pianos. He kept his prized Steinway concert grand piano in the Acromag facility, where he often hosted meetings for the local chapter of the Piano Tuner's Guild.

A native of Portsmouth, Va., Patton was the eldest son of Henry W. Patton, M.D., of Jonesborough, Tenn., and Osborne P. Morris Patton of Knoxville, Tenn.

At the time of Henry's birth, Dr. Patton was on the staff of the Portsmouth Naval Hospital. As the Navy assigned Dr. Patton to various duty stations, Henry moved with the family, crossing the U.S. many times. His mother died in 1935 while the family was living on the Great Lakes Naval Training Station in Illinois.

"He was a brilliant man and an excellent engineer."

Robert Greenfield communications manager for Acromag

Sometime later, Dr. Patton married Alta Lee of Bremerton, Wash., who raised Henry II and his younger brother, David. During World War II, the family lived in San Diego, Calif. Henry II was accepted into the Naval Officer Training Program and served his enlistment at the University of Colorado in Boulder until the end of the war. Dr. Patton died in June 1945 overseas while his son was in college.

Patton was discharged from the Navy and remained at the University of Colorado, where he earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering.

When his stepmother, Alta Lee Patton, remarried and moved to Lansing in 1946, Patton started working at the Board of Electric, Light and Power in Lansing.

He also worked for the Baldwin Co. in Cincinnati, Airpac in Baltimore and the Collins Radio Co. in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. With the support of some of his fellow engineers at Collins and others, Patton moved to Wixom in 1957 and founded Acromag on the west side of

Detroit in 1957. Recognized as a corporate leader, Patton was asked to participate in an educational program for young entrepreneurs at Harvard University. He was featured in a Time magazine article about the program during this time.

After Acromag relocated to Wixom in 1965, Patton lived in Novi. During the late 1970s, Patton tried to diversify the business and purchased the Viking Clock Co. in Foley, Ala. He lived in Foley for several years, attempting to turn Viking into a successful company.

However, a major hurricane destroyed both the market and the community infrastructure where Viking sold its products along the Gulf Coast. Patton remained in Foley until Acromag could sell the clock business, then moved to Lyon Township so he could focus on the Wixom business. He remained a resident of Lyon Township until his death.

Patton is survived by his brother, David, of Wichita, Kan. Interment took place at Old Jonesborough Cemetery in Jonesborough, Tenn.

Those who would like to send a condolence card or memorial contribution in Patton's behalf can mail their correspondence to Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake St., South Lyon.

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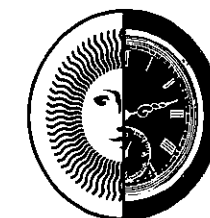
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SWOCC's Marsha Droze interviews Lee Murdock, a Chicago-based folks singer, at the cable commission's Farmington studio as part of his Michigan Week appearance in Novi. Murdock's coming back to Novi Aug. 7 to perform in Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department's summer concert series.

Novi concert series sets sail into history

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

Admittedly, with only one lake and a handful of streams, Novi hasn't got much of a maritime tradition. However, the inland sea that surrounds Michigan contributed much more to the state than just a license plate motto.

From Cornish miners clawing copper from the Upper Peninsula rocks to iron men on wooden decks, much of the region's past is preserved in its folksongs. Chicago-based folk singer Lee Murdock will return to Novi at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 7 to explore that past in a free concert on the lawn of the Novi Civic Center.

Funded by the Novi Historical Commission, it is the next-to-last concert in the 2003 summer concert series organized by the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department, but the last concert at the Civic Center location.

A noted musician, songwriter and Great Lakes balladeer, Murdock has been a featured guest on Detroit's WDET and other PBS radio stations through-

out the Midwest as well as on Canadian radio stations. Singing both traditional and original songs, Murdock has been a frequent performer at events sponsored by the Michigan and Illinois councils for the Humanities over the past two decades.

Murdock has nearly a dozen recordings in his credit, and last year he collaborated with Detroit Free Press editor Joe Grimm on "Windjammers, Songs of the Great Lakes Sailors." According to Novi Historical Commission Chairman Kathy Match, it was an award-winning reference book that preserves the work of Ivan Walton, a collector of the words and music of Great Lakes songs recorded directly from the sailors and others who sang them.

The concert is one of three major projects for the commission this year; the others being the sixth annual Fuester Farm Family Day, slated for Sept. 14, and the creation of a children's book exploring the city's agricultural roots.

"The Novi Historical Commission is pleased to be able to bring this fine performer back to Novi and to offer this concert to our community. It is a great way to enjoy the history, music and folklore of Michigan in a very informal and comfortable setting. Everyone can count on having a great time!" said Match.

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9:30 a.m.	Line Dance*	1 p.m.-3 p.m.: Healing Touch
11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Sundry Shop Open	6:30 p.m.: Clogging*
12:15	Bridge*	
No line dance with Carolyn	"Guys & Dolls" Trip	
Friday 8/1	9 a.m.: Stretch & Strength	
10 a.m.: Body Recall		
10 a.m.-noon: Med. Care, Jack Mann		
11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Sundry Shop Open	
noon	Bridge*	
12:30 p.m.	Bridge*	
1:30 p.m.	Computer Class	
1 p.m.-2 p.m.	Computer Class	
Monday 8/4	9 a.m.: Stretch & Strength	
9 a.m.-11 a.m.	Intro to computers	
11 a.m.	Body Recall	
11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.	Sundry Shop Open	
noon	Bridge*	
11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.	Sundry Shop Open	
noon	Lunch	

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Dear Savvy Senior, I am 83-years-old and want to know about the notch baby thing. I don't think it's fair that people born between 1917 and 1921 get less Social Security than others. Can you explain this to me? If I'm being notched out of my fair Social Security share, I want it back.

