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## State police conduct raid at Novi rest stop

By AMY ROSA  
staff writer

State police arrested five men at the Novi rest stop on I-96 last week on charges of soliciting for homosexual activity and prostitution.

The raid, which occurred at the I-96/Beck Road rest area, was the first in a series of crackdowns launched by state troopers to end illicit

sexual activity in area rest stops.

Two other stops were also raided last weekend — one of them on I-94 and Rawsonville Road outside Ypsilanti and the other on I-275 near Michigan Avenue in Canton Township. Police made 36 arrests at those stops on similar charges.

"We're making a concerted effort to stop this activity, whatever it takes," said Detective Sergeant Dean Sanderson of the Northville

State Police Post. Sanderson helped coordinate the Novi raid last Wednesday, in which an unspecified number of undercover male and female officers were used.

Apparently officers have just scratched the surface of the problem — most of which police say is homosexual in nature, although heterosexual prostitution also occurs at these stops.

According to 1st Lt. Garry Kregelka, a 20-year Michigan State Police officer who helped coordinate the other raids, the illicit activity has been happening in rest stops "ever since I can remember."

He added the problem isn't confined to southeastern Michigan or even the state, but occurs across the entire country. "It seems to be getting worse in the last few years," he added.

Police said awareness of the problem comes not only from travelers wanting to use the facilities — many of whom are propositioned and subjected to indecent exposure, but by police officers themselves wanting to use the rest stops.

Although no reports have been issued yet by persons saying they've been attacked at the Beck Road stop, Kregelka said it is foolish for any parent to allow a

child to go into rest stop alone.

"A young son is very likely to get assaulted going into rest stop restrooms," he said, explaining that unless one knew what to look for, the average person would not be suspicious of the stops.

Complaints also have been received from workers who are hired to clean up the rest stops in

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## Housing values rise 16 percent

By PHIL GINOTTI  
staff writer

Novi residents got the bad news this week.

They received word that assessments increased an average of 16 percent for residential properties, and 6 percent for commercial and industrial properties.

Notices of changes in assessments were mailed out Friday. They began showing up in mailboxes Monday and Tuesday.

"It's the continuing saga of people wanting to live in Novi," said Assessor James Klausmeyer. "The property values continue to increase."

Klausmeyer said breakdowns from various areas of the city are not yet available. He said the lakes area portion of the city sustained substantial increases, due to jumps in the sale prices homes.

Overall, the city's State Equalized Valuation (SEV) increased by 9.8 percent due to market value adjustments. SEV expansion due to new construction isn't yet known.

Each year, SEV figures are required to be adjusted to compensate for changes in sale prices. The SEV figure is supposed to represent 50 percent of the cash value for homes, businesses or property.

The adjustments are based on a 24-month sales study. In this case, figures from the last three quarters of 1986, all of 1987, and the first quarter of 1988 were included in the study.

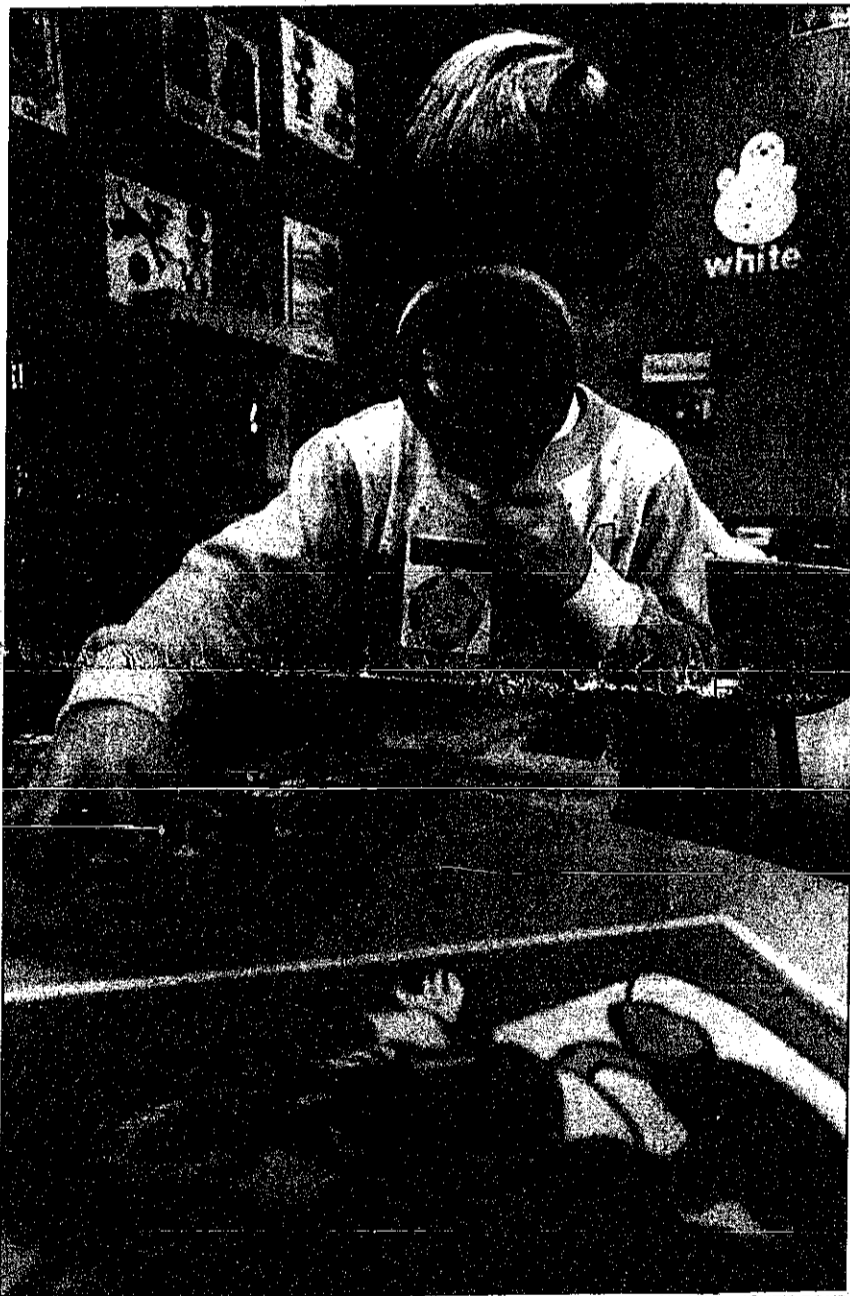
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## A closer look

It's too early to tell what career direction Scott Buryta will choose, but there's no question that he's a perfectionist with an eye for detail. Scott, a student in the Novi Community School District's

preschool program, is shown using a toy magnifying glass while putting together a puzzle in the picture above.

## Opposition growing to Ten/Beck plans

### Site plan prepared

By AMY ROSA  
staff writer

The race is on between a citizens' group opposed to a western Novi shopping center and the developer who wants to build it, according to city officials, who expected the first heat during the planning commission's meeting last night (Wednesday, Feb. 1, after The News' deadline).

Developer Lee Walter's plans for a shopping center at the northeast corner of the Ten Mile/Beck Road intersection were scheduled for preliminary site plan approval at the Feb. 1 meeting.

Earlier in the week commissioners were prepared for audience

comment from the opposing group Citizens for Responsible Development. The group claims the city already has too much commercial development and wants to keep the western part of Novi strictly residential.

Two weeks ago the group gathered 2,900 petitions seeking to rescind the Novi City Council's Oct. 17 decision to rezone the 10-acre parcel to a commercial designation. Those petitions will be certified and presented to the city council Feb. 6.

"We've got a race going on between the group and the developer," said Planning Commission Chairman Charles Kureth. He said that legally the commission must proceed with the site plan consideration under the current zoning status.

Kureth added that he supports the citizens' right to start a petition

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### Petitions continue

By PHIL GINOTTI  
staff writer

Citizens for Responsible Development continued their petition drive this week in an effort to overturn a rezoning decision at the rural Ten Mile/Beck Road intersection.

Petition-bearing members set out Saturday to collect signatures in the southeast portion of the city and, again, recorded considerable success.

"If we had enough time and the inclination there's no question in my mind that we'd get 17,000 of the 18,000 (registered voters) in Novi," said organizer Dennis Ringvetski, while canvassing Lebest Street in the Willowbrook subdivision in

southeastern Novi. "It's going that well."

"Most of the people say they are with us 100 percent."

A group of approximately six petitioners canvassed the area Saturday, while additional petitioners were stationed at A&P, near Ten Mile and Meadowbrook Road. Others canvassed various subdivisions throughout the city.

They got four signatures before knocking on a single door on Lebest. Two cars stopped and asked to sign up while the group walked towards the homes in the subdivision.

"Have you got the Ten-Beck petitions," one driver asked.

"This is the kind of thing we're experiencing all over the city," Ringvetski said.

Novi residents Nicholas and Helen Jezich said they signed the petitions as a statement against rapid commercial growth.

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## City readies for court suit on petitions

By PHIL GINOTTI  
staff writer

The Citizens for Responsible Development petition drive for a referendum will likely face a legal challenge from developers, city officials said this week.

Attorney's representing developer Lee Walter, who hopes to build a shopping center at corner of the Ten Mile/Beck Road intersection, reportedly have stated that they believe the city charter provision allowing a referendum won't hold up in court.

Walter's attorneys apparently told City Attorney David Fried last week that a just state Court of Appeals decision could invalidate the city's right to hold a referendum on a zoning matter.

"Their position is that the right to a referendum in a home rule city is not allowed under the law," Fried said. "We don't believe that is the law, and there are a number of cases to support that."

"They've got counsel, they're defining their positions," Fried added. "They may well litigate to decide that."

Walter said Tuesday that he had not yet met with his attorneys and was unsure of the status of the legal question. The attorney primarily involved in the case was out of town and not available for comment, he said.

Citizens for Responsible Development is in the process of petitioning for a referendum to overturn an October city council rezoning.

On Oct. 17, the council voted to rezone 10 acres at the northeast corner of the Ten Mile/Beck Road intersection. That rezoning paved the way for development of a large grocery store and convenience center at the rural corner.

Since then, the petition group has gained over 3,000 signatures attempting to overturn the council decision. Such petition drives are permitted under a section of the city charter.

Mayor Matthew Quinn said during a break in the Monday night council meeting that the council

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will likely act on the charter's current dictates, leaving a legal challenge up to Walter at a later date.

"We're going to be following the process (the charter) the way through," Quinn said. "But everybody will be relying on their attorney's advice."

Fried said petitions are likely to be validated by the city clerk before the city council's Feb. 6 meeting. The city council would either rescind the Oct. 17 rezoning or call for a referendum.

"There may be other business to this," Fried said.

Rescinding the council decision would involve repealing the zoning ordinance amendment — the one enacted at the Oct. 17 meeting. The planning commission would be required to hold a public hearing on the question, then recommend to the council a course of action on the Ten Mile/Beck Road property.

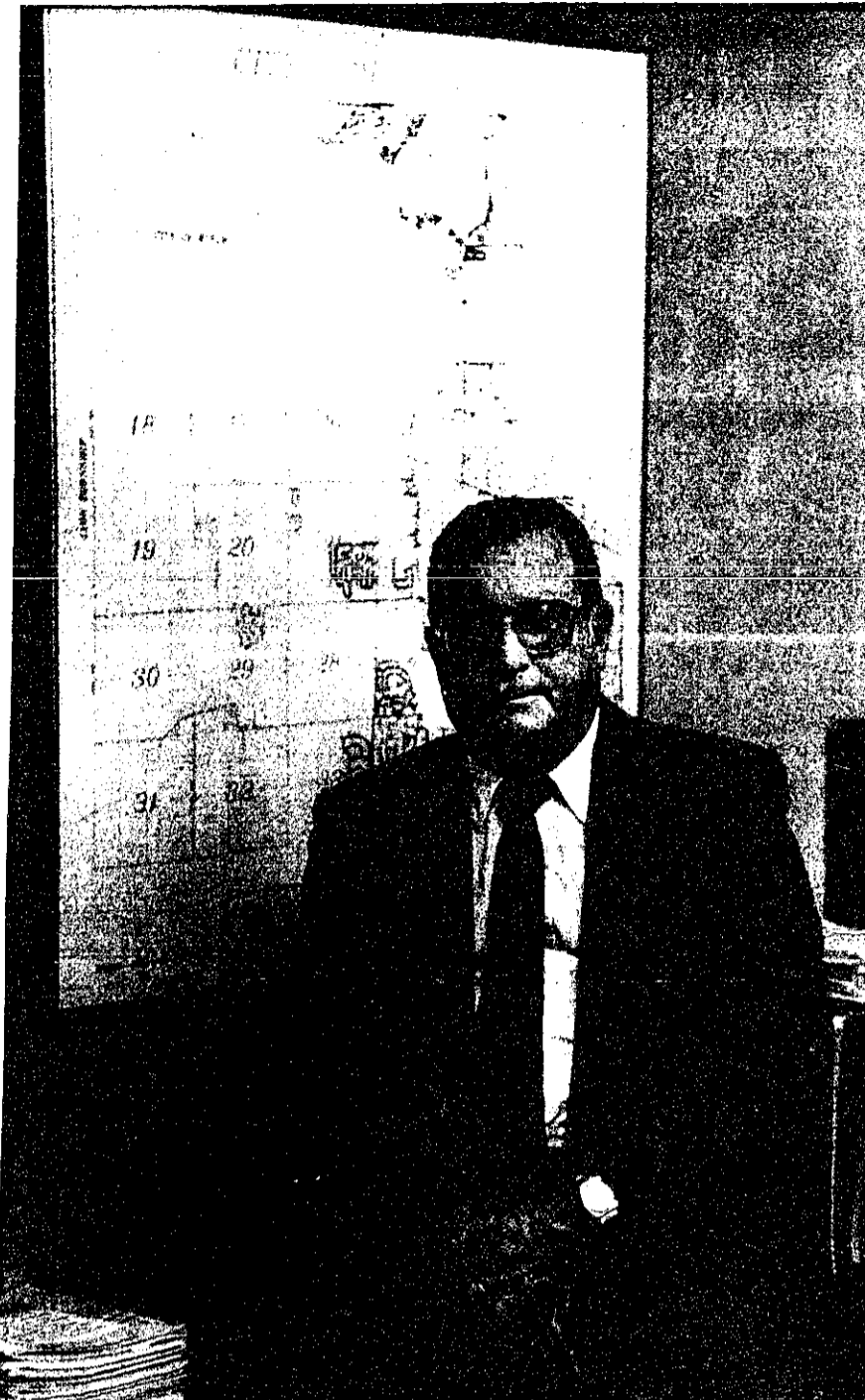
Fried said the council would then revert back to its previous zoning.

Plans for the center have already been submitted. Developers are currently negotiating with Great Scott! to locate a parking garage on the site.

Walter was scheduled to appear before the Novi Planning Commission Wednesday night. Results of that meeting were available by press time Wednesday.



DENNIS RINGVETSKI



## Stepping down Shaw retires from city post

When Bob Shaw walks out the door of the Novi Civic Center this Friday, he hopes to be remembered as a quietly effective, competent administrator.

Shaw, director of the city's Department of Public Services (DPS) for the last 10 years and a professed "behind the scenes" type of guy, retires Feb. 3.

"I'm going to miss all of these people at city hall," he said. "You just don't forget too quickly. They'll be with me for a long time."

"That'll really be one of the hardest parts," he said. When Shaw first came to Novi — a brief stint in 1973 — it was a mostly rural community of approximately 9,000 people. Over the years it tripled in population, as did the demand for city services and the amount of coordination needed between various city departments.

Depending on whose estimates you accept, the city now has a population of between 28,000 and 30,000.

"We've seen an awful lot of growth here — water, sewer, buildings," Shaw said. "It's been a fast 10 years, like I started yesterday though."

His career in public service also included five years as superintendent

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of the Farmington Hills Department of Public Works, three years with the City of Inster and eight years with the Livonia DPW. Shaw also put in 14 years with the Ford Motor Company.

"That's enough for me," he said. His retirement plans include lots of golf and plenty of travel. He and his wife own a recreational vehicle and plan to visit as many of the nation's hot spots as they can. Shaw also plans to spend his fair share of time whacking around the golf ball.

He goes with a solemn reminder for residents and elected officials: Something must be done about solid waste.

"We've got some big, big decisions to make here," Shaw said. "We've got to get to work on that right

away."

Shaw recommended that Novi go to a citywide garbage collection system soon and do what it can to keep the county's consortium moving as quickly as possible.

