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## Suspect robbed with gun

A 43-year-old Pontiac woman was robbed at gunpoint by two white males while she was getting out of her car at Twelve Oaks Mall shortly after noon on Wednesday, July 1.

The two men made off with an estimated \$1,065 worth of cash and personal property.

The woman, who was uninjured in the incident, told police she arrived at the mall shortly after noon when the robbery occurred. She said she had parked her car in the Blue Lot and exited the vehicle, shutting and locking the door behind her, when she was approached by the two robbers.

The first man, who was holding a black .22 caliber handgun, told the woman, "If you be quiet, you'll be alright." He then grabbed her beige leather shoulder-strap purse.

The second suspect then approached the woman and grabbed three gold chains from around her neck, breaking off two of them. The man also pulled a bracelet-style Seiko watch from the woman's wrist and pulled a ring off a finger on her left hand.

The pair then left in an unknown direction, and the woman ran into JCPenney's where she notified Penney's security officers of the theft. The security officers subsequently called Novi police.

The woman said both the robbers were approximately 20 years old and thin with dirty blond, collar-length hair.

The suspect holding the gun was said to be wearing blue jeans and a grey Mickey Mouse T-shirt. The second man was said to be wearing loud, flowered three-quarters length shorts and a blue T-shirt with the words "Party till you puke" written on it.

The purse contained an estimated \$740 worth of cash in addition to a checkbook and pictures of the woman's grandchildren.



**Star-spangled biker**

The City of Novi doesn't have an official Fourth of July parade, but the Village Oaks subdivision does and Village Oaks residents showed up in style to celebrate Independence Day last Saturday.

Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

## Three in race for mayor's seat

By ANN E. WILLIS  
staff writer

With just over a week left before the deadline for filing petitions, three Novi residents have publicly stated they will be running for mayor during the November election.

Matthew Quinn, Nancy Covert and Jerry Sheridan have pulled petitions from the city clerk's office, and are currently putting together campaign supporters and firming up their platforms. Quinn is the only one of the three to have officially submitted a petition of nominating signatures to the clerk's office.

Interested candidates have until July 17 at 4 p.m. to file.

Management of the city's growth is going to be a key issue with all three candidates in the 1987 mayoral race, according to preliminary discussions.

Quinn, a principal in the law firm of Cooper, Shifman, Gabe, Quinn & Seymour, said he is currently in the midst of "getting organized" for the campaign. He said he is planning a July 19 kick-off party to formally launch his campaign.

Quinn said he is interested in maintaining Novi as a visually low profile community and keeping a "reasonable limit on the number of people" living in the city. He suggested a figure in the "low 60s (60,000) might be appropriate."

To keep the population density low, Quinn said increasing the size of residential zoning might be used along with more open space requirements in subdivisions.

Quinn said he will propose a study committee of the council and parks and recreation department to "actively pursue the acquisition of parkland."

"Being assistant city prosecutor for 13 years, I've always been around city hall," Quinn said. He said he's worked on a number of people's campaigns and has been a member of the Civic Center Committee.

Covert, a school psychologist with the Novi Community School District and currently a member of the city council, said she is running as a "pro-growth candidate within the parameters of a comprehensive plan." She said she believes in a managed and controlled growth to an "established vision for Novi."

Covert said she believed the residents do not ex-

pect a rural community but do want good traffic and proper services including police and fire services as well as the protection of open spaces and the acquisition of parkland.

"I believe there is a perception that I have been working for the homeowners," Covert said. "I do have some name recognition and a record," she said.

Sheridan is owner of Jerry's Barber Shop at Ten Mile and Meadowbrook Road. Sheridan said he is running because of the number of customers who encouraged him to do so. "I'd like to get things slowed down," Sheridan said. He said he already has the necessary number of signatures for nomination and is working on a more formal campaign strategy.

Sheridan has no previous experience on the city council or any city boards or commissions.

□ Council incumbents will face challenges in November's election/11A

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## Inside

## Tornado victim recovers slowly

By ANN E. WILLIS  
staff writer

"I'm not giving up, that's for sure," said Vanda Muscatello during a recent telephone interview with the Novi News.

Muscatello suffered a broken back during the tornado which swept through the Chateau Estates Mobile Home park on June 21.

Michael Muscatello, Vanda's husband, was killed when the family's mobile home was lifted from its foundation and hurtled into another home. A third mobile home was then upended on the Muscatello's. The couple's 19-month old son was also seriously injured in the sudden storm.

Vanda remains hospitalized in

the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. Although her father, Bill Tori, said doctors told the family that Vanda will never walk again, she is not giving up hope.

"I'm not going to give up ever; there's always new technology," Vanda said.

Her son, Michael, has been released and is staying with her parents, she said. "He's great. He's been a little trooper," Vanda said.

□ Tickets are still available for benefit dinner at Chez Raphael/3A

□ SBA sets up office to process loans for victims of the June 21 tornado/3A

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## Opinions COVERT'S REPORT CONTINUES INNUENDOS/12A

## Covert report on assessing ignites debate

By ANN E. WILLIS  
staff writer

A controversial report on the city's assessment procedures produced by Council Member Nancy Covert was reviewed by the Novi City Council at its July 6 meeting.

Covert ended what she said was a three-month study of the city's assessment system by presenting council a report entitled "Toward an Understanding of a Double Standard in the Assessment Process."

Covert's report, made to a packed audience in the council chamber, highlighted what Covert termed "legal discrepancies" in the assessment system.

Covert's report met with a strong response from members of the city administration and the Oakland County Equalization Department.

Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver drafted a response to the Covert report which disputed her findings.

Covert said her study had found that residential assessments were fair and up-to-date due to frequent sales which are recorded and updated by the county on a quarterly basis.

In terms of commercial assessments, however, Covert said assessors have more discretionary powers due to the facts that sales are less frequent and often hidden by the parties involved in land transactions.

"In the absence of sales information, our city assessors, using their expertise, can utilize certain legal dispositions," Covert said. Those discretionary powers have a latitude from "conservative to extremely liberal," she said. "Perhaps Novi is being too conservative, that's what my research indicates," she said.

Covert pointed out that the city is doing everything in a legal manner.

In her report, Covert focused on property in the Town Center Area, saying "a lack of uniformity

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□ Point by point comparison of Covert's allegations and Klaver's replies/14A

## Council members exchange barbs

By ANN E. WILLIS  
staff writer

Covert was sharply criticized by other members of the council for her actions. Council Member Martha Hoyer said at the time that Covert's actions bordered on misfeasance of office.

Hoyer and Mayor Patricia Karevich said at the time their main concern was the allegation that city assessments were not being done according to law. The council voted to have the assessing department prepare documents answering Covert's charges and asked Covert to provide the facts backing up her charges. Covert's report is her answer to those charges.

At the July 6 council meeting, Council Member Edward Leininger thanked Covert for her thorough report and said "it would have been nice if you had done something like this the first time."

Council Member Hugh Crawford

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Novi News/CHRIS BOYD  
When dogs get their fur cut, do you say they're getting their ears lowered? We're not sure, but we do know that doggie grooming is a thriving business in the Novi area. For more about Lizzie's "make-over" see Page 1C.

## Residents want Shoreline docked

By ANN E. WILLIS  
staff writer

Ed Phelps has an axe to grind with the Novi Shoreline Committee.

Phelps, a Novi resident, raised concerns during a July 6 city council meeting about the manner in which the committee is handling its business.

"There are voters who are drastically opposed to the marina project and are thankful that election day is coming up in November," Phelps told the council during the audience participation segment of the meeting.

The Shoreline project is a combined public/private enterprise between the City of Novi and Eldridge, Inc., a private development firm. The land in question is 12-acres of the old Wall-ed Lake Casino grounds directly north of the point at which Novi Road runs into Wall-ed Lake.

The city purchased the land, and in an agreement with Eldridge, will retain all shoreline frontage for public use. The city will also receive at the developer's expense an 1,800-square foot meeting room with parking area and a dock servicing 25 boats, plus a limited boat launch facility.

Phelps said he had been told after repeated questions to the Shoreline Committee, an advisory committee to the council, that the lake would be dredged approximately 200 feet to create the necessary depth for the docking of boats.

Phelps said he obtained a copy of the dredging permit application to the dredging and discovered the developer planned to dredge 400 feet from the lake bottom. He said he and other lake area residents have issued a formal notice to the DNR that they are appealing the dredging application.

Phelps presented the city with a petition he said was signed by 250 concerned residents opposed to the development. Phelps said the DNR will hold a public hearing on the application for the dredging permit and said the city could expect "400-500 people at that open meeting. We know who has voted for this particular natural disaster on our lake."

In addition to concern over the dredging application, Phelps registered a complaint that the committee is closing the meeting held tonight (Thursday, July 9) for an executive session.

City Attorney David Fried included

**Phelps:**  
**'There are voters who are drastically opposed to the marina project and are thankful that election day is coming up in November.'**



Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

### Headed for freedom?

Nope, this is not an exclusive photo of one of the prison breaks which occurred last week. It's a picture Russ Timreck, coach of the Novi

Cabana team in the Mickey Mantle League, climbing the backstop to retrieve a ball during a game against Trenton.

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## County to start road widening

You might want to avoid the Nine Mile/Haggerty Road intersection for a couple of weeks.

The Oakland County Road Commission has announced plans to widen the intersection of Haggerty Road and Nine Mile to five and four lanes respectively.

Road Commission spokesperson Dennis Pajol said the work is scheduled to begin later this month.

The Board of Oakland County Road Commissioners awarded the bid for intersection improvements to South Hill Construction Company of Wixom in the amount of \$162,473. Total project cost is \$225,300, including contingencies, engineering and right-of-way acquisition.

The project is being funded under a tri-party agreement — one-third by Oakland County, one-third by the road commission and one-third by the cities of Novi and Farmington Hills.

Another road construction project which could affect Novi residents involves the widening of Twelve Mile, west of Orchard Lake Road, in Farmington Hills. The project calls for the existing right turn lane to be extended to the shopping center drive on the north side of Twelve Mile. Total project cost is \$27,820.

