



Walled Lake has gone to the dogs!

Who let the dogs out? That is what everyone was asking as they came into Walled Lake Sept. 7 to attend the Second Annual Pet Awareness Day. Approximately 3,000 pet enthusiasts crowded on to the Walled Lake Event Field (located on E. West Maple between Dwyer Road and Pontiac Trail) to show off their pet, adopt a pet or just enjoy the day's activities.

There were pets everywhere. There were big dogs, small dogs, rabbits, ferrets, cats and even a parrot. Fourteen animal rescue groups were on hand to offer information or the opportunity to adopt a pet. Some of the groups participating were:

- Michigan Greyhound Connection
- Michigan Ferret Rescue
- Michigan Pug Rescue
- Dog Scouts of America
- Michigan Rabbit Rescue
- Poodle Club of Southeast Michigan
- Purrs Aboard Staines Rescue of Michigan
- Michigan Coon Hound Rescue

Dr. Steve Burns was also on hand from the Walled Lake Veterinary Hospital to answer questions and offer advice to pet owners. "We were fortunate that the weather was so nice and we were very happy to see so many interested people come out and participate in Pet Awareness Day," said Burns. "It was an excellent opportunity to offer information about pets and bring the commu-

nity together for such a good cause."

Many people entered their pets in the "Dress Like Your Pet Contest" and the "Stupid Pet Trick Contest." Pet Smart offered demonstrations in basic training, fly ball and disk dog. Vendors were selling every type of pet merchandise imaginable from dog sweaters to hammocks for ferrets. Children were enjoying pony rides from Ponies that Party, a Commerce Township business owned by Joanne English, and competing in a coloring contest of the Pet Awareness Dog designed by local graphic artist Brett Mobey. This was certainly a fun-filled event with something fun for everyone.

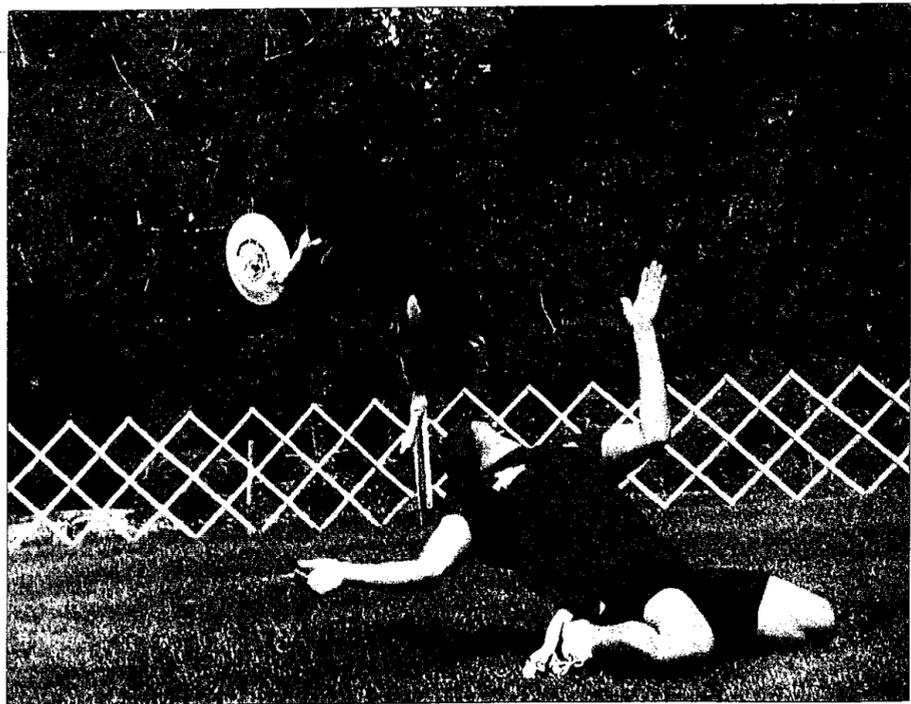


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Pet Awareness Day is a Walled Lake DDA Promotion Team event and was supported by Merial, manufacturer of Heartgard; Idexx Laboratories; and the Walled Lake Veterinary Hospital. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Morris Animal Foundation to help fund cancer research for animals.

W.L.D.D.A.

The Walled Lake Downtown Development Authority was created in 1990 to ensure the ongoing improvement of Downtown Walled Lake. Downtown Walled Lake is in its third year of the Oakland County Main Street Program, a pioneering effort to revitalize Oakland County Downtowns. For more information please contact the Walled Lake DDA office at (248) 926-9004.



Photos by Brett Mobey



Who's running?

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House of Representatives, Lynn Paul and Toni Nagy will be trying to step up from the city's Planning Commission. Rounding out the five vying for the three openings on city council will be former Novi police officer Bob Gatt and Michael Meyer.

Fugley, who has been active in the League for 28 years, said the non-partisan group's goal is to help voters make informed decisions about government.

Each candidate will be given one minute for an opening statement and the beginning of the 90-minute event and, if time allows, one minute for a closing statement. In between, they will field questions from the audience that have been screened by a League moderator for relevance and duplication. Fugley said to ensure neutrality, the League is

bringing in a moderator from South Lyon.

Candidates are expected to gather at the Novi Senior Center for orientation and set-up at 6:30 p.m. The League has banned campaign signs, posters and placards from the forum and campaign supporters are prohibited from wearing campaign buttons, pins, hats, sweatshirts or T-shirts to the event.

Along with rebroadcasting the event several times between now and the election on Channel 13, the League will also offer a voters guide on its Web site at www.novaleague.com. The Novi News will also publish coverage of the forum in the Oct. 2 edition.

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Photo by John Hoader

Defaced

Vandals spray-painted the Big Boy statue at the Farmington Hills restaurant at Eight Mile and Hagerty sometime before last Wednesday morning. The restaurant is patronized by many in the Northville and Novi communities.

Gunman wounds two, shoots self

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According to Chief Shaeffer, there was a small fire in Buckmaster's living room when police found him. He said that while gas cans were found in the home, it's not believed to be arson, though the cause of the fire is still under investigation.

He said his investigators are looking at a similar incident in Redford in 1988 in which Buckmaster was charged with three

counts of assault and one of arson. "We're pretty sure we've got the right guy," said Chief Shaeffer. "We'd like to talk to him, but he's on life support right now and not talking to anybody." Investigators aren't sure if he ever will.

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POLICE REPORT

Vehicles shot

A Novi woman told Officer Kevin Heaney Sept. 11 that someone shot a BB gun at her vehicles while they were parked outside her home about 10:58 p.m.

Car burglarized

A Novi woman told Officer Kevin Heaney that her car was burglarized at her home near Meadowbrook and 13 Mile Road. She said \$5 and her owners manual, which contained her registration and proof-of-insurance, were taken.

Long night

Officer Eric Lindblad stopped a 2001 Chevrolet SUV on eastbound I-96 near Meadowbrook at 11:44 p.m. Sept. 10 after watching it run a

red light on Grand River to turn on to Novi Road. The driver, a 30-year-old Royal Oak man, said he had three or four beers at a Local Color following a golf outing. He was charged with operating under the influence of liquor after he reportedly failed field sobriety tests and registered a blood alcohol content of .11. The man was later released after his wife posted a \$100 bond.

Door damaged

A 35-year-old Novi woman told Officer Erick Tapia that she arrived at United Paint on Grand River Avenue at 6:46 a.m. Sept. 8 only to find the front door smashed. The would-be burglars didn't get in to the building, but damage was estimated at \$500.

Compiled by Phil Foley

Crime spree starts in Novi, ends in death

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

A night of death in Westland started with a liquor store robbery in Novi last Thursday morning. Novi Police Detective Dave Molloy said a couple later identified as Michael Schofield and Leslie Gordon, both of Detroit, entered the Food and Wine Bazaar on 10 Mile Road near Novi Road at 10:28 a.m. Sept. 11 and took the owner's 53-year-old brother prisoner at gunpoint.

The West Bloomfield man told Novi Police that Gordon initially asked about lottery tickets, but then Schofield stepped behind the counter, pointed a 9mm

handgun at him and announced, "Gimme the money or I'm going to shoot you."

Less than 10 hours later Schofield took his own life with the same gun after killing four other people in a botched robbery at Neil's Party Store on North Newburgh Road, according to Westland Police reports.

In Novi, however, they took the clerk to a storeroom and bound him hand and foot with zip ties. Detective Molloy said Schofield took the man's wallet, containing \$230; a safe containing about \$325; and several bottles of liquor. Molloy said the safe has yet to be recovered.

investigators that Schofield came back to the storeroom several times and threatened to shoot him, if he tried to escape. "The man was very shaken up, obviously," said Molloy.

Following the Westland robbery, said Molloy, the couple were spotted by Plymouth Police in a white Corvette headed north on I-275. Police chased the car eastbound I-696 and then south on the Lodge Expressway to the Six Mile and Southfield area, where he reportedly shot himself fatally.

Gordon, 24, is now being held without bail in the Wayne County Jail, facing assault and murder charges that could see

her spending the rest of her life in prison.

Molloy said Novi Police are still discussing possible charges against Gordon in connection with the Novi robbery with lawyers at the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office.

He said evidence gathered at the room the couple had booked at the Novi Sheraton, as well as the home they stayed in Detroit, indicated they had been planning a series of robberies.

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Getting excited about this weekend's Fall For Novi weekend (and wearing their shirts) are Novli employees Malinda Martin, Karen Amolsch, Bonnie Shradler, Sheila Weber, Jack Lewis, Cindy Uglow and Craig Klaver.

Autumn means it's time to Fall for Novi

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Manager's Public Works; Parks Recreation and Forestry; Building and Safety; Police, Fire, Planning; Assessing, Environmental Services, and Treasurer's will be on hand to answer just about any question a resident can have about city government.

The Novi Community School District, Walsh College and the South West Oakland County Cable Commission are all slated to have booths.

Environmental Services staffs will have a hazardous waste disposal site set up. Residents will be able to drop off oil-based paints, wood stain, paint thinners, wood strippers, herbicides, pesticides, household cleaners, batteries, automotive fluids, cleaning fluids, mercury and used computers.

Along with informational booths several workshops have been planned through the day. They include:

- 10:30 am Preparing You and Your Child for the Youth Sports Experience
- 11:30 am Fueling your body for Ultimate Fitness - Botsford Hospital
- 12:30 pm Emergency Communication Networking with your Neighborhood

• 1:30 pm Growing Healthy Trees - Ash Tree Update

"I want this to be informative and entertaining for the whole family," said Uglow.

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Woman, 63, found dead in mobile home

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

Novi Police made a gruesome discovery about 5 p.m. Monday in the Highland Hills Community on the city's north east side.

Myrna Lee Law, 63, was found dead in the bathroom of her mobile home. She had been dead for close to a month when she was found. Foul play is not suspected.

According to Novi Police Chief Doug Shaeffer, family members had asked police to check on her three times, the last Aug. 6, since May. "Apparently she had no close relationships," noted Shaeffer.

Police were called to Law's residence at 25672 Jackson Street after her mail carrier reported seeing numerous flies inside the residence and smelling a foul odor. The mail carrier had become concerned when he noticed no one had emptied Law's mailbox in quite

some time. Although neighbors told investigators that Law was something of a recluse and that it was not unusual for her to not be seen for long periods of time, Shaeffer said he was surprised that no one noticed the smell. He said Law was "in an advanced stage of decomposition" when she was found on her bathroom floor.

He said there were no signs of forced entry; no signs of disturbance inside the mobile home; and Law's purse was intact when she was found.

Shaeffer said the body was turned over to the Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office and an autopsy is likely to be scheduled simply because it was an unattended death.

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Accident victim graduated from Novi

A Jane Doe who lay in a Pontiac hospital for a week before being identified after being stuck by a pickup truck on Telegraph Road in Waterford Township has a Novi connection.

Kelly Anne Barker, 35, graduated from Novi High School in 1985. Barker, who had been

most recently living in Caro before being identified Sept. 9 following an anonymous phone call to the Waterford Township Police.

Barker, who was hit in the head by a passing pickup truck's sideview mirror Sept. 1 remains in a coma at Pontiac's PONI Medical Center.

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Police seek Detroit on burglary charges

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

LeeAnn Mitchell thought she'd found the perfect apartment complex when she moved up from Texas in January to take over as circulation manager for the Livonia-based Observer & Eccentric newspaper group.

That was before her apartment was burglarized during a home invasion on the Brownstones at the Vistas have been broken into, the latest Sept. 3.

Novi Police obtained a warrant from the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office Tuesday charging Jaymar Henderson with one count of home invasion.

"We haven't got him, but will get him," promised Novi Police Chief Doug Shaeffer. He said the Henderson has at least two addresses in Detroit.

Mitchell said she didn't know her apartment had been burglarized until she noticed her laptop computer missing from a third floor room in the luxury townhome.

According to Mitchell all of the burglaries have occurred along the north side of Joyce Lane and at least one neighbor was witness. She said one resident saw a man knock on an apartment door and call out, "Maintenance" before opening the door with a key.

She said about two weeks before her home was burglarized, the apartment complex had

a subcontractor inspect the units. According to Mitchell, one of the neighbors recognized the burglar as one of the people who had conducted the "annual apartment inspections."

Mitchell said she's changed the locks on her apartment.

Shaeffer said that none of the seven burglaries showed signs of forced entry and that in each incident a few small, high-end electronics, such as DVD players, cell phones and laptop computers were taken.

So far, said Shaeffer, Henderson has only been charged in one of the burglaries. He said witnesses saw Henderson enter a residence at the Brownstones about 8 p.m. Sept. 3 with a key and attempt entry at another.

Shaeffer said Henderson is believed to have used the complex's key making machine to make a duplicate master key.

Like many apartment dwellers, Mitchell said she barely knew her neighbors. Now, however, "we're all good buddies," she said. Last Wednesday, Mitchell and several of her neighbors passed out fliers warning other residents of the burglaries.

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Museum honored
State Senator Nancy Cassis (R-37) presents Ron Watson, executive director of the Motorsports Hall of Fame, with a state certificate recognizing the museum's 15-year history during Novi City Council's meeting Sept. 8. Watson, a former city council member, told council members that the Motorsports Hall of Fame has become a nationally-known cultural institution.

Institute hopes to get kids involved in government

Most people would agree that it is a good idea to get young people more engaged in the process of government. But how to you get a teenager interested in the intricacies of Medicare funding?

You don't. But laws that could affect when and how they receive a driver's license might get their attention. Once engaged, the teens might find the working of the state government more relevant.

That's the idea behind the non-profit Civics Institute, which has been working relatively quietly for about three years on a project to improve middle school and high school course work regarding state and local government.

The initiative goes beyond lesson plans. Organizers hope to actively encourage youngsters to become more involved in the process, including drafting and supporting new legislation.

"It's clear the students aren't involved," said Craig Ruff, who works for Public Sector Consultants, a public policy research firm in Lansing.

The goal of the project, he said, is for students to learn "how you practice good government, what you have a legitimate right to expect and how you advocate" your position within the government process.

The project is hoping for both a fund-raising and publicity boost Friday with the first Celebration of Civic Engagement at the Double Tree Hotel in Novi.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm is the keynote speaker at the \$250-a-plate breakfast, which is hosted by an array of bi-partisan lawmakers, educators and business and civic leaders.

Ruff was attracted to the project by its biggest booster and Civics Institute chair, Doug Hart, who is also a Republican state representative from Rockford, near Grand Rapids.

Democracy depends on an informed citizenry, but Hart was convinced that "students lack the basic knowledge about how state government works and what it does," said Ruff.

A former teacher, Hart enlisted the state's association of social studies teachers to create a curriculum that brings state and local government to the classroom.