Shaw said the department is in relatively good shape for the future. "I'm real happy with the way it's come along," Shaw said, citing construction of the \$2 million DPW garage in 1986 as a major accomplishment. "DPW always comes in behind your police and fire. I'm glad to see that it finally got what it deserved after kicking around for a while."

Candidates for the new DPS Director are currently being interviewed.

## Planners approve addition for Wepco Welding facility

Wepco Welding is making plans for an addition to its current location near Grand River and Joseph Drive, including an outdoor storage facility to house about 200 cylinders of flammable gas.

Despite city officials' preference for inside storage of hazardous materials, Novi's planning commission granted preliminary site plan approval for construction of a 780 square foot addition to the Wepco Welding facility.

"We are well aware of the city's attitude toward outside storage," said Charles Russo, owner of the company. Russo said the 199 cylinders of hazardous gas would be secured in a storage unit to be built at the rear of the building. It would have a roof and walls with holes incorporated in them for proper ventilation.

That proposed storage unit is the same kind that exists on three other Wepco sites, said Russo. The other sites are located in Madison Heights, Sterling Heights and Mt. Clemens.

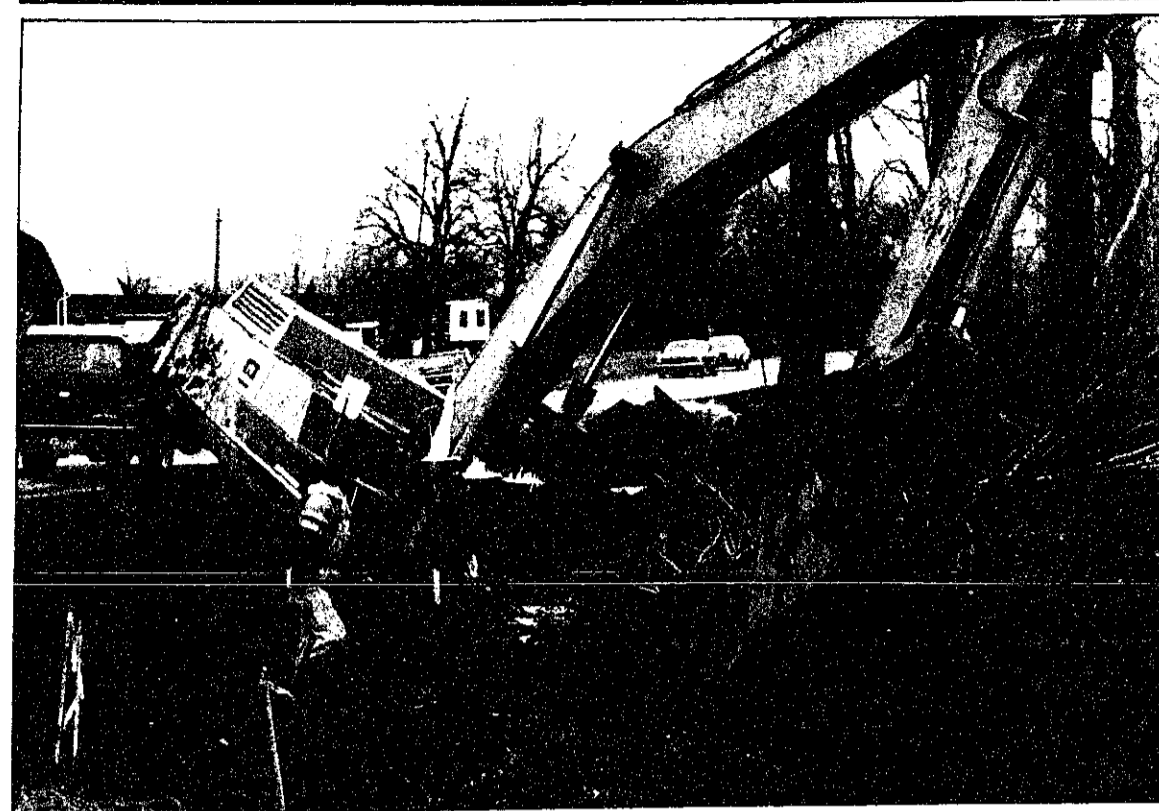
Fire Marshall William Conn told the commission that the proposal is in accord with the city's hazardous materials ordinance. Conn added that, if he had a choice, he would also have those cylinders stored outside — especially if they were on the close end of a fire hose.

Other cylinders containing nonflammable gas will be stored inside, according to plans.

Before approving preliminary plans, the commission granted special land use approval because the property is adjacent to an R-4 residential area.

The proposed addition would be used as an office space and a showcase for Wepco's welding equipment, which is sold largely on a wholesale basis. No adverse environmental impact is anticipated, according to City Planning Consultant Brandon Rogers.

The company received approval from the commission last year for a much larger addition, Rogers also told the commission.



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## Plusses and minuses

Michigan's mild winter has been an asset for developers who have been able to proceed with construction plans. But the mild weather has not been without its problems, as the operator of the

backhoe pictured found out when he got stuck in the mud while installing a water main along Beck Road. The backhoe was back on track 10 minutes after sinking under its own weight.

## Woody Herman band to perform

Woody Herman's famous band — the Young Thundering Herd — will perform at Novi High School's Puert Auditorium today (Thursday, Feb. 2) at 7 p.m.

The world-renowned band is directed by Frank Tiberi. Herman chose Tiberi as the orchestra's music director in the spring of 1967 when ill health forced the legendary big band leader to take a sabbatical.

Herman had marked his 50th anniversary as master of the Young Thundering Herd in 1986 on a well-publicized national tour.

Since then, the band has continued to play to cheering audiences and win standing ovations in Europe as well as in America.

Before joining Herman in October 1969, Tiberi was honored with chairs in the bands of Bob Chester, Benny Goodman and Urbie Green. He became the lead tenor saxophonist in Herman's

reed section of three tenors and a baritone saxophone.

Tiberi eventually became a featured soloist on all of the band's Grammy Award-winning albums in the 1970s.

The Novi High School Jazz Band will perform under the direction of Craig Strain as the opening act at 8:30 p.m. All tickets are \$7 and can be purchased at the door.

## Novi man accused of drug smuggling

Attorneys for Novi resident Herman "Willie" Landt face pre-trial hearings Friday in U.S. District Court after Landt's arrest last week on drug smuggling charges.

Landt, 49, of South Lake Drive in northern Novi, was taken into custody by U.S. Customs agents Wednesday (Jan. 25). He was charged with storing, then smuggling, approximately three tons of marijuana and cocaine into Canada between 1983 and 1985, according to indictments announced the same day.

Landt was arraigned before U.S. District Judge Horace Gilmore Wednesday, according to Gilmore's court clerk. Landt was lodged at the Wayne County Jail, then released on \$10,000 bond, the clerk said.

He faces six counts of possession with intent to distribute marijuana and hashish, one conspiracy count, and four counts of aiding and abetting the exportation of the drugs, according to Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Kalec.

"As far as exporting, he is the largest one I've come across," Kalec said this week.

Kalec said Landt would hire drivers to smuggle the drugs through the Detroit-Windsor tunnel or over the Ambassador Bridge. Kalec said Landt stored the drugs in the Farmington Hills area, before arranging to smuggle them across the border.

Kalec said it was unclear how the drugs were transported to Oakland County for delivery.

Landt's attorney, Michael Finn of Farmington Hills, said the federal case lacks physical evidence. "It is unusual," Finn said. "The alleged offenses are old and there is no physical evidence."

"And it is unusual to have a conspiracy case that involves only one defendant," he said.

Important dates in the trial will be set Friday, Finn said.

If convicted, Landt could face up to 15 years in prison and a \$125,000 fine on each of the 11 counts.

## Shopper returns stolen \$79 sweater

Guilt feelings apparently got the best of the person who stole a \$79 sweater from the Oak Tree at Twelve Oaks Mall some time ago.

A customer representative stationed at the service booth in the mall's center court reported that two small boys approached her at approximately 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 21, and handed her a Main Street shopping bag.

When the customer representative looked inside the bag, she found a

note attached to a blue and black Mark Elliot men's sweater.

The note read: "Dear Oak Tree: I'm sorry for taking the sweater so I'm returning it."

The note was dated Jan. 21 and signed, "Anonymous."

Representatives from the Oak Tree confirmed that the sweater had been stolen from their store, but reports did not indicate when the sweater had been stolen.

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# Thieves strike local restaurants

## Police Beat

Police believe the same individual is responsible for breaking into two Novi restaurants during the evening Jan. 23-25, noting that similar methods were used to break into the Rosewood Restaurant on Grand River and Leon's Restaurant on Ten Mile.

Police responded to an open alarm at the Rosewood at 9:07 p.m. Grand River at approximately 12:40 p.m. Upon arriving at the scene, investigating officers found the front door standing open and noted that both the exterior and interior doors to the restaurant had been pried open.

Officers further noted that the doors had sustained considerable damage but nothing inside the restaurant appeared to have been disturbed and nothing was found to be missing.

**THIEVES BROKE** into Leon's Restaurant at 34955 Ten Mile sometime between 11:30 p.m. on Jan. 23 and 5:30 a.m. the next day. The complainant said he arrived at work to find the interior door damaged and a rear door standing open.

After gaining entry to the restaurant, the responsible party proceeded to break into an office where he stole approximately \$270 worth of currency and coins.

**POLICE FOUND** gas leaking into a residence on Spring Lake in The Springs Apartments when they went to investigate a break in which occurred Monday, Jan. 23, between 10 and 10:20 p.m.

Police arrived on the scene to find a sliding glass door standing open. Upon entering the residence, they noticed a strong smell of natural gas throughout the apartment. Further investigation revealed that thieves had removed the gas range, leaving the gas pipe protruding from the wall and taking large amounts of natural gas into the room.

Investigating officer subsequently

called the Novi Fire Department and Consumers Power Company to shut off the main gas line and plug the pipe protruding from the wall.

After allowing the apartment to ventilate, officers returned to the scene where they found the dead-bolt lock in the front door and the sliding glass door standing open. There were no signs of force entry, however.

Stolen was a Whirlpool gas range.

A 1984 WINNEBAGO motor home was reported stolen from the Red Lot at Twelve Oaks Mall on Monday, Jan. 23.

The owner, a Southfield man, said he parked the 31-foot motor home in the Red Lot at 11 a.m. and found it missing when he returned at 11:33 a.m.

The vehicle was valued at \$26,000 and contained a quantity of equipment which the man was transporting to a vacation residence near Higgins Lake, according to reports.

A FARMINGTON man reported the theft of his 1989 Plymouth Sundance from the Green Lot at Twelve Oaks Mall on Saturday, Jan. 28.

The man said he parked the car at 3:30 p.m. and found it missing when he returned at 4:15 p.m. The car, which had been leased by the Chrysler Corporation, was valued at \$10,000.

UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS broke into the New Hudson Fence Company at 44375 Grand River during the night of Jan. 27-28, but nothing appeared to have been stolen.

The complainant said the responsible party entered the shop area and broke into an office by kicking in a wooden door. Numerous drawers in

the office were found standing open, but nothing was missing.

**BURGULARS TRIED** unsuccessfully to break into a residence on Broquet in the Country Place Condominiums on Friday, Jan. 27.

The complainant told police that he and his wife left to go to the post office at 3 p.m. and returned at 3:30 p.m. to discover that someone had damaged the jamb around the front door.

Investigating officers observed fresh pry marks and damage to the door. The responsible party did not gain access, however, and nothing appeared to be missing.

A WOMAN WHOSE purse was stolen from a booth in the A&W restaurant on Twelve Oaks Mall on Jan. 19 may have had it returned by the person who took it in the first place.

The woman, a South Lyon resident, said she left her purse in the booth while she was caring for her child at approximately 3:15 p.m. and found it missing when she returned moments later.

While she was reporting the theft to the restaurant manager, the woman said a second woman walked out of the restroom, handed her the purse and proceeded to walk out of the store.

The woman found \$10 missing when she checked the purse.

The suspect was described as a white female, approximately 30 years old and 5'8" tall.

CAMERA EQUIPMENT valued at approximately \$400 was stolen from a van owned by a Brighton man while it was parked at Twelve Oaks Mall on Jan. 26.

The man said he returned to the van to find a camera bag containing various cameras and camera equipment missing.

Stolen property included a Pentax 35mm camera, a Pentax telephoto zoom lens, a Polaroid sun camera and an Instamatic camera.

**RADAR DETECTORS** were stolen from two vehicles in the Woodland Glens Apartments during the night of Jan. 26-27.

A Bell Vector radar detector was stolen from a 1982 Mercury parked outside the owner's residence sometime between 6 p.m. on Jan. 26 and 10 a.m. the next day. The responsible party gained access to the vehicle by smashing the driver's side window and cutting the cord to the radar detector.

Stolen property was valued at \$165, while damage to the car was pegged at an additional \$100.

Another radar detector was stolen from a 1985 Mercury Topaz parked in a carport near the owner's residence during the same time period. Entry was gained by smashing the driver's side window. The radar detector was removed from the roof liner between the front seats.

# Novi Briefs

**Department of Corrections:** We identified Chilly Willy Festival "Old Man Winter" contest winner Doug Watson as Doug Watson... but that was two weeks ago. Last week we identified him as Don Reynolds. The News regrets the error.

**Cuttin' a rug:** That annual ritual, the daddy-daughter dance is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 10 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. The cost is \$6 per couple with \$2.50 for each additional daughter. Flowers will be provided for the event, which is sponsored by the Novi Parks and Recreation Department. Call Parks and Rec at 347-0400 for more information.

**It's magic:** Novi Parks and Recreation will present "Children's Magic," a version of the two classic fairy tales, Little Red Riding Hood and Three Billy Goats Gruff. The event will be held this Sunday, Feb. 5, in the Novi Civic Center at 3 p.m.

The play will be presented by the Detroit Center for the Performing Arts. The performance allows audience participation in certain parts of the play, allowing children to create a little "magic" of their own. Good fun is promised for all.

Tickets are \$3 for adults, \$2 for children, or \$7 for the family. Call 347-0494 for more information.

**Fifties Fest returns:** A Fifties Festival Kick-off celebration is planned for Thursday, Feb. 9, at the Novi Civic Center. Fifties attire is strongly recommended, but optional. Prizes for original costumes will be given out.

The Novi High School Singers have been scheduled for a '50s-style performance. Rumors are flying about a guest appearance from, you guessed it, Elvis himself.

The Rotary Club's 1959 Classic Corvette, which they are auctioning off. It also will be on display for the Thursday night event. It is scheduled to get underway way at 7:30 p.m. at the Civic Center.

**All-night senior party:** Plans are under way for the second annual All-Night Seniors Graduation Party at Novi High School. The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be held at Novi High School (Room 107) on Monday, Feb. 6, at 7:30 p.m. The next full meeting for parents of all juniors and seniors will be held in Fuester Auditorium on Wednesday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m.

The committee is still in need of volunteers - parents of both juniors and seniors. Also needed are contributions and prizes or cash donations. Cash donations are tax deductible through the Novi Education Foundation.

**Religious Materials:** were stolen from a 1982 Buick owned by a Yale man while it was parked outside the Novi Hillton at 2111 Haggerty Road on Sunday, Jan. 26, between 9:30 a.m. and noon.

The man told police that unknown individuals broke out the rear window on the drivers side and removed two briefcases containing the religious materials.

Stolen were various Bibles and pamphlets from the Jehovah's Witnesses valued at a total of \$120.

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# Novi Jaycees send out call for 1989 DSA nominations

The Novi Jaycees have put out the call for nominations for the 17th annual Distinguished Service Award (DSA), the most prestigious award in the City of Novi.

The DSA is presented annually by the Jaycees to honor an individual whose dedication to serving humankind during the previous calendar year serves as a lasting reminder and inspiration to others in the community.

Individuals who live or work in the city may be nominated by groups or individuals. Nominations must be for individuals, not for groups.

Nominating forms are available at the Novi Public Library and at the Novi Parks and Recreation Department in the Novi Civic Center. Nominating forms also may be obtained by calling the Novi Jaycees at 348-NOVI.

Deadline for nominations is Feb. 20.

The recipient of the 1989 Distinguished Service Award will be announced by the Jaycees at the annual Community Recognition Breakfast which will be held at the Novi Hillton on Saturday, March 11. Tickets for the breakfast are priced at \$4 per person and the menu will include scrambled eggs, bacon, juice, toast, and coffee or tea. Reservations for the breakfast must be made prior to March 4 by calling 348-NOVI.

In addition to the 1989 DSA recipient, the Jaycees will present the Outstanding Youth, Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer and Outstanding Fire Fighter awards at the breakfast.