In addition, the road commission has awarded a bid for the resurfacing of Twelve Mile between Orchard Lake and Novi Roads. Construction of the project began July 6, according to Pajol.

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## School aid offered

LIVONIA — Schoolcraft College will offer an informational program entitled "How to Select a College Major" for area adults who are interested in attending the college.

A two-hour session is scheduled for Monday, July 20, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Waterman Campus Center at Schoolcraft College at 18600 Haggerty Road.

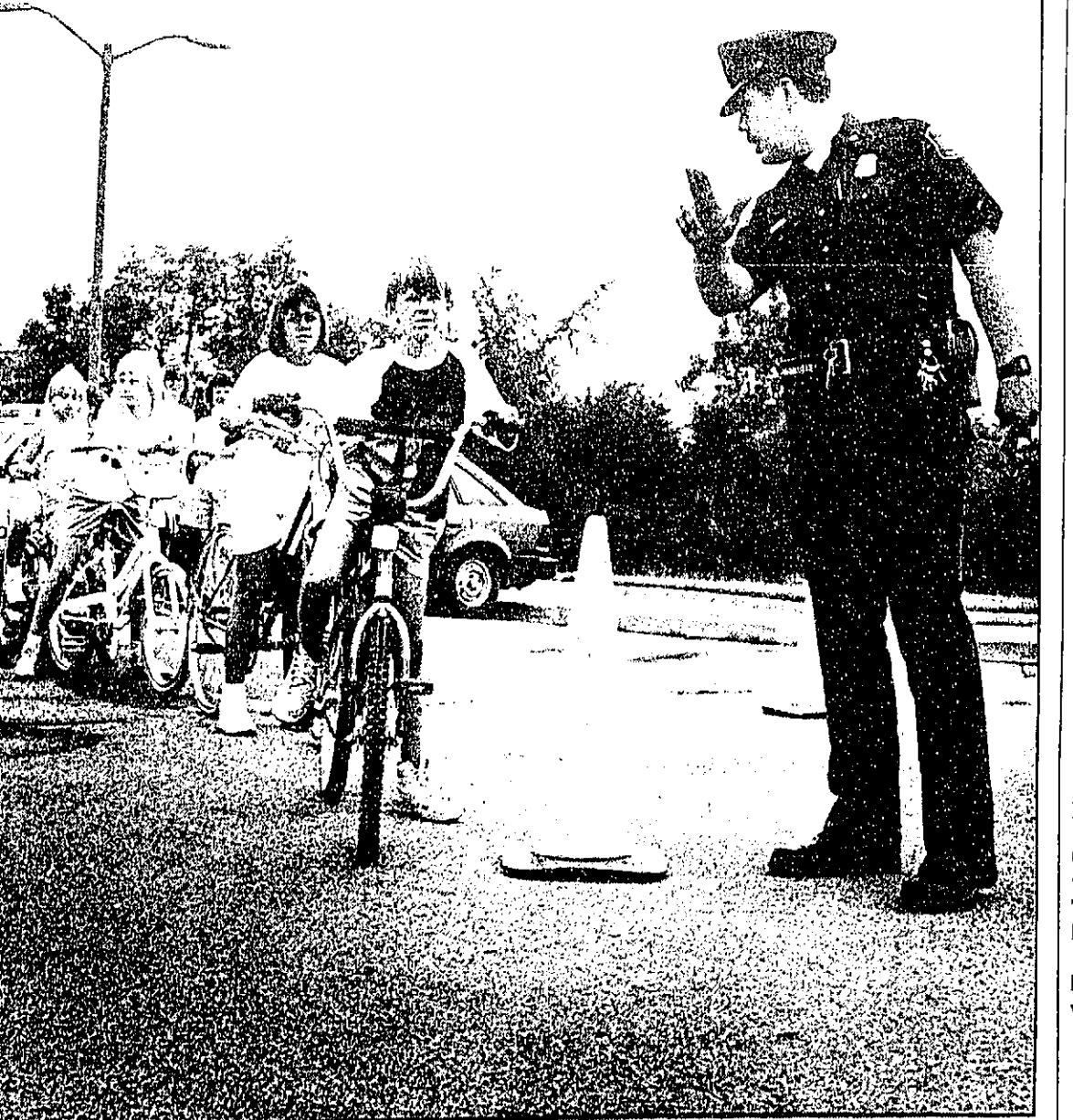
Participants will review college majors and the predicted job market. Members of the college staff will discuss financial aid programs and how to manage the three-sided schedule of home, job and school.

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The apartment complex will be located on the south side of Pontiac Trail, east of Beck Road in the northwest section of the city.

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The commission had denied a request from Portsmouth Place developers for final site plan approval at their June 17 meeting, stating that a traffic study was needed to determine the impact of all construction projects under way in that sec-



Novi News/PHILIP JEHOME

## Bicycle safety

Post outside Novi Middle School last Tuesday. After having their bicycles checked and running through an obstacle course, the youngsters received a can of pop donated by the Novi A&P store.

Jeff Nawrot, 7, receives instructions from Officer Phillip Schoen of the Novi Police Department during a special bicycle safety clinic offered by the police department in conjunction with the Novi A&P store.

## Planners reluctantly OK plan

By CHRISTOPHER J. KOZLOWSKI  
staff writer

Final site plan approval for a large 840-unit apartment complex has been granted by the Novi Planning Commission.

Stating that they did not wish to fund another traffic survey, planning commissioners last week put their seal of approval on final plans for the proposed Portsmouth Place Apartments.

The apartment complex will be located on the south side of Pontiac Trail, east of Beck Road in the northwest section of the city.

Although commissioners admitted the apartment complex would adversely affect the area's traffic situation, they acknowledged there was little they could do to resolve the problem at this time.

The Portsmouth Place Apartments received preliminary approval several years ago before zoning ordinances were amended to reduce densities in that area of the city by 25 percent. Legally, the commission could not turn down a project based solely on traffic concerns, provided that the project met zoning requirements.

"I have a lot of respect for the developers, but I have got a lot of problems with this project," said Commissioner Gary Phillips before voting to deny approval three weeks ago. "Unfortunately it seems it may have gotten too late to do anything about it."

"This project started out several years ago and a lot of things have changed. I do not feel comfortable with approving the plan," Phillips added.

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## Chefs to sponsor tornado benefit

By ANN E. WILLIS  
staff writer

Three metro-Detroit area chefs will host a benefit dinner to aid the Muscatello family, victims of the deadly tornado which swept through Novi.

The benefit dinner will be held at Chez Raphael in Novi on Sunday, July 19, from 5-9 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person.

Chef Keith Farrie of Chez Raphael, Chef Joseph Yeznick of the Sheraton Oaks Novi and Chef Ed Janos of the Money Tree restaurant in Detroit will prepare hors d'oeuvres and appetizers for the evening and wine donated by The Merchant of Wine.

Entertainment will also be provided. "This is not a sit-down dinner," Farrie said, "because we're hoping for 250-300 people and it would be impossible to serve that many."

The three chefs are donating their time; all proceeds from the event will go into the Security Bank and Trust Fund for the Muscatello family.

Michael Muscatello was killed and his wife Vanda and 19-month-old son were seriously injured in the tornado.

Donations should be mailed to the Security Bank and Trust of Novi, 4125 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, 48050.

## Victims get loans from government

By ANN E. WILLIS  
staff writer

park a disaster area, making victims eligible for SBA loans.

"We covered uninsured losses," George said. The SBA loan process takes into account a family's entire credit history, George said. There is no set formula for the low-interest loans, as each case is treated on an individual basis. Loans are available for interest rates of 0-9 percent, she said.

The Small Business Administration's Disaster Relief Office has set up a mobile office at the park to begin processing victims' applications for low-interest federal loans.

According to Debbie George, assistant disaster branch manager for field operations, the SBA already has conducted 45 interviews with disaster victims and handed out 38 applications for loans.

The tornado caused over \$1.7 million in damage and destroyed 52 homes. Eighty-four homes were assessed by Oakland County as having "moderate" damage and another 86 homes sustained "minor" damage.

Oakland County Executive Daniel Murphy declared the mobile home

area a disaster area.

The SBA office is located directly in front of the Chateau Estates Mobile Home Park on June 21 are receiving a helping hand from the federal government.

The rate of interest includes income, assets, family size and the amount of damage sustained in the disaster, George said. Seventy-five percent of all applicants end up at the four-percent interest rate level," she said.

The SBA office is located directly in front of the Chateau Estates Clubhouse. Hours are Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. through July 12, and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Friday "for as long as is necessary," George said.

The SBA can be reached at 624-6800.

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# Novi residences hit by burglars

## Police Beat

Breaking-and-enterings (B&Es) appear to be on the upswing once again as Novi police recorded six separate break-ins during the first five days of July.

Thieves took personal property worth an estimated \$975 from a residence on Twelve Mile near Taft during a break-in which occurred July 2 between 8:10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Police said the thieves gained entry by breaking out a kitchen window. Once inside, the responsible rascals disturbed only the living room, leaving other rooms in the house untouched.

Stolen were two Toshiba 12-inch cassette recorders valued at a total of \$725 and a RCA 19-inch color television set valued at \$250.

Another Twelve-Mile residence was victimized by thieves during a break-in that occurred July 5 while the owner was away from home only a hour between 7:15 and 8:15 p.m.

The complainant told police he inserted a white male and a white female standing in a field across from his home when he left the residence at 7:15 p.m. He also reported seeing a small red vehicle parked along the shoulder of the road.

The responsible parties gained entry by kicking open a back door, during an estimated \$100 worth of damage to the door jamb in the process.

Stolen from the living room of the residence were a Toshiba 12-inch cassette recorder valued at \$200 and two Jensen speakers valued at an additional \$200. Investigating officers said nothing else in the home appeared to have been disturbed by intruders.

Some \$8,400 worth of U.S. currency and \$400 worth of Michigan lottery tickets were among the items stolen from a residence on Haggerty Road during a break-in that occurred June 27 between 2 and 3 p.m.