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Dear Notched, You're not being "notched." I promise! Over the years there's been a lot of confusing misinformation out there about notch babies but the truth of the matter is that you are probably being treated fairly and are getting your fair share of Social Security benefits that Congress intended. Let me explain.

"Notch Babies" are people born between 1917 and 1921 who receive Social Security benefits calculated using a different formula than people born before or after that time.

The reason for the Notch Baby syndrome began back in 1972 when Congress enacted changes to the Social Security law that established annual cost-of-living (COLA) increases in Social Security benefits. The formula that was set by law was flawed and actually paid too much to beneficiaries, and if this wasn't

corrected the system was at risk of going bankrupt. Therefore the law was changed in 1977 to fix the formula, but by that time, many people born between 1917 and 1921 had already retired and had their benefits calculated using the incorrect formula. Congress, in a compassionate move, opted not to take anything away from those retirees, therefore those people are receiving additional money. Congress, in another compassionate move, was also concerned about the impact of this change on people about to retire, so a special "transition" formula was created for people who were within five years of retirement age when the law was changed.

There are three "classes" of Social Security beneficiaries.

- Benefits for people born before 1917 are calculated under the incorrect 1972 formula, so they are actually getting a windfall (additional money) compared to the original intent of Congress.
- People born between 1917 and 1921 are paid the benefits calculated using either correct 1977 formula or the transition formula, whichever is higher.
- The rest of us! People born after 1921, who have their benefits calculated using the correct 1977 formula.

Further confusing the Notch Baby issue is that some people forget that Social Security benefits are dependent on the earnings of the person whose work record is calculated. In other words, the more that was paid into Social Security, the higher the benefits will be. So, someone born in 1916 with a high income would have a significantly larger benefit than a low-income beneficiary born in 1917.

There are some phony fund-raising groups that solicit funds from people (whom they call victims) born during the 1917-1921 period. They want your money to help fix the problem, but remember, there's no problem to be fixed, so don't send your money!

The bottom line is that if you are a Notch Baby you're not being cheated out of your Social Security benefits which is figured by the correct Social Security formula. The people who are actually getting the incorrect Social Security amount are the folks born between 1910 and 1916. But since it's more than Uncle Sam intended to give them, they aren't complaining. But then again, neither would I.

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OPINION



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Two different views of our nation's ailing economy

Last week, I experienced two very different but dovetailing views of what ails our economy... Over the weekend, my wife, Kathy, and I drove to Wisconsin to attend her high school reunion...



Phil Power

LETTERS

Historically speaking The members of the Novi Historical Commission - David Livston, Kathy Match, Maggie Pringle... Questions DeRoche's reasoning The letter 'Judgeship blocking wrong' from state Rep. Craig DeRoche brings a few questions to mind... Share your opinions! We welcome your letters to the editor.

OTHER OPINIONS

A musician's nightmare

I have German engineering. It's well-thought-out, precise and incredibly reliable... Take, for instance, my new Volkswagen Passat (which I just purchased after my VW Beetle was totaled by somebody who drives worse than me)...



Cal Stone

The world comes to 8 Mile

I can count on one hand... how many times I've ever written a column dealing with issues letter-writers bring to the editor's desk... I have jumped through the necessary hoops to have her voice heard, folks. She's got a view...



Chris C. Davis

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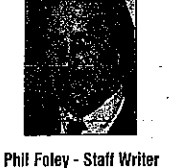
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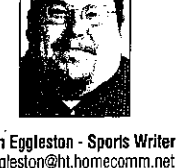
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GUEST COLUMN Focus on children's vision

Summer is half over, and already parents are getting bombarded with back-to-school lists... Attention on children's vision has risen on the state and national level... The state of Kentucky began a nationwide movement by passing a law in July of 2000 mandating that a child cannot enter kindergarten without having an eye



Dr. Mary Crisman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Novi Summer Concert Series
DATE: Thursdays
TIME: Kids' concerts 7-7:45 p.m.; community concerts 7:45 to 8:45 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center (unless otherwise stated)
DETAILS: July 31, Chris Lynn The Illustrators 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 (of the Providence Medical Center grounds)
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Adoption Playgroup
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 Pergau (248) 887-9955 or Sandra Noonan (248) 960-3257

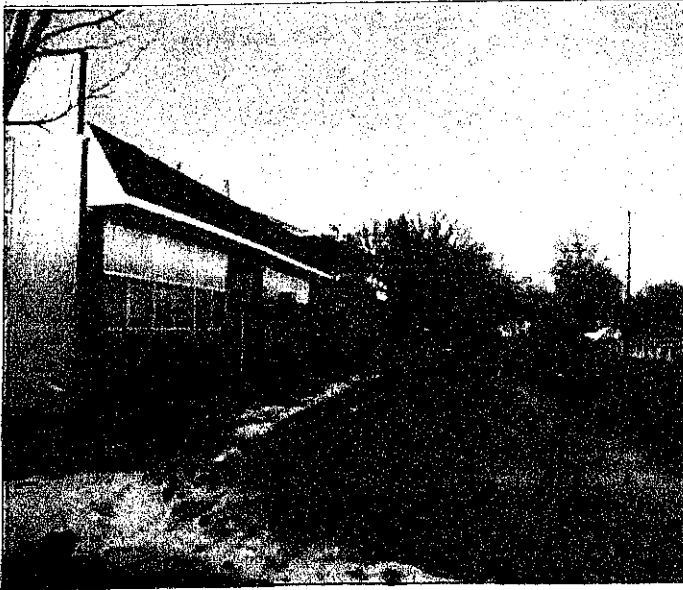
CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 20, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI to consider ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT 99-18-182.
An Ordinance to amend Zoning Ordinance Subsections 303.2, 303.2.a, 303.2.a (1) (i), 303.2.a (1) (j) and 303.2.a (1) (k) of Ordinance No. 97-18, as amended, the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance, and to add Subsections 303.2.a (1) (e) and 303.2.a (1) (f) to said Ordinance, to modify the standards for Single-Family Detached Appearance Variation to also include the rear building elevations of single-family homes.
All interested persons are invited to attend. The proposed ordinance is available for review at the Planning Department. Verbal comments will be heard at the public hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48375, until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 20, 2003.

NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST-FOR-BIDS
2003 Neighborhood Roadway Rehabilitation - Concrete
The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for 2003 Neighborhood Roadway Rehabilitation - Concrete according to the specifications of the City of Novi.
Sealed bids will be received until 3:00 p.m. prevailing Eastern Time, Tuesday, August 19, 2003, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed and delivered as follows:
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Plans, Specifications and other Contract Documents may be examined at the office of the City Clerk or at the office of the Engineer, James Lewis, Norris & May, 3893 Research Park Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48108, between the hours of 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. on and after Monday, August 4, 2003. They may be obtained from the Engineer upon payment of \$50 per set non-refundable. Documents may be mailed to the prospective bidders upon request accompanied by an additional payment of \$10 per set, non-refundable.
Each bid shall be accompanied by a Qualification & Experience Statement, certified check, or a satisfactory bidder's bond in the amount of at least 5% of the total bid, drawn payable to the City of Novi as security that if the Proposal is accepted, the Bidder will execute the Contract and deliver acceptable proof of insurance, Performance and Labor and Materials Bonds within 14 calendar days after the award of the Contract.
Proposals which have been submitted shall not be withdrawn after the time set for opening of bids and shall remain firm for a period of 90 calendar days after the opening of bids.
The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informalities or both to reject any or all proposals, and in general to make the award of the contract in any manner deemed by the City, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the City of Novi.
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MSU students design future

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"The city needs more color and some anchor facilities," Rauhe said.

Attention was even given to the backs of downtown buildings, creating attractive pedestrian walkways.

Meyers said that planners envision not only a safer way to walk on Pontiac Trail but more ways that residents can experience a living lakefront in Walled Lake.

Along the Pontiac Trail corridor, students advised using the north and south major intersections to create a sequence of views and landmarks.

Improvements and beautification of the street could slow traffic. Residents interested in learning more about the MSU stu-

dent's project can contact Meyers at (248) 624-4847 or Rauhe at (517) 353-7880.

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for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at pfleming@ht.homecomm.net.

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Broncos meet tough teams in 2003 NABF World Series

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

When you face some of the best competition in the country, it comes as no surprise when you end up notching losses along the way.

The Northville Broncos U-16 baseball team was well aware that they were going to be facing the possibility of losses when they looked over the teams coming to the 2003 NABF World Series, which was hosted in Northville. Unfortunately for the Broncos, they weren't expecting to go 0-4 for the week.

That doesn't mean they didn't do what they could to earn wins — but it does mean that even the smallest mental errors can lead to a loss for a squad.

In their final game of the tournament, the Broncos took on the St. Louis Red Birds and came out with a vengeance but ended up taking a 7-6 loss before the game was through.

The Broncos were the first to get on the score board, earning a single run in the first inning before jumping to a 3-1 lead by the end of the second inning.

In the top of the third, it appeared the Broncos had a firm grip on the situation as they rounded the bases for another run and a 4-1 lead. The bottom of the inning found the Red Birds putting together the offense they were looking for though — and it didn't help the Broncos cause that three critical errors were committed as St. Louis took a 5-4 lead off of one hit and three errors before pitcher Andrew Smith managed to throw his way out of the sticky situation and end the threat.