Previous winners of the DSA represent a "Who's Who" in the history of Novi over the past 17 years. Patricia Gierberg was the 1987 DSA winner. The Rev. Leslie Harding was the 1986 DSA recipient. Ernest Aruffo received the award in 1986. Terry Neilson was honored in 1984 and Joseph Toth was the 1983 recipient. Joseph Brett won the award in 1982. Diana Canup was the 1981 recipient and Carol Anne Donnelly was cited in 1980.

Other past DSA winners were Jeanne Clarke (1979), Bob Katz (1978), Gilbert Henderson (1977), Kathy Crawford (1976), Donald Greengard (1975), Richard Faulkner (1974) and Don and Lauren Burch (1973).

J. Fred Buck was the recipient of the initial DSA back in 1972.

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Jack Carney of Citizens for Responsible Development circulates petitions in the Willowbrook subdivision

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# Site plans ready

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drive, but disagrees with their premise. He said the idea of having a shopping/convenience center for residents of western Novi is necessary and it is in accord with the city's master plan.

It is estimated that the western portion of the city will have a population of 28,000 by the year 2010. Kureth said it doesn't make sense for those residents to have to travel to east Novi for shopping essentials, thereby creating traffic problems.

Commissioner Edward Kramer views the situation differently.

Kramer, who was the only planning commissioner to vote "no" on a proposal to recommend approval of the zoning request to the city council last October, said plans for a shopping center at the Ten Mile/Beck Road intersection are premature.

"When citizens come to us saying we have enough commercialization - I understand that," Kramer explained, saying at one time he lobbied against such a move prior to becoming a commissioner. Kramer resides in the Eleven Mile/Beck Road area, he said.

"My opinion is that eventually it will be needed. But I don't think 'eventually' is now."

Commissioner Enrico Digrolamo said he feels a shopping center is necessary in that part of the city, but invited responses from the community.

"It's probably unfair to say I disagree with them, because I don't know if they object to that area or the idea at all."

He added: "I'm glad they're coming in and talking about it - that's the way it should be."

Kureth said developers in similar cases would probably want to move as quickly as possible through the planning approval stages. If a rezoning occurs after construction has begun, the developer would have adequate grounds for legal action against the city, Kureth added.

"(Final approval) could happen fairly quickly," paying the way for construction, said Kureth. In the past, he said, preliminary and final site plan approvals have been granted within the same commission meeting. That is not the case with the Ten Mile/Beck Road plans, however, as the commission was scheduled to consider only preliminary site plan approval Wednesday.

Walter still needs Wetlands and Woodlands permits, said Kureth. Both permits are considered after public hearings. Other than that, he added, city consultants feel Walter has met almost all qualifications for site plan approval.

Exceptions could be a southwest corner of the parcel - which is not part of Walter's plans - where a future gas station is planned, and a berm on the east side. Those are minor considerations, said Kureth.

**Kureth: 'We've got a race going on between the group and the developer.'**

# Signatures roll in

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"Win or lose, I think you'll see me more active," keeping track of various zoning in the city," Ringelski said. "It's something people are very concerned about."

Ringelski said he didn't feel the group was "anti-development."

"If a subdivision goes in there, so be it," Ringelski said. "That's the way it goes. Or if we can just keep it to the convenience center zoning, that would be alright."

"But a regional shopping center is just too much right now," he said.

The group started a petition drive three weeks ago to overturn a city council rezoning decision at Ten Mile and Beck Road. That rezoning changed the classification at the northeast section of the corner from seven acres of residential and three acres of commercial to 10 acres of a more intense commercial classification.

The group was formed by former Novi City Councilman Jim Shaw and Carol Ringelski, a resident of the Echo Valley Estates subdivision. She is Dennis Ringelski's wife.

Jerold Zwarz also lent support to the group. He signed during canvassing at A&P two weeks ago. Ironically, canvassers passed his home again Saturday.

"It's a good thing," Zwarz said. "They are building this place up too fast. There's too much going on."

"The land isn't going to take it - traffic and everything else," he said. Ringelski said petition organizers are likely to stay active in city politics, despite what happens to the referendum drive.

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## As We See It

### Citizens conducting a responsible effort

The petition drive embarked upon by the group Citizens for Responsible Development is impressive indeed.



#### Government

In a little over two week's time, they have come up with more than the required number of signatures to force a ballot question on a controversial rezoning issue. The group was formed to fight a rezoning decision at the northeast corner of the Ten Mile/Beck Road intersection. The petitions are in the process of being certified by City Clerk Geraldine Stipp.

First, Citizens for Responsible Development isn't fighting "commercial growth." It is fighting the expansion of the Ten Mile/Beck Road intersection to 10 acres of the more dense B-2 zoning. Organizers readily admit they would accept a smaller, convenience center at the corner, which lends credibility to their drive.

The brief history: Oct. 17, the city council voted 4-2 to rezone 10 acres at the northeast quadrant of the intersection to B-2, a more intense commercial classification. Previously, seven acres had been zoned residential and three acres had been zoned B-1 commercial. The B-1 is intended for convenience, neighborhood shopping, while the B-2 could accommodate a more regionally-oriented shopping center, including a gas station or quick oil change center.

Secondly, they are putting the political process to work in a constructive, non-confrontational manner. The citizen referendum drive is an uncommon, but nevertheless, accepted way of dealing with the issue at hand.

City officials said the shopping area was needed for an estimated 28,000 future residents of the western section of the city. Opponents said the rezoning would destroy the rural character of the area. Indeed, across the street, horses still graze on an open field.

Recalls create an air of extreme confrontation and little can be done cooperatively once a recall is filed. Certainly, there is an air of tension with this drive, but the issue at hand has retained some degree of focus and that is positive for the City of Novi. It's not a personality issue; it hasn't descended into mud-slinging or character defamation. It's simply a disagreement over this development, and a statement about what the future course of development should be.

Opponents of the rezoning also said such developments should be confined to the richly-commercial central portion of the city.

Overall, the group has conducted itself in a responsible manner.

The group formed to utilize a little-known section of the Novi City Charter which allows a citizen referendum to rescind a council motion, as long as petitions bearing the signatures of 15 percent or more of the electorate are secured.

But residents who signed the petition need to realize that their political responsibility doesn't end there. If they truly wish to influence city policies, it is only going to happen by doggedly following city council and planning commission proceedings and giving input when plans are in the planning stages. In other words, responsible citizenship is not a part-time job.

And the rest of the story is still being written.

When the plows start turning back the earth, it's too late. And when the final decisions are cast, it's also too late... most of the time anyway.

## Clear up questions

Public perception is quite properly at the root of a "Code of Conduct" policy which members of the Novi Planning Commission are reviewing this week.

Is a Code of Conduct really needed? Novi residents are fortunate to be served by officials who are generally honest and conscientious. But the controversy surrounding the Chicago trip demonstrates clearly that a Code of Conduct would be beneficial for all city employees and city officials as well as planning commissioners.

Public disclosure and developer/commissioner relations are the major focuses of the proposed policy developed by Commissioner Judy Johnson and subsequently submitted to a rules committee for further refinement. The commission was scheduled to take action on the policy at its Wednesday, Feb. 1, meeting (after The News' deadline).

It is unfortunate that disagreement about the validity of the Chicago trip have cast aspersions on a generally well-run municipal government. It is particularly unfortunate in light of the fact that a well-conceived Code of Conduct would establish ground rules for both public disclosure as well as what is and is not appropriate.

The proposed policy apparently comes in response to stories in The News which reported that three city officials — Mayor Matthew Quinn, Planning Commission Chairman Charles Kureth and City Manager Edward Kriewall were flown to Chicago at a prospective developer's expense to review plans for his proposed restaurant. Although all three officials defend the validity of the trip, Kureth has admitted it would have been in everyone's best interest if details of the trip had been disclosed to the public up front.

The city council would be wise to follow the direction of the planning commission and develop a policy which would govern all municipal employees and officials. There is no good reason for not developing a Code of Conduct, and such a policy would go a long way to boost public confidence in local government and reduce or eliminate controversy over similar matters in the future.

## Update on missing snow



Amy Rosa

Now I know where it is!

It has come to my attention that the reason we have no snow here is because a city in the Upper Peninsula is hogging it all. That's right, Houghton, Mich., with 29 inches of the coveted white stuff on the ground, is the culprit.

Just the other day I received an informative letter from two guys with Novi ties and a third from Washington (state I presume), all of whom claim to be students at Michigan Tech University in Houghton. (Rhymes with floatin', my colleagues yelled to me, after listening to me mumble "Hootin'," "Houton" and "Hawton.")

Novi's Bill Benton and Rob Mittel, and Simon Jaque (Actually I'm not sure about the third letter in Simon's last name — it's either a 'q' or a 'g') wrote to tell me that they had read my last column titled "So What Happened to the Snow?"

"We thought you might like to know it's all up here at Michigan Tech," they said, and enclosed a copy of the Snow Report from a local newspaper. As of Jan. 18 Houghton folks had 29 inches on the ground, making their winter total 177 inches so far.

That's not fair! What do you people need all that snow for anyway? What could you possibly do with that much snow all the way up in western western northern northern practically Canada Michigan? Could you send

some down here?

Well I have another matter to attend to in this column, and that is to apologize for being a lousy speller — particularly when it comes to people's names.

While there certainly is an explanation to the possible incorrectness of Simon's last name, being that his handwriting leaves much to be desired, my other mistakes of late have no excuses.

Imagine how surprised Novi School Board Trustee Raymond BYERS was to discover that his last name suddenly contained an extra E. Likewise Novi Meadows teacher Laura CLAVIN must have been shocked to see that she was now Mrs. Clamin. We're not talking about a typo at just one reference, but all the way through the articles.

And then I struck again in last week's paper, misspelling THIEVES in a headline. The truly sad part about that one is, when it was pointed out to me "Thieves" still didn't look wrong.

I have always been a lousy speller — just ask my mother. But that's no excuse. That's what we journalists have dictionaries for. And it certainly can't be blamed on my editor (although it would be nice) because it isn't his responsibility to know if people's names are spelled right or not. It's mine.

And so that's why I have made a rather late 1989 resolution to be a better speller. So please don't get frustrated with me if I ask you to repeat the spelling of your name a few times. After all, we strive for accuracy in the press, write?

## Forum

### By Chris Boyd



Hide and seek

## 'Rambo' rocks editorial panel



Phil Jerome

There was a break halfway through the seminar so I sought out a couple of people whose opinions I valued to see how I was doing.

We were at the Michigan Press Association Convention in Grand Rapids over the weekend, and I had been invited to serve on a panel discussing editorial pages. The moderator of the panel said the five panelists had been selected because their newspapers have consistently won awards for editorial quality.

But we were only halfway through the first one-hour session when I realized that I was coming across awfully strong. All of us had advised the same basic thing in our opening speeches — take strong stands on the local issues. But when we got to the question-and-answer part, I seemed to be the resident tough guy on the panel.

"So how'm I doing?" I asked during the break. I put

the question to Novi News editor Ann Willis and Craig Ferrand, managing editor of the News-Herald papers in the Down River area.

"Do'n' great, Phil," they both responded separately. "Give 'em hell. Don't let 'em get away with those namby-pamby editorials."

I wasn't sure if they meant it or were just setting me up to get myself in trouble, so I backed off a bit during the second half of the seminar. I didn't want to be known as the Rambo of the editorial panel.

Still, it was sad how many papers in this state seem fearful of taking stands on the editorial page. Taking stands is what editorials are all about, and I like to believe The News meets that obligation.

An editorial is an opinion. That's all. And I'm as prone to having a bad opinion as anybody else. I hope won't be construed as an apology to admit that over the years there have been a few editorials I'd like to call back. But one of the nice things about this job is the accountability. When you make a mistake or have a poor opinion, it's right there in black and white for everyone to read.

## Manager raps News' coverage

### Letters

To the Editor: It is rather unfortunate that we have had to drag a potential project that would be good for the City of Novi through the mud in The Novi News for the past several weeks. I feel compelled to place a number of things into context that may well explain why we are so upset with the way the Novi News has handled this entire matter.

The trip to Chicago to investigate the proposed Ilitch restaurant was only the second time in 19 years that I have left the state to investigate a project. The first time involved the much-heralded convention center that was proposed by the owners of the Sheraton Oaks Hotel. City officials, representatives of the EDC, and the project developers flew to Monroeville, Pennsylvania, to investigate the unique garment industry convention center. A slide show was presented publicly upon our return. The developer funded the airfare. The Novi News said nothing.

Several years later, the Trammell Crow Company took members of the city council and planning commission to Milwaukee to investigate a typical Trammell Crow project. Trammell Crow funded the cost of the trip. The Novi News said nothing.

There is no difference between the Ilitch trip and the above two? Yes, there is. The Novi News did not know of the Chicago trip. Why did they not know? Because, as with all

developments, there is a period of time in the early stages of a project when developers do not divulge their plans or a specific site for obvious reasons. The cost of the real estate would obviously escalate if a project is unveiled prematurely. The Ilitch project is at that stage.

The Novi News is quite familiar with this process. We have shared "off the record" information with the Novi News for years on projects that were in the inception stage. The Novi News always honored this early sharing of information. Just because the Novi News was not apprised of the potential Ilitch project, they thought that they were scooping the world by uncovering the early discussions that had taken place.

On the other hand, the trip itself was no secret. The city council and planning commission were apprised of the trip. It is not our obligation to notify the Novi News of early development contracts. On the contrary, most projects at early stages are quite confidential. Ask any developer or real estate agent!

I believe the Novi News understands the meaning of protecting confidentiality. The earlier projects discussed were at the disclosure stage, and for that reason, the Novi News apparently had no problem with city officials traveling to the other projects at the developer's expense.

It appears that the Novi News has failed to understand the difference in the projects and their relative stages of development.

Finally, any reference we had made to the \$28 Chicago plane fare was a discussion in generalities. I was not sure what the ticket cost nor does it matter much whether it cost \$28 or \$97, as long as the citizens of Novi did not pay for it.

Remember now, developers paid for the Monroeville trip and the Milwaukee trip, and nothing was said by the Novi News.

Edward J. Kriewall, Novi City Manager

EDITOR'S NOTE: City officials disclosed details of both the

Monroeville and the Wisconsin trips to this newspaper and both trips were reported to the public in news stories which appeared in the paper.

### No intrusion!

To the Editor: The Citizens for Responsible Development first organized and met on Jan. 9 — three weeks ago.

In the last two weeks they have approached about 3,300 people in Novi. The people of Novi have been very receptive to signing the petitions which seek to have the rezoning of the Ten Mile/Beck Road corner turned back to its original B-1 classification as in the city Master Plan.

In almost all people who were approached gladly signed. This says something about the will of the people and their strong desire to inform the city council of their goals for the city.

No matter how anyone feels about the issue, no one can deny that the overwhelming majority of the citizenry wanted, controlled commercial development in the desirable commercial corridors. But the citizens do not want intrusion of commerce into primarily residential areas.

Lee Faber

## Good communities, good mixes



Bob Needham

Booming residential development is nothing new in Novi and Northville. For the last several years, this area has seen homes springing from the ground right and left. But a pattern seems to be developing in all this construction, and I don't think it's

entirely healthy. Sometimes it seems like each new residential development is more expensive than the one before. One-acre lots become popular, only to be replaced by two-acre lots. Houses get bigger and bigger, condominiums get ritzier and ritzier. Not long ago, this paper ran a story on the possibility of million-dollar homes being built nearby. It looks pretty likely.

homeowners, although anyone with an above-average income will still feel the pinch. Except at tax bill time, all these situations are generally considered good news, the "best and highest use" of the land. Large lots look nicer than small ones. You know that anyone paying a lot of money for a home is going to keep it up. New building means new tax revenue, which can mean better services or lower tax rates generally. Rising assessments show that people want to live here — want to make a home here — because of schools, shopping, atmosphere or whatever else. We all know why we like it here.

But this coin has a flip side. The more expensive Novi and Northville get, the fewer people are able to live here. The community is getting steadily more wealthy, steadily more exclusive. I haven't tried, but I'm sure the "affordable" housing that does exist in the area is getting harder and harder to find.

This is a shame. To be a real success, I think, a community needs a cross-section of housing. Sure, fine, put in your million-dollar homes. But don't forget the other end.

Diversity is a vital part of the foundation of this country, and any community without a good deal of it is really missing out. I'm not sure how you encourage diversity, but I do know that setting a minimum income level for your town is not the way to do it.

Let me say right now that my concern is basically selfish. I like it around here. I cur-

rently rent in Plymouth — and enjoy it very much — but someday I'd like to buy a home in this area. And I can't see how I'll ever be able to. (At present, I couldn't afford to buy a packing crate at the South Pole, but that's neither here nor there.)