The thieves gained entry by prying open a rear door. Once inside, they ransacked the entire house, leaving papers scattered across the floor and tables.

In addition to the cash and lottery tickets, the thieves removed an unknown quantity of jewelry from jewelry boxes located in two bedrooms.

stolen from a trailer used as a tack room at the boarding stables.

A deposit bag containing more than \$2,766 was stolen from the McDonald's restaurant on Haggerty Road sometime between June 27 and July 3.

Police are investigating several suspects in conjunction with the theft.

A 1987 Oldsmobile Cutlass stolen by an Ann Arbor woman who told police he was northbound on Napier Road when he heard what sounded like a rock strike the front part of his 1986 Ford Escort.

Returning along the same route after delivering the pizza, the man said he observed two teenagers, approximately 14 years old and armed with pellet guns, step out from the side of the road and start shooting at his vehicle. The youths made their escape by running into a wooded area.

The woman told police she was inside the Hilton approximately 50 minutes and returned to find it missing.

The car was recovered by the Detroit Police Auto Recovery Squad shortly after midnight on July 30 — within two hours after it was stolen.

Police said locks on the driver's side door and trunk had been damaged when it was found.

The break-in was discovered by a West Bloomfield man who owns a house for rental purposes. He reported that several items were removed from the residence and the mailing was broken off two closed doors.

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## Novi Briefs

A SPECIAL RUMMAGE SALE will be held this Sunday, July 11, for the victims of the deadly tornado which ripped through Chateau Estates Mobile Home Park.

Clothing and household items donated to the victims will be sold in the rummage sale with all proceeds going to the Novi Tornado Relief Fund. The Chateau Estates Homeowners Association is sponsoring the sale which will be held at the Novi Fire Station No. 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fire station is located on Thirteen Mile, just west of Decker Road.

TORNADO REPAIRS must receive a permit from the building department before construction may begin, the city has noted. However, the normal permit fee has been waived by the Novi City Council in an effort to help storm victims.

Permits are required to insure that repairs are properly made and the contractor assumes full responsibility for the work. Permits will be issued only to a licensed contractor or a homeowner doing his/her own repairs.

There's GOOD NEWS for Novi residents living in the Novi Meadows and Old Dutch Farms mobile home parks on Napier Road.

The Board of Oakland County Road Commissioners has awarded the bid for asphalt surface paving of Napier from north of Eleven Mile to Twelve Mile to Detrolite Concrete Products of Milford in the amount of \$48,068. Total project cost, including contingencies and engineering, is \$57,400 with funding to be shared equally by the City of Novi and the Oakland County Road Commission.

Selle doesn't seem to mind the attention, and happily talks about his experiences living in three states and working at many different jobs.

Selle said he enjoys life in Novi — where he stays with his daughter, Gretchen Pugsley — and he was very appreciative of the recognition he has recently received. When he received his high school diploma recently, the Novi school board adopted a resolution which said in part: "Frank N. Selle has, through his life experiences and constant pursuit of knowledge, fulfilled the requirements of English, Math, Social Studies, Science and other essential life skills necessary for a high school diploma."

"I didn't know a damn thing about it. I didn't dare make a mistake because the unions could tell I wasn't a tool and die maker. I couldn't drive a drill; I couldn't do anything," Selle said.

But he learned from someone at the shop and stayed at the company over 16 years, gaining so much experience that he eventually became the only one in the shop who could perform certain tasks.

At age 72, Selle retired to take a trip across America and Canada, then briefly returned to work at age 75 before moving to West Branch. After 20 years up north, he moved to Novi to live with his daughter.

Selle described his life now as very relaxed. "I smoke cigars, one a day; sun myself on the beach and count the can of beer I've got," he said.

His doctor told him during a recent visit that he could expect to live another 10 years. Selle said, Pugsley noted that it's tough to tell her father his smoking or his diet are unhealthy because it would be hard to argue with the success he is enjoying.

"Never an idle mind. I think that's the secret," Pugsley said. "He just enjoys learning about new things."

"I like to keep busy," Selle agreed. Jigsaw puzzles are a particular favorite; he also enjoys watching game shows and sports — all kinds of sports, Pugsley added — on television.

Yes, Selle thinks the Tigers have a shot at the pennant this year. "The Tigers have come from the bottom to near the top," he said. "They're doing all right."

And so is Frank Selle. He joked that in his life he has gone up in a hot air balloon, a blimp, a single-engine plane, and so on, and "the next trip will be underground."

He's not ready for that trip just yet, though. He said he has no plans right now for his 103rd birthday, but, he added, he's got plenty of time to think about it.

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# Frank Selle, 102, receives diploma

By BOB NEEDHAM  
staff writer

After more than a century of life, Frank Selle knows how to celebrate a birthday.

When he turned 102 last month, Selle marked the occasion with a special haircut and a tour of the Novi Police Department, which included a trip in a police car with the siren blaring.

The next week, the Novi Community School district awarded him a high school diploma. And, most recently, the Novi Chamber of Commerce honored him as "Novi's Oldest Citizen."

Selle doesn't seem to mind the attention, and happily talks about his experiences living in three states and working at many different jobs.

Selle said he enjoys life in Novi — where he stays with his daughter, Gretchen Pugsley — and he was very appreciative of the recognition he has recently received. When he received his high school diploma recently, the Novi school board adopted a resolution which said in part: "Frank N. Selle has, through his life experiences and constant pursuit of knowledge, fulfilled the requirements of English, Math, Social Studies, Science and other essential life skills necessary for a high school diploma."

"I didn't know a damn thing about it. I didn't dare make a mistake because the unions could tell I wasn't a tool and die maker. I couldn't drive a drill; I couldn't do anything," Selle said.

But he learned from someone at the shop and stayed at the company over 16 years, gaining so much experience that he eventually became the only one in the shop who could perform certain tasks.

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## City presents Section 10 plan

By CHRISTOPHER J. KOZLOWSKI  
Staff writer

Novi residents in Section 10 will get their chance to address possible changes in the city's Master Plan when the Novi Planning Commission holds its next meeting on Wednesday, September 15.

Residents of the square-mile section bounded by Twelve and Thirteen Mile between Twelfth and Novi roads are opposed to proposed changes in the plan which have been under consideration since last fall.

Planning commissioners last week heard a proposal for change from City Planning Consultant Brandon Rogers.

Section 10 currently is zoned for a mixture of residential/agricultural uses, combined with multiple family and commercial land use.

Under Rogers' proposal, the amount of property zoned for commercial would be reduced and the remaining property would be zoned for development with single-family residential, multiple-family residential and professional office.

Section 10 residents formed an alliance, the Northwest Novi-12 Mile Group, and hired their own planning consultant to retain as much of the current zoning as possible, particularly property planned for commercial development.

Although the plans put forth by Rogers and the alliance contain similar arterial roadwork, the primary point of disagreement concerns what type of development will be allowed in the section, according to Alkema.

Rogers' plan calls for office use in the southern portion of the section in one-half mile band across the section's south area and commercial use in a small northeast corner portion of the section. The majority of the rest of the property, however,

will be designated for residential development — both single-family and multiple-family. According to Rogers, most of the land in the northwest quadrant of the section contains wetlands and woodlands and most likely could not be developed economically.

Residents of the section would prefer to keep Roger's surface designation as commercial (RC-zoning), like most of the office use surrounding the commercial, and multiple housing zoning accounting for the rest of the section.

Alkema, as chairman of the Northwest Novi-12 Mile Group, said his group will be ready for a formal presentation July 15. Following last week's presentation of Rogers' plan, Alkema said the city would lose out on a comprehensive plan for the betterment of Twelve Mile if the commission did not consider his group's plan.

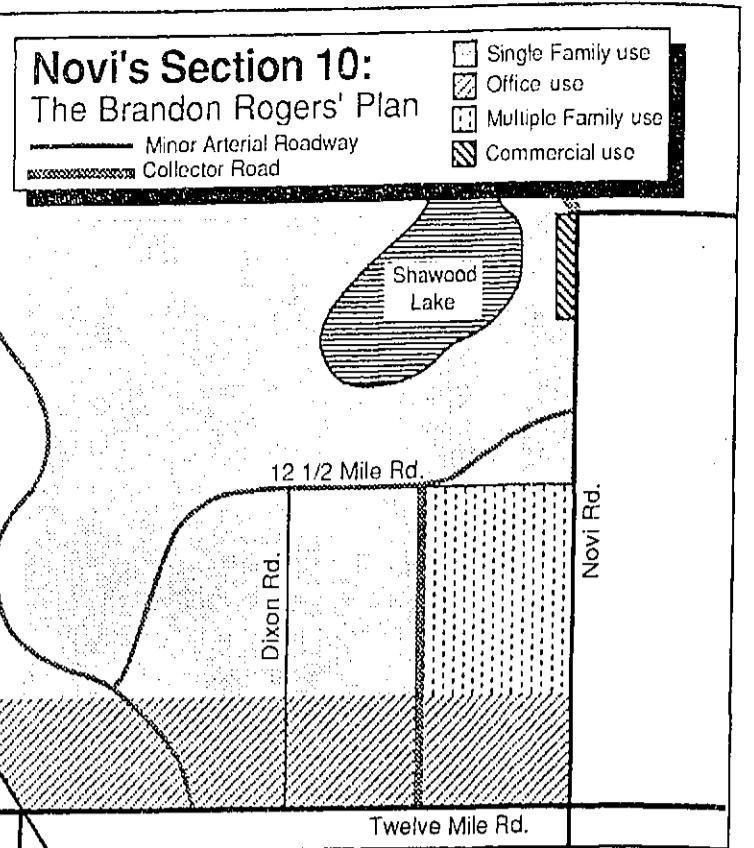
"The problem is they do not want any commercial across Twelve Mile, and this is what they are sitting on," Alkema said. "And they are going to amend the Master Plan."

"It is going to be a matter of working with the property owners to point out that we are recommending a substantial area for multiple family use and providing prominent office space as a transition to the residential to the north from the commercial to the south."