To further involve students, Hart has recruited up to 30 state representatives to conduct workshops around the state in which students are encouraged to suggest new legislation.

Tiffany Aurora, who is on Hart's staff, says there have already been at least two legislative initiatives prompted by students.

As a result of one, Granholm signed a resolution that declares October as Backpack Safety Awareness Month. The other will result in budget language that will encourage the state to provide \$10,000 in phone cards for Michigan residents serving overseas in the military.

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Metrobank also has provided three million dollars in principal for the Independence Loans, a privately funded program the College established in 1984 to replace federal taxpayer funds and ensure Hillsdale's independence. A private four-year liberal arts institution founded in 1844, Hillsdale does not accept federal taxpayer funding of any type for its operations, including all federal student financial aid programs, which now make up nearly 75 percent of all student financial aid available to American colleges and universities.

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Katherine Niemczak is a sophomore with interests in business administration and English. She plans to pursue a career in editing or speech therapy following her graduation from Hillsdale. She belongs to the College Republicans and InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, and she participates in a Bible study group on campus. In the community, she volunteers for the Concerns for the Elderly project. Katie resides in Livonia.



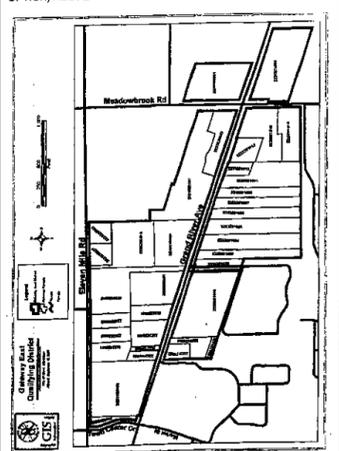
Rachel Rock, of Livonia, is a senior with a major in international business and foreign language and a minor in Spanish. She belongs to the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, serves on the Student Federation and the Student Activities Board and participates in a number of local volunteer projects, including Paint-the-Town and Habitat for Humanity. She also serves as a tutor.

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Attorney consults with area seniors - free of charge

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Are you a senior citizen with questions about wills and estates, but you don't really want to pay a large fee for a consultation from an attorney?

Well, Karen Stewart has an answer. Stewart, a Novi attorney and counselor, is helping local senior citizens in Novi by providing free monthly legal advice.

Stewart started offering free estate planning consultations in January. The consultations are provided from 2 to 4 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month at the Meadowbrook Commons Senior Center.

Stewart used to work for a law firm, but eventually decided to open a private practice.

"I've been doing estate planning and probate law for 12 years," she said. "When I went out on my own, I decided to move closer to home," she said.

Stewart said one of the most important aspects of estate planning is managing funds for children left behind following a death in the family.

"It can all be done in a private manner if you have an estate plan," she said.

"In second marriages, you really need a will and possibly a trust depending on the size of your estate," she noted.

An estate plan also avoids probate court and minimizes estate taxes, Stewart said.

Meadowbrook, reads. "Actually, it's easier to explain where Meadowbrook Commons is to my clients than my office," she said.

Jean Hoerle, who lives at Meadowbrook Commons, recently talked to Stewart.

"I thought she was great. She listened to me and asked me questions that I needed answers for. She appeared to be knowledgeable, and it was nice that she came to the center so I didn't have to go to her," Hoerle said. "That was a big plus. Since her visit, she's been able to draw up all the paperwork I needed and dropped it off here."

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Photo by Pam Fleming

Novi attorney Karen Stewart talks to Jean Hoerle, a resident of Meadowbrook Commons in Novi, about wills and estate planning at Meadowbrook Commons Senior Center in Novi. Stewart offers free consultations to seniors in the area at the center from 2 to 4 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month.

She likes talking to seniors, and usually provides about a 30-minute free consultation at Meadowbrook Commons.

"I feel I'm providing a service to need a will and possibly a trust depending on the size of your estate," she noted.

"And, a lot of seniors are very cost-conscious," she said. "So I also gives seniors who use

her legal services special discounts. "I only charge \$50 for a Durable Power of Attorney for Healthcare," she said, which is a document that outlines one's medical care wishes should a person become mentally incapacitated to do so.

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Shoppers can't wait for a look at Von Maur

Laurel Park opens Oct. 18; Briarwood on Sept. 20

By Stephanie Angelyn Casola
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Photo by Jim Jageloff

Workers at Von Maur put the finishing touches on the escalator shaft area.

Shoppers at Laurel Park Place can't wait for their first peek at Von Maur, the department store set to fill the vacancy left when Jacobson's declared bankruptcy last year.

"I am waiting for it to open," said Judy Galan of Livonia. "I'd really like to go in to see it in person."

Marianne Klouty agreed. She worked at the Jacobson's store in Livonia for 15 years and is anxious to see how the space has been transformed, and to find out just what Von Maur will have to offer.

Jan Walton, also of Livonia, joked she'll be camping out to catch the opening slated for October 18. "We're all looking forward to it," she said.

Von Maur opened its first store in 1872 in Haverhill, Iowa. Now there are 18 locations in the Midwest and two new stores — the company's first in Michigan — are set to open in Briarwood Mall and Laurel Park Place this fall.

The Livonia location will host a grand opening Saturday, Oct. 18, but those interested in checking out the new chain earlier can visit Von Maur's Ann Arbor location at Briarwood Mall beginning Saturday, Sept. 20. Hours will be 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Von Maur is known for its upscale and brand-name merchandise, antiques, specialty store designs and expert customer service.

The family-owned department store was compared to Nordstrom, another upscale department store at Stonestown Collection North in Bay.

Tommy Hilliger, Sigrid Olsen, Calvin Klein and Liz Claiborne. Merchandise is expected to arrive as early as this week.

Beyond the brand names, Von Maur's signature is customer service, according to Musselman. The store offers perks like free gift wrapping, an interest-free credit card, free shipping and transfer of goods to or from another location for convenience. Asides are made extra-wide, so shoppers can easily to move around.

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"I think it almost sounds too good to be true," he said. Nakfor described the store as offering a comfortable shopping experience, one where shoppers can buy "updated basics" but avoid becoming "a slave to fashion."

"There is a place for this type of store," according to Nakfor. "It's not all about glitz. That can be intimidating. It's not the type of store a lot of folks have seen before. The closest Von Maur is in suburban Chicago."

"He commended the company for maintaining its family roots and for growing slowly in a new market."

"The challenge any retailer faces is to cater to tastes in so many different regions," he said.

"We're very much a suburban type of store," she said.

Shoppers around the community have been curious. They could be found asking questions at the store's temporary management store front in the mall and trying to sneak a peek at the space while it is undergoing renovations.

At close to 150,000 square feet, the Livonia store's transformation is moving along. Reputably, renovations will cost about \$10 million. Just a year since purchasing the space at Laurel Park, the store includes 43,000 square feet of space on the floor, new light fixtures and an airy, open atmosphere.

Ed Nakfor, a retail consultant from Birmingham, predicted the key to Von Maur's success in Michigan will hinge on educating the public as to what the store is, and what the store is not.

Von Maur will sell apparel for men, women and children, as well as footwear, lingerie, fashion accessories, fine jewelry, and gift and seasonal items.

The store will not have a restaurant or hair salon, Musselman said, but it will carry Godiva chocolates.

Designer names will line the tables and shelves at Von Maur, from Waterford crystal to clothes by Tommy Hilfinger, Sigrid Olsen, Calvin Klein and Liz Claiborne. Merchandise is expected to arrive as early as this week.

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employ about 180 people. Doreen Murphy, a Westland resident, will be among that group. She has been hired as manager of the boys department at the Livonia store.

"I was interested in working for a very professional organization," she said. Like her co-workers, she can't wait to see the store once it's set to open.

Von Maur is hiring sales associates and seeking pianists. Visit Laurel Park Place, Six Mile and Newburgh roads, to apply. For more information, check the Web site at www.vonmaur.com.

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Inviting, entertaining

At Von Maur, clothing will be

arranged on tables and easy to reach out and touch. "We want people to feel the merchandise," Musselman said.

The space itself will be filled with more than merchandise. Shoppers will be treated to live piano music throughout the store, television in the men's department and in the children's department for entertainment. Plenty of comfortable chairs will be placed around the store so shoppers can sit down and rest, or just enjoy the music.

"It's been a great experience," Musselman said. She's had the opportunity to hire and hand-pick the staff who will open Von Maur, and be part of the process from the start.

"We've had a lot of fun doing it too," she said.

When it opens, the store will

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Eyecare office to relocate

Town & Country Eyecare in Novi will soon be moving its office at 22112 on Novi Road between Eight Mile and Nine Mile roads in the Oak Pointe Plaza to 22350 Novi Road on the southeast corner of Novi and Nine Mile roads.

The business plans to relocate in late November or early December, according to Drs. Tim Kirk and Amy Crissman. The new office at 2,600 square feet will be about double the size of the current space.

"We'll have room for new technology, such as a digital retinal camera, as well as a larger area for frame selection," Dr. Kirk said.

Dr. Kirk has been in business in Novi for nine years and made a lot of improvements to the landscaping at the new site. Additional parking is also being installed.

He also speaks to Novi- and Northville second-graders about eye safety and eye anatomy through the schools' Partnerships in Education program.



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Patriot's Day freebie

Mike McShane, an employee at Zax Auto Wash in Wixom, provides a free wash to a customer on Sept. 11. Zax Auto Wash, located on the north side of Grand River just east of Wixom Road, gave away free washes on Sept. 11 in honor of the people who died in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. The business gave away 460 free washes that day, which cost \$6 each, according to Matt Hoy, manager. Hoy said he and Zach Yaksich, owner of the auto wash, didn't decide to offer the free washes until about 11 a.m. that day. This was the first year they offered the freebies. The business donated \$3,500 to the New York Firefighters Relief Fund in 2001.

Suzuki opens Wixom facility

Suzuki Motor Corp. has opened a new research and development facility in North America — Suzuki Tech Center — in Wixom.

The new facility is part of the company's commitment to make the U.S. market a top priority and to keep closer tabs on American automotive tastes and preferences.

The \$3.7 million, 1.5-acre facility will enable Suzuki to more closely follow U.S. power, design and interior and exterior feature trends.

Timed to support Suzuki's aggressive plan to triple U.S. auto sales by 2007, the opening of the Suzuki Tech Center comes as the automaker launches nine new vehicles in the next five years.

The first two models, the six-cylinder Verona midsize sedan and Forza premium compact sedan, hit Suzuki showrooms this fall as 2004 models.

The 19,000-square-foot facility will serve as the firm's North American center for certification testing, fleet vehicle evaluation, consumer research, product development and other technical work. It is patterned after similar successful research and development facilities in Japan, Asia and Europe.

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CLASS NOTES

Ramez Khuri, school reporter (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 rkhuri@hl.homecomm.net

Finding the time to make improvements

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Orchard Hills Elementary School has begun a process of looking at its current curriculum and has attempted to match that with what it has been given as the state of Michigan's curriculum. This is just the first step of long "Reframing for the future" process which the Novi Community School District has implemented for the current school year.

Principal Paul LePine explained that to align the curriculum has been his staff's first priority. Fourth grade teachers in the school have tried to do that by meeting together with the state standards and benchmarks in hand and have been looking at what they have been teaching to see how they match and where any gaps might be. They're also looking forward to an opportunity, perhaps as early as October, to sit down with other fourth grade teachers throughout the district to be able to share and learn what everyone is teaching.

The reframing theme, according to LePine, is forcing fourth grade teachers, not only at Orchard Hills, but across all the other Novi elementary schools as well, to focus on consistency. They feel that they would do a better job if they worked on what they are teaching. They're then planning to go the next step and have some discussions between grade levels, at the building level and then at the district level eventually to also take care of any overlaps, or anything that is currently being taught that need not be covered at a particular grade level because they're being covered at another grade level.

The main emphasis so far has been in the area of language arts. Teachers have begun there and will be moving into mathematics shortly after. They anticipate that one of the academic goals, which has been to improve students writing, will continue to be a specific art within language arts that they will be working hard on in terms of gathering data on student performance with their writing as well as things that they're going to use for strategies to help specifically with what students are struggling at. Where they're going to arrive with those answers would be primarily through our MEAP test results that they're looking forward to having at some point soon, although the state

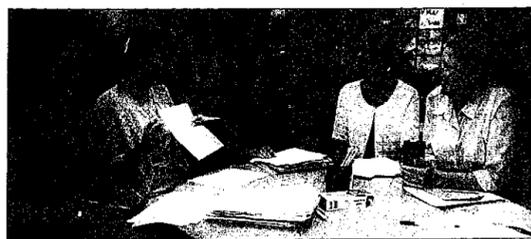


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OH teachers meet on regular basis in small groups to discuss how best to assess their students' progress and implement the school district's reframing process. Shown are Nancy Schuyten, Janis Burkhardt, Karen Eby, Rebecca Purcell, and Marianne King.

continues to have technical problems in getting that information out to them and to the public. Teachers do know, however, that students will need to work more on taking a position and defending that position regarding whatever suggested topic the state puts at them.

"We see a correlation between our MEAP results, our NCA academic goal of improving students writing and also reframing our language arts curriculum," LePine said. "That's where Orchard Hills has aimed its direction at this point. I don't think it's going to be that difficult. I think it's difficult only because we need to find time, without pulling teachers away from students, to meet and make sure that they have the time they need to work with the students. The problem is how to structure the time we need to meet to go over and to make sure that, as we have taken a different view of it, how are we going to make the necessary improvements without taking teachers away from the children too much."

According to LePine, the part about Annual Yearly Progress is difficult for a student that is being very successful. "The gap is not that great," he said. "If you took, for example, 100 students that take the MEAP test from Orchard Hills and let's say that 90 of them are successful, meaning that they have hit the two top notches, you have 10 students to work with and you're trying to bring them up."

LePine likened teachers to dentists. He posed the question: Can you guarantee that by seeing this dentist you're children will have no cavities if at home they're allowed to drink as much pop as they want or eat as much candy as they want?

"We're very fortunate in Novi," he explained. "Our parents prepare their children well for school, but it's the 10 percent, more or less, of students that the government does not want us to leave them behind, but they don't take into account, it

ISD tries to fill vacancies

Two Novi men are among the 21 candidates vying for a pair of vacant positions on the Oakland Schools Board of Education. At a special meeting Sept. 12, open to the public, the Oakland Schools Board of Education opened letters of interest and recorded the names of Oakland County candidates interested in filling the vacancies left after the resignations of Helen Prout and Tony Rothschilld.

The Oakland Schools Board is pleased to be working with the Oakland County School Boards Association, board designates, the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) and the State Board of Education to fill these vacancies," said Carol Borich, board president.

The 21 candidates scheduled to be interviewed by OCSBA at open meetings (1-11 on September 15 and 12-21 on September 16) are: Members of the Oakland Schools Board of Education personally called each of the candidates following the meeting. Candidates were thanked for their interest and informed of their interview time slot.

The Board allotted 20 minutes per candidate to answer a series of questions developed by members of OCSBA. During that time, they were allowed three minutes to share additional information about themselves regarding their interest and qualifications. To be fair to all candidates, they were interviewed individually, waiting in a separate room until their interview time.

Following the two evenings of interviews, the local board designates will rank the entire list and provide their rankings to the

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Oakland Schools Board of Education today. The Oakland Schools Board will use these rankings to determine the final list of candidates to interview on September 22 (7 p.m., Oakland Schools, public meeting). The Oakland Schools Board will announce the two new board members at their regularly scheduled meeting on September 23 at 7 p.m. at Oakland Schools.