The obvious questions that arise now are: Should local governments really do anything about this? And can they?

Well, I think they should. And I think they can.

I'm the first person to smile when an expensive development is arranged to save woods or a swamp, and I don't deny big lots look swell. Yes, the free market has spoken, and it has told us the Novi/Northville area can support lots of luxury housing.

But as officials look for areas appropriate to those developments, they ought to also look for areas to serve the rest of the people. The City of Northville is just about done with its residential development, and in fact boasts a fair amount of housing that's as affordable as is realistically possible. But Northville Township and Novi have room to work.

The free market works in conjunction with local regulations. Expensive homes are encouraged with large-lot zoning. I wish a little more thought could be given to encouraging more affordable homes. I'll lay you dollars to doughnuts the free market would support that, too. And the community would be far richer, in the best and highest sense of the word.

## Students study graduation honors

by AMY ROSA staff writer

Valedictorians and salutatorians at Novi High School may be things of the past under a proposal currently being studied by school officials. High school students have been mulling over the idea of changing the policy that honors high-achieving graduates, including giving more weight to harder academic classes.

In a meeting between the school's Student Advisory Council (SAC) and Principal Dr. Robert Youngberg, students discussed the possibility of giving more weight to harder academic classes such as Advanced Placement (AP) English, math, science and social studies. The idea surfaced because of complaints that some students opt out of the more difficult classes so that they do not jeopardize their grade point averages, said Melissa Cooper, a senior member of SAC.

As a result, the school frequently has several students qualify for the honor of valedictorian (with perfect 4.0 grade point averages) and salutatorian, those graduating with highest and second highest honors respectively.

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Novi High School last year had two valedictorians and three salutatorians, according to Youngberg. This year as many as three or four might qualify as valedictorians, he added. "I think we came up with the idea that we shouldn't weight the classes," recalled Youngberg, who said many of the students in the group had arguments both for and against it. Cooper agreed, saying the consensus was to hold off on pursuing the weighting for now. In her opinion, she said, it isn't fair to penalize a student for not taking "so-called" harder classes. "Like in art class. It's not labeled

and cum laude for GPAs from 3.66-3.745.

Students in the SAC group made one decision with regard to changing their graduation ceremony policy, said Youngberg, and that is to not have as many speeches at commencement exercises as there have been in previous years.

With the advent of several high achievers, said Youngberg, it is just not practical to have all the valedictorians and salutatorians speak at graduation ceremonies.

The students agreed, added Cooper, who said the group talked about a fair way to choose a representative speaker from those honored. Perhaps Youngberg could choose among speeches already written, or teachers could pick one, she added, saying students rejected one idea of electing a representative themselves.

"That would be just another popularity contest," said Cooper. Youngberg said that all students who graduate with honors will continue to be recognized at graduation ceremonies, through introductions and comments from other speakers.

### Cancer Myth #1

"Everything causes cancer."

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## Obituaries

### HELENA GRAVELLE

A funeral service for Helena M. Gravelle of Novi was held Thursday, Jan. 26, at the O'Brien Chapel of the Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home. Dr. Robert V. Warren of the First Baptist Church of Wixom officiated.

A homemaker, Mrs. Gravelle died Jan. 22 at McPherson Hospital in Howell. Born in Grand Rapids, she was 74 at the time of her death.

She is survived by four daughters — Marlene Whirley, Peggy Olson, Jackie Brasseur and Patricia Caudle, and two sons — James and Donald. Also surviving are one sister, one brother, 25 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

Interment was at Parkvie Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Memorial contributions may be sent to the First Baptist Church of Wixom.

### JOHN E. TAPNER

John E. Tapner of Novi died Wednesday, Jan. 25, at Botsford

Hospital in Farmington Hills.

The son of Arthur and Mildred (Pheiffer) Tapner, he was born Sept. 25, 1922, and was 66 at the time of his death.

Mr. Tapner came to the community in 1969. He worked as a photo engraver with an advertising company. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Northville and belonged to Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Tapner is survived by his wife, Shirley. Also surviving are a son, James Tapner of Florida; a daughter, Carol Poe of Tennessee; two sisters, Mrs. Ruth (Donald) Kates of Florida and Mrs. Margaret (Joseph) Huber of Clawson; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter.

Funeral services were held Jan. 27 at the Ross B. Northrop & Son Funeral Home in Northville. The Rev. Eric S. Hammar officiated. Interment was at Rural Hill in Northville.

## In Uniform

Marine Pfc. KEVIN MOODY has completed recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego.

A 1988 graduate of Novi High School, he joined the Marine Corps in June 1988. He is the son of Gary Moody of Novi.

During the 11-week training cycle, Moody was taught the basics of battlefield survival. He was introduced to the typical daily routine he will experience during his enlistment and studied the personal and professional standards traditionally exhibited by Marines.

He participated in an active physical conditioning program and gained proficiency in a variety of military skills, including first aid, rifle marksmanship and close order drill. Teamwork and self-discipline were emphasized throughout the training cycle.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class CHARLES A. COLLINS recently made a five-day port visit in Mombasa, Kenya. He is the son of Hector and Doris Collins of Summerhouse Court in Novi. A 1981 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School, he joined the Navy in November 1983.

Collins currently is deployed to the western Pacific aboard the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson, homeported in Alameda, California.

## Traffic fatalities drop in county

PONTIAC — Contrary to official predictions, Oakland County drivers more than held the line against traffic fatalities last year — they recorded a decrease, according to the Traffic Improvement Association of Oakland County (TIA).

Some 124 traffic fatalities were reported in the county in 1988 compared to 132 in 1987, a decrease of just over six percent.

Last year's fatal accident figure, though a provisional one, is the second lowest in the 22 years that TIA has been maintaining countywide traffic statistics.

"Early last year, we were predic-

ting that approximately 140 people would be killed in traffic," said Bruce Madsen, TIA Executive Director.

"The numbers of drivers, vehicles and miles traveled in Oakland County have increased significantly in recent years," Madsen said.

"Add to that the fact of our healthy economic climate and you have a textbook condition for a worsening traffic toll."

In 1983, 117 traffic fatalities were reported. During the late '60s traffic fatalities averaged about 180 per year. In the '70s they numbered between 160 and 170. During the last five

years there has been an annual average of 130 traffic fatalities.

"The fact that we experienced a reduction last year is all the more remarkable when we consider the fact that traffic volumes in the county, the most accurate barometer of exposure, have increased by an estimated 90 percent in the last 20 years," Madsen said.

TIA reported that, even though it will be a few weeks before details about last year's fatal accidents are available, it is a generally accepted fact that Oakland County's safety belt use rate and its reduction in alcohol-related fatalities are among

the highest in the state.

Other reasons given by TIA for recent decreases in traffic deaths include improved safety engineering of Oakland County streets and highways, better emergency and medical services and improvements in vehicle safety design.

There were 1,666 traffic fatalities reported in the State of Michigan last year, a two percent increase from the 1,632 reported in 1987.

Traffic death figures for both state and Oakland County are provisional, with slight increases anticipated due to late reporting.

## State police raid Novi/I-96 rest stop

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morning, Kregelka said. "Those people coming in in the morning find 50 or 60 condoms on the floor. Put that with the fact that most of those men don't use condoms, and you get an idea of the level of activity going on."

He added: "We're not making any moral judgments on anyone's lifestyles, but when they take over these facilities and prevent the general public from using them... something has to be done."

One of those arrested in Novi had possession of a nationally published magazine targeted at gays, which listed spots across the country known for their frequency of sexual activity, said Sanderson. All three of the rest

stops raided last week were given four-star ratings by the magazine. Sanderson said Monday he couldn't recall the publication's name and was not in possession of it anymore.

According to Sanderson, those arrested in Novi included an unemployed Walled Lake man, an auditor who resides in West Bloomfield Township, a Wixom medical laboratory workman and two truck drivers, one each from Florida and Indianapolis.

Kregelka said arrests in the other raids also included a mixture of locals and passers-by, and that most were professional business people.

"Ninety percent are married with families and considered outstanding members of the community," he added.

"Certainly the punishment isn't great from the court system," Kregelka said, explaining the raids only produced arrests on misdemeanor charges of solicitation. Maximum penalty could be 90 days in jail and/or a \$100 fine plus court costs.

However, said Sanderson, if persons had been caught engaged in homosexual activity, they could have faced up to 15 years in jail.

Public exposure and seizure of vehicles seem to be the most effective deterrents so far, added Sanderson, who said he hopes that local courts assess the offenders as many court fees as possible.

Warrants are expected to be issued this week for all 41 arrested, said Sanderson. Then all will appear for pre-trial hearings within 20 days of

their arrests. The five arrested in Novi will appear in the 52nd District Court in Walled Lake. Sanderson thought there would be no delay in the Oakland County Prosecutor's office decision to prosecute.

Sanderson would not say how many other area rest stops will be targeted for raids, but added that those already hit are fair game again. "Absolutely — it could be today (for a stop's second raid)," he said.

"If you're going to do it (engage in illicit activities), go somewhere else" is the message police want to pass on to offenders, said Kregelka.

Said Sanderson: "What kind of message does this send to our tourists? Come see our state, but don't use our restrooms?"

## Residential values rise 16 percent

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Residents can appeal their property tax assessments at Board of Review hearings, which are scheduled to begin March 12. Residents can

contact the Assessor's office (347-0465) for more information.

They will need to fill out a petition before presenting their case to the Board of Review.

The board's function is to rule on

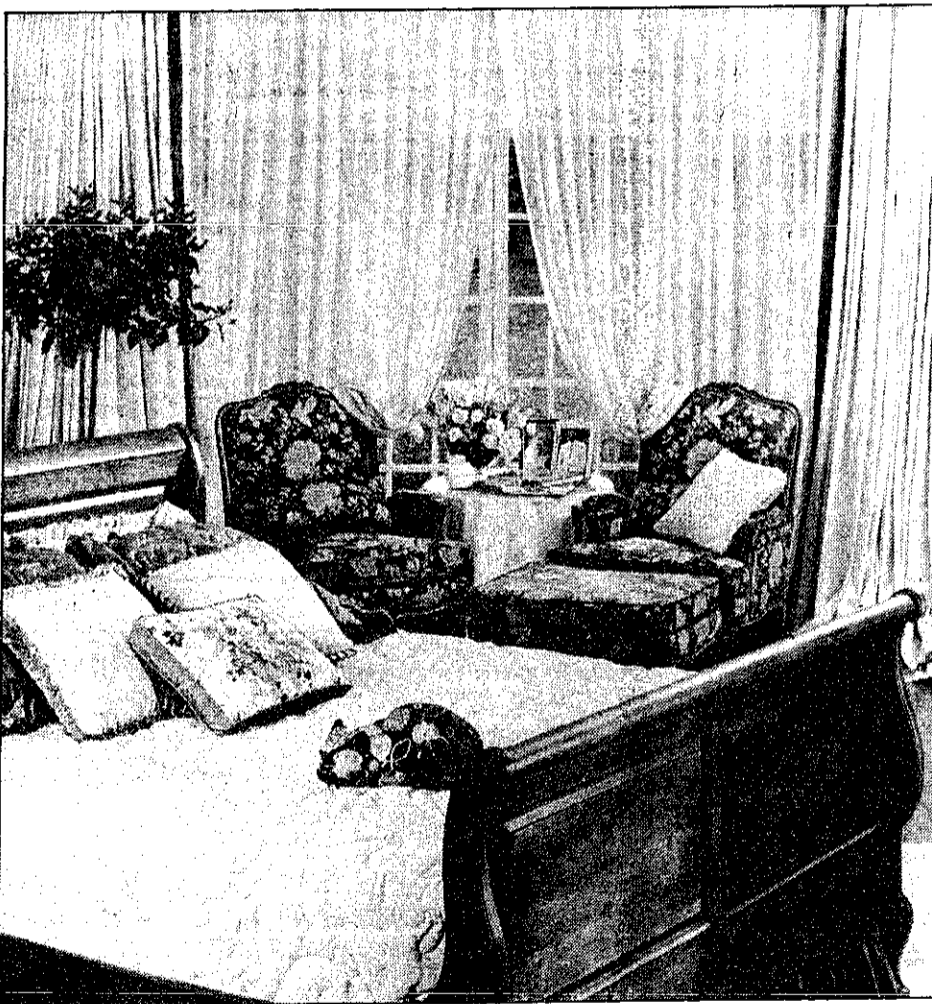
whether or not the assessment actually represents 50 percent of the cash value. They also can correct errors in assessments or grant hardship relief.

Overall, the changes in

assessments raised the city's SEV to \$759,338,200, according to the latest available figures — an increase of \$74,338,200. That figure will change after Board of Review adjustments are made.

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### CITY HALL COMMENTARY



EDWARD F. KRIEWALL  
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It is very unfortunate that we have to utilize this space to justify the existence of this means of communicating with the public. However, that's what this is all about. The Novi News recently objected to the utilization of tax dollars for this mode of communication. One alternative to doing this is to create a periodic newsletter mailing, which we did several years ago. Quite frankly, we looked at this option and we were not enamored with the tardiness of the news due to printing delays and ultimate cost of producing this kind of vehicle. The Novi Schools utilize the newsletter concept to communicate with the public, and they do it quite well. The annual cost for the six times a year publication is over \$9,000. For the City of Novi to replicate this concept, we would expend approximately \$18,000 per year. We believe the Novi News format to be more timely at a much lesser cost of \$3,500 per year. We are able to deliver a weekly message and address issues on a timely basis. Granted, all residents do not take the Novi News, but neither do all residents read the bulk mailings that fill our mailboxes. We cannot understand why the Novi News is so threatened by this innocent means of communicating our mission.

*E. F. Kriewall*

### CITY OF NOVI ORDINANCE 89-45.08 NOTICE OF ENACTMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance 89-45.08, an Ordinance to amend Subsection 4.03-8 of Ordinance 77-45, as amended, the City of Novi Subdivision Ordinance, to revise the procedures for the planting of Street Trees.

The provisions of this Ordinance become effective fifteen (15) days after adoption. The Ordinance was adopted on January 23, 1989, and the effective date is February 7, 1989.

A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk.

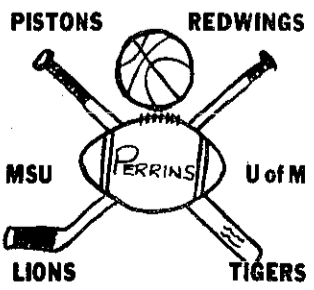
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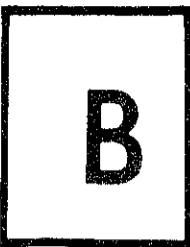
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## 'That's shoe business'

### Northville cobbler maintains time-honored tradition of shoe repair

By MAUREEN NASZRADI

Polish, leather and glue on the workbench in back scent the air. Charges are tallied with pen on paper over the counter. And regular customers are greeted by name.

Inside Cobbler's Corner, near the corner of Main and Center streets in downtown Northville, a shoe repair business has remained virtually unchanged for 60 years.

Now designated by the sign, "Shoe Repairing, Est. 1928," the shop provides full service and survives by its reputation, according to 17-year proprietor Andy Piccoli.

Piccoli operates his Northville business by the standards he learned from his father who owned shoe repair businesses in Detroit and Dearborn. His two brothers also continued the family tradition, operating the original store in Dearborn and another in Warren.

Piccoli daily applies the knowledge he first began to pick up as he helped clean his father's shop. The 57-year-old cobbler started polishing shoes and putting lifts on women's shoes when he was just eight years old. But, he says, it was when he finished high school — 10 years later — that he felt he fully knew the skills of the trade.

"The most important thing about repairing the shoe is that when you're through with it, it should not look like it's been repaired," Piccoli said.

"That's the key to this business."

Equally important to his business is establishing a reputation for quality workmanship. Piccoli says he can repair any domestic or foreign-made shoe. However, he adds, he also will tell customers when the items they bring in are not worth fixing.

"I've built a reputation in this business and I want to see that customer at least two or three times a year on a regular schedule once I build a rapport with them," Piccoli said.



Andy Piccoli practices the fine art of cobbling at his shop in downtown Northville

Photo by CHRIS BOYD

through a family tradition. It would be very difficult to learn it in a school."

During the 17 years he has operated his Northville business, the cobbler has fully trained — each over a three-year period — seven individuals. Five of the seven now operate their own shoe repair business, Piccoli reported.

His current apprentice is Michael Smith, a junior at Northville High School. Piccoli said Smith is progressing nicely, learning the trade. However, he adds, his pupil will be another 2½ years practicing with the tools and at the bench before he masters the trade.