Rogers and Planning Commissioner Judith Johnson question the reason Section 10 land owners want to maintain the 1980 Master Plan.

"The desire to keep the Master Plan as it is now could be a desire to turn over the property for, perhaps, a higher price," Rogers said. "I question whether commercial would bring a higher price, adding that office and residential housing also could command high prices."

Land owners want to retain commercial zoning because "they see it as being more valuable when they want to sell their land," said Johnson. "But they have known from



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Homeowner association and Neighborhood Watch groups trying to make their neighborhoods safer places to live have some help in their efforts.

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## Area Briefs

## Johnson elected chairperson

By CHRISTOPHER J. KOZLOWSKI  
Staff writer

end," she added. "I do not think you get your best decisions then."

"Another part that bothers me about that is the fact that we leave our planning work until the end of the agenda usually because we get through the site plan reviews and public hearings first. And then the work that we should be giving some serious thought to gets short-changed just because people are too tired and are not in the mood to do their best thinking then."

Judith Johnson is the first woman to be elected chairperson of the Novi Planning Commission.

Judith was elected to lead the commission by a 6-2 vote during the commission's meeting last week.

Commissioner Charles Kureth was elected vice chairman.

Johnson replaces Ernest Aruffo as

chairperson of the commission. Aruffo, who chaired the commission for the past two years, received the remaining two votes in the 6-2 decision.

Johnson, who has served in the commission since September 1983, previously served as the commission's vice chairperson and secretary. She said she hopes to lead the commission in representing the concerns of the residents of the community, as well as streamline the commission's procedures to further enhance its effectiveness.

"I would like to see if we cannot establish rules about our bylaws, and get some of these things which are said to be policy set down into actual rules," Johnson said. "I feel it will help our staff when they deal with developers."

"Although it sounds corny, I was brought up in Kansas where patriotism was not a dirty word and where you are very much aware of what your civic responsibilities are," Johnson said. "If you can take the time, everyone should contribute something toward the running of their government."

Glieberman reportedly cut off negotiations after becoming upset with an offer from the Trust for Public Land, a private non-profit organization negotiating on behalf of the parks and recreation commission.

The offer was \$2.7 million, the same price Glieberman agreed to pay for the land last November. "The property is definitely off the market," said Glieberman. "I've waited eight months. It's too expensive to sit on any longer."

Glieberman asked why he should be expected to accept the same amount of money he paid for the land in the first place. The cost of replacing the 150-acre parcel, he said, was \$30,000 per acre — twice the original sale price.

The Trust for Public Land is an organization which buys parkland for communities that have no immediate funds and later turns it over to them.

"It just gets to be a real physical drain on all of these people who have already put in eight hours of work, and then come in and sit there from 7:30 p.m. until [typical meetings]

begin."

Kureth, who was originally appointed to the Novi Planning Commission in April 1984. He previously served as commission vice chairman one year ago. He is a former member of the Shoreline Property Site Planning Committee and past president of the Turtle Creek subdivision. He and his wife Camille, 37, have two children: Andrew, 8; and Brittany, 5.

Judith Johnson

■ Age: 39  
■ Family: Children: Sean, 14; Jason, 10.  
■ Subdivision: Meadowbrook Glens.

■ Past experience: Appointed to Novi Planning Commission in September 1983. She previously served as secretary of the Meadowbrook Glens Homeowners Association.

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■ Quote: "I intend to be a long-term resident of this city, and I feel I have a civic responsibility to be involved in helping to shape the future."



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## Assessment issue raises questions

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characterizes the per acre common denominators" in that area. "The lack of uniformity, in part, stems from the use of legal discretions as previously mentioned," she said.

Covert made comparisons between assessed values for property in the Trammell Crow project and actual selling prices. "Due to the wide discrepancies between assessed values and selling prices, the city seems to have lost potential revenues it might have been able to capture in the past," she said.

"A double standard" occurs when one class, residential, closely is tied in with selling or market values and another class, commercial, is not, due in part in the legal and inequitable discretions permitted in the city's past, Covert said.

Klaver said the assessment department is tightly controlled by state law and the tax commission, and the city's assessors make whatever judgments are called for based on those laws and regulations.

In Klaver's response he noted that the market price of land and assessment of the land is not a direct relationship. "No one sale, either residential or commercial, establishes a market value," Klaver said. "It is rather the aggregate value of all sales in a particular class of property that establishes a value."

Klaver disputed Covert's allegation that the discrepancies between market prices and assessment levels in the Town Center areas showed a "double standard."

"The report (prepared by Covert) identifies a number of areas where there are differences in square foot values identifying these as 'discrepancies.' As used in the discussion of the Town Center property 1983-84, this term is both inaccurate and misleading," Klaver said.

"At that point in time these parcels were zoned B-3, B-2 and residential, as well as the State, City and School district parcels which were exempt.



A fine old Fourth

Village Oaks subdivision's Fourth of July parade had a little bit of everything, including music by the Novi-based Michigan 5th Regiment Band (above). Resting before the parade in the picture above are flag-bearer Glenn MacQueen (left) and Bill Warren. Waving his flag while the parade passes by (left) is Scott Kortlandt, 3½. Colleen O'Neill and Patrick Powers (above) reigned as Little Miss and Mr. Village Oaks during the parade.

## Debate continues

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asked Covert whether she still stood by her initial method of introducing the subject via a homeowner's newsletter "full of innuendos regarding the staff and administration."

Said Crawford: "I was expecting something more from you. I was expecting some sort of apology."

Covert responded that she had contacted a municipal lawyer following the last meeting because of the "seriousness of some of the charges made against me." Covert said she was assured she was well within her rights in acting as she did.

"As elected council members we have a duty to bring forth matters for discussion, albeit controversial ones," she said. "I not only have a right, I have a duty."

Covert acknowledged that perhaps some of the language in her first article could have been "softened," but stood by the validity of her statements.

"Some members of council might consider an apology to me," Covert replied.

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## Neighbors

### A 'mite-y' expert calls Novi home

By CHRISTOPHER J. KOZLOWSKI  
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Cook said his interest in mites has roots in studying the distribution of land masses over the centuries.

"I am primarily interested in how the distribution of water mites indicate former land connections between the continents," Cook said. "If you go back 100 million years ago, all the southern continents were hooked together in a giant continent. And then as these gradually separated from each other, the mites that were a part of that became more distinct from each other. The longer pieces of the land mass were hooked together, the more similar are the modern day mites that occur in those two areas."

"South America and Australia stayed together for much longer than New Zealand did, and therefore, these mites are more similar to each other than to South America and Australia than you would find in New Zealand."

Although he is called an expert in the study of mites, Cook admits it may be so because he is in a field of his own.

"Well, (being an expert) does not mean too much since there are not that many people working at it," he said.

Cook has written five books on water mites. "Water Mites from Australia" received funding from the National Science Foundation and two Fulbright awards. He said he is currently working on a book about Chilean water mites and hopes to have his new book published early in 1988.

Cook and his wife Alice live in Novi. They have two daughters: Kathryn, 28, and Suzanne, 26.

### Church delegates travel to Chicago

Four members of the Meadowbrook Congregational Church attended the 32nd annual meeting of the Congregational Christian Churches/National Association in Chicago, Illinois.

Representing Meadowbrook Congregational at the annual meeting were Reverend Mrs. Neil and Sharon Hunt and William and Connie Ahrens.

A total of 645 people representing Congregational Christian Churches

throughout the United States attended the meeting as delegates.

The Congregational Christian Churches/National Association was established in 1955 and is composed of 45 local congregations in 38 states.

In Congregationalism, the local church is self-governed. The National Association provides a fellowship for sharing, consulting and advising on matters of common concern.



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### Hawn wins selection to program

Kelly Hawn of Novi has been selected to join approximately 280 other outstanding recent high school graduates at the National Young Leaders Post Graduate Program in Washington, D.C.

She was selected a Congressional Scholar by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council on the basis of citizenship, leadership and academic achievement.

The conference focuses on the three branches of government as well as the media and world affairs. Throughout the week, the scholars will meet with numerous government leaders and others who participate in the American constitutional process. The scholars will confer in small groups on a daily basis with faculty advisors to prepare for meetings with the leaders.

The conference begins with Legislative Day when the scholars will hear opening remarks from several congressmen on the floor of the House of Representatives. Hawn then is scheduled to meet with Michigan Senators Carl Levin and Donald Riegle as well as Representative William Broome (R-Birmingham), or their designated staff members.

Other activities include breakfast at the National Press Club and visits to the embassies of Zimbabwe, Senegal, Bangladesh, Sudan, Switzerland, Greece and Zambia.

### Bible class July 13-17

The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will hold its annual Vacation Bible School on July 13-17.

The theme of this year's Bible School is "I Am Loved."

The school will meet daily from 9:15 a.m. and is designed for children from four to 14 years old. Transportation will be provided if needed.

The program will consist of Bible-oriented lessons, music, art projects and refreshments for younger students, while older students will receive instruction in computers.

There is no registration fee, but a free-will offering will be collected.

For more information or to register call 349-5665 or 624-3275.

Students are encouraged to register as soon as possible since enrollment is limited. The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is located in Novi at the corner of Nine Mile and Meadowbrook Road.

### Health Notes

**IT'S MY BABY, TOO**, a program that helps prepare children for the arrival of a new baby in the family, will be held at Botsford General Hospital on Saturday, August 8 and 22, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Parents with their children so they can better understand how they can help their children adjust to a new family member and encourage positive family relationships.

Pre-registration is required and the program fee is \$5 per family. For more information or registration call 471-8090.

**WEIGHT WATCHERS WEIGHT REDUCTION CLASSES** are offered at Botsford General Hospital every Tuesday from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the Administration and Education Center at 28050 Grand River in Farmington Hills.

The classes are offered in conjunction with Weight Watchers, Inc. For more information call 471-8090.

**A WORKSHOP IN STRESS MANAGEMENT SKILLS** will be offered at Botsford General Hospital beginning September 8. The classes run five consecutive Tuesdays from 7:30 p.m. in the Administration and Education Center at 28050 Grand River in Farmington Hills.