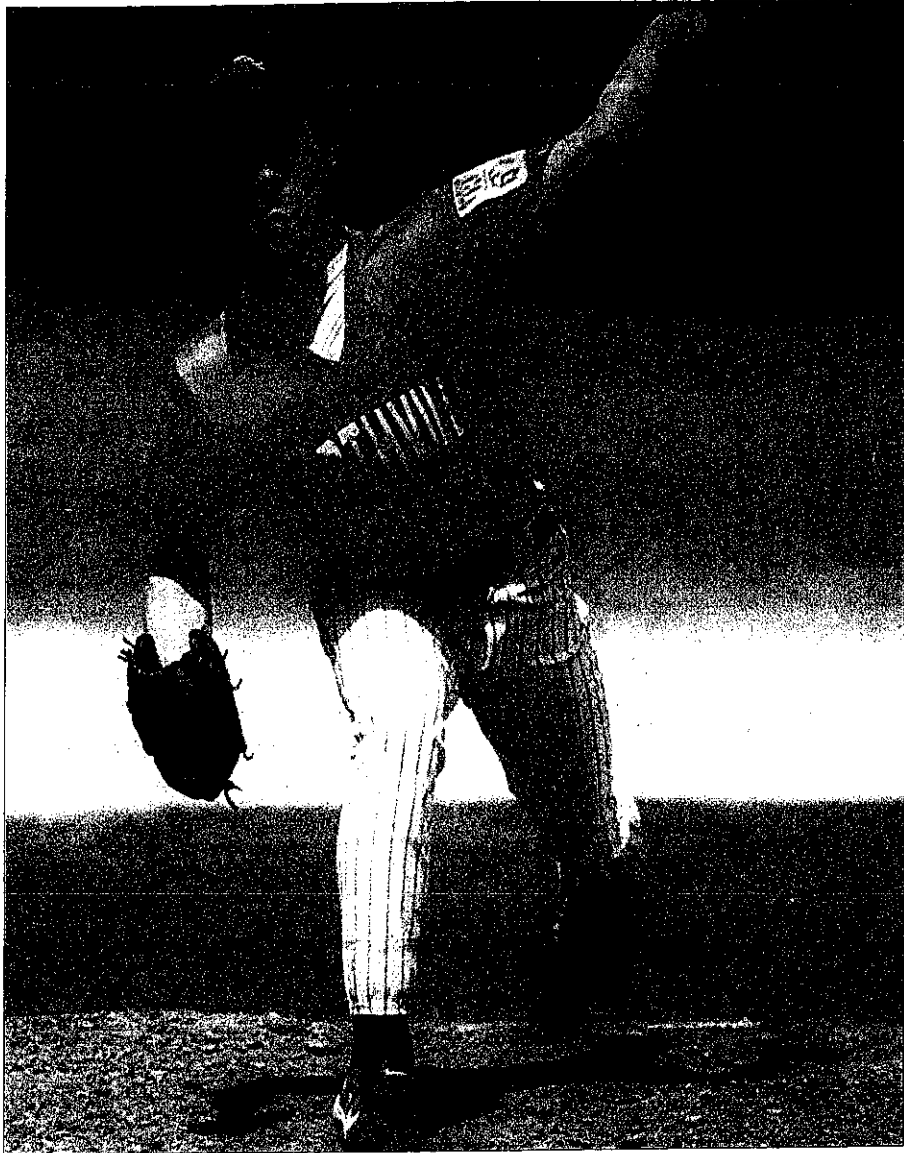
In both the fourth and fifth innings of the contest, defense was the name of the game. Northville's Jim Cicala had some flashes of intense defensive play through both innings, and catcher Ryan Desjardins made some critical plays to keep the Broncos alive — including holding off his teammates as a long bunt climbed onto the grass before slightly curving and then rolling foul three-quarters of the way to the third-base bag.

In the sixth inning, the Broncos bowed out of their offensive stand in five batters before the Red Birds were threatening again. After a walk on the first batter of the inning, St. Louis managed to advance him with two straight hits and then an aggressive move across home plate for a 6-4 lead.

As the next runner headed for home on the ensuing hit, Cicala scooped up the ball, looked to first as though he were about to throw and then fired home where Desjardins was covering the plate for the tag out.

The St. Louis threat was ended as third basemen Rick Birdsall made an impressive defensive play as he scooped up a ground ball and turned to tag the baserunner coming off of second base. The runner tried to avoid Birdsall's tag, which turned into a diving attempt, and was called out for leaving the base path.

In the top of the seventh, the Broncos made their final stand of the game. Brian Tellish, a World Series veteran, smacked a deep double to open the hitting but was



Bronco Bobby Henderson pitches during Northville's Friday game against the Copperheads.

Photo by John Heider

called out at second base as he took slid to the bag to avoid the tag. Questioning the second-base umpire's decision on the call, Tellish soon found himself ejected from the contest and wasn't able to watch as his squad rallied.

Josh Szatkowski got on base with a hard liner to right field that stayed just inside the line before advancing to second on a wild pitch. Rob Riehl took the bag on a walk before both runners were driven home on a powerful two-run single by Andrew Gonyea to tie the game at 6-6.

But, that was all the offense the Broncos could muster, and they found themselves taking the loss after the first St. Louis batter was hit by the pitch and then advanced on a sacrifice bunt. He took third on an error two batters later and then

trotted home on a deep gap-hit with two outs and a full count against the Red Bird batter.

Huntington 8, Northville 0

In their first contest of the series, the Northville Broncos found themselves on the wrong end of a blowout as the Huntington Hawks flew away with a 8-0 victory.

The Broncos committed only two errors in the contest but couldn't put together the offensive surge needed to beat a tough team like the Hawks. Leading the offensive charge for Northville was Birdsall, who went 2-for-3 on the day while Bobby Henderson went 1-for-2 and Desjardins went 1-for-3.

Taking the brunt of the loss from the mound was Rob Moffat, who threw 81 pitches for a 7.00 ERA on

the day. He struck out one and allowed 11 hits.

Youngstown 4, Northville 1

It was a much closer game in the second contest of the series for the Northville Broncos, but it still wasn't the result they were looking for as they took on and fell to the Youngstown Astro Falcons 4-1.

On the offensive end of the game, the Broncos found Szatkowski going 1-for-3 on the day to lead his team, while Gonyea and Cicala each went 1-for-4 in the losing effort. Cicala had the RBI for the Broncos, which drove in Gonyea for the score.

Tennessee 14, Northville 7

In what was their best offensive

and their worst defensive showing combined into a single game, the Broncos found themselves taking on and losing to the Worth Copperheads, 14-7.

Northville had some nice showings on the offensive side of the ball as Van Horn went 3-for-4 with three singles and an RBI, while Szatkowski, Smith and Cicala all went 2-for-4 on the day.

Cicala earned an RBI and a double, while Szatkowski earned an RBI as well.

Birdsall went 1-for-3 in the losing effort, while Cory Patterson went 1-for-1 with an RBI and Gonyea went 1-for-5 with an RBI.

Henderson threw 3 1/3 innings with 72 pitches, one strike out and eight hits allowed as he took the loss on the day.

Well, it's just about that time of year again, isn't it?
It seems like just about the time you are getting into the swing of dealing with the oh-so-slow season we like to call summer, things get right back into the frenzy of fall sports.