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Challenge will be time for reframing

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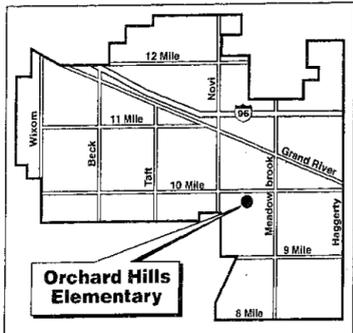
"What does this information mean to us?" LePae asked. "What do I do with it? Do I just give them a test and say 99 percent of them did well and we're moving on, or do I say I see that 10 students of the 101 really need to work more on this particular writing skill or reading skill? I think that's what is really changing for the veteran teachers, their reframing in terms of instruction that they've already been successful with. Just that new look at those children that are not getting it is a big part that is new."

He went on to say that he has a very dedicated staff of professionals and consequently, given time and information, they will reframe and re-identify any child who is lagging behind. LePae also expressed that same confidence in the rest of the Novi Community School District as well.

"Whenever you visit any school in Novi Schools today, the environment is very conducive to describe our learning environment that we have safe schools, that we have well organized schools, that we have qualified people that we have materials and that we have outstanding facilities for children to come to learn at," LePae said. "What we are looking at specifically is the interaction between the teacher and the student. In other words, first identifying those students who are not understanding what we want them to learn and second, to come up with strategies by putting our heads together, that we find successful. At this point I think the results that we have had indicate that we've been successful, it's just a question of taking it to the next level."

LePae said that, though he understands where the state and federal government are coming from to want to improve education, he does not understand where the government feels that this is going to fix education so that there are far less students left behind. He used the Detroit Public School system as an example.

"Detroit may be labeled with several schools failing," he said. "Or you take a really good school in Oakland County and that might come up failing because they didn't make the 10 percent increase each year. It's going to be difficult for those good schools to get a failing grade when they have 90 percent of their students performing very successfully. On the other hand, I think the government would not have a difficult time identifying just from observation, which schools are failing maybe in some of our urban areas that don't need less money as a consequence. They need more money, they need more teachers



certified, they need more classes that are smaller, they need more facilities renovated. How does a child feel, who goes into a school where the facility is not working, labeled as a part of a failing school and his parents might not care as much as some other parents. I don't understand where they are expected to do some writing right at the start.

"The MEAP is a challenge that we accept," LePae said. "We understand how that can be one factor, but we emphasize that it's just one factor in a child's life. Maybe they were sick, maybe they weren't feeling well that day, that could be the reason why they didn't be as successful and we have to know all the factors."

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WALLED LAKE DISTRICT

Foundation fund-raiser

The staff of Walled Lake Elementary will be working at McDonald's Restaurant, 200 Beck Rd., Walled Lake, on Friday, Oct. 3 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. The staff will flip burgers, make fries, operate the drive thru and perform other various jobs.

The goal is to help raise money for the Foundation for Excellence-Walled Lake Schools, a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization whose mission is to support innovative and creative learning experiences for the students in Walled Lake Schools.

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Buddy-Buddy

Orchard Hills students benefit from program; second graders learning interviewing skills

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Teachers at Orchard Hills Elementary School have always tried to set a good example for the students by being friendly and respectful to each other. That's probably why the school's second and fourth grade buddy program is a big success. Each second grader in the school meets with their fourth grade buddies two to three times per month to do reading, comprehension and a lot of writing activities. In fact, they have been working on interviewing skills and last Friday they even walked around the building interviewing the Orchard Hills staff to find out anything they could about them before they wrote a story.

Second grade teacher Ella MacArthur believes the program is very worthwhile. This is her second year at Orchard Hills. "Last year I did it with one of the fourth grade classrooms and I know some of the other teachers do it too," she said. "The two grades get together and the fourth graders help the second graders learn some skills. It's once a week, maybe two or three times a month depending on the schedule. MacArthur explained that the second graders learn from the older kids and the older kids feel special that they can teach the younger ones something. "They kind of feel like they're the teachers," she said. "I know it benefits the kids on both ends because when you're teaching to

somebody else, you're more likely going to understand it better yourself and when the kids are learning from other children, you're more apt to understand and to listen to them. I know that other schools in Novi do it too, I worked at Parkview for a year and I know that they did it too." "It benefits both the younger kids and the older kids and it's enjoyable," she added. "The kids really love it, they always look forward to it every week and they miss it when they don't get a chance to do it. It's a chance for them to just kind of shine."

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Students at Orchard Hills participate in the school's buddy program. Pictured from left to right are Stephanie Mustonen, Erica Borst, Rachel Russ, Eileen Gorman, Evan Wahrman and Eduardo DeOliveira

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Fun for the whole family

Roy Prentice and his Percherons give families wagon rides and a chance to get up close with the massive work horses during Fuerst Farm Sunday.

Photo by Rob Verzo / Westside Photographic

LETTERS

Fanfare thanks

The weather was perfect, the stands were full, and the music was fantastic. Novi Fanfare was a great success. Eleven high school bands from across the state competed and brought great energy and sound to the Novi High School Stadium last Saturday. Congratulations to our winners, Linden

(Flight III), Flushing (Flight II) and Plymouth Canton (Flight I). Our congratulations also go to Garden City High School for winning the David Langham Spirit Award. This event takes the energies of many people. Thanks go to the Novi High Band Boosters who devoted their day to bringing this event off. Particular thank yous to the committee chairs who organized the concessions, parking, moving the equipment and bands around our campus, sold tickets, programs, raffle tickets, and so many other details.

Gail and Greg Lis, Sue and Larry Crepeau, Grace Wilfong, Pat Orlando, Dana Rowe, Mike Laskowski, Jean Cartwright, Karen and Bruce Anderson, Greg Goodear kept the wheels of competition matching band running very smoothly. Thanks also go to Chris Janik, the voice of the Novi Hall, for announcing the entire competition and to Geri and Leon Doolin for the use of their motor home for a tubular trailer.

We would also like to thank the numerous students of Novi High who volunteered their services to make the event a success for their student peers. Your help is deeply appreciated. We would also like to thank John Lawrence, principal of Novi High, and Kathy and Keith Langham for presenting our awards. Also the staff and administration of Novi High for supporting this event. Of course, where would FANFARE be without the efforts of Mark Hourigan and Matt Ownby, directors of the Novi High School Instrumental Music Program, and the Novi High School Wildcat Marching Band. You make it all look so easy, but we know the hours of effort and all of the emotions that go into making competitive marching band work. Thank you for everything that you do.

Patti and Charlie Hokett
Novi Fanfare 2003 Chaircouple

Family fun at Fuerst Farm!

On Sunday the Historical Commission & the Parks & Recreation Department held a wonderful event at the Fuerst Farm. Both the Historical Commission & the Parks & Recreation Team are to be commended on a job well done. Many families came to play games, enjoy a walk around the barn and old town hall, or listen to music. The kettle corn was delicious and popped in the large kettle for the children to observe how the taste treat was made in past years. The "Farm Lady" Mrs. Margaret Schmidt brought her animals for the children to pet. The hay ride for the children was very fun as always. Families walked around slowly and simply enjoyed a sense of community. I hope the City of Novi will continue to

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offer events for all age groups to enjoy. The sense of community this provides is so important. People are so busy in their everyday lives, that often activities make it difficult to sit back and enjoy casual conversation. When provided an event like the Fuerst Family Picnic everyone just steps back and relaxes. Continuing to offer events for people of all ages to enjoy definitely gets my support!

Many thanks to Kathleen Mutch & David Lussier who led this event with other current and past commission members, Jack Lewis, Matt Wiktorowski and the rest of the Parks & Recreation Team. Lynne Paul
Candidate for City Council

Fuerst Farm fun for everyone

Bikes were piled under the apple trees. The cider flowed, ice cream marked the smiles on happy faces and apples were everywhere. The aroma of popcorn and the sound of children's laughter filled the air. Straw bales and wagon rides, sack races and doughnut eating competition. What a grand day it was!

The Novi Historical Commission would like to thank the hundreds of people who participated in the annual Fuerst Farm Family Day on September 14th at the Fuerst Farm, the community groups that participated in creating displays in the Township Hall and those that assisted in making it a wonderful day for everyone to enjoy.

On behalf of the many people who expressed their appreciation for the event, we forward a special thank you to Erwin's Orchard of South Lyon; to Roy Prentice and his horses - Tim and Tom; to Margaret Schmidt the "Farm Lady"; to Lois Betteswarth and her fellow musicians; to Tracie Riegler, Matt Wiktorowski and Jack Lewis of Novi's Park, Recreation and Forestry department; Officer Woodley of the Novi P.D.; and Brenda Evans and the Friends of the Library for making the day so special. We hope all of you will be back. Your participation makes this annual event the success that it is.

This year the Friends of the Library joined the Novi Historical Society and Preservation Novi in displays on Novi history. Community groups that would like to participate in next year's events are urged to contact us as we plan for 2004. Although lines were long, people were patient; but we would like to add more activities next year to make those waits more enjoyable. Please let us know what you would like to see added to this event.

The cooperation of our three local school districts and Novi's pre-school and daycare facilities certainly helped in getting the word out to the families of Novi. We hope to work with them again and we thank them for their assistance. And finally, thank you to the Novi News for recognizing the value of an event that not only is for the families of our community, but one that celebrates the heritage of Novi. Many people commented on seeing the paper's coverage and that it encouraged them to attend. If you missed this event, we hope to see

you next year. In the meantime, you can watch channel 13 for cable coverage of the afternoon's events. See you next September!

Kathy Mutch, chair
on behalf of the Novi Historical Commission

Who are we keeping out?

The last council meeting was a joke. Not which is preposterous to say the least, but because during audience participation one spirited senior citizen had the courage to ask when she, and others, would have access to their city hall via handicapped parking spots.

The answer given her was this: "We anticipate having a sidewalk built in the very near future." Residents and Taxpayers of Novi, why would city hall spend one dime of our money to build a sidewalk for handicapped/senior citizens when there are perfectly good, functional handicapped parking spots on the north side of City Hall?

Residents and Taxpayers of Novi, why would handicapped spots be shifted to the east side of City Hall, a sidewalk built that is not much closer to the building than the parking lot now being used on the south side of City Hall?

The answer to these questions is, because Novi City Officials have decided that terrorists may attack the building. I have spent the majority of my life in police work. I can tell you this. The only thing the flowerpots are doing is keeping the good guys (handicapped/senior citizens) from parking in their parking spots to visit their city hall. They are not, will not, keep the bad guys away.

I will continue to watch and continue to speak out on behalf of our senior citizens and our handicapped population. They have rights that are not being respected.

Bob Galt
Novi

There is pay-to-play here

The article in last week's Novi News titled, Novi School district not charging parents for extracurricular activities, is not completely true. If your child attends Novi lines were long, people were patient; but we would like to add more activities next year to make those waits more enjoyable. Please let us know what you would like to see added to this event.

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OTHER OPINIONS

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It won't be easy fixing this mess

In last week's column I pointed out it was time the politicians realized just how much pain and agony is being caused by the exportation of American manufacturing. And I said I'd suggest some remedies for this serious economic disease. One cure is simple: Protectionism, plain and simple. Undo NAFTA and muffle the "giant sucking sound" of American jobs exported abroad. Set up tariff and trade barriers against foreign manufactured goods. Argue that all American manufacturing needs is a breathing spell while labor costs in countries like China and India catch up with our own domestic wages, thereby setting up a level playing field.

All this has a certain naïve, nationalistic appeal. And there is some economic rationale behind it. Look, for example, at what has happened in just a few years to wages in Mexico and Korea, formerly ultra low-wage competitors. The jobs that once moved there are now migrating to China and India, where wages are even lower. And sooner or later even the big global companies are going to run out of places where wages are lower than anywhere else, at which point they might discover the merit of moving manufacturing back to America.

Sounds good? Maybe. But consider the consequences: Likely zero growth for the world economy, increased costs of goods for the American consumer, certainly a trade war and legal attacks from the World Trade Organization, outrage from "economically literate" elites and big companies. Won't ever happen, I'd guess. Another possibility is to face the fact that as much as 75 percent of the job loss in manufacturing is the result of astounding increases in factory productivity and only 25 percent because jobs are being exported to low-wage countries. Manufacturing jobs represented 40 percent of all U.S. jobs in 1950, but only 15 percent in 2000 and, I suspect, will be something like 10 percent in 2025. But the amount, variety and quality of goods manufactured in the U.S. keeps going up because steadily rising productivity enables fewer workers to produce more and more.

The analogy here, of course, is farming. In 1900, something like 40 percent of U.S. jobs were on farms, less than 15 percent in 1950 and barely 2 percent in 2000. But the U.S. agricultural sector produces far, far more farm products than it did in 1900, again because of enormous productivity increases.

So the policy consequence of this chain of reasoning seems something like, "Kick back, relax. All this is inevitable. People who used to work in manufacturing jobs will find something else to do, quite possibly, much lower wages (and benefits). And U.S. consumers will continue to enjoy a vast range of high quality, cheap goods as a result." No wonder economics is called "the dismal science."

Another approach is suggested by what happened right here in Michigan when then Lansing Mayor David Hollister (now state economic czar for the Granholm Administration) cut a deal with General Motors and the UAW to build the new Grand River auto plant in Lansing. The idea was to negotiate relaxed work rules with the union, design a highly automated manufacturing plant

and get some tax breaks from the city. It worked. According to David Cole, president of the Center for Automotive Research, the Grand River plant can produce up to five separate car models based on one vehicle platform, which keeps the plant running at high capacity with low labor and capital costs per unit of output. And GM plans to take the next step at the plant now being built in Delta Township, near Lansing, where three different platforms can generate a multitude of models. Such manufacturing facilities that are lean, economical and agile. They may not employ as many workers as the old assembly lines used to, but they get terrific productivity that justifies paying big salaries for the workers that are left.

The catch phrase here is "flexible manufacturing," which means a system that can respond quickly to changes in consumer demand and even make automobiles in response to orders from individual customers. The folks who make Levi jeans, for example, take individually sized and customized orders from people over the Internet and custom-manufacture jeans to fit even the oddest shapes.

This is not easy. It takes a highly trained work force, great flexibility in work rules, good relations between labor and management. But it might just be one route to a good future for our slumped-down but prosperous manufacturing base in Michigan.

This column is based on conversations Phil Power has had with experts George Kuper, CEO of the Council of Great Lakes Industries, David Cole, and Paul Diamond, a partner at the Miller, Canfield law firm. Power is the Chairman of the Board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953-2047 or at ppower@homecomm.net.



Phil Power

GUEST COLUMNS

We remember: Looking back at 9-11

We just recognized the second anniversary of one of the most tragic events in American history. We all marked that day in our own way, and chose the form of our individual reflection. In the forefront of our minds were the heroes of that fateful day and all the innocent lives that were lost. For me, that day is seared into my memory in two different forms. On the one hand I, as most, was shocked, angered and full of sadness. And yet, watching people respond filled me with great pride and hope.

As we prepared a relief column to head to New York on the night of the 9-11, a news reporter asked me how people in Michigan could help. Given the circumstances in New York, with the power out in the World Trade Center area, I suggested people could bring water, flashlights and batteries and we would take them to ground zero. To that quick and short answer came a huge public response. Within an hour we had a line of cars from the front door of our main building winding its way out to Telegraph Road. They came, and came and came. People from all walks of life and of all colors. People filled with the desire and need to help others. One word described them all, they were, Americans. Some came with two gallons of water, and you could tell that was all they could afford.