There is a charge of \$60 for the program and pre-registration is required. Call 471-8090 for more information or to register.

**BREAST IMAGING SERVICE**: Providence Hospital and the Michigan Cancer Foundation (MCF) will provide breast imaging and education services at the Providence/Novi Center.

The breast imaging center will emphasize diagnosis, education, self-examination, referral and research in keeping with both organizations' commitments to the value of early detection, prevention and treatment. The breast care center will use standard detection methods refined by more than 20 years' experience at MCF's Breast Detection Center in Detroit.

Proven to be 90 percent effective in detecting breast lumps, the program combines the latest low-dose radiation mammography technique with breast palpitation. A comprehensive medical history is taken from each woman, and she is taught breast self-examination.

For more information call the Providence/Novi Center at 471-0300.

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS**: Botsford General Hospital's Health Development Network offers free blood pressure screenings the second Monday of every month from 1-4 p.m.

The screenings take place in Botsford's Administration and Education Building at 28050 Grand River in Farmington Hills. For more information call 471-8090.

### Reunions

**NOVI HIGH SCHOOL/1972**: Novi High School's 1972 graduating class will hold its 15 year reunion at the Novi Hilton on Saturday, July 11, at 6 p.m. There also will be a class picnic on Sunday, July 12.

More information is available from Jenny (Lyke) Evenson at 693-2290.

**WALLED LAKE WESTERN/1972**: Walled Lake Western's Class of 1972 will celebrate its 15th reunion on Aug. 29. For more information call Ms. Squires at Walled Lake Western, 624-5020.

**CHASEY HIGH SCHOOL/1972**: The 50th reunion for Chadsey High School's January and June 1937 graduating classes will be held Sunday, Sept. 23, at the Monsignor Hunt Knights of Columbus Hall at 7080 Monsignor Hunt Drive in Dearborn Heights.

Early responses are requested to assist in planning. For more information call Stan Paday at 562-0992 or Steve Stevens at 937-2257.

**COOLEY HIGH SCHOOL/1962**: 1962 graduates of Cooley High School are planning a 25th reunion. Members of the class are asked to call 553-7383 or 471-3986 as soon as possible.

**DETROIT FINNEY HIGH SCHOOL/1967**: The 1967 graduating class from Detroit Finney High School will hold its 20th reunion at Finney's of Warren on Friday, Sept. 25, at 7 p.m.

Classmates may obtain more information by calling 206-5535.

**DETROIT SOUTHEASTERN/1944**: Detroit Southeastern High School's Class of 1944 will hold its 43rd reunion on August 22. Call 420-0980 for reservations or more information.

**ST. MARY'S OF REDFORD/1937**: A reunion is being planned for the 1937 graduating class of St. Mary's of Redford. Classmates are asked to call Harry Mueller at 344-9949 or John Hohi at 836-2122.

The months of July and August are the most dangerous times of the year to be caught outside during thunderstorms. An average of three people are killed in Michigan by lightning each year, and summer incidents are most prevalent.

"Golfers and boaters are especially vulnerable to injury because they are in open spaces and away from buildings," said Gail Christie, Oakland County director of EMS and Emergency Management.

If you are caught outside during a severe storm, Christie suggests several rules to follow for safety's sake.

Do not stand under a tall, isolated tree or telephone pole. Stay away from hills and other high areas. If you can get into a trench, ravine or ditch do so immediately when you see lightning.

If you are boating, start for shore the moment you see threatening clouds and stay away from your boat and the water.

Persons struck by lightning have received a severe electrical shock and may be burned, but do not carry an electrical charge. Someone who appears to have been killed can often be revived by

### Race begins for council seats

"I'll be running for the residents," Lorenzo said. "I don't feel the residents are well represented at this time."

Lorenzo said she believes issues such as the environment, population density and building heights will all be campaign items. She said she is currently trying to attend homeowner meetings to get a better feel for what the residents want from their elected officials.

Richard Clark, currently a member of the Novi Planning Commission, also has pulled petitions for the council race.

Laura Lorenzo, a Lexington Green subdivision resident, has pulled petitions for the council vacancy and said she will be a candidate if she gets the necessary signatures.

Clark said he would like to see greater emphasis in particular on the residential aspect of the community. "We have spent a great deal of time emphasizing the commercial and industrial," Clark said, noting that some non-residential development is necessary for a tax base, "but there has to be some balance," he said.

"I would like to take a long hard look at the industrial zoning in the city," he said.

Clark also said he would like to see the issue of senior housing addressed and "the need to emphasize or reinforce what we want the community to be and how we want to arrive there," he said.

### County sheriff backs state gun laws

You have to obtain a permit to purchase a handgun.

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"Look at what happens in a certain metropolitan area to the south of us," said Nichols, who was Detroit police commissioner until 1973.

"If I didn't have a constitutional right to keep and bear arms, we should ban the passage of handguns in this country, the way we banned private ownership of machine guns. I don't see any need in this country for handguns."

"We should tell the NRA to jump in the lake."

In reply to Nichols' comments about the procedural hassle police face to get search warrants, Aaron, a lawyer, said: "You can get a warrant based on the information. There were 675 people killed in Detroit last year, and two weeks ago two Jehovah's Witnesses were shot in my district at Ten Mile and Greenfield."

Commissioner Rue McPherson (D-Hazel Park) favored allowing cities to attack the problem locally. In some areas, store owners and people who carry large amounts of cash feel compelled to protect themselves with handguns, he said, because if you don't carry a pistol, you're absolutely out of your mind."

"It's what I hear from the NRA — 'Guns kill people; people kill people,'" replied Commissioner Dennis Aaron (D-Oak Park).

"It's time we do something to

prompt action and should be treated first.

"The American Red Cross says breathing may be restored with immediate mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, once every five seconds for adults and every three seconds for infants and small children until medical help arrives," said Christie.

Victims who appear only stunned or otherwise unharmed may be in shock or have received serious burns. Do not let these people walk around. Check for burns at the fingers and toes and at any jewelry or metal buckles.

If possible, stay with the victims and send someone else for help.

The American Red Cross offers first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation courses for lightning victims. Check with your local adult education system or contact the Oakland County regional office of the American Red Cross at 334-3575.

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# Opinions

## As We See It

## Assessing report continues innuendo

Council Member Nancy Covert presented her long-awaited report on what she has termed a "double standard" in the Novi assessment process at last Monday's council meeting. We welcome the additional information Covert has provided, but sharply disagree with the impression of wrongdoing her report leaves behind.

Covert raised eyebrows last March when she published an article in the Country Place Homeowner's newsletter. Covert said in that article "My column this month is written to inform you about a 'double standard' in taxation that I think is worth investigating and hopefully changing."

At that time we criticized Covert for making serious allegations which lacked factual basis. Covert said she wrote the article after numerous calls from residents concerning the assessment process in the city. She said she wrote the article to encourage others to get involved and ferret out the facts. Instead, Covert was forced to come forward with facts to substantiate the article. That process took the better part of three months.

Covert's report is titled "Toward an Understanding of a Double Standard in the Assessment Process." The title itself is a reaffirmation of Covert's initial allegation — that a double standard exists between the way commercial/industrial property and residential property in Novi are assessed by the city's assessing department.

It's a serious charge. The title itself denotes wrongdoing on the city's part. The words "double standard" hit the reader sharply. A "double standard" is defined as a system or code applied unequally. The suggestion that the city may be charging commercial/industrial property owners less than their fair share of taxes is enough to make any homeowner angry.

Unfortunately, Covert makes this charge, and, then, in the body of the report carefully notes, "My research indicates that discrepancies exist in the legal practices and methods used in assessing commercial/industrial properties compared to the approaches used in assessing residential properties." Throughout the report Covert admits that the City of Novi is following the law in all its assessing practices.

The laws governing city assess-

## Responsible action

A group of residents from the Meadowbrook Glens subdivision was praised by the Novi Planning Commission last week for their intelligent approach to helping resolve a problem confronting their subdivision.

The object of the residents' concern is a proposal to construct an office/warehouse facility in the Trans-X industrial subdivision which directly abuts the subdivision.

It's a legitimate concern. Nobody wants to live next to an industrial building. But the facts remain that the property adjacent to Meadowbrook Glens is zoned for industrial development and the owner of the property wants to exercise his rights to develop it.

During a period in which "council/commission bashing" appears to have become a popular pastime in Novi, it is encouraging to see residents behave responsibly and intelligently. The Meadowbrook Glens residents are to be commended.

One of the reasons the homeowners' report is so impressive is that it recognizes these facts. In-

## Giant steps to nowhere



Anita Crane

The more things change, the more they remain the same.

It seems only yesterday that the North Huron Valley/Rouge Valley sewer system was the news, first because Wayne County wanted cities and townships to participate, then because Northville, Canton and Plymouth townships said "thanks, but no thanks" and pulled out of the project.

It seems only yesterday that the three townships decided to pursue sending excess sewage flows to the Ypsilanti and the Ypsilanti Community Utility Authority rather than continue to tax the Detroit Sewage Treatment Plant.

It seems only yesterday that Wayne County requested bids on more than 900 acres of county-owned land in Northville Township, then rejected those bids and then turned around and added 100 acres to the project and chose to sell it.

Perhaps it was yesterday, but more likely it has taken years for those proposed projects to take giant steps to nowhere.

In short, the projects are still on the drawing boards and still have not gained the necessary approvals to be anything more than proposals. In fact, in some cases, the giant steps have been steps backwards.

Covert's use of words such as "discretionary breaks" is vague and misleading throughout the report. Phrases like "the assessor legally can use discretion in establishing a particular commercial/industrial assessment" lead a reader to believe individual assessors are deciding the tax value of properties — an allegation not supported by facts or law.

Like any technical profession, skill, experience and training are needed by assessors. That training is used by assessors to establish assessments in accord with the dictates of state law. The city has been found to be within those laws in its assessment process. To state that assessors are using "discretion" and not "judgement" implies they are performing improperly. The facts show that to be an unfair implication.