While passing on his experience in the industry, Piccoli said he watches for new trends in style and manufacturing.

The shoe repairman has seen the processes of "splitting nails" into heels and soles hammered on stroke-by-stroke give way to an automatic nailer, a high-speed finisher, a five-in-one skiver, a power press and a power nibbler, among other tools.

The machinery in Cobbler's Corner has taken some of the labor out of the repair work, but the finished product still requires the guidance of a skilled hand. Among the stacks and stacks of shoes and boots, parts of shoes, polishes and tools surrounding the workbench, repairs are still performed one at a time.

It's the shop's busy season now, said Piccoli. The shoes and boots brought in throughout the winter are always enough to keep two "shoemakers" busy. Smith attests to the fact that there are always items to be repaired or customers to greet. As he begins to pick up the knowledge of the trade, time goes by fast, he said.

"This isn't a business that you can ever get rich in," Piccoli said. "But you can get a sense of satisfaction by knowing that you're helping people save money on their shoes."

It's hard to find someone who still conducts a business that way, according to Piccoli. More often, he said, people seeking shoe repairs will find a store in a mall where proprietors "pick and choose" what they want to fix.

"They're basically looking for the transit trade. They're not looking to see the same customer twice," Piccoli maintained.

"This profession is going the way of the dinosaur," he continued. Children of the old-time

"shoemakers" frequently are choosing to attend college instead of following their parents into the shoe repair business, according to Piccoli.

The family business at that point is dissolved or sold, he explained. Cobbler's Corner had only one previous

proprietor when Piccoli took over the business in 1972.

"People like us are basically in it for the long term rather than the short term of it," Piccoli said.

"This trade is learned from either someone you're very close to or

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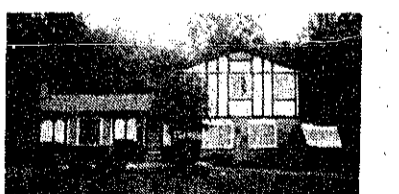
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Wagner Associates, Inc., serves businesses in the metro Detroit and Ann Arbor areas by providing high-quality, affordable bookkeeping and financial statement services.

PAMELA CHAMBERS has been promoted to in-house sales agent by the Cobb Insurance Agencies of Howell and Milford. Chambers is licensed in property and casualty insurance and in life and health insurance.

In addition to attending classes to obtain the accredited advisor of insurance designation through the National Insurance Institute, Chambers is a member of the National Agents Association of Insurance Women, the Professional Insurance Agents Association and the Independent Insurance Agents Association.

Chambers holds a certificate of general insurance from the National Insurance Institute. She will be responsible for writing new personal lines insurance for clients through Cobb's Milford location.

**CHARLES AUDETTE**, former auto dealer, has joined the Commercial-Industrial Division of Thompson-Brown Realtors of Farmington Hills. The announcement was made by Thompson-Brown President William W. Bowman, Sr.

"Thompson-Brown has been a leader in residential, commercial and industrial development in Michigan since the early 1950s and we value the experience that Audette brings to our organization," said Bowman. "Chuck Audette has been a Farmington Hills resident and a leader in the business community for over 30 years and is extremely well acquainted with the area."

Audette was founder and general manager of Audette Cadillac in West Bloomfield and Audette Toyota in Mt. Clemens. He graduated from Sacred Heart Seminary College in Detroit and attended University of Detroit Law School. Audette was director of the Detroit Auto Dealers Association, president of the Detroit Cadillac Dealers Association, a member of the Cadillac National Dealers Council and a founder and trustee of the Michigan Auto Dealers Workers Compensation Fund before joining Thompson-Brown.

**JENNIFER D. COOPER**, a former Northville resident, has been promoted to banking officer at Georgia Federal Bank. With assets of \$4.2 billion, Georgia Federal is the state's largest savings institution and fifth largest retail bank.

Cooper joined Georgia Federal in 1986 in the Second Mortgage Department. She served as a management associate and credit analyst before assuming the role of portfolio analyst/high yield investments.

Cooper holds a bachelors degree in International Relations from James Madison College at Michigan State University.

**CHARLES FAST**, manager of Schweitzer Real Estate Inc. Belter Homes and Gardens, has presented awards to the multi-million dollar producers in the Northville office. Those honored were Rosemary Hagge, Nick Ghirani, Joe Niezgod, Fred Schmitt, Norma Hazlett and Dick Herbel.

In presenting the awards at a recent luncheon, Fast said the ever-growing demand for extensive knowledge and expertise in marketing real estate has put these associates in the forefront of the industry.

**SHIRLEY CASH** of Novi recently attended Realty World Corporation's RealStart management training program for new franchise broker/owners at corporate headquarters near Washington, D.C.

Cash is the broker/owner of Realty World-Shirley Cash, a full-service real estate firm located at 25901 Novi Road. Cash joined the Realty World System on Jan. 18, 1989. It is the third largest real estate franchise organization in North America with over 1,800 independent offices and 17,000 sales associates throughout the United States and Canada.

Cash has been in real estate 30 years. The RealStart management program is a four-day orientation and business planning session highlighting some 40 Realty World programs and services. Services include residential home buyers and sellers including the RealScope photographic display of available homes, the RealFax buyer service to focus the home selection process, the RealLine nationwide telephone referral system for relocating buyers and sellers, the RealSafe home warranty plan to protect major mechanical systems and components as well as major appliances.

## CPAs respond to common tax questions

### Money Management

The countdown to April 15 has begun. Over the coming weeks, millions of Americans will be puzzling over tax questions. To help you get a fix on your tax situation, the Michigan Association of CPAs has supplied the answers to some of the most commonly-asked questions on 1988 taxes.

**Have the tax rules really changed since last year?**  
Yes. Remember, last year served as a transition between tax systems. In 1988, several tax reform rules became fully effective for the first time, while others continue to phase in. In addition, this year's tax rates have changed.

**What are the new tax rates?**  
Basically, there are two tax brackets for 1988 — 15 percent and 28 percent. However, the benefit of the 15 percent bracket phases out for single taxpayers earning \$43,150 to \$89,560 and married taxpayers earning \$71,900 to \$149,150. These individuals pay a 3 percent surtax — making their top tax rate 30 percent.

**Has the personal exemption increased?**  
Yes. In 1988, the personal exemption increases by \$50 to \$1,950. One note of caution: If you can claim an exemption for your child or other dependent, that person may not claim his or her own exemption.

**I don't itemize. How much can I claim as a standard deduction on my 1988 tax return?**  
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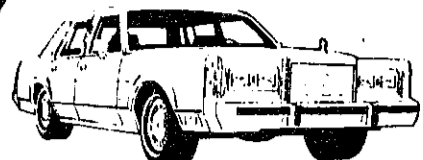
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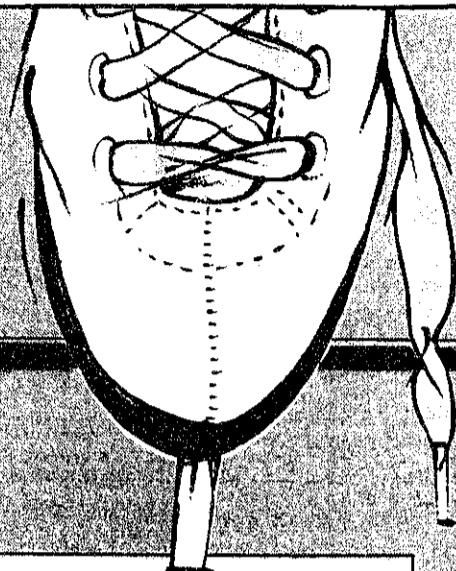
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# WOBBLY ANKLES

BY ANN WILLIS



## A good fit ends days of wobbly pain

"They were six Mercuries skimming the ice. In plain English they went like lightning... each did his best, flying, with bent body, and eager eyes..."  
From Hans Brinker by Mary Mapes Dodge

Right. Like lightning. On skates. Right. When I thought of skating one clear image emerged from all others. The image of a girl, ankles painfully bent toward the ice, tottering around, not having fun at all. If my body was bent it was because I was about to fall. If my eyes looked eager, it was probably because they glistened with tears about to fall. When I skated there was a lot of falling going on.

Ice skating to me was pure frustration. My ankles wobbled so badly that it was useless to try and stay upright for very long. A day spent on a frozen lake meant a day spent sliding around in my boots, after finally giving up on any possibility of balancing on the two thin blades.

Every year my father would stand outside in the dark, cold January nights creating an ice rink for his children. Every year my brother and his friends would race around on hockey skates slamming pucks at imaginary goals. I would tiptoe cautiously around on my sister's figure skates which were at least two sizes too big for me and stuffed with large wool socks. After about two minutes I would be in a pile on the ice. It was embarrassing.

So ice skating was a sport I was not eager to take up again as an adult. When people mentioned ice skating parties, I hid under the desk. While under there I heard something that made me give the whole thing another shot. I heard something about "new technologies" in ice skates. Something about "new designs" that assured the owner of even the weakest pair of ankles a shot at the thrill of gliding.

So I checked with the experts. Sandy Griffin of Griffin's Sporting Goods in Livonia, is a skater herself. She said the first step in getting rid of the wobbly ankle problem is to buy skates that fit. Really fit. "Basically back then (referring to the dark ages of my childhood) people bought skates two sizes too big. With big skates

the ankles just naturally began to wobble." Griffin said that today's skates are better designed to support the entire foot, particularly the ankle. The more expensive the skate, usually the better the support, she said. A good fitting figure skate should run about \$50, she said and hockey skates can run around \$80.

"When people complain about weak ankles, they usually don't really have weak ankles. The majority of them just don't have good fitting skates," she said.

Griffin said that skating is great exercise, "a lot easier than running," and that it isn't hard on knees "unless you fall on them."

Tim Code of Kelly's Sporting Goods in Howell said that the newest skate technology has made a tremendous difference in the "wobbly ankle problem."

"There are nylon woven uppers on some skates instead of the all-leather," which offer more support, he said. They come with special pads that form around the ankle and offer support."

In addition the skates themselves are much lighter, he said, making it easier to move around. The blades are fastened in with plastic bindings instead of metal and the blades are made with lighter steel. "It makes skating a lot easier," he said.

There is even a Lange boot-style skate out now, Code said, which has a velcro strap and a binding reminiscent of a ski boot that offers great ankle support.

And what about hockey skates, do they offer more support than the traditional women's figure skates? "At least two times more support," Code said, making me feel better about my brother's ease on the ice compared to my own.

Wendy Anderson, a figure skating choreographer at the Plymouth Ice Arena, said that today's skates have made a world of difference for the young skaters she coaches.

The better brands of figure skates run about \$500, Anderson said, and that doesn't include the \$180 for blades which you buy separately. "Weak ankles just aren't a factor anymore," she said.

"The kids used to be miserable in the cheaper skates. It makes it so difficult on them" when the inexpensive skates won't give them the support they need, she said.

Jenny Bethan, 13, has been skating off and on for seven years and said she was "wobbly at first, but my feet never hurt."

As for my second try at ice skating, I have to admit I had no trouble with my ankles. The problem is the skates still don't balance for you.

## WHERE TO SKATE

### Arenas, lakes offer fun on blades

Finding a place to ice skate in this general area can be a problem, especially during a relatively mild winter like the one the weatherman has sent this year.

Three indoor arenas are available, but hours are somewhat limited.

□ Grand Oaks Ice Arena at 970 Grand Oaks Blvd., Howell is open for public skating every Sunday from 1-3 p.m. Admission is \$2. There are also times set aside for skating lessons for all ages.

The rink is available for hourly rental for special group events such as hockey. Call the rink at 517-546-4355 for details and available times. No skate rentals are offered.

□ Plymouth Cultural Center at 525 Farmer St., Plymouth has open skating every day except Saturday. Evening hours are 7-8 Mondays; 3:50-5:50 p.m. Tuesdays; 4-5:20 p.m. Thursdays; 7-8 p.m. Fridays; noon to 1:20 p.m. and 1:30-2:50 p.m. Sundays. Fees are \$1.25 for adults and \$1 for children. One-hour skating times are 75 cents. Skate rental is 75 cents, also.

Call the center at 313-455-6620 and ask to be sent a complete schedule of open hours.

□ Lakeland Skating Arena, 7330 Highland Road, (M-59), two blocks east of Williams

Lake Road in Waterford Township. Open public skating is from 4:30-6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. There are a limited supply of rental skates available at \$1.50 per pair. Group rates are available by calling 666-1910.

Outdoor areas include:

□ Kensington Metropark, off I-96 between Brighton and Millford. Skating available when weather conditions are right at the cleared area near the Island-Queen boat dock on the north side of lake. A warm-up area with food available is located at the skating area.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Open to the public and lighted, there is no admission fee other than a Metropark use sticker which is \$2 daily or \$10 yearly. To be sure the ice is right for skating and the skating area is open, call 1-800-24-PARKS, extension 433.

□ Ella Mae Power Park, outdoor rink located behind the Novi Civic Center on the south side of 10 Mile, east of Taft Road. The area is open to the public at no charge. It is not lighted. Call 313-347-0400 for condition report.

□ Wilcox Pond, cleared area off Northville Road south of Five Mile, provided

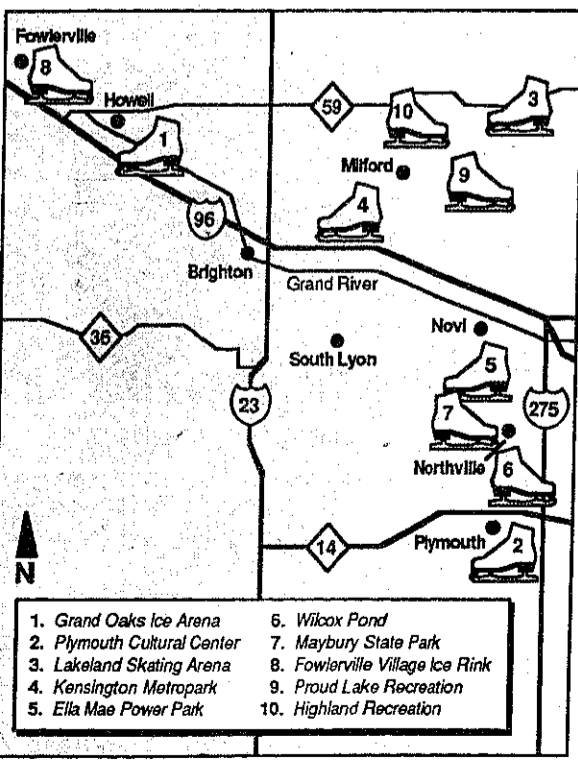
by Wayne County Parks and Recreation. Open to the public, there are no specific hours, but no lighting is provided. Call 1-313-261-1990 for information.

□ Maybury State Park, pond off Beck Road, south of Eight Mile Road, near the horse stable. Open to the public, the only fee is a Michigan State Park sticker which is \$2 daily or \$10 annual. Call 313-349-8390 for information.

□ Fowlerville Village Ice Rink, located behind the fire station on Fowlerville Road. Call the village hall at 517-223-3771 for conditions. The rink is open all winter when conditions permit. There is no admission charge.

There are no cleared skating spots at Proud Lake Recreation and Highland Recreation areas. However, Powers Beach at Proud Lake, located off the west side off Wilcox Road across from the park headquarters, is a fairly popular spot, a park representative said.

There are several lakes in the Highland Recreation Area where the public skates, according to a park ranger. A Michigan State Park sticker is required for admission to either area. The charge is \$2 daily or \$10 annually.



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# Daddy-Daughter Valentine's Dance held Feb. 10

By JEANNE CLARKE  
Special writer

Young ladies in Novi will have a chance to treat their fathers to a special evening when the Novi Parks and Recreation Department sponsors a Daddy-Daughter Valentine's Dance on Saturday, Feb. 10.

The dance will be held in the Novi Civic Center from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and will feature refreshments, music, flowers and photos. Cost is \$6 per couple and \$2.50 for each additional daughter.

The Detroit Center for the Performing Arts will present a family-oriented program about theater at the Civic Center this Sunday, Feb. 5, at 3 p.m. The program is sponsored by the Novi Parks and Recreation Department and tickets are priced at \$3 for adults, \$2 for children and are \$1 for families.

Members of the Detroit Center for the Performing Arts will present their versions of two classic fairytales — "Little Red Riding Hood" and "Three Billygoats Gruff." The program will include an explanation of theater and an opportunity for children to participate. Tickets are available in advance at Parks and Rec offices in the Novi Civic Center. Tickets also will be available at the door.