Michael Bouchard

Others came with pick up trucks full of water bottles. Each touched you equally because people were giving all they could. As this moving scene unfolded, I began to be concerned how we might transport all the supplies. With that mere thought came another angel. A man called and said he heard what was going on, and he would donate a tractor-trailer and if needed, a driver. And boy how it was needed. By midnight when our convoy pulled out to head to New York, it was carrying 80,000 pounds of batteries, flashlights and bottled water with its mud flaps dragging on the pavement. Officers from Auburn Hills, Royal Oak and Lake Angelis joined the deputies from our office. They headed to New York not knowing how they would be used, what danger they might face or how long they would be gone. Yet, they were eager to get underway. They, as all Americans, just wanted to help. We were lucky, because our profession allowed us to help.

Nothing you have seen on TV comes close to comparing to what was like at ground zero in person. It was 100 times worse.

The scope, the sounds and the smells hit you like a baseball bat in the face. The same two emotions cascaded over you - anger and sadness on one hand and the other hand with equal intensity - pride and inspira-

tion. People were working there non stop without sleep in dangerous conditions - the air still full of cement, asbestos and death. Yet, you could not pull these men and women from the area. The area was still very unstable, on fire and building collapses still very much in the picture. As the buildings were shifting and tilting, engineers were "monitoring them." It was thought a collapse was imminent, an alarm would sound and people would run from ground zero, not knowing if they were running toward or away from danger. When the all clear would sound, they headed back with the same intensity, without hesitation.

Now as I look back on my time at ground zero and here in Michigan, I remember how people pulled together. All of the things that sometimes divide our country were irrelevant. We were all Americans. We were a family that had been savaged. We were one. That is an incredibly powerful thing. We also saw a complete reordering of priorities. The trials, tribulations and focus of the everyday busy life gave way to single-minded focused concern for family, friends and fellow citizens. As we move forward on a professional level, we will continue to prepare and work to make America safer and more secure. However on a personal level, let us all remember the needs and priorities of that day: family, friends, god and country. Hug your family and friends a little more and never leave love unspoken as we re-visit each day.

Michael J. Bouchard
Oakland County Sheriff

It's an eye-opener serving on the jury

In elective office I have had a good amount of public trust placed in my decisions, but the none higher in the life of one person than I had as a juror.

I had been called to jury duty for a case involving a drunk driving charge. The gravity of my surroundings set in as I heard the wailing of a mother escorted out of the courtroom after she was arraigned for allegedly murdering her 2-year-old. Then the judge recomposed himself and fixed his attention on me - juror number two.

I actually have always thought I would like to serve on a jury if called, but thought my history of being on the Novi City Council and now being a state representative would disqualify me in the minds of one

lawyer or the other. I had bet my wife I would be home by 10 a.m. Both lawyers and the judge grilled me just as they did every prospective juror and to my surprise decided to keep me around.

The trial lasted two days and the lawyers called witnesses, experts and even the defendant to stand. It wasn't as smooth as you see on TV (I am a Matlock addict), but it was fascinating to me. Every last detail was explained and documented from one perspective and then the other.

By the end of the trial I was thoroughly impressed with the tenacity and focus of the defense attorney. I was equally impressed with the prosecuting attorney who seemed to really question and cross

examine witnesses well. When the jury was sent to deliberate, the huge sense of responsibility seemed to grow even more. Each juror took turns explaining the facts as they believed them to be after hearing both sides. It turned out that we all had come to the same conclusion.

It was a very difficult walk back to the jury box knowing the verdict before it was read. I can only imagine what the defendant felt when he heard the word "guilty" from the jury foreman. He didn't seem to be a bad person, just a young man who had too much to drink before driving home earlier this year.

It was truly an honor to serve the public in this capacity. It was a good reminder that it isn't just the elected officials that run our government - ordinary people step up every day to keep this great nation of freedom going.

Craig DeRoche
State Rep (R-Nov, 38th Dist.)



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monte Nagler Photography Exhibition

DATE: thru October 11
TIME: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
LOCATION: Meadowbrook Art Center, 41200 Ten Mile Rd., Novi.
DETAILS: Black and white photographs of various subjects displayed in the new gallery.
PHONE: 248-477-6620.

25th Annual National POW/MIA Recognition Ceremony

DATE: Friday, September 19
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, Twelve Mile and Novi Rd., Novi.

DETAILS: Please join us as we pay tribute to the Michigan's Prisoners of War and Missing in Action and honor three Michigan heroes with the placement of their names on the "Michigan Remembers" POW/MIA Memorial.
PHONE: 734-395-4097 or michianpowmia@yahoo.com

Novi Concert Band Performance

DATE: Friday, Sept. 19
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: St. John's Church, 23255 Gill Rd., Farmington Hills.
DETAILS: Free concert, military tribute to Veterans included.
PHONE: St. John's Church, (248) 474-0584

Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southeast Oakland County Recycling Collection-Novi

DATE: Saturday, Sept. 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 Cencer, (248) 208-2270.

14th Annual Fall Detroit Camper & RV Show

The Michigan Association of Recreation Vehicles and Campgrounds (MARVAC) is sponsoring the 14th Annual Fall Detroit Camper & RV Show, Oct. 1-5, at the Novi Expo Center. New, year 2004 recreation vehicles will be on display, including folding campers, motor homes, travel trailers, truck campers, park models and fifth-wheel travel trailers. Display models range in price from \$4,000 to more than \$300,000. Year 2003 models available at discount prices.
Award-winning filmmaker and active RV'er, John Holod, will be giving an exciting and informative video presentation during the RV show. The films, "Alaska RV Adventure: The Last Great Road Trip" and "Baja RV Adventure," will be shown several times during the 5-day show. Recognized internationally for his work as a cinematographer, John is known throughout the travelogue industry because he travels across the country in an RV, immersing himself in the culture and surroundings he is depicting.
On Saturday, Oct. 4, Ronald McDonald will be performing magic shows at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. in the McDonald's booth.
The 14th Annual Fall Detroit Camper & RV Show will be held at the Novi Expo Center and is open weekdays 2-9 p.m., Saturday 12-9 p.m. and Sunday 12-6 p.m. The cost for adult admission (age 13 and up) is \$8; children age 12 and under are admitted free! Seniors admitted for just \$5 on Wednesday, Oct. 15 and Thursday, Oct. 2 (no coupon necessary).
Consumers can call (517) 349-8881 or visit marvac.org for additional information on the RV show.

Source: Michigan Association of Recreation Vehicles and Campgrounds

The Art of Healing: Journey Through Breast Cancer

DATE: Sunday, Sept. 21
TIME: 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m., reception
LOCATION: Providence Hospital's Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi
DETAILS: Providence Center for Healing Arts will present a show of original artwork by art therapist and cancer survivor Gay Walker. The public is invited to attend an artist's reception at the

Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery. The show will be on display through Oct. 31. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Lakes Baptist Church Marriage Video Series
DATE: Beginning Sunday, September 21
TIME: 6 p.m.
LOCATION: Lakes Baptist Church, 3009 Decker Rd., Walled Lake

Lake

DETAILS: "A Biblical Portrait of Marriage" by Bruce H. Wilkinson, a video series on marriage. Child care available, children's choir-music makers-grades 1-6.
PHONE: (248) 624-2900

Novi Newcomers Kick-off event

DATE: Monday, Sept. 22
TIME: Raffle item viewing and cash bar, 6 p.m.; dinner served at 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Wyndham Garden Hotel, Novi

DETAILS: This year marks the 30th anniversary of this local organization which offers social clubs and civic activities for residents and newcomers to Novi and the surrounding communities. This special evening includes a sit-down dinner, fashion show, and raffle. Tickets are \$23.

PHONE: Kim Love at (248) 305-8775

Fall Fashion show / dinner

DATE: Monday, Sept. 22
TIME: 6 p.m.
LOCATION: Wyndham Garden Hotel, 42100 Crescent Boulevard,

Novi

DETAILS: This is the Novi Newcomers' Dinner and Fashion Show benefiting Teens Aiding the Cancer Community. Come out and join us for a fun evening benefiting a great cause.
PHONE: For information and reservations, please contact Kim Love at (248)305-8775 or visit www.novinewcomers.com.

Novi Community Education Class, "Rainbow Salsa in a Jar"

DATE: Tuesday, September 23
TIME: 7 p.m.-9 p.m.
DETAILS: Create salsa, learn about peppers and exotic salsas, all ages welcome.
PHONE: 248-449-1206 for tuition rate levels, to enroll.

Choralists audition

DATE: Sept. 23
DETAILS: Love to sing? Want to join a friendly group? Auditions to sing in the Choralists, Novi's community choral group, can be made by appointment.
PHONE: Larry Molloy at (248) 474-8277

Oakland Chamber Network Business Card Exchange

DATE: Thursday, Sept. 25
TIME: 5 p.m.-7 p.m.
LOCATION: Imagine Theaters, 44425 W. 12 Mile Rd., Novi
DETAILS: cash bar, hors d'oeuvres provided, advance paid reservations \$10, day of event \$15.
PHONE: Novi Chamber of Commerce, (248) 349-3743.

Meet the Candidates

DATE: Thursday, Sept. 25
TIME: 7:30-8:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Meadowbrook Commons Senior Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road, Novi
DETAILS: The League of Women Voters Oakland Area will present a forum for meeting the five candidates for Novi City Council and three candidates for Novi mayor. The election is Tuesday, Nov. 4.
PHONE: Gretchen Pugsley at (248) 349-3555

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SCREEN BEAT

By Brian Renner

THE MOVIE INSIDER

Coming to theaters this weekend is the romantic comedy "Anything Else" starring Jason Biggs of "American Pie" fame as Jerry Falk, an aspiring writer in New York, who falls in love at first sight with a young woman named Amanda (Christina Ricci). Jerry has heard the phrase that life is like "anything else," but he soon finds that life with the unpredictable Amanda isn't like anything else at all. "Anything Else" is a DreamWorks Pictures release and rated R for a scene of drug use and some sexual references.

Set in the supernatural world of vampires and werewolves, "Underworld" is the story of a romance between a female vampire warrior, Sene (Kate Beckinsale), who is famous for her strength and werewolf-hunting prowess, and a peace-loving human, Michael (Scott Speedman), who wants to end the war. "Underworld" is a Sony Screen Gems release and rated R for strong violence/gore and some language.

Set in 1960s Texas,

"Secondhand Lions,"

is the story of a timid teenager, Walter (Haley Joel Osment), who is forced by mother (Kyra Sedgwick) to spend the summer with his eccentric great-uncles (Michael Caine and Robert Duvall) on their farm. Through flashbacks, Walter learns about their mysterious and dangerous pasts. "Secondhand Lions" is a New Line Cinema release and rated PG for thematic material, language and action violence.

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ly. Critically-acclaimed drama "Lost in Translation" is the story of two Americans, a washed-up TV star (Bill Murray) preparing to shoot a TV whiskey commercial, and the young wife (Scarlett Johansson) of a photographer, who meet in Tokyo, Japan and end up on a soul-searching journey together.

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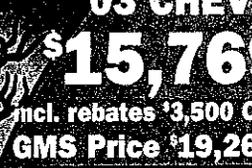


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It doesn't have to be pretty

Novi has great first half to keep them afloat over Eagles

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Well, even the ugly wins count as wins.

The Novi Wildcats football team started things off on the right foot September 12 when they hosted and beat Kensington Valley Conference foe Lakeland with a 41-26 final tally. Fortunately, Novi had things well in hand before they started to stumble with a run of troubles that began to plague them. "A win is a win," Novi coach Tab Kellepoury said. "We'll take it."

And take it they have been. This year marked the 20th season Novi has topped Lakeland, with the last Eagles' victory coming in 1984.

"We definitely didn't want to lose to them," said Trevor Hoover, a senior wideout. "We had things rolling in the first half, but things got a little ugly after that."

In the first half, it was pretty much all green-and-white as they came out with a trick up their sleeve and an attempted inside kick, which Lakeland recovered. It didn't matter though, as senior linebacker Josh Buck ate up a fumble on Lakeland's second play of the game. That ended in a stalled drive and a 35-yard field goal off the strong right foot of Mark Angelocci - who has been absolutely on target for the 'Cats thus far this season.

On the following drive, the Eagles tied up the game 3-3 after a case of broken coverage found the Lakeland squad completing a 32-yard pass. Fifteen extra yards were tacked on courtesy of a face-mask penalty before their drive came to a halt at the 10-yard line. On third-and-eight, senior Mark Kaminski chewed through the Lakeland front and sniffed out junior quarterback Kevin Ward for the sack.

"Our defense was strong tonight," Novi defensive back Adam Brandau said. "In the first half, we did everything we had to do to keep them from the endzone."

The offense wasn't looking bad either. On the following drive, senior quarterback Mike Hart darted around the left side of the line and scampered 20 yards before J.V. Woods tackled on seven more. With the defense bringing an extra man into the box, the Wildcats went to the air as Hart found Hoover scoring on a 44-yard strike for a 9-3 lead.

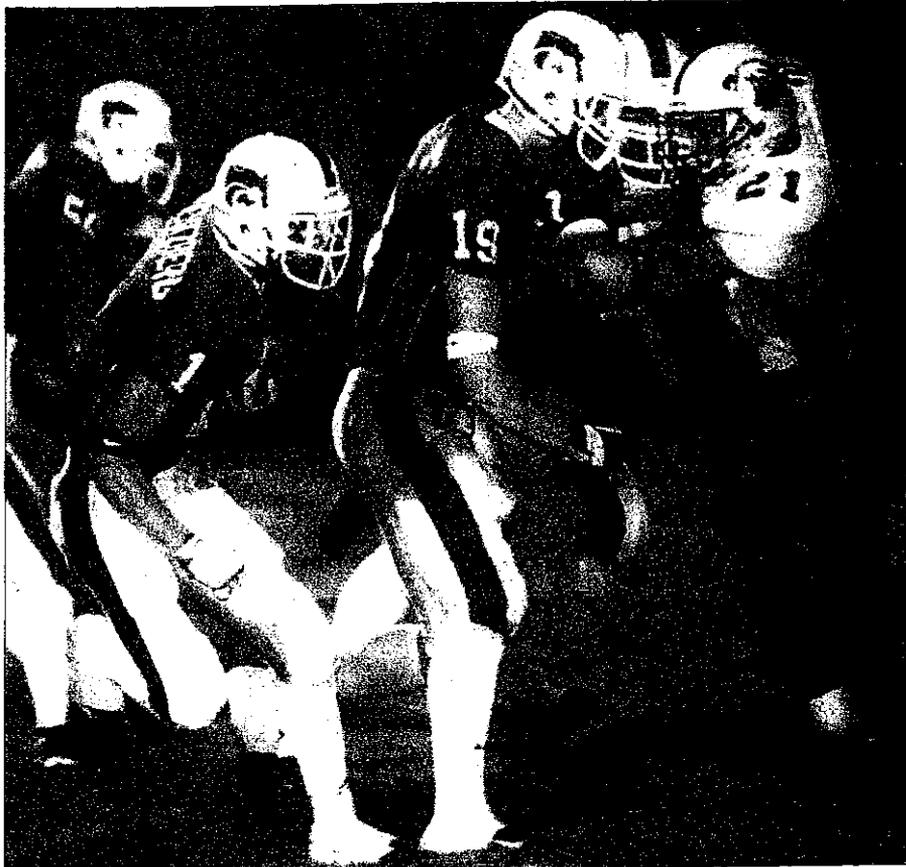


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Novi's Kerry Kreuzberg busts up field in last Friday's game against Lakeland. Ahead of him blocking are Chris Scott (#19) and Ryan Pritchard (#57).

"We call that play the 79 Promised Land," said Hoover as he and Hart talked on the sidelines towards the end of the contest.

After the Novi defense held strong once again and a bad snap on the punt found the Lakeland squad handing the ball over on the 3-yard line, Buck took the ball to the middle of the line and found it being stripped loose by an Eagle defender and Lakeland recovering it. Three plays later, Buck returned the

favor, jarring the ball out of Lakeland running back Justin Hays' hands with Kevin Cisto recovering it.