Sam Eggleston

Football, girls basketball, boys soccer, boys golf, girls tennis, cross country and swimming — it's all coming to a start August 11th with a brand-new season and some brand-new faces. I'm excited, as I am sure all the fans of both Northville and Novi athletics are, to gear up for this new season. And what's the best way for a newspaper to do that? With a preview section, of course.

This year, we are slated to present our previews for the edition of August 21 — which will give us exactly a week to put together coach comments, the top players, who is going to be the toughest teams on the schedule and so-on-and-so-forth. It's always a challenge to put together a quality preview in such a short amount of time, but I am definitely confident that we will be able to live up to the expectations of the readership who eagerly awaits it.

This year, I am going to have my hands full with all of the quality programs that will be taking it to the competition in the form of Wildcats and Mustangs. Not that I'm complaining — at least I know I'll have plenty of material to fill the sports pages each and every week until next summer.

Sometimes, I wonder how I am going to make it all work. With all of the sports going on around me and all of the things I have to report on, I have to sit back and try to figure out where all of the flow of information is going to be and how I am going to assemble all of it in time for my early-morning deadline on Tuesday.

Well, I can safely tell you exactly how this process is a success — the coaches and the parents. Every week, I speak to the coaches either directly after a contest or via the phone to put together an informative and detailed story based on the statistics of a contest. Sometimes, and it's rare, coaches and I don't connect and things start to get a little scarce in the way of information — and that's where parents and players usually come in.

It's nice to know that I can pick up the phone and call up any number of players on a particular team and expect to get quality quotes as well as on-the-dot information regarding points and stats to put in a story. That's a credit to the informative nature of our coaches in this area and the job they do of passing on the numbers to their team and the fans.

I want to thank all of my coaches, players and parents in advance of this fall season as I gear up to start collecting all the data I need to make things work around here. I know that if I get in a rough spot, you'll be there to give me a hand.

I'm looking forward to yet another successful fall campaign by each and every one of my teams, and I wish all of the players the best when it comes to tryouts August 11. Remember that heart plays as much of a role as anything else when it comes to being noticed by a coach. I always looked at tryouts and practices like this: You practice how you play, and that means putting it all out there each and every time. Give it your all, and most of the time it will work out for you in the end.

Though making a sports team is one of those things that some readers out there would just shrug their shoulders at and wonder what the big deal is if someone doesn't make it, it should be understood that for many kids out there, this is their dream. They want to play, they want to compete and they want to wear their school colors proudly. It's not easy for a coach to decide who stays and who goes, but it has to be done. And, unfortunately, sometimes it's those who want it the most that are left behind.

Let's hope that this year, and for years to come, that isn't the case. Hopefully, there's room for everyone.

And, if there's not, let's just applaud everyone who had the courage and desire to try out for our varsity sports teams.

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East sneaks by West in All-Star game

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

It may not have been the score-fest that some fans would have liked, but the 2003 Michigan High School Football Coaches Association All-Star Football game had plenty of talent that was contained by plenty of defense.

In the end, it was the defense that prevailed at Spartan Stadium in East Lansing as the East's squad — headed up by Novi's own Chase Chandler — held the West scoreless for three quarters before earning the 12-6 victory for the third East victory in a row.

"I felt I did pretty well as a whole," Chandler said, and then added that it was the entire corps that held the West. "Our defense shut them down and we managed to hold them scoreless for three quarters. Overall, I thought we did pretty well."

The East didn't have the stellar offensive capabilities that one might expect from an All-Star

team, but, then again, they only had a week to practice.

"It takes a lot longer than a week to put together an entire offense," Chandler noted. "I thought that as a team we went out there and did what we were told."

Chandler also noted that he felt the West squad may not have had their entire team on the same page.

"To tell you the truth, I thought they were kind of off," he said. "They were a bit out of sync and dropped a couple of passes."

And it didn't help that the West was forced to make some last-minute adjustments. The defensive ends for the squad were not able to play so the team was forced to move players like Mendon's Jared Dell, a fullback, to the end slot.

And, the East defense wasn't about to let things go off without a hitch either. They recorded two sacks in the contest to stymie the West squad's efforts. The West had Lowell's Mark Catlin, who

threw a state-record 411 yards against Birmingham Brother Rice and is known for his scrambling ability. Well, Catlin didn't look like the quarterback of old, especially after a vicious hammering that looked as though it nearly decapitated the stellar quarterback.

The East's offense seemed to rotate around Belleville kicker David Chudzinski, who used his strong foot to lead the Tigers to the playoffs this season. He booted 32- and 39-yard field goals to give the East six points on the day. The only other score came on a four yard pass from Wynn Michalak to Josh Powell, after with the two-point conversion attempt failed.

The West made a last-minute rally, scoring a touchdown with less than five minutes left on the clock as Catlin landed a pass to Ionia's Garret Bushong from 16 yards out to pull the score to 12-6 — but that was all the offense either team could muster.

"Our kicker did pretty well, and we did what we had to do to

get the win," Chandler said. "Overall, everything worked out the way we wanted it to."

Though the West ended up outgaining the East in total yardage by 236-218 margin, the defensive pressure Chandler and his fellow defenders put on was enough to shut down most of the scoring threats.

In the first half, West Ottawa quarterback C.J. Van Wieren led the West to the East's 21-yard line before a sack forced a punt. In the third quarter, Catlin had the West offense moving before a sack stopped the drive.

As time was expiring, the West had a final chance to get the ball back — which could have been a threat thanks to Catlin's surge in the final quarter and the West's defense starting to hold strong. But, West punter Chris Smith of Holt fumbled the snap on the punt, which gave the East the ball at their opponent's 20-yard line.