Local musical groups will showcase their talents during a special Cabaret Concert at the Civic Center on Saturday, Feb. 18. The event is also sponsored by the Novi Parks and Recreation Department and will feature performances by the Novi Concert Band, Novi Choralaires, Novi Players and Novi Youth Chorus.

Cost is \$3 per person, \$10 for a family and \$24 to reserve a table for eight people. Tickets will be available in advance at Novi Parks and Recreation or at the door.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the cabaret begins at 7:30 p.m. Pizza, soft drinks and snacks will be served for families interested in enjoying an early Saturday night dinner.

Upcoming events include a trip to the ice Capades on March 18. Cost is \$13.50 and includes transportation.

On March 22, a trip to see a Detroit Red Wings hockey game will be offered. Special rates and transportation will be available.

**AMATEUR RADIO CLUB:** The next meeting of this fast-growing club will be held under the leadership of President Al Rasmussen at the Civic

## Novi Highlights

**Center on Tuesday, Feb. 7.** Special guests for the evening meeting will be Scott Allen of Adam's Electronics, who encourages amateur radio operators to bring along their "rigs" for testing. The club has established a training program to assist the novice operator in earning a license. The program is available through Novi Community Education. The classes will be held Thursdays from 7:30 p.m. beginning Feb. 2 through May 4.

There is no charge for the class except for the cost of materials such as text and code tapes. Those attending the class will learn about elementary electronics, FCC rules, station set-up, equipment selection, operating procedures and Morse Code. Call Novi Community Education at 388-1200 to register.

**Members of the Novi Amateur Radio Club meet informally on Saturday mornings at the Rib and Egg restaurant on Novi Road.** Local club dues are \$5, \$8 and \$9.

**NOVI CARE CENTER:** The new Assistant Activity Director at Novi Care Center is Fran Simo, who will help plan activities throughout the month, including regular Bingo games that will be held with the assistance of volunteers Helen and Al Weiss and Carolyn Tolter.

The center has formed a support group for families of people who have Alzheimer's disease. The support group's next meeting will be held Feb. 3 from 7:30 p.m. at the Center. For more information call Social Services Director Barbara Ostiecki-Casrus at 477-2000.

**Music Therapist Kelli Dowd** is currently working with residents of the Center on music-ercise and choir. Soon she plans to add a Chime Choir for families interested in enjoying an early Saturday night dinner.

Recent activities at the Novi Care Center included projects completed by the Garden Club. Some of the residents made terrariums with colored sand.

In addition, Ralph Mineiro visited the Center with his accordion and conducted a sing-a-long. The activity was sponsored by the Agape Smiles Foundation, which is dedicated to bringing special programs to nursing homes throughout the area. The Agape Singers are scheduled to visit

the facility again in February. Also in February, residents are looking forward to celebrating Valentine's Day with a party and special presentation from a local second grade class.

The Community Council reported that it raised \$380 for residents during a recent bazaar. Funds will be used to provide programs for residents in the Novi Care Center. Anyone interested in visiting residents of the Center are encouraged to call 477-2000 to arrange a date and time.

**SPIRIT OF CHRIST:** Rev. Dr. Milton Reisen, bishop of the Eastern Michigan Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church Association, will preside over a special service to celebrate the dedication of the recent building expansion of Spirit of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church this Sunday, Feb. 5, at 4 p.m.

A fellowship meal will follow the service in the church's new multi-purpose room. Those planning to attend should make reservations by calling 477-6206. Suggested donation for the dinner is \$8 per person.

Upcoming events at the church include a celebration marking the beginning of Lent on Wednesday, Feb. 8 (Ash Wednesday), when a service will be conducted at 7:30 p.m. Starting Feb. 15 a soup and song service will be conducted every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Pastor Thomas Scherger has returned from a Synod Professional Workers Retreat at Colubriere Center in Clarkston, where he enjoyed a two-day visit.

The church has resumed its Cradle Roll program under the leadership of Billie Dee Munro, who will provide regular mailings listing suggestions for games, songs and other spiritual growth items for children. The Youth Task Force — composed of five youths and five adults — is compiling a schedule of activities for church young people.

Task force members include Rachel Choate, Sherry Kemp, Anna Young, Brian Kemp, Jeff Munro, Sue Young, Kevin Westfall, Jack Bailey, Dea Scherger and Pastor Scherger. One of the most recent activities planned by the group is a Youth Outing on Feb. 4. Weather permitting, the group will be cross-country

sking or ice skating at Maybury Park. The outing, organized by Charles Young and Cam Nelson, will be held for children in junior high school and older. A meal at Pizza Hut also is planned.

The church ladies group "Sisters in Christ" met in January at the church with hostesses Jolene Westfall and Noreen Chace. Plans were made for a Valentine party, which will be held at the group's Feb. 6 meeting. The ladies plan to exchange gifts of red to the party.

The group is making plans for an "After Taxes Game Party" on April 22. On May 6, members will conduct a rummage sale. Later in the summer they will gather blankets, soap and other items for Lutheran World Relief program.

**SENIOR CITIZENS:** Al Weiss was installed as president of the Novi Senior Citizens Club during recent ceremonies presided over by Dr. William Barr, assistant superintendent of the Novi Community School District.

Also installed were Gordon Wilcox, vice president; Helen Weiss, secretary; and Ann Taylor, treasurer.

The club also presented two checks worth \$200 to be used for the Novi Students' College Scholarship Fund. The presentation was made in conjunction with installation ceremonies at the Red Timbers restaurant. The funds will be distributed to Mrs. Janice Barr. The door prize at the installation banquet was won by Violet Hulme.

The club will hold its monthly polka luncheon at noon at the Novi Civic Center on Wednesday, Feb. 8. Hosts will be Irene Chepin, Joseph Luft and Alice Begwin.

The regular business meeting will be held at the Civic Center on Wednesday, Feb. 22, when hosts will be Jane Watson, Betty Gardner and Janet Field. After planning upcoming events at the business meeting, there will be social time.

**SIXTHGATE SQUADRON:** The Novi-based Sixthgate Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) will provide a honor guard at the 32nd annual Anzels Barrett Commemorative Brunch at the Fox and Hounds restaurant on Sunday, Feb. 5.

Ten cadets from the Novi squadron participated in orientation flights during a Group II Fly Day at the Oakland-Pontiac Air port on Jan. 14.

A total of 48 CAP squadrons participated in a social program titled "The Young Adult Class of the First Baptist Church of Novi held a progressive dinner recently with hors d'oeuvres at the Roger Blakeley home, appetizers at the Dave Stanley home, the main course at the Greg Cain home and dessert at the Dave Wybome.

The Novi Rebekah Club headed by Noble Grand Wonda Kennedy held its installation banquet at the Home Sweet Home restaurant on Jan. 12. The club will be on winter vacation until resuming regular meetings on March 23.

**PIN POINTERS:** High bowlers were Jean Phil (185), Susan Searles, Dorothy Bose (185), Rosemary Bannish (184), Carol Irwin (188), Linda Deltore (186) and Fran Taylor (184). Standings are as follows:

Eager Beavers	50	2%
Never a Doubt	48%	27%
Bowling Bags	44%	31%
Century 21-W	43%	32%
Hi Lows	41	35
Adventurers	39	37
Lookin' Good	39	37
BLK	37%	38%
M&M's	34	42

Membership in the Sixthgate Squadron is open to boys and girls from 13 to 18 years old. The group meets at Novi Middle School every Tuesday from 7:30-9:30 p.m. One of the CAP missions is to develop and motivate young people to leadership and responsible citizenship through an interest in aviation.

Guests and parents are invited to attend any of the Tuesday night meetings to learn more about the organization. Additional information about membership is available from Louis Gombassy at 349-2607.

**PERSONALS:** Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Rideout have returned from a visit with their son Duane and his wife Cindy in Plano, Texas. The Duane Rideouts recently moved to Plano, which is located near Dallas. While in Texas, the Cliff Rideouts also visited Ray and Barb Warren.



First, second and third place trophy winners display their awards won at a regional business club competition

## Business whizzes Students win trophies at competition

Several Novi High School students are learning the ropes of the business industry long before actually entering the business world.

As part of an academic group named the Business Professionals of America (formerly known as the BBOC), 19 Novi students recently competed with over 250 students from 15 area schools at a regional contest at Jackson Area Career Center.

Under the leadership of business teacher Barbara Cliff, these Novi students won a total of 27 awards and those who qualify may advance to a national competition that will take place in Dallas, Texas this April.

The main purpose of the Business Professionals of America is to give business students an opportunity to earn recognition and awards for their skills. By participating in the group, students are able to compete with other students from neighboring districts.

Winning first place trophies at the regional competition were Caryn Howard, Sharon Loyola and Michelle Traywick, who made up a spelling team. Rajesh Bazaz also took home a first place trophy for his skills in business math.

Second place trophies went to the following students in their fields of expertise: Grace Yee, financial assistant; Kelly Zwar, office support assistant and shorthand; Lisa Brown, extemporaneous speech; Jennifer Pigeon, keyboarding.

Receiving third place trophies were Jennifer Chinn for job interviewing, Lynn Emery for prepared speech and Julie Dudley for shorthand.

Fourth place certificates were awarded to Melane Molina, financial assistant; Rajesh Bazaz, financial specialist; Heather Kurtz, extemporaneous speech; Jennifer Watkins, prepared speech and business law; and Tracey Fritz, computerized accounting.

Winning fifth place certificates were Ken Chase, for his skills as a financial specialist and in business math; and Rajesh Bazaz for computerized accounting.

Sixth place certificates were awarded to Sonia Lakhanpal for her skills in the category of prepared speech and Ken Chase for computerized accounting.

Receiving seventh place certificates were Lynn Emery, office support assistant; and Dana Scriber, job interview.

Eighth place certificates were awarded to Dawn Ziegler, office support assistant; and Caryn Howard, business proofreading.

During competitions, each student is able to select a maximum of four contests to enter. The top eight winners in each competition advance to higher levels of competition — the state and national levels.

Students from Novi High School have received awards at the national level for the past three years.

## Cook to speak at church services

A good friend and acquaintance of many Novi residents is returning to the area for a visit and two speaking engagements.

The Rev. Arnold B. Cook, former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Novi, plans to return to the church this Sunday, Feb. 5.

The pastor is expected to speak at the 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. services on Sunday.

Cook has been a pastor for 40 years, serving first as assistant pastor in his home church in Whitesville, West Virginia, from 1949 to 1951.

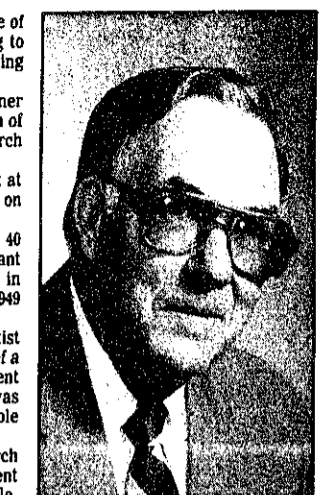
He came to the First Baptist Church of Novi in 1957 as a result of a recommendation by the present pastor, Richard Burgess, who was then pastor of the Salem Bible Church.

During Cook's ministry, the church moved from Novi Road to its present location on Park Road at Eleven Mile. The present church was built in 1959.

Cook left Novi in 1963 to serve as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Reidsville in North Carolina. The First Baptist Church of Novi extended a call to Pastor Cook to return again where he remained until 1973.

Cook then assumed the position of president of Southland Bible Institute until 1976. He is currently pastor of the Stone Eden Baptist Church of Stoneville, North Carolina.

Pastor Cook is anxious to renew acquaintance with many of his friends during his upcoming visit. The community is invited to attend the 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. services to visit with the pastor.



REV. ARNOLD B. COOK

## Library sponsors children's events

Novi Public Library will host several special programs and activities during February.

On Thursday, Feb. 9, the library's After-School Special program will be "Make a Mask." The activity begins at 4 p.m., when children in fourth grade and up will be given the chance to make a mask of their choice.

Cost is \$1 to cover materials. Registration for the program began Feb. 1. Call the library if interested in attending.

A special "Craft Day" will be held at the library on Saturday, Feb. 11, when children will be able to make a Valentine for a favorite friend or relative.

Cost for materials on Craft Day is \$1. At 11 a.m., children ages 4-5 will be given the chance to create a special Valentine. Children ages 6 and over are invited to participate in the holiday program at noon. Registration is required.

During winter break, local children have received awards at the national level for the past three years.

Representatives from nursery schools and day care programs plan to attend the open house to offer information about their programs and philosophies.

The open house will run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the library on

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SWEDEN—Medical researchers at the University of Uppsala, in Finland, discovered (accidentally) a new weight-loss formula. The new discovery enables an overweight individual to lose pounds and fatty tissue without dieting or exercise.

The researchers made the discovery while searching for a formula to lower cholesterol. In a controlled study of a test group of people, cholesterol levels remained unchanged but the doctors were astounded to find that every participant used the formula lost weight. The published report of this study stated, "A highly significant decrease in body weight was seen" in patients who received the formula.

The formula was then tested in Sweden at Sahlgren Hospital, University of Goteborg. Again, all patients lost a substantial amount of weight even though they ate the same, changed their eating habits. The report detailing this study, published in the British Journal of Nutrition, stated: "Body weight was significantly reduced even though the patients were specifically asked not to alter their dietary habits." One patient in this study lost more than 30 pounds.

According to one informed source, the active ingredient comes from a 100% natural botanical source and contains no drugs or stimulants. When taken before mealtime it bonds with the food you eat and "ties up" calories, preventing their absorption.

A substantial portion of the calories ingested therefore pass through the digestive system unabsorbed. The body has to get energy to replace the lost calories, so it starts to burn stored fat. The result is rapid body weight loss. Extensive clinical tests have verified the safety of this formula for long-term use.

The formula is marketed in tablet form in the United States under the trade name Cal-Ban 3000. A book is available in Tampa, Florida, has exclusive North American distribution rights. A review of the customer files of this company revealed the names of hundreds of people who have lost up to 120 pounds the first week and as much as 200 40 or 60 or more pounds overall with Cal-Ban 3000. This is a golden opportunity for people who are plagued by fat and cellulite that they can't seem to lose by conventional methods.

Cal-Ban 3000 is reasonably priced at \$19.95 for a 3-week supply and \$38.95 for a 6-week supply. Postage and handling is \$3. To assure best service, orders are accepted by toll-free phone only. VISA, Master Card, Amex and C.O.D. orders are accepted. C.O.D. is \$2.20 extra. Orders may be placed by calling Anderson Pharmaceuticals, TOLL FREE 1-800-428-0842. During this special phone order promotion purchasers of a six-week supply of Cal-Ban 3000 will receive, absolutely free, a beautiful 24" double strand necklace of sparkling Chinese Exotic beads.

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<b>OPEN DOOR CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b> 145 N. Center, Northville Sunday School 10am Worship Services 11:30am Children's Ministry: 9:30am Full Children's Ministry & Nursery, Both Services Open Door Christian Academy (K-8) Pastor: Fred Peltier 348-2711	<b>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE</b> 348-9011 200 E. Main St., Northville Worship Church School 9:30 11:00 AM Children's Services 9:30 AM Dr. Lawrence Chamberlain-Pastor Rev. James Roberts, Minister of Evangelism & Singles Rev. Martin Andrus, Minister of Youth & Church School
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<b>St. John Lutheran Farmington</b> 2225 Gell Road, 3 E. of Grand River, 3 Ets W. of Farmington Road Worship Services 10:30 AM (for times see available) Church School 8:30 AM 314-2650 Pastor: Fay Year 8 Planning	<b>FIRST APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 2925 Green Road, 1/2 mile Farmington Hills, Michigan Worship Services 10:30 AM Also, First and Third Sunday at 7:30 P.M. Sunday School 8:15 A.M. Bible Class: Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Song Services - Last Sunday of month 7:00 P.M.
<b>CATHEDRAL OF HOPE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD</b> Meeting at the Novi Hillton Sunday 8:30 A.M. Nursery Provided at All Services Grady B. Jensen, Pastor 349-0505	<b>ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN MISSOURI SYNOD</b> High E. in Grandville, Northville T. Lubek, Pastor K. Kinke, Associate Pastor Church School 9:30-11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship, 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Class 10:00 a.m. Saturday Vespers: 6:00 P.M.
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<b>FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST</b> 1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail Plymouth, Michigan Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Meeting, 8:30 p.m.	<b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE</b> 9 Mile & Tenth Roads Rev. Eric Hammar, Minister Church School 8:30-10:30am Worship Services 9:15am & 11am Church School Nursery thru Adults 11:30am 349-3477 Ivan E. Speight, Asst. 349-3847
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<b>WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b> 41700 Farmington Road Livonia, MI 48154 (313) 422-1150 Sunday School and Sunday School 8:30, 10:30, 11:30a.m., and 7:30 p.m. At Schoolcraft College Nursery Care available Sunday School 10:30 a.m.	<b>SAINT JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH</b> 574 South Shelburne Road, Plymouth 348-5000 SUNDAY 7-8 AM Holy Eucharist Service 9:30 AM Bible Study Class 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Service Church School Classes (Nursery Care available) WEDNESDAY 10:30AM Holy Eucharist & Bible Teaching

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# Celebrating Lent

## Meadowbrook offers special services

Meadowbrook Congregational Church in Novi will celebrate Lent by offering a variety of program and worship opportunities this year. Following is a listing of dates and times for special services and activities:

On Wednesday, Feb. 8 (Ash Wednesday) church members will host a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by a worship service at 7:45 p.m.

