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Name change

Readers share pain, fun of being given nicknames by family

Having an identity crisis? Join the club. From Robert Shaffer of Holt...

When I was growing up, family get-togethers became pretty confusing when someone yelled 'Robert'...

Half of the state House members who got a 3.5 percent pay raise last year say they gave more to charities in 2001...

Estimates on how much they gave ranged from "adequate" to "all of it."

Both houses have to turn down proposed raises by a two-thirds vote for them to be rejected.

Controversy erupted at the Capitol a year ago when all 148 state lawmakers received a \$20,600 raise...

Thirty-seven of the 108 House members did not reply or declined to respond to the questionnaire.

Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, used the extra money to set up a Cassis Civic Contribution Fund to donate to causes such as Habitat for Humanity...

Rep. Sandy Coull, R-Mount Pleasant, used her increase to establish a \$6,000 nursing scholarship at Mid-Michigan Community College...

Rep. Mike Pumphrey of Newaygo increased his charitable contributions by \$12,000 in 2001 as a result of the increase...

Some lawmakers felt it was inappropriate to say how much they gave or who received the donations.

Rep. Paula Zelenko, D-Bartholomew, said she gives regularly to charitable causes, but that the questionnaire was inappropriate.

"The public has a right to know what my salary is as a public official, but not how I spend it," she wrote.

Rep. Paul DeVos, R-Grand Rapids, launched a year ago by Republican Rep. DeVos...

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LOCAL & STATE Leaders gave more to charity

Some state lawmakers used 2001 pay raise to increase donations

By Kathy Barke Hoffman Lansing Press

For MSU advertising faculty, big game doesn't matter as much



Watching the ads: Members of Michigan State University's advertising faculty watch Super Bowl commercials Sunday at the home of advertising instructor Bob Kolt...

Professors immerse themselves in critique of Super Bowl ads

Bud Light, E-Trade commercials among those gaining favor

By Katie Matvics Lansing State Journal

HASLETT — As the annual Super Bowl party for the MSU advertising department, the television volume goes up during commercials.

Another favorite was the Lipton Brisk tea tea commercial starring a Danny DeVito puppet.

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Pay raise ballot issue

Will be voted on statewide on the Aug. 6 Democratic and Republican primary ballots.

Education PAC grows in popularity

GOP fund-raiser works to shift focus of schools reform

Associated Press GRAND RAPIDS — Launched a year ago by Republican Rep. DeVos...

Thousands remain without electricity after snow storms

Repair crews worked through the weekend to restore power to thousands of people across southern Michigan following last week's brutal winter storms.

Utility companies said about 65,000 customers statewide remained without power Sunday evening.

Top commercials The top Super Bowl ads, as rated by MSU advertising professors:

- 1. Bud Light (falcon) 2. E-Trade (monkey) 3. Bud Light (batin sheets) 4. Hot Jobs (game/robot stenographer) 5. M&M's (prof) 6. Lipton Brisk 7. Universal Studios Orlando (Frankenstein) 8. Hot Jobs (robot) 9. Budweiser (out-of-town) 10. H&B Black (Cowan brothers) 11. Budweiser (True Card) 12. Levi's Crazy Legs