Though he was unable to play, Milford's Jim Presley came to the first day of practice and then

stood on the sidelines during the contest to cheer his squad to victory.

"He seemed bummed about not being able to play," Chandler said.

For Chandler and the other players who will be competing at the collegiate level this fall, the All-Star game was a good way to measure up ability and the pace of the game at the next level.

"It was definitely worth it," Chandler said. "These guys are all big and all really fast, and it gives you a chance to see the kind of talent you'll be playing in college."

And that's not the only reason to play either.

"You meet a lot of good people and have a lot of fun," Chandler noted. "It was just a great experience overall."

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ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday, July 31, 2003

Shiver me timbers!

Johnny Depp's performance as Captain Jack Sparrow alone is worth the price of admission to 'Pirates of the Caribbean'

By Sam Eggleston
ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

Well, shiver me timbers. We've got ourselves a pirate movie here. The first thing I have to say is that a movie-goer should never, ever head to the theater to watch a movie based on a Disney World ride and expect to come out satisfied. Really, the fans of nature are against any such movie even doing any good... yet 'Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl' is doing just fine and there are plenty of reasons for it.

Director Gore Verbinski ("The Ring") and producer Jerry Bruckheimer offer up Johnny Depp as a pirate known as Captain Jack Sparrow, as well as swashbuckling hero Orlando Bloom (Tegulas from "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy), sinister pirate Geoffrey Rush ("Quills") and the oh-so-eyecatching Keira Knightley ("Bend Sinister"). Depp glides through the movie with the grace of a drunk-on-ballet dancer and his accent fits right in with the rest of the cast. He's got a certain charm and ball-hand gestures that emphasize each phrase he delivers.

When all is said and done, "Pirates" is a rare movie indeed. It's an adventure movie that manages to do everything right. The plot about evil pirates trying to undo the effects of cursed treasure is complicated but never falls to pieces even in the face of some mistakes in identity and a pesky Sparrow getting in the way. The visual effects are right on, highlighted by some amazing work on the cursed crew that is shown in their truly cursed form in the rays of the moonlight.

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SCREEN BEAT

By Brian Renner
THE MOVIE INSIDER

Coming to theaters this weekend is crime-comedy "Gigli" starring Ben Affleck as a hit man in Los Angeles, whose latest scheme is the kidnapping of the mentally challenged brother (Justin Bartha) of a powerful district attorney. After successfully kidnapping the brother, Gigli teams up with a woman (Jennifer Lopez) he pretends to be in the crime business as well. The film asks, "Is she and Gigli get away with this?" "Gigli" is a Sony Pictures release and rated R for sexual content, pervasive language and brief strong violence.

The outrageous, lovable characters embraced by audiences all over the world in "American Pie" and "American Pie 2" reunite this summer for a very special occasion: "American Wedding." With East Great Falls High now just a memory, the kids have grown into young adults ready to wind back with a new ride in passage-Jim (Jason Biggs) and Michelle (Alyson Hannigan) are getting married! According to writer-producer Adam Herz, he approached the third installment of "American Pie" with care and thoughtful planning. "I wasn't so much afraid of 'topping' the first two, because I didn't think of it that way. I just came at it asking, 'Is what follows a natural progression in the lives of these characters?' It is real? And obviously, and all-importantly, 'Is it funny?'" "American Wedding" is a Universal Pictures release and rated R for sexual content, language, and crude humor.

On Video and DVD
Marvel Comics-based martial-arts adventure "Daredevil" (PG-13), musical kids' cartoon "Piglet's Big Movie" (G), futuristic thriller "Solaris" (PG-13), psychological drama "Spider" (R), supernatural romance "Till Human Voices Wake Us" (R), and twisted romance drama "XXXY" (R).

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Remake of the Disney classic "Freaky Friday" (PG), and action-thriller "SWAT" (R).

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

My mother gives all her children salt for Christmas, enough to last the year. She is a member of The Grain & Salt Society whose goal it is to offer via catalog, food and products that are selected for their special health benefits and the careful preparation that goes into their production. As can be imagined, from its name, salt is one of their major goods.

The ancient Egyptians worshipped dead bodies believing them to be a vessel connecting the earthly life to the afterlife. It was ideal to have the body permanently preserved. Egyptian burial sites have been found that contain 3000-year-old corpses with flesh and skin intact. The dry salty desert sand protected them and this natural phenomenon held the remains of an idea about preserving flesh — one of the oldest uses of salt.

Until modern times when refrigeration became the norm, salt was the major way to preserve fish: anchovies and salmon (gravlox), are some examples. Although difficult to find, salt remains one of life's true pleasures. There is nothing that compares to the famous braided de mort the Provencal dish of salt cod, olive oil, garlic, milk and cream.

Another favorite is thinly sliced cured salmon on garlic crostini with capers and thinly sliced red onions. Other salted foods include hams: Italian Prosciutto, French Bayonne, Germany's Westphalian and Virginia's Smithfield, aged cheeses, slices, corned beef and an incredible array of pickled products. The famous choucroute, or pickled cabbage, had its beginnings in China and later, the Germans and French developed their own styles. Earliest condiments included garum, a fish and salt sauce that surfaced in Greece in 900 AD. A cousin is nuoc nam, Vietnamese fish sauce. Not to be missed are the famous Worcestershire and Tabasco sauces, mustard and ketchup. The original ketchup developed by the English, was made from a base of anchovies. The name is derived from an Indonesian fish and soy sauce ketchup ikan. Ketchup, as we know it today, is truly American made with an American plant, the tomato.