A 7:30 p.m. Lenten program "The Kingdom of God: Under Judgement" will be offered on Wednesday, Feb. 15.

On Wednesday, Feb. 22, a 7:30 Lenten service "The Kingdom of God: A Remnant Shall Repent" will be held.

A 7:30 p.m. Lenten program "The Kingdom of God: The New Exodus" will be held on Wednesday, March 1. "The Kingdom of God: The Kingdom of God" is the title of the Wednesday, March 8 Lenten program, which will take place at 7:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, March 15, a 6:30 p.m. Lenten program will be celebrated with a Seder meal celebration and potluck. The Rev. James Lyons also will visit the church.

A 6:30 p.m. potluck will be offered Thursday, March 23, followed by a worship service, confirmation and reception of new members at 7:45 p.m. (On Tuesday, March 7, a

meeting will be held for prospective members at 7 p.m.)

The congregation at Meadowbrook will also hear special music during the Lenten Sundays preceding Easter. On Passion Sunday (March 12), a special work from the "Requiem" by Johannes Brahms entitled "Ye Now Are Sorrowful" will be performed by guest soprano Ernestine Nimmons, one of southeastern Michigan's best known soprano interpreters of the works of Brahms.

On Easter Sunday morning, the glorious "Hallelujah Chorus" and the aria "The Trumpet Shall Sound," both from the oratorio "Messiah" by George Frederick Handel, will highlight the worship service. A brass ensemble from Wayne State University and pianist Gregory White from the Flint and Saginaw Symphony Orchestras will join the Meadowbrook Chancel Choir and Minister of Music Professor Ray Ferguson in presenting the musical portions of the Easter service. Ferguson is organist for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and professor of Organ and Church Music at Wayne State University.

## Church Notes

**Holy Cross:** Special services will be held at Holy Cross Episcopal Church in celebration of Ash Wednesday. The church will conduct services on Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 8:30 a.m., noon and 7 p.m., when there will be imposition of ashes and Holy Eucharist.

**Novi Baptist:** For the next several weeks Pastor Richard Burgess will bring a series of messages on spiritual gifts in the 11 a.m. worship service at the First Baptist Church of Novi.

Topics to be covered include "How you can know your life focus gift," "Are sign gifts valid today?," "Should Christians seek the gift of tongues?" and "Do all Christians receive spiritual gifts?"

**Northville Methodist:** "Be My Disciple" will be the theme and title of the 1989 Lenten program for the First United Methodist Church in Northville.

The event will be concentrated on the weekend of March 3-5. Dr. Ron Crandall — an ordained minister who is currently teaching at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmar, Ky. — will lead the weekend program.

The program will begin Friday, March 3, with discussion, refreshments, music and a message. On Saturday, March 4, Crandall will lead four workshops on discipleship, its meaning and its application. The weekend will culminate on Sunday, March 5, with dinner and worship.

The public is invited to attend. For more information call 349-1144.

## Singles group plans variety of events

**NORTHVILLE** — Single Place, a support group for single adults sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, will host several events during February, including a Mystery Party on Saturday, Feb. 11.

The party will begin at 8 p.m. at 19434 Silver Spring Drive in Northville, Apartments 203 and 204. The movie "Citizen Kane" will be shown, and those attending the event should be prepared to solve a "mystery."

Hostesses for the evening will be Karen Greenwood and Marnie Silk-Young. Optional dress in the style of the 1920s is suggested but not required.

A \$3.50 donation is suggested. For more information and to make reservations call 349-2432 or 347-0663.

On Sunday, Feb. 12, Single Place welcomes Pat Seaser as guest speaker. Seaser will talk about "Body Broadcasis," a humorous look at body language and non-verbal gestures.

Seaser is a frequent visitor on radio and TV talk programs.

The presentation will begin at 7 p.m. at the Northville Presbyterian Church. A \$3 donation is requested. Child care will be provided.

For those who enjoy dances, Single Place will host a Country and Western Dance complete with lessons at the church on Saturday, Feb. 25, from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.

A professional dance instructor will be on hand to teach fun country and western dances such as the Country Waltz, the Texas Two Step, the Country Polka and the Cotton Eyeed Joe.

The evening includes dance lessons, snacks and beverages. Cost is \$5.

Those participating in the event are encouraged to bring a partner and to invite their friends, but also may come alone.

Western and country style clothing is encouraged. The group will meet at the Starling Gate following the dance for food, fellowship and more dancing.

For more information call 397-2816. On Sunday, Feb. 26, Single Place presents a

special program about tax planning for singles. Special guest speaker will be Sandra Smith-Rae of Sandra Smith-Rae and Associates of Northville.

Topic of the program is entitled "Tax Planning/Consequences For Singles and Tax Ramifications for the Divorced and For Those Thinking of Divorce." Rae will share some of the new rules for filing federal and state tax forms.

The program begins at 7 p.m. at the Northville Presbyterian Church. A \$2 donation is requested. Child care will be provided.

Those are just a few of the special events and activities planned by Single Place, a support group organized for the purpose of providing friendship, caring and sharing for all single adults. The group meets at the First Presbyterian Church in Northville as an outreach of Single Place Ministries.

The Rev. James Russell is advisor of the group. Co-leaders are Rita Rodden and Ron Dunbar. For more information about the group or any of its upcoming activities, call 349-6474.

## Births

Cynthia and Lawrence Vockler of Novi announce the birth of a daughter, Lauren Elise, born Dec. 15, 1988, at Sinai Hospital.

She weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ray Taylor and Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor. Paternal grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Vockler.

Godparents will be Constance Dame and Gary Vockler.



LAUREN ELISE VOCKLER

## People

Five Novi residents have earned degrees from Michigan State University. LYNN CAUDRY earned a BA in Advertising; STEPHANIE KLIMA of Kings Pointe earned a BS in Psychology; LAURA LUNSKI of Heatherbrae earned a BA in Marketing, graduating with honors; JOHN PREUSS earned a BA in Journalism; and SHAREEN THERBACH of Edgewater earned a BA in Marketing.

Two Novi residents have earned masters degrees from Central Michigan University. PEGGY ESPER of Oak Tree earned a Master of Science in Business Administration in the field of Health Services Administration and THOMAS SIMO of Harvest Drive earned a Master of Science in Business Administration in the field of General Administration.

Three Novi residents received undergraduate degrees from Central Michigan University during Dec. 17 commencement exercises. SUSAN DIANE GOLLA of Cortes earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in the field of Management. CHRISTOPHER GRINDROD of Brookforest received a Bachelor of Applied Arts degree in the field of Broadcast and Cinematic Arts and MARYANN LIONAS of Park Ridge earned a Bachelor of Science in Education in the field of English.

## Novi church hosts dedication service

Bishop Milton Reisen will preside over official dedication service for an addition to the Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church this Sunday, Feb. 4, at 4 p.m.

The Rev. Thomas A. Scherger, pastor of the church, said that he and the congregation invite members, friends and neighbors to attend the special dedication service.

"The Sunday afternoon service will

mark another landmark for Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church," said Scherger. "Major improvements and additions to the current structure will aid the congregation as it serves the surrounding community."

The church is located at 47020 West Ten Mile, between Meadowbrook and Haggerty roads.

Spirit of Christ was formed in June 1983 when the people of the Freedom

Lutheran and Living Lord Lutheran churches voted to form a new congregation. Since that time, membership of the congregation has grown to over 250 persons, making the need for increased space apparent.

The Spirit of Christ congregation engaged architect Carl Gaiser in 1986 to develop plans for a multi-purpose education and fellowship room, enlarged nathex, a new office, kitchen, rest rooms and storage space. Oak Builders subsequently was retained as general contractor.

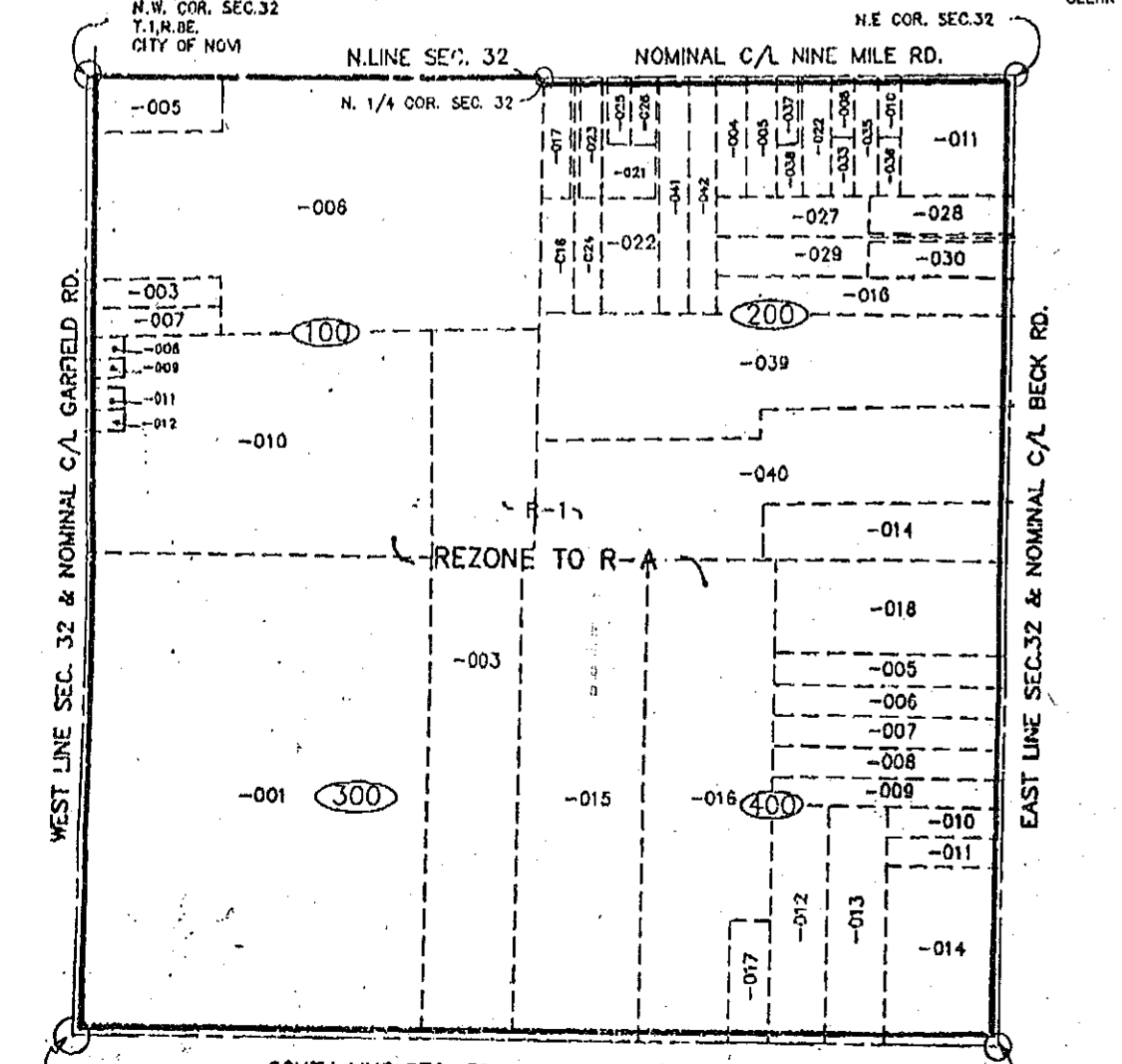
Financing for the addition to the church was provided by Lutheran Fraternities of East Detroit.

Ground for the addition was broken on April 10, 1986, and the expanded and renovated building will be dedicated to the glory of God this Sunday, Scherger stated.

## CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ENACTMENT AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE

THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS: PART I. That Ordinance No. 84-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi, is hereby amended by the amending of the Zoning Map as indicated on ZONING MAP NO. 18-488, attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.

PART II. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any ordinance or parts of any Ordinance in conformity with any of the provisions of this Ordinance, in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed.



To rezone Section 32, T.1N., R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the N.W. corner of Section 32, thence Easterly along the northern line of said section to the N. 1/4 corner; thence continuing easterly along said north line and nominal centerline of Nine Mile Rd. to the N.E. corner of Section 32; thence southerly along the easterly line of said section (nominal centerline of Beck Rd.) to the S.E. corner of Section 32; thence westerly along the southerly line of said section (nominal centerline of Eight Mile Rd.) to the S.W. corner of Section 32; thence Northwesterly along the westerly line of said section (nominal centerline of Garfield Rd.) to the point of beginning.

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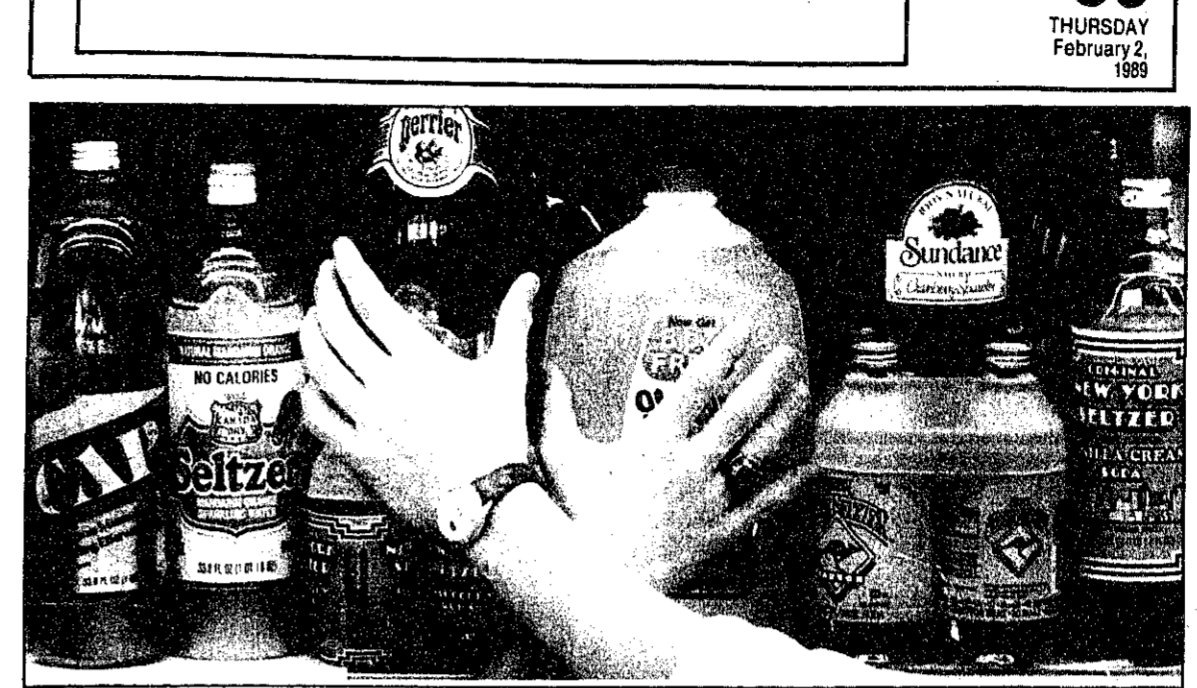
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# Diversions



Several varieties of bottled waters line the shelves of Northville's Shopping Center Market

## Bottled waters gain popularity

By AMY ROSA

If you're... if you're cool, then you surely have a bottle of sparkling water with a twist of something lying around.

After all, sparkling water is the latest rage from California, right behind sushi, frozen yogurt and avocados.

It's the thing to be sipping if you're at a social gathering and don't want to drink alcohol, for instance, says supermarket manager Ed Bullock.

Bullock, co-manager of the Shopping Center Market in Northville, says he's seen an immense rise in popularity of these drinks over just the last two years. "There's no doubt it started in California," said the 20-year supermarket veteran.