Commercial/industrial property is not assessed in exactly the same manner as residential property is assessed. There is no dispute with those facts. If the city were illegally assessing commercial/industrial property, Covert's report would be beneficial to residents. Instead, her report continues the use of innuendo and vague allegation started in her newsletter article.

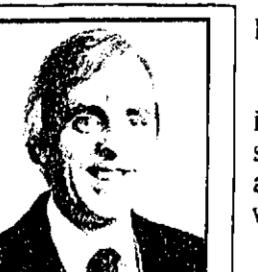
It would appear from a full look at her report that Covert agrees the city is doing a good job within the limits of current tax laws. Her objection appears to be with the broader "tax system" which allows businesses certain legal tax incentives. The objection is not stated clearly in the report, however. It is an important omission. Instead, the report encourages misinterpretation by city residents.

Matters as serious as this should be brought into the open. If residents have questions, elected officials should get the answers. However, those answers must be factual and must be presented before charges are made.



Weapons 101

## Building a barn is only solution



Phil Jerome

"What do you think of your little angels now?" I asked.

It was shortly before five in the morning ... about the same time the birds wake up and start chirping outside the window.

Chirping birds I can sleep through. It's the ruckus raised by our five (possibly six) cats trying to claw through the screen to get to the chirping birds which causes me to lose sleep.

And when you consider that those five (possibly six) cats don't let us fall asleep until sometime after midnight ... well, you get some idea of why I occasionally sleep poorly.

Usually, it's dangerous to say anything derogatory about cats in my house. But I'm not the only one sleeping in my bed who's trying to survive on four hours' sleep. And I could tell by the lone in her voice that she also was somewhat displeased.

"Got any idea what we should do about it?" I asked cautiously.

"We've got to build a barn," she said decisively.

"That way they can stay outside during the summer. Plus, if we had a barn, we could take in a few more cats."

"This is getting out of hand. They wake me up when they all jump in bed at midnight. And they wake me up again when the birds start singing."

"I get up to let them outside at five o'clock and then hear them clawing at the screen, trying to get back in, at six o'clock. It's driving me crazy; I can't get any sleep more."

"And the thing that really drives me crazy is you and I go to work in the morning. And as soon as we're out the door, they all go back to bed. Sleep all day. No wonder they have so much energy at five in the morning."

"It was one of the few times I had ever heard her say anything bad about her precious felines. And the thought occurred to me that it might be an ideal time to suggest that five (possibly six) cats are too few for one family to handle."

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## Prisons need better placement



Jean Day

When most reporters go out of town for a weekend or an annual vacation, one of the first things they do is buy the local newspaper. It's a good idea for anyone who wants to know more about the area being visited.

municipal sanitary sewage treatment facility and a water supply system to serve the site of the proposed prison" in that community.

Phoenix and Western Wayne Correctional facilities located next door in Plymouth Township, but has had to fight to keep the state from adding more. None of the prisons provide any jobs to speak of locally. Few of the employees make their homes in Novi, Northville or Plymouth. That would not be the situation in Whittemore, however.

Chatel was quoted in the Iosco County News Herald as being of the opinion that "the selection of Whittemore as a prison site is highly unlikely, but because of the community's extremely positive attitude and the potential major economic impact offered by being selected, Whittemore officials decided to make one more effort."

That one more effort included the promise that the facilities would be on-site and operational when the prison was completed.

It appears the corrections commission is determined to locate state prisons where they are not wanted, rather than where they might be welcomed with open arms. The logic completely escapes me. The argument for placing the prisons near Detroit is that families can visit the inmates. However, Detroit itself has fought having prisons in its limits. Families who really wish to visit certainly should not find a trip of about 150 miles impossible.

That offer meant the state could locate a prison — a maximum security prison — at Whittemore with the community's blessing and could locate it there without any initial capital cost for construction of water and sewer facilities.

Four days later the Metro dailies carried stories that the location for the next state prison would be in Macomb County, a county that was fighting having such an institution and one where the state likely was going to have to provide utilities to the site. This month the news is that, even with planned prisons, the need for cell space will not be met.

The Northville/Novi area has its share of prisons with the new Scott Regional Facility located in Northville Township, and

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Additionally, the prison commission would find itself working with a cooperative community. As I observed, attitudes and conditions are different not too far away. I fail to understand why such an offer went begging and wonder who the corrections commission is trying to please. I hope our legislators will wonder why also.

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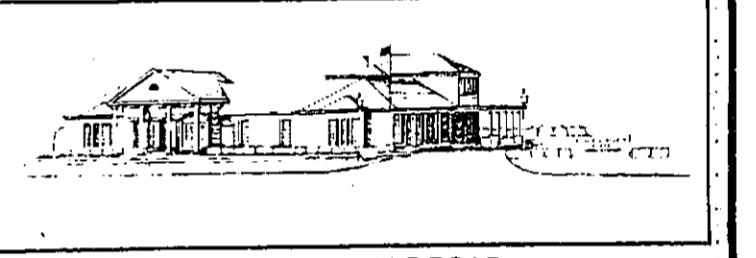
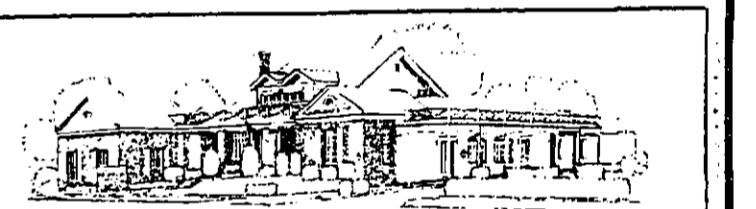
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A public hearing is requested by any property owner or occupant of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for a Special Use Permit.

The hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. on July 16, 1987 at the Novi City Office, 45225 W. Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be addressed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to July 16, 1987.

Everett E. Bailey Building Official

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## CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ENACTMENT ORDINANCE 87-18.41

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance 87-18.41, an Ordinance to add Article 2B to Ordinance 87-18, as amended, the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance; to amend the Schedule of Requirements in Section 204 of the Zoning Ordinance; to add Subsection 240 of said Ordinance; to add Subsections (i), (j), (q) and (r) to SECTION 240 of said Ordinance; to amend Ordinance 87-18, as amended, to delete subsection 602-2 from said Ordinance; to provide for Senior Citizen Housing uses within the City of Novi.

A Public Hearing having been held hereon pursuant to the provisions of Section 204 of the Zoning Ordinance, on July 1, 1987, the City of Novi Council did adopt the Ordinance, effective fifteen (15) days after adoption. The Ordinance was adopted on July 6, 1987, and the effective date is July 21, 1987. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use, inspection, and purchase at the office of the City Clerk during the hours of 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, local time.

Geraldine Stipp, City Clerk

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# City disputes Covert assessment study findings

Council Member Nancy Covert's report to the Novi City Council on what she termed a "double standard" in the assessment process contained a summary of the included items. Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver provided a response to that summary.

Covert's summary and Klaver's response follow:

**COVERT:** "Despite all of Novi's commercial growth, approximately 48 percent of the taxation burden continues to be borne by residents living in single-family homes and condominiums."

**KLAYER:** "Our residential tax base is 48 percent of the total, whereas it is 57 percent of the total in Farmington Hills."

In 1980, residential represented 59.4 percent and commercial represented 15.5 percent. In 1987 this had increased to 29.9 percent/commercial, whereas residential made up 47.6 percent."

**COVERT:** "Residents are typically uninformed of certain legal deductions they might be able to claim by filing a signed affidavit with the city assessor."

**KLAYER:** "The failure to deduct personal property from a residential sale has no direct effect, very minimal indirect impact, and is offset by the sales discount five percent."

**COVERT:** "A double standard of assessment exists—one which gives relief to some commercial/industrial properties at the expense of residential properties due, in part, to (A) the legal use of discretion; (B) the fact (there are no laws that are federal, state, or local); and (C) the threat of appeals to the Michigan Tax Tribunal."

**KLAYER:** "I do not believe that the report demonstrates any evidence of a double standard: (A) By discretion I assume the report is referencing sales adjustments. To not make these would result in inequitable assessments which could not be justified or defended. (B) A smaller data base does not infer a double standard. Sales from other areas of the city or in neighboring communities can also be used if needed, and are used in establishing values in the City of Novi. (C) Any property owner has a legal right to appeal an assessment. This is not a factor in establishing value."

**COVERT:** "When some commercial/industrial properties are underassessed too conservatively, taxes tend to be raised to reduce the disparity between government costs and incoming revenues. This is the 'double whammy' phenomenon which adversely affects all residents and businesses who are paying their fair share."

**KLAYER:** "This statement begins with the conclusion that 'some commercial/industrial properties are underassessed.' If this was true the balance of the statement would be accurate. I do not believe, however, that

any documented proof has been offered to substantiate this opinion."

**COVERT:** "Any taxation system which gives certain legal discretion or 'breaks' to one class (i.e., commercial/industrial) and not to another (i.e., residential) is inherently unequal and unfair."

**KLAYER:** "I object to the definition of adjustments as 'breaks.' If there is a change made to a specific sale, either residential or commercial, it is because a portion of the price paid is not applicable to the value of the property, as determined by the Michigan State Tax Commission, and the State Legislature."

**COVERT:** "Discrepancies and a lack of uniformity per acre or per square foot characterize assessment rolls for the Novi area of Town Center, 1983-1984."

**KLAYER:** "These are differences based on different zonings and other legitimate and recognized features that are acknowledged to affect value."

**COVERT:** "Novi's commercial growth has been so rapid that assessments of this class may be outdated and in need of re-appraisal in order to ensure the existence of a fair, equitable, and uniform commercial tax base."