A 1920's booklet written by the diamond crystal salt company of St. Clair, Michigan offers 101 uses for table salt. In reality, the figure quoted by the modern salt industry sites 14,000 uses. Salt is not only just valuable as a preservative and for flavoring. It melts ice, is used in gunpowder (saltpeter), as a cure in poisons and textile manufacturing and in the chlorine form as liquid bleach. Chlorine was the "mustard gas" that was used during WWI.

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council, of the City of Novi, will hold a joint meeting with the Novi Planning Commission on Monday, August 6, 2003, at 7:00 PM, at the Novi Civic Center, Council Chambers, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan.

NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS

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NFIB UPDATE

Union Disclosures: The Big Freeze

The year 1959 doesn't stand out in the annals of American history as particularly interesting, but a handful of occurrences back then left their mark. Alaska became the 49th state, Fidel Castro seized power in Cuba and Congress created a law designed to end union corruption.

Back when Ike was president and cars had fins, there was agreement on Capitol Hill that something had to be done to thwart illegal union activity. Lawmakers, both Democrats and Republicans, approved the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act, which included form LM-2, requiring unions to report expenses. But according to recent testimony by the National Legal and Policy Center, the forms aren't very helpful in shedding light on union spending.

Georgia Representative Charlie Norwood, in a statement before the House Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, said the reporting and disclosure provisions of the act are failures because the nearly half-century old LM-2 form only requires that expenses be listed in broad categories, thereby allowing for illegal or questionable disbursements.

But U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao has decided to turn up the heat and add some light for the little guys. Recently, she launched a formal effort to revise the LM-2 form so that, for the first time, union members will be able to examine financial transactions of joint trusts and subsidies managed by their unions.

Secretary Chao's proposed update would not only give union members more detailed information about the financial activities of their unions, but do it in an easily understood format that would be made public on the Labor Department Web site. And in a move that must certainly frighten union bosses, she's offering to give them, free of charge, new reporting software.

You can imagine their initial reaction. Chill out, they said. All that reporting and disclosure stuff would create an undue burden on unions, what with having to act up, what with having to act up, what with having to act up. It's enough to make a small-business owner chuckle. These regulatory changes would be a walk in the park compared to the heavy load of paperwork and massive red tape faced by Main Street businesses.

When did disclosing the way you spend your members' dues money become an undue burden? When you're afraid they might learn that you're spending it in ways they oppose.

Not only will this improved disclosure process help union members exercise their democratic rights, but it will aid them in detecting financial misconduct by their bosses—something Secretary Chao's agency knows about.

Investigations of union financial fraud bring an average of 11 criminal convictions a month—more than 640 convictions during the past five years.

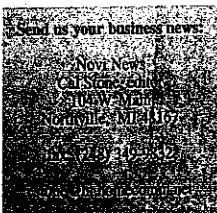
Congress should add a little fuel to this fire too. Labor unions can't remain frozen in time. The message to union bosses should be clear: 1959 is history and so are those who laugh at the laws of the land.

Jack Faris is the president of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB). He can be reached at (202) 554-9000.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Tuckey appointed officer at Republic Bank

Thomas Tuckey has been appointed Mortgage Loan Officer at the South Lyon branch of Republic Bank. He brings with him more than 14 years experience in banking and has been with Republic since 1997. He received his bachelor's of science degree in economics from Michigan State University and his masters degree in finance from Walsh College.



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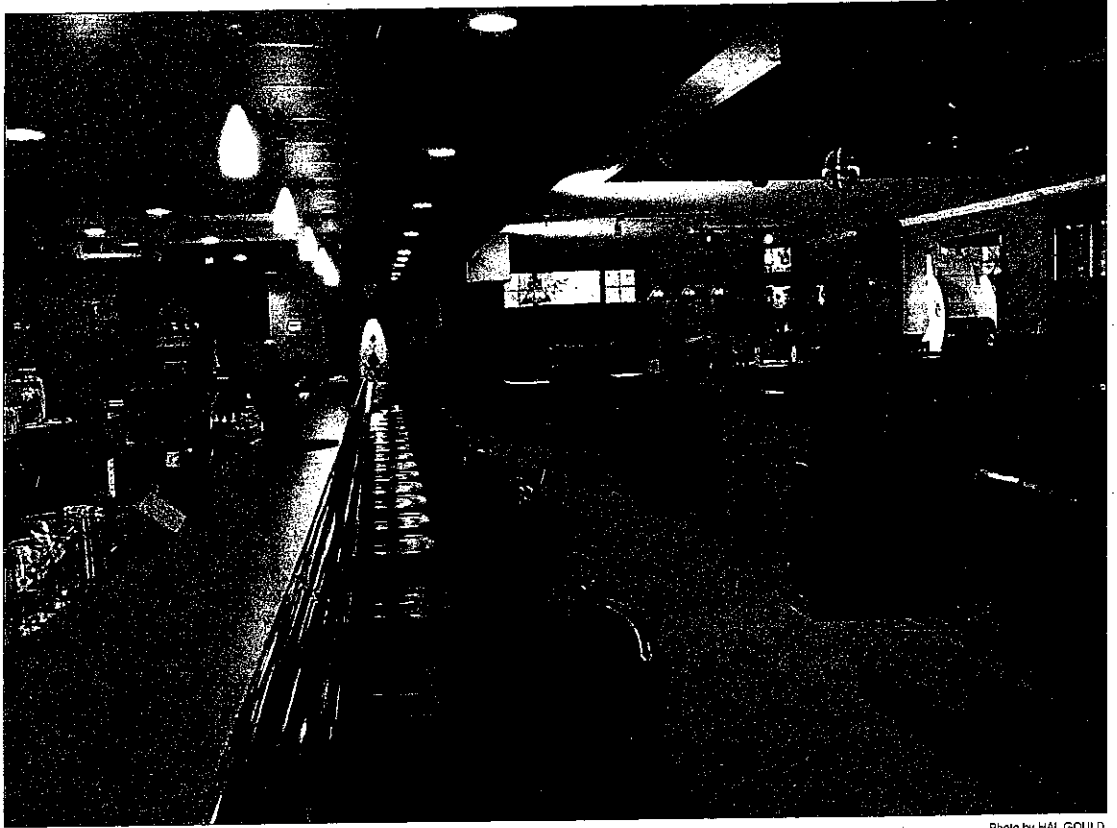