Two plays later, Hart snuck through the middle of the line for a quarterback keeper and a one-yard score. He traveled over the top of center Ryan Pritchard, who opened a gaping hole in the Lakeland defensive front. With that score, Novi's lead increased to 17-3.

"Ryan has been playing some

impressive football," Kellepoury said. "There's a center who corrected everything that we wanted him to after the problems we had with Howell. He's a valuable asset to this team."

With 10 minutes left in the half, Lakeland took the kickoff and marched down the field with a 10-play drive that found Gary Ferguson nailing a 21-yard field goal to pull his squad to a 17-6 deficit before the 'Cats took the ball

back and went 10 plays of their own for Angelocci to tack on a 22-yard boot to put Novi up 20-6 with 1:28 left on the clock. Eight seconds later, Hays found the ball bouncing out of his hands once again, and Novi's Kaminski tracking it down for the recovery.

This time, Novi made the best of the opportunity, scoring on a quick pass to Jarrell Woods, who took the

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Well, you just gotta love some good soccer, don't you?

The Novi Wildcats soccer team, coached by Brian O'Leary, is quite capable of turning in quite the performance for the fans to cheer for when they take on a tough and recently undefeated South Lyon Lions team September 22 at 7 p.m. at Novi.



Sam Eggleston

The Wildcats have plenty of young enthusiasm on the team, and are finding their goals hitting the back of the net with a slew of origins. Matt Simpson, a junior, has been playing some of the best soccer of his career as of late, finding himself scoring in just about every contest the 'Cats have played. On the other side of the coin is Simpson's brother, Brad, who has been instrumental in the defensive pressure he and his fellow defenders have been applying to their opponents.

A.W. Stanek has been bringing some intense soccer in the latest games as well, and support is always coming from the heads-up play of Marc Checcebelli.

One of the key positions in every soccer game though is in goal. A.J. Glubzinski has taken quite a few shots out of the game with some tough saves. For instance, just in the final 12 minutes of the game against South Lyon earlier this year, Glubzinski made five saves to seal the win and preserve the shutout.

Now, the Lions are definitely not going to be a bunch of pushovers. They have already taken one loss to Novi this year and will be looking to turn that result around when they come and visit the Wildcats.

They managed to earn a victory over Novi last season, which was a sure sign of the growth the team has had over the years, and they will no doubt want to prove they are always improving and always learning from their mistakes by getting a win against Novi on their own field.

The difference in the game is going to be right between the posts. Though the Wildcat offense is going to be earning the points that go up on the board, I feel it is going to be the goalie play that will decide the game. If the Lions allow the ball into the net like they did in their last game against O'Leary and his 'Cats, then they are going to lose. But, the same goes for Novi. They have to continue their strong play in front of the net if they hope to come away with this one.

There is no doubt in my mind that these Wildcats are going to be looking to earn a victory and help me prove there is definitely no curses on this column when they take to the field September 22. They aren't going to want to prove me wrong by losing this one, and that's why I picked them as the Game of the Week.

My prediction is that Novi pulls a win out of this tough defensive struggle, and does so in style in the last few minutes of the game when they score two quick goals to seal the deal.

Novi 4, South Lyon 2

Wildcats conquer The Hill in Wixom

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Speedy hurriers make for good weeks in the Kensington Valley Conference cross country circuit and beyond.

The Novi Wildcats girls cross country team was back in action last week and sparkled all the way as they ran to victory over Kensington Valley Conference foe Lakeland 24-33. Just days later, the squad ended up outright winning the challenging Walled Lake Western Invitational with a team total of 37 points in the junior/senior race and 51 points in the freshman/sophomore race. In both events, Northville finished a close second.

The WLW Invitational is run at Willis Park in Wixom, and has been correctly termed "The Hill" by many of the runners who have tackled it over the years. The two hills that roll through the landscape make up a major portion of the cross country course, and the second of the two is a monster for runners to take on and conquer.

It didn't seem to be too much trouble for the Wildcats though, which is partially due to their practices and home meets being held on the rolling course at Cass Benton. Patti Ramos once again led the pack for Novi, finishing the challenging run in 21:34, which was good for a third place finish overall.

Not far behind was Laine Williams, who took fifth place with a final tally of 22:08, while Laura Brunner recorded a 22:43 for eighth place. Rounding out the top 10 from Novi was Lauren Kava, who notched a 23:03 for ninth place.

Michelle Buelow ran to 12th place with a 23:14 while Katie Koss ran a 23:36 for 13th. Julie Johnston was the only other 'Cat in the top 20, which was impressive considering 11 schools par-

ticipated in the event, and she finished in 23:59 for 17th place.

In the freshman/sophomore event, the Wildcats once again found themselves slipping away with the low points for the win. This time, Sam White led the Wildcats as she took fourth overall at 22:16. Meghan Bannatz was right on her tail, notching an eighth-place finish in 22:54 while Erin Haynes collected a 12th-place finish in 23:39 and Andrea Kramer was 13th with 23:31.

In 14th place was Shannon Wagner, who completed her run in 23:38, while Allie Sisson notched 24:07 for 16th place. Danielle Styles was in 17th when she finished in 24:22, while Leah Rice rounded out the top 20 with a time of 24:38 for her 18th place finish.

The Wildcats will host South Lyon in a Kensington Valley Conference showdown Tuesday, Sept. 23 at 4:30 p.m. for their next meet. The Wildcats are 2-0 in the conference.

Novi 24, Lakeland 33

In their second KVC dual meet of the season, the Novi Wildcats lit their internal fires and took to the course with intense determination as they paced themselves to their second conference victory of the year.

Williams slid into the Wildcat lead as she ran to an overall second place finish with a time of 21:22, while Ramos crossed the line just one-second behind her for third. Notching a fourth-place finish was Brunner, who completed the run in 21:43, while White took seventh in 22:30 and Andrea Kramer took eighth in 22:34.

Lauren Perlin notched a good run for the day, finishing in ninth with a 22:46, while Johnston rounded out the top 10 with a 22:59, which was good for 10th.



Photo by John Heider

Novi's Jessica Gasiorek gets her shot blocked by a Walled Lake Central player during last Tuesday's game at the home of the Vikings.

The wins just roll in

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

No one would ever complain about the streak this team is on.

The Novi Wildcats basketball team, under the coaching guidance of Bill Kelp, lost their first game of the year and have been on fire ever since. Their latest victories came from the Walled Lake area, as the 'Cats pounced Central 38-23 and then edged Western 52-49 in overtime.

"Someone was looking out for us that night," Kelp said of the Western victory. "We were down nine points in the third quarter and ended up coming back to win it in overtime."

In fact, the Wildcats allowed 29 points in the first half, which is more than they allowed in either of their last two contests prior to this one. "They were getting through our man defense and making a lot of moves to the basket," Kelp said. "We went into a one-two-two zone for the first time all year and that was the difference."

The Novi cage squad forced the Warriors to move the ball more on the perimeter of the defense instead of darting inside for a quick

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GAME OF THE WEEK

Novi Wildcats Soccer

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Golf now in second in KVC

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Novi Wildcats golf team, coached by Brad Huss, will probably be the first to say that anything can happen in the game of golf. Last season, they basically came out of nowhere to win the state finals.

This year, the Cats were picked to finish behind Milford in the final Kensington Valley Conference standings — but instead found themselves tied with the Mavericks. Not for first, mind you, but for second behind Milford.

Novi had to take on and beat Lakeland 1-13-158 and top Milford 153-156 in order to get to where they are — and Milford had to make a few mistakes along the way.

"This win over Lakeland puts us in second place in the KVC with Milford," Huss said. "We are 2-0 and Milford is 0-2. They lost to Lakeland and Brighton last week."

The Novi linksters hosted the Eagles of Lakeland in a Kensington Valley Conference dual meet and managed to earn the tough win as Brandon Cigna led the pack with a 34 on his home course, the Links of Novi.

Right behind Cigna was an impressive day from Mike Martinez, as he recorded a 35 for his efforts, while Brett Jaussi shot a 36 and R.J. Makoski recorded a 38.

The Wildcats were slated to visit the first-place Brighton Bulldogs Tuesday (after the Novi News went to print) and Huss was looking forward to the intense match-up.

"This should be a good match and, hopefully, we will pull one out over there," he said.

The Cats are scheduled to play South Lyon today at 3:30 p.m. at the Links of Novi before visiting Hartland September 23 at 3:30 p.m. Novi also has Milford at 3:30 p.m. September 25 at home.

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Novi golfer Eric Aytes tees off at Tanglewood golf course in a match against Northville in late August.

Conference contests.

Novi 153, Howell 156

Going to Howell is never fun — especially when you're trying to beat them in the game of golf on their home course.

The Novi Wildcats didn't second-guess their strategy, and took to playing some of their best golf on the road this season.

"It was a great win on a very tough course," Huss said of the Links of Novi before visiting Hartland September 23 at 3:30 p.m. Novi also has Milford at 3:30 p.m. September 25 at home.

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twinkled and led by action as Mark Eberline led his crew to victory with a 36 while Eric Aytes shot a 39 along with both Martinez and Jaussi.

"We didn't count Brandon's score (40) and still came away victorious," Huss said.

Getting the victory was a big relief for the Wildcats as well as their coach.

"This was a big win for us and one that I was nervous about," Huss said.

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Pretty: Wildcats now 3-0

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ball towards the middle of the field with 39 seconds on the clock before breaking a double-tackle and juking a defensive back to jump 34 yards for the score to put Novi up 27-6.

"We had a great first half," Hart said. "Things were just going the way we wanted them to and we were pretty much doing whatever we wanted. Then, we relaxed and thought we could put it in cruise control. We're just lucky we scored often in the first half."

The second half found Novi coming out strong, scoring on a slam pass from Hart to Hoover for a 15-yard touchdown pass with Angelucci nailing the point after for a 34-6 lead. But, an injury to Kaminski, a senior offensive lineman and defensive tackle, found the Novi squad suddenly unravelling.

With 1:16 left on the clock in the third quarter, Lakeland scored their first touchdown of the game as Ward found Derek Jewell wide open with some broken coverage

before he finished the pass off with Ferguson pulled Lakeland into a tighter contest, 34-13. Two plays later, with Cislo in at backup quarterback, a bad pitch found Lakeland's Andrew Newman recovering the fumble — which led to a score just two and a half minutes later as the Ward/Jewell combination looked up again on a 36-yard score to cut the Novi lead to 34-19.

"From there, we just tried to hold on," Hoover said. "A 44-yard touchdown from Hart to Hoover was nullified on a blocking-in-the-back penalty, which led to a missed field goal by Angelucci. Lakeland's James Worden got his finger on the ball as it started towards the uprights."

Six minutes later, Novi found their offense once again and the sidelines erupted as Josh Woods broke two tackles and bolted 52 yards for the final Novi score to put his squad up 41-19 after Angelucci nailed the point after with 4:02 left on the clock.

The Eagles were determined, and with starters on the field and Novi's second team on defense, they marched 56 yards in seven plays before Hays darted in for an 11-yard score to cap the scoring and end the game 41-26. Three plays and a punt led to a final Lakeland drive, which found Novi's Brendan Buff tracking down Ward for a sack before injuries to two Lakeland starters found their drive eventually stalling and the time running out.

"We came out and thought we had it won," Brandus said of his second half. "We're going to have to play better than that if we want to beat Brighton."

The Cats (3-0, 2-0 KVC) are scheduled to play rivals Brighton (2-1, 2-0 KVC) tomorrow at 7 p.m. at Brighton High School.

"It's going to be a big game for us," Kelleppoury said. "We have to go in there expecting the toughest football we've seen yet. They have a lot of fans, and it's intimidating at times. We have to look past that though, and just play our best football of the year."

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Rolling in: Cagers get two more

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score before trying the game up at 42-42 to end regulation play. In overtime, it was all Novi as they held their opponents to just seven points and score 10 of their own for the victory.

Leading the scoring for the Cats was Allison Gretlich and Hope Morris, who drained 12 points each. Julie Longo added 10 points in the victory while Rachele Follino and Jessica Haggerty added seven each.

The Wildcats are off until a week from today when they start the conference schedule and visit Howell at 7 p.m.

Novi 38, WLC 23

In a game that found the Wildcats being forced to uproot their scheduled home game and take it on the road thanks to a power outage at the school, the cage squad managed to put

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Bill Kelp
Novi Basketball Coach

together a strong defense and looked to an intense shooter to control the tempo of the floor.

Rachele Follino dominated that game," Kelp said of the sophomore forward. "I expect, as we go along, that she's just going to get better and better."

And there isn't much better a player is going to get than 20 points and 12 rebounds. Follino notched the double-double against the press defense of the Central Vikings.

"We handled it fairly well," Kelp said. "Hopefully, our offense is going to be able to improve and score more points as the season continues."

The next highest scorer for Novi was Gretlich, who scored seven in the winning effort.

Kelp was happy with the defensive pressure his team brought to the hardwood though. "We shut them down," he said. "Any time you can keep your opponent's score in the 20s, you're doing something right."

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"It makes my house a little more unique. I can tell people, 'Go to the mailbox with flowers on it.'"

—Bob Grossman



Photo by Mark Lettingwell/SNHS

Bob Grossman leans on his 13-year-old oversized, flower painted mailbox at the end of his driveway near Boulder, Colo.

Post Modern

Some people trade traditional mailboxes for mailbarns, mailtractors and mailmacaws

By Almee Hecker
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Bob Grossman's mailbox is not just a box. It's a palette for artistic swirls of yellow, pink and blue flowers. It's also a reminder of Grossman's artist friend, who painted the black metal "garden."

Like many residents in Boulder County, Colo., Grossman chose to decorate his mailbox to complement his quarters — a light brick house wrapped in long fingers of vines and brilliant roses.

"It makes my house a little more unique," Grossman says. "I can tell people, 'Go to the mailbox with flowers on it.'"

Down the street, the mailbox at Alphabet Soap Preschool in Boulder also is painted, but with tiny child handprints. The mailbox was an art project for students in 1999, teacher Michelle Grice says.

"We wanted the children to put literally and figuratively their handprint on the school, just as they leave an imprint in our lives," Grice says.

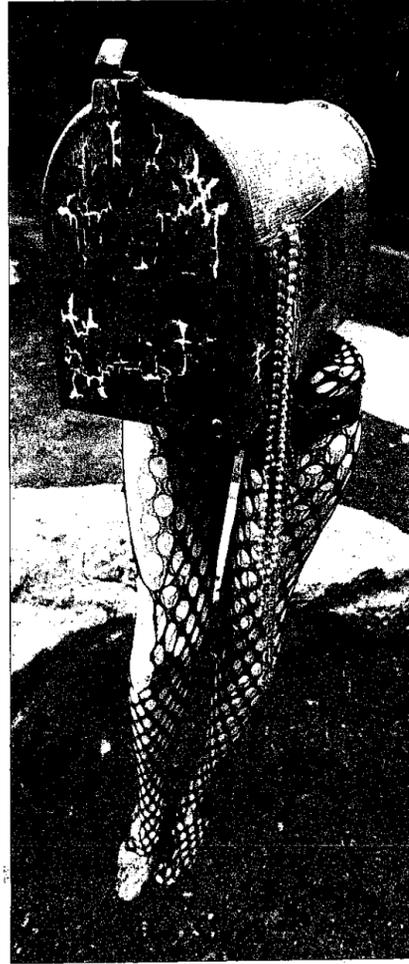
At some homes, the eye-catching mailboxes often look like barns or tractors.

"Many are on wagon wheels or on yet-to-be-identified farm equipment — something metal," says Lissa McPherson, a mail carrier in Erie, Colo., with a laugh.