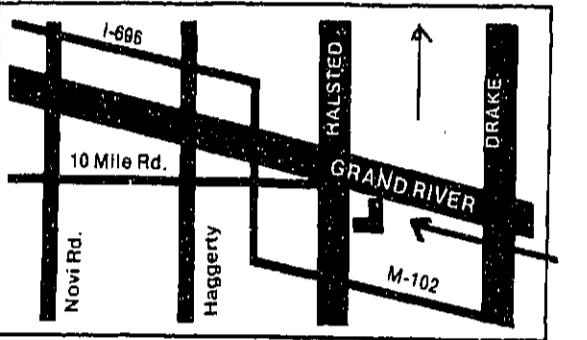
**KLAYER:** "A reappraisal as recommended in this comment would still, by law, reflect a two-year sales study, and would therefore lag behind current values, as do all classes of property. The same phenomenon exists in residential values as well. History shows that a typical reappraisal will generally increase residential values more than commercial."

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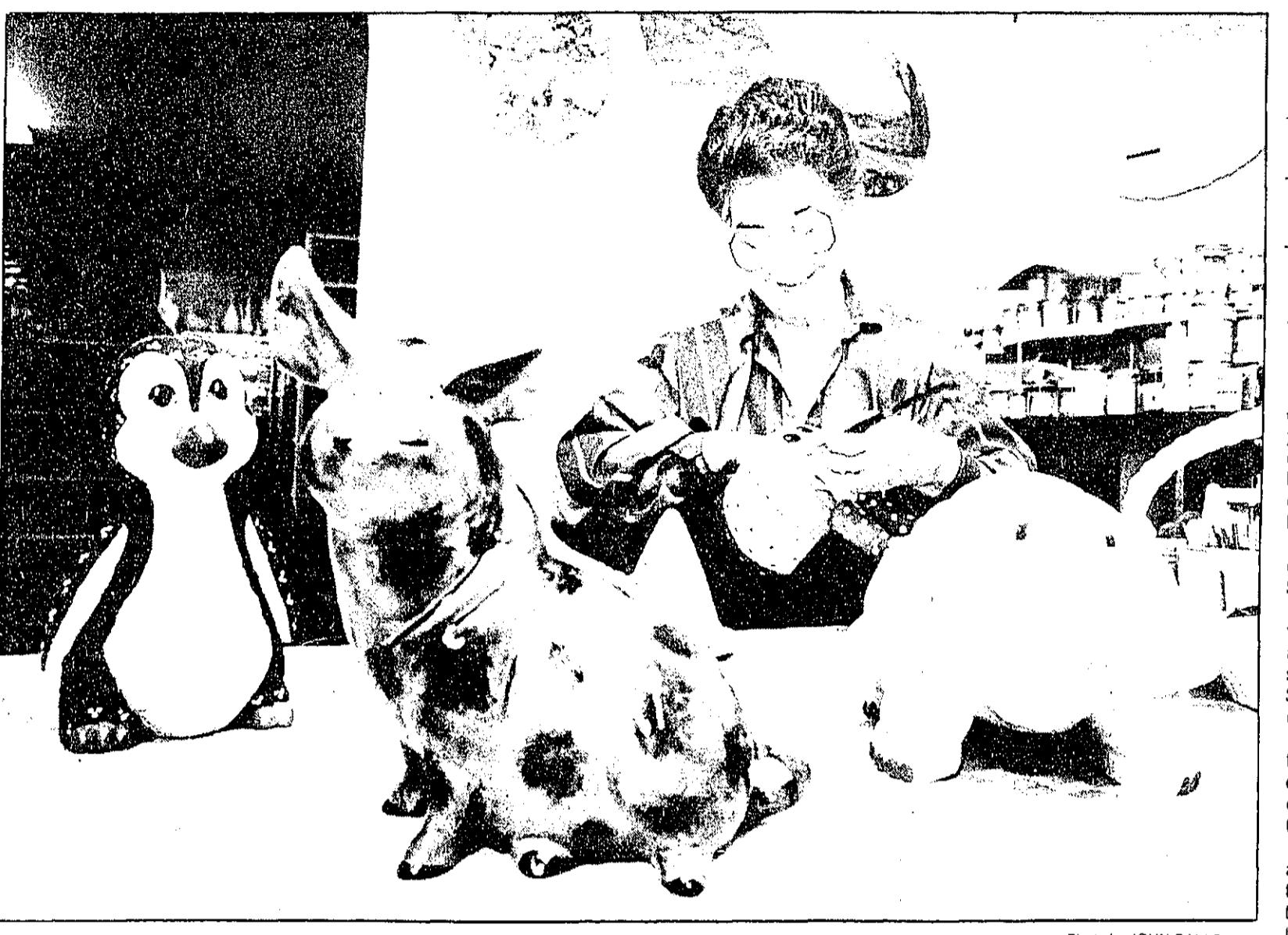


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## Ceramics shop blossoms into teaching center

By STEPHANIE FRANIA

Hatzl Craft in South Lyon started out as a small ceramic studio five years ago. Since then, it has successfully survived two moves and blossomed into a full-fledged ceramic instruction, production, hobby and retail center.

"Whatever you want to do, if we don't have it, we'll get it," said Hatzl Smith, owner.

Offering a seemingly endless variety of ceramic pieces, the shop is also branching out to include stoneware and porcelain, which Smith believes is the "fine art of ceramics."

Whether customers want to pick up the art as a hobby or just want to do it themselves, the shop offers classes for everyone, from beginners to advanced ceramists.

Smith feels the structured classes are not fair to those who want to do their own thing, and therefore maintains an extremely informal attitude throughout the lesson.

"If they don't want to make an ashtray, I don't know why they

should have to," she explained. "So I mix beginner, intermediate and advanced students and just let them do what they want to do."

Of course, not everyone is as artistically talented as others, and that's why Smith gives customers the opportunity to special order custom pieces. Already completed items are also offered.

"Some people prefer certain colors so they can come in and order it how they like it," said Smith. "We've previously done matching kitchenware on special order."

Many pieces at Hatzl Craft give the illusion of being something other than ceramic items. Some are stained to take an appearance of fabric; others are done with an oil-based stain to simulate the popular Hummel series of figurines.

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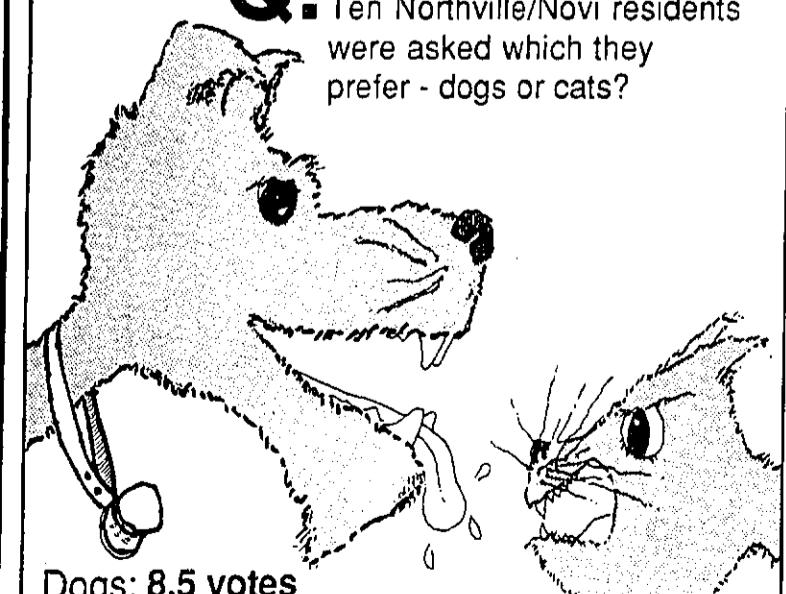
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## Random Sample

**Q:** Ten Northville/Novi residents were asked which they prefer—dogs or cats?



Random Sample is an unscientific poll conducted by the staff of The Northville Record and The Novi News

## Groomers share professional 'tails'

By CHRISTOPHER J. KOZLOWSKI  
staff writer

Visitors to the Novi Hilton did not mistakenly observe cases of dog biscuits and pet shampoo being hauled into the hotel's main ballrooms two weeks ago. The hotel hosted the Michigan Professional Groomers Association's (MPGA) Can Am Classic June 28-29.

Make no bones about it, event organizers want you to know they take their jobs seriously and are forming national alliances in an effort to do their jobs even better.

More than 100 professional groomers from the United States and Canada took part in the festivities at the Hilton, which included technique exhibitions, guest lectures, new grooming product displays and competitive judging, according to Jerry Schinberg, a Can Am Classic participant.

Schinberg, who owns and operates the "A Tondeur" grooming salon in Niles, Ill., organizes one of the most popular groomer conferences nationwide. The event draws about 600 participants from 29 states.

Schinberg estimates that there are about 25,000 people who groom



Judge Susan Fraser evaluates "April's" facial during competition at the Novi Hilton

The Can Am Classic featured organized lectures from various grooming industry professionals on a wide variety of topics including: clever sales techniques, veterinarian dentistry and cardiology, "professionalism in the grooming shop," and how groomers can take advantage of new tax breaks.

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THURSDAY  
July 9,  
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## ONE MUTT'S makeover

Sammy Sam, Cashmere and Scamper may not be common names found in appointment books where you get your hair cut, but they certainly would not be considered unusual in places where some of your best friends go for a total body makeover.

Business is booming for pet grooming salons across the country as more and more pets become "part of the family," according to Judy Ayers, an independently licensed dog groomer at Northville's Puppy Love salon.

As professional organizations go, groomers have only just begun to form associations and set standards of practice (see story below). But groomers are no secret to millions

of pet owners nationwide. Commonly associated with dogs, groomers treat pets to exotic hair cuts and bathing treatments very similar to treatments people receive at their own hair salons. With the exception of facials and hair dying, dogs are treated to everything from shampoos and blow dries, to medicated baths and manicures...not to mention the fact they get to exchange the latest gossip with all their friends. (It is so difficult, though, to discuss the latest look in flea collars while underneath those noisy dryers!)

Lizzie Willis, a four-year-old Novi mutt (pictured "getting the treatment" on this page), was referred to Puppy Love by a friend and is a bi-monthly customer.