Photo by HAL GOULD

Completely redesigned, the Rhino Dance Pub, at 26800 Pontiac Trail, is a place where friends gather in a comfortable and fun setting. New finished wood bars, tables and stools and even leather couches provide an engaging pub atmosphere mixed with great music for dancing the night away.

Rhino Dance Pub provides a comfort zone

By Elizabeth Heer

A pub is a place to hang out with friends and enjoy good times. South Lyon's newest, the Rhino Dance Pub, aims for just that kind of ambience. Owner Aaron Ormanian has taken his experiences and lessons learned in the bar, music and construction industries to create an inviting and innovative bar where friends can meet up and enjoy an evening out.

"I wanted a neighborhood place where people can just go and be comfortable," Ormanian said. "In the long run, I try to run a safe party," adding that his staff at Rhino Dance Pub is highly trained in the state's liquor laws.

It took Ormanian seven months to renovate the build-

ing and create the pub environment he was seeking.

"It actually took a lot longer than expected to finally get it right," he said.

What Ormanian was going for with Rhino's renovation encompasses three design elements — an Irish pub with the décor of a lounge and centered with a small dancing area.

Once the Rhino concept was down, his background and experience kicked in and provided the inspiration.

"I've worked with my father, Thomas Ormanian, who is a builder and owns Wellbuilt Homes, and I've done architectural drawings and designs for homes and renovations," said Ormanian. "I have an uncle in the upholstery business that I've worked for since I got a driver's license."

Charles Haynes' Custom Upholstering in Taylor has been in business for 50 years.

"He is 72 years old and still doing upholstery," said Ormanian. "He taught me how to do furniture and my dad taught me construction."

Previously, Ormanian had designed, built and owned Bullfrog Bar and Grill.

"So with the upholstery, construction and bar experiences, I put all three together into what I call the 'Sofa King Suite,'" he said.

Watching sitcoms, a favorite pastime while growing up, gave Ormanian his ultimate inspiration.

"My favorite is Friends. All the sitcoms, from The Cosby Show, Third Rock from the Sun, back to Happy Days — they always have a sofa that they gather around. And I found there's no place to go and be like you're in the sitcoms. Everyone grows up and lives around a sofa — from the little toddler whose first steps are grabbing on to that sofa to the couch potato watching the sitcoms. I wanted to bring that out into the pub."

Several comfy sofas invite patrons to kick back. Ormanian took the sofa theme one step further, however. He raised them up two steps to reach bar stool height and added attached coffee tables to recreate that familiar and friendly atmosphere in Rhino Dance Pub.

Ormanian was careful to avoid a typical bar stereotype while designing the interior.

"In an effort to keep it simple, I removed the symbols of the typical bar — such as the beer banners and neon lights.

A local pub, to me, is more about being a gathering place," he said.

To that end, in the tastefully appointed pub the dance floor is centered as a small, contained area where the acoustics don't interfere with conversations.

"If I can't talk in one of the seating areas, I'll tell the DJ and let him know it's too loud."

With careful placement of overhead speakers, however, dancers can still feel the beat of the music.

"The design was to maintain the chatter, talk, and laughter all around the room while still allowing dancers to enjoy the music," Ormanian added.

The popular mix of danceable music — from the '70s, '80s, and '90s as well as top 40 favorites — starts spinning at 9 p.m. Thursday through Sunday evenings.

Local art is another design element that will be utilized at the Rhino. A cabled hanging system was built on all the walls to create an impromptu exhibit space.

"From time to time we would like to feature the work of local artists. Artists are welcome to give me a call and we can arrange an exhibit," he said.

Keeping it simple is the game plan — from pricing for drinks and appetizers and pool tables rented by the hour, to maintaining a fun and safe room for all to enjoy. During the 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. happy hour, pool tables and popcorn are free and there is a flat dollar off everything. In fact, all prices are kept to the dollar. Chicken strips, cheese sticks,

DETAILS

Rhino Dance Pub is a friendly neighborhood place to go and be comfortable. Open daily from 3 p.m. to 2 a.m., drink specials are offered during Happy Hour from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Dance to the top 40s and music from various decades from 9 p.m. till close on Thursday through Sunday evenings. Rhino Dance Pub is located at 26800 Pontiac Trail, one half mile north of Eleven Mile Road, South Lyon. Call (248) 485-8472 for more information.

chips and house-made salsa, and popcorn are available up to closing time.

"And in that effort to keeping it simple we don't accept credit cards, running tabs, or over serving."

Ormanian says that his goals are just as simple. "When you can get a diverse group of people, where everyone is getting along and they are feeling good about themselves and in a good mood — that's when there is an exciting feeling about the place. That's the best that a pub can provide. It's a comfort zone."

As a new business owner, he appreciates the welcome and help from the South Lyon community, especially the building and police departments and the South Lyon Hotel and Bistro.

"Everyone has welcomed us and shown a real sense of community. It's great!"



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From DJs mixing music from the 70s through today's Top-40 to local music artists and bands, the Rhino Dance Pub offers great music for dancing. The pub is open from 3 p.m. to 2 a.m.