One patriotic box in Erie is smothered in red, white and blue. Down the street, a real macaw mailbox perches in front of Darrell Stapleton's house, frozen in time ruffling its blue and yellow wings and tail.

Stapleton, who also goes by "The Bird Man," says the mailbox represents his passion for birds. Up until he sold them three years ago, Stapleton housed 400 birds in a barn behind his house. One Christmas, his daughter and son-in-law made the bird box in honor of his 40 macaws. Now, with all of his feathered friends gone, the mailbox roosts in their memory.

Near the Erie Municipal Airport, several mailboxes look like airplanes or beam with bright, painted birds. Another mailbox balances on a 50-foot pole — awaiting "air mail" that never arrives.



TOP: Jon Telleen's mailbox on the west side of Boulder has been featured on postcards and in magazines.

BOTTOM: Tonya Cozad and her daughter Katelynn, 8, pose with their 10-year-old bird-like mailbox near Boulder.

Selling the sizzle

With upgrades and options builders have a ready market for their models

By Richard Paoli

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

Call it the ultimate home-buying experience. You walk in the front door, and it's all yours and almost done-free.

The upgraded bathroom taps, soft Berber wall-to-wall carpeting, smooth marble kitchen counters and glistening high-end appliances — all yours without most of the new home-buying stress brought on by mind-numbing decisions in which money always beats down your good taste.

Buying a model home is like a true turn-key purchase — except that it costs more than other houses in the project.

Model homes, usually marked by fluttering flags and sales office signs, are the builders' showpieces. It's a chance for them to influence buyers by bringing together the skills of marketing, architecture, interior decoration and landscaping. The color scheme, flooring, counter surfaces and furnishings are designed to show the floor plan at its best.

Apparently, they do it well enough because prospective buyers often fall in love with the model. And, of course, there are also a few who hate it.

Model homes are designed to sell the other homes in a project, but many buyers want the model. When the model homes are put up for sale, there's usually a line of applicants. Even home builders' sales executives get in that line.

"I bought a model home at one of our projects," said Cindy Douglas, vice president of sales and marketing for Ponderosa Homes in the San Francisco area. "When you buy the model — and you pay more for one — you're getting a home decorated and landscaped by professionals."

"If we only built model homes," said Christopher Christensen, co-founder of Christopher Homes, another Bay Area firm, "we'd have no problem selling them. Models are the builders' crown jewels. And people in our industry realize that when we plan out the model."

A model home is a creation by committee. First, marketers run the numbers and come up with the profile of prospective buyers — including professions and the number and gender of the children.

"When you're spending \$500,000 to \$600,000 on a model, it has to be an effective tool," said Rick Rosenbaum, director of marketing at Delco Builders and Developers, a Northern California firm.

As the definition of the prospective buyer profile emerges, architects, interior designers and landscapers join the committee and get into details.

Unless the floor plans and project are designed for a very narrow market or unless there are few floor plans, the models often come in three basic shapes: One story for empty nesters or a family with one or no children; a larger, two-story with the master bedroom downstairs and smaller bedrooms on the upper floor for a couple with older children; and, usually the biggest of the plans, a two-story with a master bedroom upstairs and one or more smaller bedrooms that can be turned into a media room, den or library.

The basic construction of the models is no different from other homes in the project, builders said. It's the landscaping and interiors that set the models apart.

"We plant mature trees around our models," said Christopher. "It costs more, but it gives a true sense of what the community will look like" when the younger trees mature.

Model home prices can easily be 20 to 30 percent higher than the base price. There's no fixed percentage because the costs of the upgrades vary from model to model and builder to builder.

Buying model home has its own rules

By Richard Paoli

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

Don't just let the color scheme or marble kitchen counters sway your decision to buy a model home. While there may be a little wiggle room in negotiating the price, builders usually want the buyer to cover part of the cost of the landscaping, appliances and upgraded interior decor and construction options.

"The best thing you can do to judge the home is look very carefully at the functionality of the floor plan. Ask yourself how the room arrangement will work," said Fran Leach of Warrington Homes in the San Francisco area.

Other tips include:

- Ask the builder to replace or repair any worn carpeting or surfaces.
- Find out if the appliances and furnishings are part of the sale.

- Window coverings in models are often just decorative. Check to see if they actually work. If they don't, find out if the builder will remove or replace them.

- One way to determine the price range for the model home is to check the resale prices of similar homes that were built earlier in the project. This range, however, will not reflect the add-ons for landscaping, decoration or furnishings.

- Ask if or how the purchase agreement for the model home varies from other new homes sold in the project.
- Consider using a professional building inspector to check the model before buying.

Kitchen floors are in the midst of a stone revolution

By Cristina Rouvells

PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE

Sue Marshall Roberts remembers the headaches of her old white kitchen floor, the constant mopping of kids' footprints, the dog's paw prints and practically every single crumb of food.

"I liked it when it was clean, but it was impossible to keep clean," Roberts said of the tile floor in her old house in Dallas.

But she and her husband wanted something earthy for the Sewickley, Pa., home they bought in 1999 and are renovating from top to bottom.

The new floor is gray dolomite limestone quarried from Ramallah, Israel. And it would be hard to find a more natural substance to catch your spaghetti sauce drippings or cracker crumbs. Subtle crevices line the natural stone tiles, a blend of light and dark gradations found only in nature.

Roberts finds all this perfection just perfect, thank you.

"We wanted it to be natural and durable and not perfect," she said. "And it's easy maintenance."

The distinctive floor, which costs \$24 a square foot, is the ideal backdrop for the maple cabinets with grayish blue trim, the

hand-painted gray backsplash tiles and textured gray wall paint.

The kitchen floor — once the uninspired plain-vanilla fixture of home decorating — is going natural and vibrant. From cork to porcelain and vinyl tiles that look like stone, the natural look is in. Some customers are willing to pay more for the real thing — limestone, granite, terra cotta and other stones, while others are springing for French reclaimed terra cotta, an antique stone that's dug out of stables and chateaus in France.

Other not so well known stones are surfacing in kitchens, too. After choosing beautifully curved, custom-made maple cabinets for the renovation of their kitchen in their Mount Lebanon, Pa., house, Lea and Temp Smith weren't sure what to put on the floor. Lea dreamed looking at the dizzying assortment of ceramic tile samples.

"I'm decorating-decision challenged," she said.

Then their kitchen designer, Jeff Dixon, made the choice simple by showing them golden onyx, a natural gold stone with dramatic veining and a translucent quality that lets you look into the stone. The stone tiles are unlike anything the Smiths had

ever seen, and the couple fell in love with them at once.

"Bringing a piece of nature's handiwork into my home is exciting and invigorates me every day," Lea said.

Some customers want the look of stone without the expense or imperfections. They're increasingly opting for glazed porcelain or ceramic tiles that have the markings of stone.

"With natural stone, you don't always know what you will get," said Ellen Wyzkowski, an employee at Accent on Tile in Bloomfield, Pa.

"Nature isn't as obsessed with matching as we are," adds co-worker Bobbie Persichetti. "People want marble, but they want every piece to match."

Porcelain tiles are becoming more popular than ceramic because they're more natural looking and durable, she said. Unlike ceramic tiles, the color runs all the way through porcelain tiles and the cracks aren't as visible.

"People want family-friendly and kid-friendly," she said. People who want family-friendly floors also are opting for vinyl and laminate flooring that looks like stone, complete with realistic-looking grout lines.



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Lea Smith with her dog Snoopy in her newly remodeled kitchen featuring gold onyx floors.

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Louisiana gets an in-depth read of cuisine

By Louise Durman
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

New cookbooks are available in a wide variety of topics. Look for them in bookstores, and check with your local library.

■ **"Fine Dining Louisiana Style"** by John M. Bailey, (Toof Cookbook Division, StartToof, Memphis, \$29.95) commemorates the 20th anniversary of the Louisiana Purchase (1803-2003). "Louisiana Style" includes more than 120 restaurants from 56 cities and towns in Louisiana.

■ **"The Complete Vegetarian Handbook: Recipes & Techniques for Preparing Delicious Healthful Cuisine"** (Chronicle Books LLC, \$19.95) is by Kathy Farel-Kingsley, a former food editor for *Vegetarian Times* magazine.

The paperback begins with sections on essential kitchen equipment, stocking the vegetarian pantry, storing foods, planning mealless menus, a vegetarian dictionary and evoking basics.

Vegetables, fruits, pasta and grains, soy foods, legumes and sprouts, nuts and seeds and baked goods are among chapter topics. She explains the best healthy cooking methods and offers 75 recipes.

■ **"Good Housekeeping Great Baking: 600 Recipes for Cakes, Cookies, Breads, Pies & Pastries"**, edited by Susan Westmoreland, food editor of *Good Housekeeping* magazine (Harset Books, \$29.95) with beautiful color photos illustrating these recipes. The classic recipes have been triple-tested in the Good Housekeeping kitchen.

FINE LIVING

Slow cooking smokers have loyal following

While not as common as the classic American barbecue grill, smokers have a loyal following of food lovers who savor the unique flavors of juicy, slow-smoked meats. What's behind this increasingly popular style of barbecue?

■ **Charcoal.** Most modern barbecues run on propane gas, but smokers burn good old-fashioned charcoal. According to Pope, this makes the smoker environmentally safe as well as a great way to create delicious juicy meals.

■ **Low heat.** Compared to regular grills, smokers operate at a relatively low heat, cooking the food at between 180 and 200 degrees.

■ **Savory meats.** Smoking enthusiasts really cook ribs, meat, turkey or fish. Smoking fish is relatively quick, you can be done in about twelve minutes, and Pope believes there's no better way to bring out the taste of good fish.

■ **Added flavor.** Smokers can also add flavor to meats by letting you add different types of wood chips, from apple or cherry wood to hickory, mesquite or oak. In the end, you'll be serving meats that taste very different from those cooked on traditional grills.

■ **To learn more**

■ Smoke Grill Center: www.smokegrill.com

■ Smoke Shack Barbecue: www.smokehack.net

"It's fun to track them down and try to find them, especially the hard ones."

Margaret Tucker,
COOKING HOBBYIST FROM MEMPHIS, TENN.

Online recipes

Off the screen and on the table, chefs and hobby cooks alike have discovered the Internet as a source

Stories by Cindy Wolf

Photo illustration by Jim Weber

SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

The same place you find a recipe for Peanut Butter and Jelly Pancakes is where you can find out how to prepare Braised Rabbit with Egg Noodles.

The Internet is fast becoming an essential kitchen tool and an alternative source for cooks to find new food to feed their families or guests.

Anything from the honey mustard at T.G.I. Friday's to an old family recipe for Red Velvet Cake can be found in a virtual recipe file with millions of choices just a mouse click away.

Margaret Tucker of Memphis said she began relying on her computer as a resource for recipes several years ago.

First she looks through a software program she purchased that provides a million recipes (One Million Recipes for Windows, a 1997 item from NutriData Software).

If she can't find it there, she checks a couple of reliable Web sites such as www.cooking.com, which features lots of recipes for favorite foods at restaurants.

She also likes www.foodtv.com, which seems to be popular among foodies. It's ranked second in the Top 20 Food & Cooking Web sites, according to Supermarket News, a trade publication. (No. 1 is www.kraft.com, which provides lots of simple recipes featuring Kraft food products.)

Click on random recipes at Foodtv.com and you'll find the ingredients for Watermelon Granita. Click again and you'll find Emeril Lagasse's recipe for Andouille Stuffed Jalapenos.

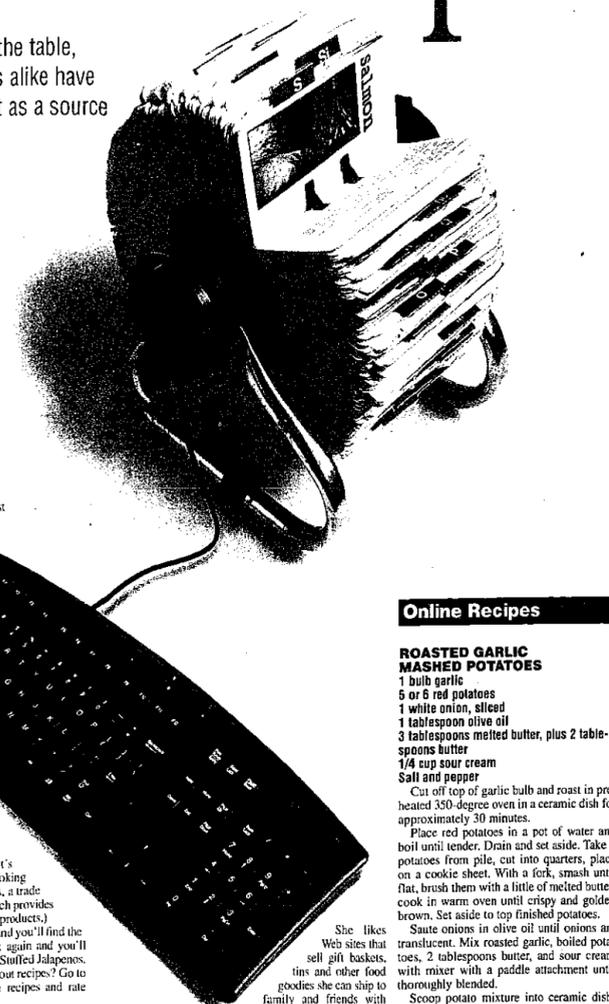
Want to know what other cooks think about recipes? Go to www.allrecipes.com, where cooks try the recipes and rate them.

They also rank them at www.epicurious.com, which features recipes from fine cooking magazines such as *Gourmet* and *Bon Appetit*.

Want to plan for a whole week's worth of meals? Try www.menuliner.net. It costs about \$10 for a three-month subscription or \$30 for a year. For cooks on the go, cookbook author and certified nutritional consultant Leanne Ely offers a weekly e-mail service that includes a week's worth of dinners complete with a shopping list divided in categories for ease in maneuvering the grocery aisles.

Joanne Cohen of Memphis relies on several Web sites to help her find kosher dishes for her family or for Jewish holidays. Mostly, she looks for vegetable dishes. Her favorites include www.jewishfood-list.com, www.koshercooking.com and www.jewish-food.org. She typically prints them out and keeps them in a notebook for future use.

Memphian Helen Pearce likes to look at recipe Web sites, although she doesn't cook much anymore. She's a simple cook and liked recipes with five or fewer ingredients. "I don't want to have to pretend that I know how to make a curry," Pearce said. "In my life, I may never make a curry."



Online Recipes

ROASTED GARLIC MASHED POTATOES

- 1 bulb garlic
- 5 or 6 red potatoes
- 1 white onion, sliced
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 tablespoons melted butter, plus 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- Salt and pepper

Cut off top of garlic bulb and roast in pre-heated 350-degree oven in a ceramic dish for approximately 30 minutes.

Place red potatoes in a pot of water and boil until tender. Drain and set aside. Take 2 potatoes from pile, cut into quarters, place on a cookie sheet. With a fork, smash until flat. Brush them with a little of melted butter, cook in warm oven until crispy and golden brown. Set aside to top finished potatoes.

Saute onions in olive oil until onions are translucent. Mix roasted garlic, boiled potatoes, 2 tablespoons butter, and sour cream with mixer with a paddle attachment until thoroughly blended.

Scoop potato mixture into ceramic dish. Drizzle with remaining melted butter, place in oven until top is browned. Push browned potatoes into top of potatoes and serve immediately.