Novi mutt Lizzie Willis with blown-dry look



Lizzie after her makeover (larger photo) and before "the treatment" (inset photo)



Groomer Judy Ayers trims Lizzie before her bath



Paw trimming, nail clipping and pad care are all parts of a dog's total body makeover



Lizzie with the wetlook after her bath

Photos by Chris Boyd





## Rec Briefs

**NOVI JUNIOR OLYMPICS:** The seventh annual Novi Junior Olympics Meet will be held this Saturday, July 11, at the Novi High School track at 10 a.m. Children who will be 14 years or younger by December 31 are eligible to compete. Top finishers will qualify for either the Hershey Youth Track and Field Meet in Howell on August 17 or the Youth Fitness Meet at Detroit Metro Beach Park on July 23.

Athletes may participate in two field and two running events. The events include chin-ups, softball throw, 50-yard dash, 60-yard dash, 75-yard dash, standing long jump, running long jump, agility run, 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash, 400-meter dash, 800-meter run and 1600-meter run.

There will be separate competition for boys and girls in four age classifications: eight-and-under, 9-10 year olds, 11-12 year olds and 13-14 year olds. Pre-registration by phone is requested. Registration also will be accepted the day of the event beginning at 9 a.m. For more information call Novi Parks and Recreation at 349-1976.

**TENNIS TOURNAMENTS:** The Novi Parks and Recreation Tennis Series will hold its second event this summer — the Adult Doubles Tournament — on July 10-12.

The event is for men and women age 18 or older. There will be three classes of competition: mens, womens and mixed. Fees are \$10 per team for Novi residents and \$12 per team for non-residents. Trophies will be awarded to the winners and the runners-up.

Also planned are a Junior Singles Tournament on August 7-9 with separate male and female divisions for 12-and-under, 14-and-under, 16-and-under and 18-and-under. Fee is \$6 for residents and \$8 for non-residents.

All matches will be played on the Novi High School and Novi Middle School North tennis courts. Each participant must furnish a new can of USTA-approved tennis balls for each match. Players are responsible for contacting the Novi Parks and Recreation Department for first match times; Friday matches will begin at 6:30 p.m.

**SOCER REGISTRATION:** The Novi Parks and Recreation Department has re-opened fall soccer registration for the following divisions: Pee Wee (born 1982); Under 10 (born 1978-79); Under 12 (born 1976-77); Under 14 (born 1974-75); Under 16 (born 1972-73) and Under 19 (born 1970-71).

Final registration for all divisions is July 17 at 5 p.m. For more information, call 349-1976.

**WALK MICHIGAN:** There are two remaining one-mile walks in Novi as part of the Walk Michigan Program sponsored by Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

The next walk will be held Sunday, July 12, at 2 p.m. at Power Park. The final walk is slated for Wednesday, July 22, at 11:30 a.m. at Lakeshore Park.

**THE NORTHLVILLE/NOVI COLTS:** Junior Football Program is currently registering players for the upcoming season.

There are openings on all three units — freshmen, junior varsity and varsity.

Anyone between the ages of 9 and 14 years interested in playing football with the Colts next fall may call Jim Gavigan at 348-9767 for more information.

## Sport Lines

**FRANK PIERCEY** of Novi shot a hole-in-one July 1 at the Hickory Hills Golf Course in Wixom.

Playing in the Ex-Cell-O League, Piercy, 63, used a seven iron to ace the 175-yard, par-three seventh hole. He finished with a round of 44.

"It was his first hole-in-one in 30 years of golfing," reported his wife. "He was really excited. He started honking his horn as soon as he drove into the subdivision."

*Sport Lines is designed to bring recognition to local residents for achievements in athletic and recreational activities, including golf, running, bowling, hunting and fishing. Items for Sport Lines may be called in to Phil Jerome or Neil Geoghegan at 349-1700.*

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## Howell out of KVC sports

It's true. It's sad. It's official. One of the winningest sports programs in the history of the Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) is now history.

At least for awhile.

When the voters of the Howell Public Schools voted down a millage proposal on June 8, they shut down the entire athletic department at Howell High, recognized for its athletic excellence and outstanding facilities.

The situation is the result of three millage failures in the district. Howell is without sufficient funds to provide extracurricular activities or bus transportation for its students. In addition to the loss of athletics, the school day has been cut from six to five hours.

"I think anytime something like this happens, it's a terrible thing," said Novi athletic director and football coach John Osborne. "It's unfortunate, and I feel really sorry for the athletes and the coaches."

Through the years, Howell has turned out all-state athletes in nearly every sport and sent numerous students to college on athletic scholarships. The Highlanders have had KVC champions in nearly every sport sanctioned by the league. They've claimed KVC all-sports trophies and have consistently been front-runners in basketball, hockey, softball, baseball, volleyball and wrestling.

Just last week, Howell notified the other six schools in the KVC, including Novi, that it could not honor the current fall schedules. This has left league athletic directors and coaches searching for opponents to fill the open dates — especially in football.

"The number one priority is football because it is very difficult to find opponents," Osborne said.

Just as most other KVC schools, Osborne contacted the Michigan

**Barbieri: 'It not only hurts Howell, but it hurts our league. Our competition level will change. We'll lose games in certain sports that we may never be able to reschedule.'**

High School Athletic Association in East Lansing help supply the names of schools who have an open date on October 16 — the date the Wildcats were scheduled to host the Highlanders. With the help of the MHSAA, Osborne contacted four schools: Class B Muskegon Heights, two class C schools in the Upper Peninsula and a Class D school in Arenac County.

No new proposals were made, and in a letter dated Wednesday, Byrd told KVC athletic directors officially to drop Howell from the fall sports schedules.

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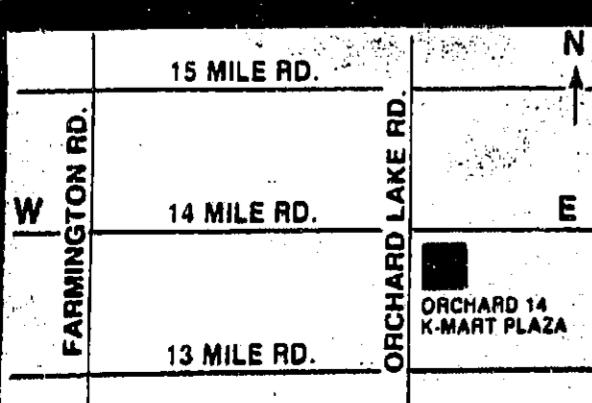
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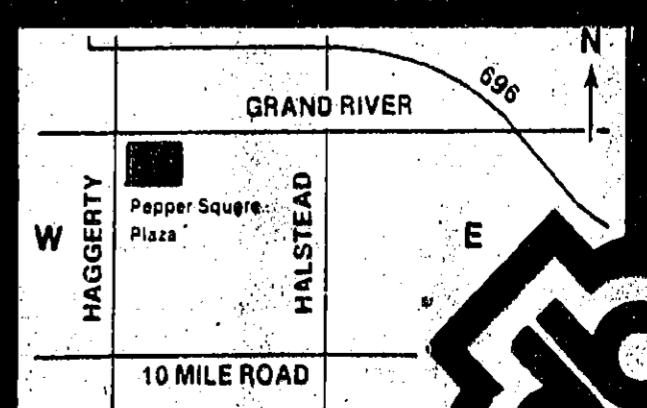
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72 x 84 1 Way	\$313 \$78 <sup>25</sup>	\$503 \$110 <sup>66</sup>	\$461 \$102 <sup>42</sup>	\$273 \$68 <sup>25</sup>	\$461 \$102 <sup>42</sup>	\$273 \$60 <sup>06</sup>
109 x 84 1 Way	\$465 \$116 <sup>25</sup>	\$757 \$166 <sup>54</sup>	\$623 \$137 <sup>06</sup>	\$404 \$101 <sup>00</sup>	\$623 \$137 <sup>06</sup>	\$404 \$88 <sup>88</sup>
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49 x 84 1 Way	\$578 \$173 <sup>40</sup>	\$420 \$92 <sup>40</sup>	\$286 \$65 <sup>78</sup>	\$229 \$50 <sup>28</sup>
72 x 84 1 Way	\$688 \$206 <sup>40</sup>	\$503 \$110 <sup>56</sup>	\$341 \$78 <sup>34</sup>	\$273 \$60 <sup>06</sup>
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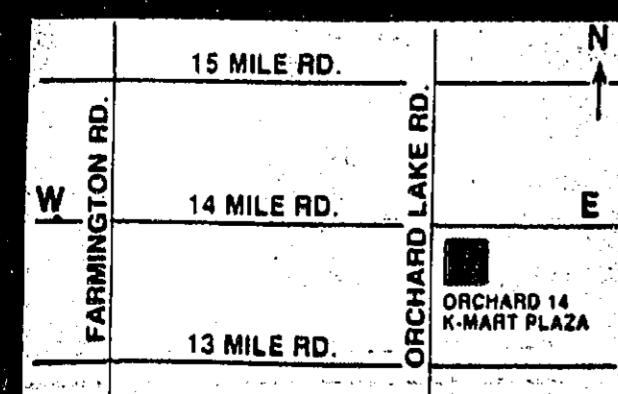
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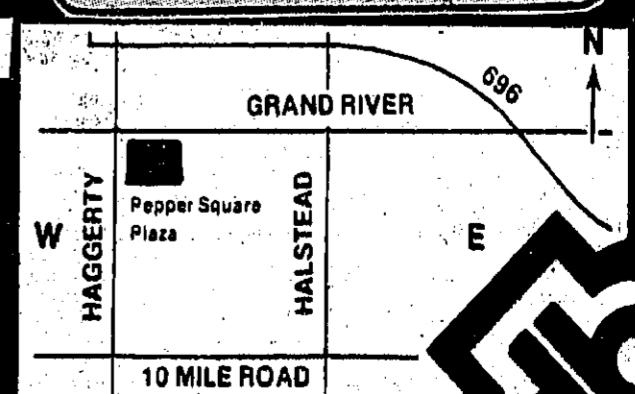
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