SOURCE: WWW.FOODTV.COM

BOW TIE PASTA SALAD

- 1 package (7 to 8 oz.) bow tie pasta, uncooked
- 1 package (8 oz.) Oscar Mayer hard salami
- 1 package (16 to 20 oz.) frozen Italian-style vegetable combination, thawed
- 1 package (4 oz.) Kraft shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1 bottle (8 oz.) Kraft creamy Italian dressing

Prepare pasta as instructed on package. Cut salami into 1/4-inch strips. Separate strips. Toss all ingredients in large bowl. Refrigerate 1 hour or until ready to serve.

SOURCE: WWW.KRAFTFOODS.COM

Tap into the Web for new recipes or the tried-and-true

There was a time when a cook had to spend hours rifling through cookbooks, searching for an old recipe or hunting for a new one to try.

Now, just about any recipe can be found in seconds using the Internet and some user-friendly cooking Web sites. Most of the top sites allow users to rate the recipes. They also include preparation time and nutritional information.

Here are some of the favorites we've found:

■ **http://eat.appliances.com**
The home page is cluttered with ads and promotions, but there's a little search engine on the left that will take you to some of the best recipes found in some of the top food magazines in the industry. It

has an area for users to rate the recipes, and you can read reviews. Users also can set up a virtual recipe box.

■ **www.allrecipes.com**
A Web site that's more for home cooks who want to find tried-and-true recipes. The recipes are rated by other cooks. It also allows you to create a personal recipe box.

■ **www.foodtv.com**
Features recipes from your favorite chefs and shows on the Food Network.

■ **www.kraft.com**
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Don't let the bedbugs bite — no really!

By Jill Burcum
MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL STAR TRIBUNE

Bedbugs are back. The bugs were once made so rare specialists that they're more often thought of as a goodnight endorsement — as in "don't let the bedbugs bite" — than as an actual pest.

But they're now a real and increasing problem across the nation.

"During the '70s, '80s and '90s, bedbugs were not an issue," said Jay Bruesch, technical director of Plunkett's Pest Control in Fridley, Minn. "All of a sudden, they're everywhere."

Orkin's Minneapolis-St. Paul offices report that bedbug calls are up 30 to 50 percent over the past year. Company officials say similar increases have been reported nationally and they expect the trend to continue.

Insect experts say bedbug populations are surging for several reasons. More people are traveling and bringing them into hotels and their homes in luggage. And the longer-acting pesticides that nearly eradicated bedbugs have fallen out of use.

Hotels and apartment buildings seem to bear the brunt of the bedbug problem, according to pest-control companies.

The six-legged, ladybug-size creature doesn't fly, so it has to hitch rides to go places. Luggage or household items of people on the move are perfect.

In addition, the nocturnal bedbug likes to stay close to its preferred prey: sleeping humans. Here again, the smaller size of most hotel rooms and apartments works to the bug's advantage. Once it arrives at its new destination, people and beds are usually within crawling distance.

"What we've noticed more than anything is that this is a problem in major metro areas, places where there's a lot of business travelers and people coming in and out," said Orkin's national pest-control technical manager, entomologist Frank Meek.

Not surprisingly, the hotel industry disputes that it has a bedbug problem. The good news is that while bedbugs bite and suck blood like mosquitoes, often leaving an itchy welt, they aren't known to spread disease to people.

There's another piece of good news. It's not your fault. Many people believe bedbugs are a sign of poor hygiene, but that's not the case. "Anybody can get bedbugs," said Bruesch.

Ex-smoker aims to banish tobacco

By Kristi L. Nelson
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Brenda Bell Caffee couldn't believe the 1998 report that said blacks were less likely than people of any other race to maintain tobacco-free homes.

"I was personally affronted," said Caffee, who at that time headed California's Anti-Tobacco Education Network. "I thought the report was flawed."

When she set out to disprove the study, she found it was "100 percent correct."

So Caffee started cooking up something to make a change. On Mother's Day in 1999, she kicked off "Not in Mama's Kitchen," a program designed to educate black women on the dangers of secondhand tobacco smoke and empower them to prohibit smoking in their homes and cars.

The program is named for the fact that decisions in black households often come from the kitchen where "Mama" is omnipresent.

Women head more than half of black households, and Caffee wants to help them realize they have the power to protect their families from environmental tobacco smoke — at least, in their own homes and cars.

In addition, she said, some research shows the dangerous ingredients in cigarettes stay longer in black smokers' cells than in whites'. Also, up to 90 percent of black smokers smoke menthol cigarettes, she said, and menthol "smokers typically breathe the smoke in deeper and hold it longer."

"Pick up any African-American magazine — *Jet*, *Ebony*, *Essence*," Caffee said. "Menthol cigarettes are advertised more to my people than to anybody else."

Now living in Mississippi, Caffee heads her own consulting firm and travels around the country, working to implement "Not in Mama's Kitchen."

■ **To learn more**
■ Not in Mama's Kitchen: <http://cbn.org/NMK>

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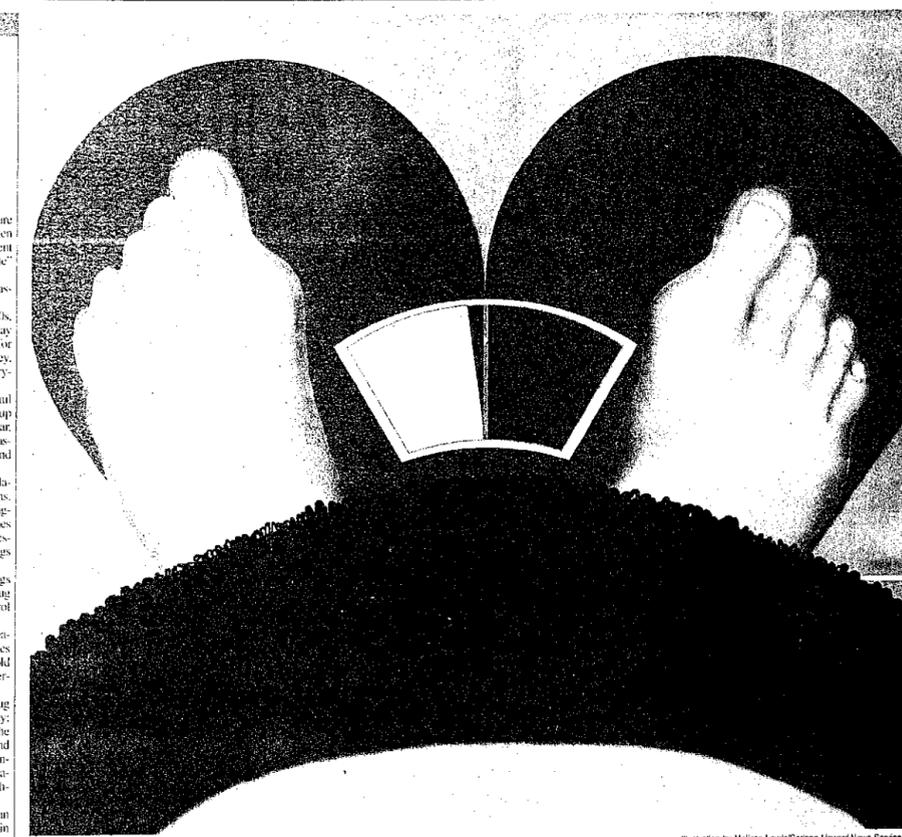


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Take that weight off your heart

If you have several pounds to lose, the issue of greatest concern should be how those pounds are weighing on your heart

By Jennifer Jones
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Forget that clothes don't fit well or that you just aren't happy with the image reflected in the mirror. If you have several pounds to lose, the issue of greatest concern should be how those pounds are weighing on your heart.

Obesity appears to act as the starting block for metabolic syndrome, a constellation of risk factors including obesity (particularly abdominal obesity), insulin resistance (diabetes inclines), hypertension and dyslipidemia (an abnormal fat profile of lipids in the blood).

When these four factors are presented together, a person has a very high risk of cardiovascular difficulties, specifically stroke and heart attack. Each factor loads off the other, resulting in a destructive cycle that is incredibly difficult to free oneself from.

"Obesity is a strain on the heart function. The heart has to work harder than usual or more than usual to pump more blood to a person who is larger size and this puts a stress on the heart and it causes the heart to become enlarged," said Dr. John Ware, a cardiologist at Cardiology Associates of Anderson, S.C.

"The heart wall thickens because it's a muscle. Anytime work a muscle harder than usual it will get thicker, as with a bicep. This is good in your arm but not your heart, because the heart is hollow and this allows less blood to pump each time the heart beats or strokes. It has to work harder to pump harder to pump blood to a larger area."

Obesity is associated with lack of exercise and activity, which is a risk for heart disease, said cardiac rehab dietitian Crystal Robinson of Anderson.

"Just carrying all that extra weight around is putting a lot of stress on the heart," Robinson said. "The hypertension and blood sugar get better when weight is lost. Not a huge amount, but just a little can help. But the more weight lost, the better."

Oddly, where the excess weight is distributed on the body seems to make a difference, according to Michael Gibson, a registered nurse and director of the LifeChoice program in Anderson.

"There have been a lot of studies that have shown that people, especially men, with visceral fat (fat around their midsection) have an increased risk of heart disease while exercising."

"The treatment of heart disease is trying to reduce all the risk factors. You can decrease your chances of having a heart attack by reversing obesity," Ware said. "By losing weight you can lower blood sugar, diabetes, blood pressure and cholesterol and it doesn't cost anything."

"How do you reduce your weight? It's dietary restriction and exercise. It's easy to say but hard to do, but I have seen people do it. You have to love life."

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"The treatment of heart disease is trying to reduce all the risk factors. You can decrease your chances of having a heart attack by reversing obesity," Ware said. "By losing weight you can lower blood sugar, diabetes, blood pressure and cholesterol and it doesn't cost anything."

"How do you reduce your weight? It's dietary restriction and exercise. It's easy to say but hard to do, but I have seen people do it. You have to love life."

Shaolin-style kung fu helps to shape up, maintain and protect body

By Donnie Snow
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Forget Tae-Bo. For Bruce Lee abo, go to the source. Kung fu is the very old-school way to kick, punch and block your way into shape. It offers positive benefits for body and mind as well.

Kung fu (stu) master Kevin Miller, owner of the Bei Shaolin Kung Fu Institute of Memphis (and possessor of a sterling set of Bruce Lee also) has been studying kung fu for 25 years. When he talks about it, he mixes in a little American spirituality with the discipline's innate dan (Zen). He speaks of what he practices and teaches as a way to improve quality of life, and a kick-butt way to protect oneself.

Miller says it's all about tapping into one's inner energy.

"It can help with simple things," he says, "like better joint movement."

Classes differ depending on where you go, but most often students begin by working through a stretching and warm-up routine that's essentially a beginning yoga class.

Researchers report this type of stretching can benefit people with asthma, arthritis and high blood pressure. Similar to yoga, kung fu and the gentler tai chi are low-impact, with circular movements stressing fluidity and grace and decreasing strain on the joints.



Photo by Alan Spearman/Scripps Howard News Service

Kung fu master Kevin Miller teaches his class about breathing at the Bei Shaolin Kung Fu Institute.

Victor Villavicencio says kung fu also increases endurance and fortitude. "The exercises focus on stretching all the major muscle groups and increasing blood flow throughout the body, improving reaction time."

"The disciplines can help a body get stronger in that the exercises or poses are weight-bearing."

you get to where you don't even notice the stiffness and tired muscles," Villavicencio says. "You get to a point that when you come to class, you're just asking yourself, 'I wonder what we're going to learn today.'"

Enthusiasts say they don't become bored with the discipline, since there's always something new to learn.

"I'll be doing this until I die," said Miller, 36. "It's who I am. It's a lifestyle."

After working through the yoga stretches and the kicks, punches and blocks, sparring takes place among the more advanced students.

"[Practice exercises] are supposed to teach you balance and quick foot movement," says Villavicencio, showing a fast-as-lightning application of a practice maneuver that looks sort of like a stutter-step punching move.

The esthetically pleasing maneuvers aren't those actually used in a confrontation, Villavicencio says, while gliding fluidly through another move.

When applied in confrontation, they take on an abbreviated form that's usually dictated by what an opponent leaves available to attack.

The Shaolin form of kung fu Miller has taught at his school since 1998 is similar to what someone might use in a confrontation. "It's more targeted to relative fighting," he says, as opposed to other forms of kung fu that are used predominantly for competition.

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Shown here are views of the exterior of Glen-Mary Meadows (left) and a view of the kitchen area.

A well-kept secret

Glen-Mary Meadows offers something for almost everyone

By Veronica Straus
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Glen-Mary Meadows is the solution for those looking for their first home, retirees, and the newly married. These entry-level homes are located in the countryside of Fowlerville, North off Fowlerville Road and 1.5 miles east on Lovejoy, the home buyers are in the center of rolling farming communities and enjoy all the perks of country living, nature, wildlife, wetlands, trees and solitude, yet are just minutes from I-96 and all the connecting expressways. The second subdivision on Lovejoy off Fowlerville Road, residents of Glen-Mary Meadows are never far from downtown historic Fowlerville providing shopping, restaurants, and community businesses.

Paved roads, underground utilities and a second garage permitted make this open-space community of 40 acres with 42 home sites of 34 acre each, a prime location. The minimum square footage requirements: a ranch of 1,100 sq. ft.; 1.5 story of 1,400 sq. ft.; and a 2 story of 1,500 sq. ft. all work together and allow Glen-Mary Meadows to become a development of affordable homes and one of desirable standards. One of the many models at 11681 Glen Mary Drive is a charming ranch of 1,217 sq. ft. and priced at \$169,900. It sits on a rise and welcomes with a wrap around porch and setbacks that make for an interesting curb appeal. Vinyl siding and charming multiioned windows make for low maintenance.

The front entry opens to an open floor plan of well-designed space. A large living room with windows on the side look out on the porch and allow the outside light to flood the area. A half wall with a shelf leads to the basement stairs and provides an architectural break in the wall space. Adjacent to the living room is the dining room which has double multiioned windows on two sides to add to the light from the living room. The charm of the windows flows into the open kitchen with its laminate floors, oak cupboards and open soffits for displaying plants or treasured collectables. A window between the cabinetry looks down on a double stainless steel sink with Delta fixtures. An island counter provides additional food preparation or

allows for additional space. Glen-Mary Meadows is an ideal community for those families who wish to grow or those who want to downsize. Fowlerville High School and middle school are just down the road. The houses are priced from \$162,900 to \$172,900 with the existing builders, Triple Construction, Sanzica Builders, and Oakleaf Construction who specializes in custom trim jobs, or the home buyer can bring their own builder. Upgrades are available, such as wood floors, custom kitchens and a great room with gas fireplace," says Bonnie Lane, sales representative from Michigan Group. "This development provides homes for the American Dream." Glen-Mary Meadows is also modular friendly. For more information contact Bonnie Lane at Michigan Group-Reality (248) 505-9122.

Protect your tomatoes from herbicide damage

Q: What happened to my tomato plants? The leaves are way narrower than they should be. The leaves have a half-twist to them and are thickened like they are made out of cheap plastic. The veins in the leaves are light-colored and prominent. The stems have places on them that look like lots of tiny warts grouped together. The plants have tomatoes on them. Is this insect or disease related and can I eat the tomatoes?

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A: This time, the insects and diseases aren't in the usual group of suspects. What you are seeing is herbicide damage. This is herbicide, as in 2,4 D broad-leaf weed killer. Tomatoes are fragile little beasts that have their constitutions thrown into a tizzy by multiple happenings. Somewhere, the plant has come into contact with 2,4 D. Pick one of these listed: You could have over-sprayed the edge of the lawn and the veggio garden when doing the lawn. Water contaminated with 2,4 D could have run into the garden during a rainstorm. It could be that you dosed the lawn on a warm day and the herbicide volatilized and floated in. You could have dumped grass clippings on the garden with a residue of 2,4 D on the grass. Or your neighbor could have sprayed. Or you used gloves or garden tools with a 2,4 D residue on them. It could have been the fertilizer and the herbicide got stored next to each other and the herbicide contaminated your fertilizer accidentally. But usually, you never do quite figure it out. But the next question is, are the tomatoes safe to eat? Nobody is going to be able to give you a definitive answer. Before you eat one, consider that there was enough herbicide to turn the plant into a major freak show. If deliberately consuming pesticide residue is in your value system, get the salt. If not, there are plenty of farm markets selling piles of beautiful tomatoes right now.

Q: I was mowing the lawn yesterday and ran over bees in the lawn. I got stung. How do I get rid of them and is there a problem with killing bees because they are valuable?

A: You're not killing bees; you are killing wasps. They have little value when you swell up like a beach ball and prevent you from using the area. Otherwise, they are good guys. Yellow Jackets are wasps. Bees don't live in the ground. Some wasps do. Getting rid of them is not a big deal. Your weapon is Sevin Garden Dust. You want one that says "five percent Sevin Garden Dust." Buy a big can or bag and prepare for tonight's Commando mission. Ground wasps are very sensitive to vibrations, so you need to be very quiet. Wasps also have poor vision if it is semi-dark. They are also sluggish during cold nights. When it is dark enough that you can just barely see where you are going, the wasps can't see anything. Tippy-toe out to where they are. They are all home watching television. With the stealth of a Ninja, sprinkle the Sevin dust over the areas with exit holes. Be generous. Then toss a shovel of moist soil over the holes and get out of there fast. Next day, go back and look for new holes in the soil that you dumped. If it's clean, they are croaked. If there are new holes, hit them again that night. Here is the "never" list: never use a flashlight because they can follow the beam back to you. Never do this in the daytime because somebody is flying around and will sting you. Never stomp around or seram and yell. Run silent; slay healthy.

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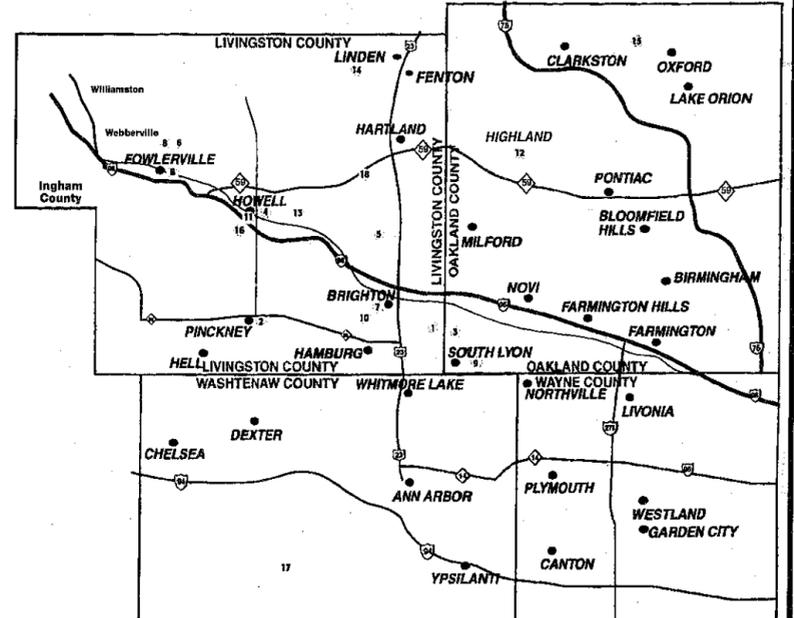
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GARDEN CITY - Welcome to your new home. Charming 3 bedroom bungalow offers 2 car garage with newer roof & vinyl siding. Vinyl windows, Berber carpet T/O, mostly copper plumbing, wonderful deck for entertaining. A real must see! \$122,416 (59HEL) 734-455-5600



TAYLOR - Not a drive by! 2 bedroom ranch with 2 car garage, remodeled kitchen with oak cabinets, & attached all season sun room with double doorwall to yard. \$109,000 (36WIL) 734-455-5600



LIVONIA - Castle Garden ranch. Updated 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, 2 car attached garage, finished basement, CA & furnace (97), roof-tear-off (00), vinyl windows, remodeled kitchen & baths. Hardwood flrs, Berber, Pergo flooring. Maple cabinets, solid pine 6 panel doors T/O, doorwall off FR \$223,958 (76HOU) 734-455-5600



CANTON - Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial with land & pole barn. Country living in the city! Hardwood T/O, air, newer roof to rafters, basement, oak trim, newer windows, kitchen cabinets & furnace. This home is gorgeous. Stove, refrig, washer, dryer & micro stay. Home warranty included. \$339,900 (06HAN) 248-349-5600



FARMINGTON HILLS - Welcome home. Professionally decorated 2 bedroom, 2 bath ranch end unit in desirable area. Newer appliances included. Walk to pool and tennis courts. Home offers fireplace, cathedral ceilings & full basement. 1 car garage & deck. \$194,900 (43COU) 248-349-5600



NOVI - Beautiful ranch condo. 2 bedroom, 3 full bath w/2 fireplace. Newer windows, hardwood flooring in foyer, kitchen & 1 bath, formal dining room, CA plus 6 ceiling fans. Garden windows in cozy family room. Large deck. Very private-like being in a tree house. Plantation shutters in dining room. \$198,500 (67CAN) 248-349-5600



LIVONIA - Large corner lot with view. Updated 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath ranch with finished basement, newer roof, windows, CA & all newer appliances stay. Flight across from school. 2 car garage with electric. Florida room, fenced in backyard with BBQ. This one will go fast! \$174,900 (12HAL) 734-455-5600



SOUTH LYON - Exquisite entertaining home. Custom built 3 bedroom, 4 1/2 bath home on 1 acre w/Northern Michigan atmosphere. Cathedral pine ceiling, Italian stone & granite FR. 5 doorwalls to deck, paver patio, 3 car all garage, in lower level, grand staircase to MBR suite, formal DR. \$649,000 (25CUR) 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH - Small town atmosphere. Country-like location close to downtown Plymouth. 3 bedroom ranch on treed lined street. Great starter home. \$169,900 (47MOR) 734-455-5600



INKSTER - Remarkable 3 bedroom, 1 bath home w/tons of updates. Newer high quality porcelain tile in kitchen. Newer furnace, air conditioning and lots of fresh paint. Partially finished basement w/loft of room, light & dry. Large 2 1/2 car garage. \$124,900 (64AVO) 248-349-5600



LIVONIA - Fantastic castle gardens 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch with newer windows, central air, hardwood floors. 3 season Florida room. 2 car attached heated garage. Fenced yard. Walk to elementary school. Move in condition. \$199,900 (50RIC) 248-349-5600



NOVI - You'll like this one. Close to I-96, 596 & 275. Well maintained 2 bedroom condo has what you need. MBR w/walk-in closet. Spacious living room, laundry off kitchen, newly painted, carpeted & windows. Enjoy the pool park & lake all summer long. \$117,900 (27VIL) 248-349-5600



REDFORD - Facing Western Hill Golf Course. 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath bungalow completely renovated, with updated kitchen, newer carpet, paint, re-surfaced hardwood floors, + basement with glass block windows, all appliances, 2 car garage with side patio. \$119,900 (50GRA) 734-455-5600



GARDEN CITY - Perfect starter home. Move in and enjoy! Updated top to bottom, 3 bedroom brick ranch, 2 bath, finished basement with 4th bedroom, 2 1/2 car garage. Super sharp with great curb appeal. \$149,700 (20ALV) 734-455-5600

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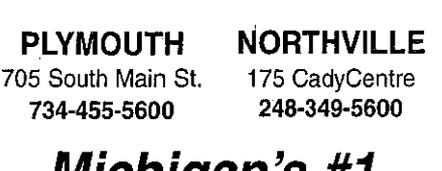
CANTON - Sprawling ranch condo. Fantastic 2 BR, 2 BA and walk backs to the 11th hole. Sit on your deck & watch the golfers or join in. Spacious unit w/hardwood flooring, gas fireplace in great room w/custom mantle, white kitchen w/all built-ins. Jetted tub & double sinks in master. \$274,900 (32THI) 248-349-5600



CANTON - Sunflower Village home. Located in Cantons most sought after sub. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath, partially in basement, 2 car attached garage. Brick & vinyl colonial w/welcoming 2 story foyer, natural fireplace, beautiful deck in back, ceramic tile T/O. Prestigious landscaping. Home warranty. \$329,900 (14CAR) 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH - Much sought after Garden level condo. Atrium like atrium brick entryway offers an abundance of natural lighting for the open living area. Medium oak cabinets in kitchen, in unit laundry, & carpet. Short walk to shopping & nightlife in downtown Plymouth. Must see! \$134,900 (12PIN) 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH - Beautiful brick 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch with newer furnace, roof & windows. Hardwood floors, large yard & deck. Finished lower level. Oversized 2 car garage. \$209,900 (19RUS) 248-349-5600



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REDFORD - Sharp updated ranch. Clean & well maintained 3 BR, 2 BA home. Freshly painted '03, windows, gutters '02, newer doors & storms, roof & gutters '98, furn & AC '97. Finished basement & newer blinds - LR. Updated kitchen, ceramic floor & counter top & ceiling fan. All hardwood floors. \$138,500 (24TEC) 248-349-5600



LIVONIA - Great location. Great home, great price with newer oak kitchen, newer 1st floor bath with granite counter & tile shower, newer roof, windows & siding. All this in this 4 bedroom, 2 bath bungalow. \$102,000 (60DEE) 734-455-5600



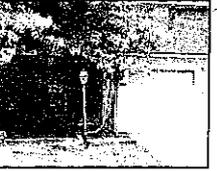
CANTON - Beautiful & spacious. 4 bedroom, 2 full & 2 half bath colonial offers family room with gas fireplace, large bay windows in living room & formal dining room, 1st library, laundry room & office, finished basement, most appliances & 2 car attached garage. \$289,900 (11CLA) 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH - A special place to live. Away from the urban crush. Master suite to match any. Foyer, library, dinette & kitchen in hardwood floors. Kitchen has a ton of oak cabinets & appliances. Double door entry to library with built-in bookcases. \$639,900 (72KAT) 734-455-5600



NOVI - Classy colonial. 4 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home on approximately 1/2 acre park-like setting. Newer hardwood floors in foyer, kit & FR. Newer carpet. Formal dining room, doorwalls, A/C, glass blocks, storm door, lighting & outdoor lighting. 2 car gar w/overhead storage/access from upstairs. \$309,900 (58SHE) 248-349-5600



NOVI - Premium setting. 2 Bedroom low-house backs to park with a gorgeous view. Updates like: all flooring, kitchen & baths, HWH & central air. Nice layout with dining room and huge master bedroom. Plenty of storage. Excellent court location. Super. \$159,900 (83CRA) 248-349-5600



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



WAYNE - Park like setting. Large 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath brick ranch on approx 1.2 acres offers beautiful swimming pool with deck, newer roof, kitchen counter top, flooring & carpet T/O. Also 2 car attached garage & appliances. \$199,000 (01GLE) 734-455-5600



WESTLAND - Super clean updated condo located in the Livonia school district is ready for immediate occupancy. Freshly painted, oak kitchen cabinets. Pergo flooring in dining room with bay doorwall to deck. Large master suite. Neutral decor T/O. Home warranty \$196,000 (78PHI) 734-455-5600



LIVONIA - Unique Livonia home. Gorgeous home inside & out. Updated carpet, windows, patio. Has CA, huge yard, large master bedroom with wood-burning stove. 2nd 1 bedroom home on property can be used as rental-pull in some extra income! \$225,000 (89ORA) 734-455-5600



FARMINGTON HILLS - Honey I'm home. Brick 3 BR colonial on approximately 3/4 acres. Updates include: huge kit, w/Corian counters, light oak cabinets, carpet & roof. Freshly painted. FR has fireplace, sun-room, patio, attached garage, full basement, appliances & home warranty. Great views. \$269,900 (51DOH) 248-349-5600



CANTON - Outstanding 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial with family room, living room & formal dining room. Large master suite. First floor laundry. Medium oak kitchen with center island, Corian counter tops, newer flooring & doors leading to gorgeous 3 season room. Lovely patio. \$229,900 (93WOO) 248-349-5600



NORTHVILLE - Location! Location! This stunning 1998 built 3 bedroom Cape Cod condo sets new meaning to prime lot. It is located on a gorgeous waterfront lot w/breathtaking view. WO basement and large deck off great room. Sharp, clean & wow. \$428,000 (38LAK) 248-349-5600



TAYLOR - Great home for under \$100,000. 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath ranch on large lot with fenced backyard. Newer Pergo floors, newer appliances, windows, interior & exterior doors, newer kitchen floor, ceramic tile in updated bath. Newer CA & furnace. Home warranty. \$89,900 (78BAI) 734-455-5600



TAYLOR - Very nice brick ranch. 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home with full basement, eat-in-kitchen, 2 car garage, all new paint and carpet. + appliances stay. \$139,900 (40CHE) 734-455-5600



DEARBORN - All brick beauty! 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Tudor style colonial with hardwood floors, coveled ceilings, old world charm, family room and finished basement. \$209,900 (40WAR) 734-455-5600



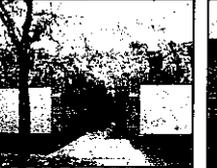
NOVI - Better than new! Why build? This 2 year old 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath colonial has all the upgrades. Cherry cabinets, granite counters, Jack & Jill baths, 2 story foyer & family room, conservatory, princess suite, finished lower level with bedroom, bath & family room. Backs to woods too! \$739,000 (10CHE) 248-349-5600



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YPSILANTI - Enjoy view of Ford Lake. Lake view from your living room in this clean, updated 3 bedroom, brick ranch on one of the largest lots in sub. Many updates, well-maintained. Finished basement & nicely landscaped. Move in now, relax & enjoy the summer. \$157,900 (07EME) 248-349-5600



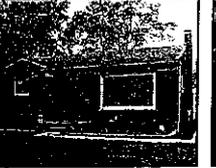
PLYMOUTH - A very rare find. Highly desired Beacon Hollow presents this rear 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath townhouse with formal dining room, fireplace in living room, doorwall to deck, 2 car attached garage, full basement, all appliances & home warranty. \$254,900 (13PIN) 734-455-5600



SOUTHFIELD - Secluded condo. 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath, 1 car attached garage, CA, doorwall, circuit breakers. Utility room, small cozy complex. All appliances stay. Home protection plan included. Easy commute. \$99,534 (90SAR) 734-455-5600



DEARBORN HGTS. - Move in condition. 3 bedroom brick ranch with 1 bathroom, eat-in kitchen, dining L, spacious living room, all vinyl windows, 2 car garage. \$150,000 (63SIL) 734-455-5600



LIVONIA - Welcome home. Desirable neighborhood offers 3 BR, 1 1/2 BA brick ranch on a tree lined street. Newer windows-doors & AC. Freshly painted. All newer appliances included. Finished LL offers great room-office. Awesome home. A must see. \$178,000 (00HEE) 248-349-5600



WALLED LAKE - 2 bedroom ranch condo w/1 car attached garage. Full basement w/cedar closet. Newer hardwood floor in great room, kitchen & dining room. Vaulted ceiling in great room w/natural FP. Private patio off dining area. MBR w/walk-in closet. Super clean. \$159,900 (02DOB) 248-349-5600



DEARBORN - Why rent? It's older, built to last & has classic inside beauty. Kitchen makes every square inch count. Fire & painted home w/newer vinyl windows & C/A. Basement/rec room or home office. 1 car garage, fenced yard. One year home warranty. \$129,900 (05GRI) 248-349-5600

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