The brand "Absopure," sparkling natural spring water, touched off the race for the purest in such drinking

refreshments, said Bullock.

These "it" sippers include variations of the good old standbys:

- Sparkling water
- Sparkling mineral water
- Seltzer
- Club soda
- Tonic water

The drinks — under such brand names as Absopure, Perrier, Crystalline, Naya, CAP, Sundance, Original New York Seltzer and Aussie Seltzer — are trendy carbonated beverages being touted by the health conscious of late.

Bottles advertise "natural spring water," "pure artesian spring water with natural effervescence," and the like. And many brands claim to be without caffeine, added color, preservatives and sodium.

But shoppers shouldn't be fooled into thinking all these beverages are the same. When some brands say "no artificial sweetener added," it could

mean that a sugar-based sweetener, either from corn or cane, is used. Also those that say "low sodium" still contain some sodium.

The bottom line is to read the labels, so you know exactly what you're getting, or not getting, as in the case of calories.

Usually sparkling waters, seltzers and club sodas — whether unsweetened, plain or flavored — contain no calories. Those that do have calories (ranging from 60-85 per 6 ounces) are tonics and sweetened seltzers.

An example of this is the New York Seltzer line of colas, most of which contain some calories. Rootbeer, vanilla creme, black cherry, blueberry and concord grape are popular flavors, said Bullock.

However, tonic water, which traditionally contained calories, can now be found in a diet version by Canada Dry, Schweppes and Canfields. All

still contain quinine, a bitter extract from the cinchona bark.

Remember when Perrier was all the rage? Well even now Perrier has had to alter its traditional "imported naturally sparkling mineral water" by adding twists of berry, orange, lemon and lime to keep up with the competition.

Even Faygo brand soda has added its version of sugar-free flavored sparkling waters to the market.

Other flavors in these types of drinks include (usually qualified as "twists of") raspberry, peach, strawberry-lemonade, grapefruit, cherry, cranberry and banana.

And then there is the Sundance brand which combines fruit juices and sparkling water for an even different taste.

Whatever your preference, there is much to choose from in the way of "it" drinking.

## World famous band visits Novi

Woody Herman's famous band — the Young Thundering Herd — will perform at Novi High School's Forest Auditorium today (Thursday, Feb. 2) at 7 p.m.

The world-renowned band is directed by Frank Tiberti. Herman chose Tiberti as the orchestra's music director in the spring of 1987 when ill health forced the legendary big band leader to take a sabbatical.

The Novi High School Jazz Band will perform under the direction of Craig Strain as the opening act at 6:30 p.m. All tickets are \$7 and can be purchased at the door.

**In Town**

will perform on Mondays and Fridays during Happy Hour throughout the month of February. Entertainment is provided at Mr. B's Farm from about 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Mr. B's Farm is located on the west side of Novi Road, just north of Ten Mile in Novi.

**Mr. B's Farm:** A special one-night appearance by "The Way Cools" will be featured at Mr. B's Farm tonight (Thursday, Feb. 2).

Dean Rutledge and Hank Williams will play at Mr. B's Farm on Fridays and Saturdays during the month of February. Jimmy Perkins will play on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Johnny Miller

**Novi Hilton:** The musical group "Heartbeat" will perform through Feb. 18 in the Whispers Lounge of the Novi Hilton.

The Novi Hilton is located on Haggerty Road near Eight Mile Road in Novi.

## DIA honors Black History Month

The Detroit Institute of Arts is planning several activities during February (Black History Month) to honor Black Americans.

"Voices of Sarafina," the 1988 film directed by Nigel Noble, will be shown in the museum auditorium on Friday and Saturday (Feb. 3-4) from 7-9 p.m.; Sunday (Feb. 5) at 5 and 7 p.m.; and on Saturday, Feb. 25, at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Weekday showings will be offered Feb. 27, 28 and March 1 at 10 a.m. General admission tickets are \$3 and may be purchased in advance through the DIA ticket office or at the door.

"The film has received critical acclaim and is a behind-the-scenes portrait of the creation of the currently running Broadway musical "Sarafina!"

Adult tours of "African and Afro-American Artists on View at the DIA" will be conducted free of charge. The display contains essays about specific works. Call 832-2730 for more information.

**Historical Museum:** Detroit Historical Museum presents "From Downtown to the Boulevard: Black Detroit 1915-1946," an exhibition that opens Feb. 3 and continues through August.

The display explores the growth, development and organization of Detroit's east side black neighborhoods from 1915-1946. It will be exhibited in the museum's Stark Hall and includes five major sections — migration, community life, entertainment, housing and black businesses. For more information call 833-1664.

Detroit Historical Museum is at 5401 Woodward at Kirby. It's open Wednesday through Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**'Stepping Out':** Birmingham Theater presents "Stepping Out" through Feb. 5.

The play was originally directed on Broadway by Tommy Tune and features tap dancing. It has been referred to as a low-key "A Chorus Line."

Performances are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 8 p.m. with tickets at \$21.50; Sundays at 7 p.m. tickets \$26.50; and Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., tickets \$26.50.

Matinees will be featured at 2 p.m. Wednesdays with tickets at \$18; and at 2 p.m. Sundays, tickets \$21.50.

Information and tickets are available at the Birmingham Theater box office or charge by phone, 644-3333, with Mastercard or

**Rosedale Players:** The Rosedale Community Players will present "Design For Murder," a classic who-dunnit by George Batson on Feb. 10, 11, 17, 18, 24 and 25.

Performances will be held at the Upstage, 21728 Grand River at Lahar. Curtain times are 8 p.m. Tickets are \$6. All seats are reserved.

For more information call 532-4010.

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## On and off slope fun awaits you

By ALICIA GARRISON

Whether you enjoy the high-speed thrill of streaking down a plunging run or quietly gliding back and forth across a long open meadow, Michigan ski facilities offer an abundant sampling of snowy slopes.

With nearly 50 ski resorts, Michigan is considered to be the downhill wonder of the Midwest.

In addition to skiing, most of today's ski lodges offer a variety of other activities. If you're not an avid skier, you can go ice skating, rent a snowmobile or bundle up for an exhilarating sleigh ride. Snowboarding (surfing on snow) has also become a popular sport.

Indoor facilities are frequently equipped with racketball courts, Jacuzzis and swimming pools. Most feature restaurants, bars, rental shops and ski schools.

Moreover, ski areas are making it easier for families to ski. Some resorts offer free skiing for children under a certain age and free or reduced prices on lift tickets for senior citizens. Some resorts are even expanding their facilities to provide day-care centers or nursery schools, complete with toys, physical activities, stories and crafts.

And nowhere is the skiing finer than in Northern Michigan—close enough for a weekend trip anytime. Following is a brief description of some of Northern Michigan's finer ski havens.

**SUGAR LOAF, Route 1, Cedar**  
Located in Cedar, 18 miles northwest of Traverse City, Sugar Loaf has 22 runs (six novice, nine intermediate and seven advanced) and a 540-foot vertical drop. Its longest run is 6,326 feet. Open through mid-March, Sugar Loaf features learn-to-ski packages, handicap accessibility, rentals,



## NORTHERN SKI RESORTS

lessons, nursery, pool, tennis and saunas. Lift tickets are \$25 for adults and \$23 for children under 18. Seniors (over 64) ski free. Children under 19 sleep and ski free with mid-week packages. For more information, call (800) 632-9802.

**BOYNE MOUNTAIN, U.S. 131, Boyne Falls**  
Boyne Mountain, a 1,150-foot-high summit near the tip of Michigan's Lower Peninsula, offers plenty of challenging skiing and lots of lively nightlife. Open through Easter, Boyne Mountain has 18 runs (four novice, seven intermediate and seven advanced). Its longest run is 7,920 feet and it has a vertical drop of 450 feet. Lift

tickets are \$25; under 9 or over 70 ski free. Boyne Mountain features several miles of open and tracked trails for intermediates and experts, lessons, rentals, handicap accessibility, indoor pool and ice skating. Call (616) 549-2441 for more information.

**BOYNE HIGHLANDS, Hedrick Road, Harbor Springs**  
Located four miles north of Harbor Springs off M-119, Boyne Highlands' longest run is one mile. It has a 450-foot vertical drop and 17 runs (six novice, four intermediate and seven advanced). Lift tickets are \$25; under 9 or over 70 ski free. Extra facilities include 17 miles of marked, groomed trails, two wooded trails, two golf

course trails, ice skating, Jacuzzis, saunas, lessons, and rental. For more information, call (616) 526-2171.

**CABERFAE, Caberfae Road, Cadillac**

Featuring 22 kilometers of marked trails through Manistee National Forest, Caberfae is 15 miles west of Cadillac off M-55. It has 24 trails and a 470-foot vertical drop. Its longest run is 2,640 feet. Lift tickets are \$18. Caberfae offers night skiing, snowboarding, nursery accommodations, lessons and rentals. For more information, call (616) 862-3301.

**SHANTY CREEK—SCHUSS MOUNTAIN RESORTS, Schuss Mountain Road, Mancelona**

Choose from two exciting ski hills and 30 challenging slopes. Located four miles west of Mancelona on M-88, Schuss Mountain has a vertical drop of 400 feet and its longest run is 5,280 feet. Shanty Creek, two miles south of Bellaire, has a 300-foot vertical drop and its longest run is 2,700 feet. Free shuttle service is available between the ski slopes at Shanty Creek and Schuss Mountain. Lift tickets at Shanty Creek are \$18 for adults and \$14 for children. Schuss Mountain lift tickets are \$22 for adults and \$15 for children. Tickets for both resorts are \$28 for adults and \$20 for children. Facilities at both resorts include ski school, rentals, snowboarding, ice skating, sleigh rides, day-care, Jacuzzis, indoor pools, and saunas. Call (800) 632-7118 for more information.

**THE HOMESTEAD, Wood Ridge Road, Glen Arbor**

Located on the Leelanau Peninsula, this stylish, modern resort is situated at the base of a 375-foot-high Lake Michigan sand dune. The Homestead has 14 runs (four beginner, six intermediate and four advanced) and a 375-foot vertical drop. Open through March 5, its longest run is 2,640 feet. The Homestead features night skiing, snowboarding, platform tennis, ice skating, shops, lessons and rentals. Lift tickets are \$20 and children under 5 ski free. For further information, call (616) 334-5000.

## FEB What's Going ON

### Theater

#### THEATER: "Love's Labour's Lost."

The Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor presents The Acting Company in William Shakespeare's "Love's Labour's Lost." The play, a tale of the King of Navarre and three of his lords, is scheduled for a single performance on Saturday, Feb. 4 at 8 p.m. The Acting Company is the official touring arm of John F. Kennedy Center. Tickets are \$22.50 and \$18 and available at the Michigan Theater box office, 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor Call 668-8397 for more information. The Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit, commemorates Black History Month with a variety of events, including a first-run showing of "Voices of Sarafinal," a 1988 film directed by Nigel Noble. Show times are 10 a.m. Feb. 27, 28 and March 1; 7-9:30 p.m. Feb. 3-4; 5-7 p.m. Feb. 5. Tickets are \$3 and may be purchased in advance by calling the DIA ticket office at 832-2730 or at the door. Stephen Sondheim's "Company," a classic musical, appears at the Birmingham Theater Feb. 15-March 19. Performances are Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 7 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Wednesday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$13.50 to \$26.50. Information and tickets are available at the Birmingham Theater box office or by calling 644-3533. Individual ticket sales begin Jan. 29. The Theater Guild of Livonia-Redford, 15138 Beech Daly Rd., presents "My Sister in This House." The play was written by Wendy Kesselman and examines the growing tension of four lonely women trapped under one roof. Performance dates are Feb. 10, 11, 17, 18, 24 and 25 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$6. Call 427-1905 for reservations. Sesame Street Live's "Big Bird and the ABC's" appears at Cobo Arena through Feb. 5. The show celebrates the 20th anniversary of Children's Television Workshop's Sesame Street Show. Tickets are \$7.50 and \$9.50 and are on sale at the Joe Louis Arena box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. Call 432-6666 to purchase tickets by phone.

### Sounds

#### MUSIC: Barbershop quartet to appear.

The Detroit-Oakland County Barbershop Singing Chapter presents its 50th annual four-part harmony show "50 Years of Solid Gold Barbershop Harmony" at Livonia's Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt Rd. on Feb. 3 and 4 at 8 p.m. Featured performers include the Chiefs of Staff, the 1988 International Champion Barbershop Quartet, Chordiac Arrest and the Gentleman Songsters. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased by calling 422-5562. University Dance Company in conjunction with the University Symphony Orchestra presents a dance concert set to the music of Igor Stravinsky in a show entitled "Viva Stravinsky!" Performances will be held at the Power Center, at the corner of Fletcher and Huron in Ann Arbor from Feb. 2-5. Student dancers will perform to a full range of Stravinsky's music. Tickets are \$7 and \$10. For ticket information call 764-0450. Detroit Dance Collective presents its annual February concerts on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 10 and 11 at 8 p.m. at the Lila Jones-Johnson Theater, located at the Royal Oak Campus of Oakland Community College. The concerts will feature works by artistic directors Barbara Selinger and Paula Kramer. Tickets are \$8 and \$10. For ticket reservations and further information call 548-9664.

#### EXHIBITS: Detroit Historical Museum.

An exhibit entitled "From Downtown to the Boulevard: Black Detroit 1915-1946" opens at the Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward, Feb. 3 and runs through August. The exhibit explores five aspects of the development of Detroit's African American community — migration, housing, community life, business and entertainment. Museum hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sarkis Galleries at the Center of Creative Studies, 245 E. Kirby, Detroit, presents recent works by retired faculty. Gallery hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. University of Michigan Museum of Art presents the exhibition "Pure Elegance: A Decade of Asian Art Collecting," through March 19. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free.

#### SPECIALS: TRAVEL & ADVENTURE SERIES, Walled Lake Central High auditorium, 3 p.m. Feb. 12, "Ireland," narrated by Jim McDonald,

sponsored by Commerce Township Area Historical Society, \$4.50 adults; \$2.25 students, call 624-1483 for information. HANDS-ON MUSEUM, 219 E. Huron, Ann Arbor, "Hands-On Dental Health," on-going demonstrations by Washtenaw District Dental Society of the American Dental Association concerning filling teeth, reading x-rays, straightening teeth, starting at noon on Saturdays and 1 p.m. on Sundays through February, the program is free with museum admission; also at Hands-On for the month of February, "History of Communication," 1 & 3 p.m. Saturdays and 2 & 4 p.m. Sundays, the program is free with museum admission, call 995-5439.

## Fonte d'Amore: A comfortable little restaurant

### dining out

DIANE  
KOVACS

Every good Italian restaurant should come with the charming type of legend that John and Lina Del Signore have for the Fonte d'Amore.

Ever since coming to the United States it had been the Del Signore's dream to open a restaurant with the same name of their hometown, Fonte d'Amore.

Fonte d'Amore is a village in the center of Italy, about 90 miles east of Rome. The village is completely surrounded by mountains and streams of fresh water from natural springs.

A legend about the ancient poet Ovidio tells that he would meet a beautiful girl whom he loved at one of the springs in the village. Later, the spring became known as the Fonte d'Amore — fountain of love.

With a story like that behind its inception, you would expect Fonte d'Amore to be good. And, fortunately, it is.

The restaurant is located amidst strips of auto dealerships and home repair companies on Plymouth Road in Livonia. There's nothing particularly noteworthy or attractive about the exterior, and the uninformed would be tempted to drive right past, denying themselves the pleasure of the food inside.

The Del Signore's have created a comfortable little restaurant at the Plymouth Road location. The decor is warm and refreshing — brick and stucco walls, a mural of an Italian village on one of the walls and a fireplace in the center of the room.

Don't expect to find the light woods, brass and potted plants which are so popular in the area's trendier restaurants. Fonte d'Amore derives its charm from its own sense of honesty and authenticity.

The restaurant has been around a good many years and tends to draw a somewhat eclectic crowd. You'll find the occasional couple out on a date — usually seated near the fireplace, it seems — along with older people and families with children. "Trendy" is not the word for Fonte d'Amore.

What makes the family-owned restaurant worth a trip to Livonia is its classic Italian food... all of it prepared on the premises.

The menu includes 10 different pasta dishes, seven choices of veal, five steak and poultry selections and seven more seafood entrees.

Meals are accompanied by some very fine Italian bread and a choice of soup or salad. There's also a more than adequate wine list.

Our most recent trip to the Fonte d'Amore began with a selection from the list of appetizers — New Zealand green mussels saute, which was nicely presented and extremely tasty.



A Fonte d'Amore chef prepares a flaming Italian dish in the kitchen

Other appetizers include roasted peppers with artichoke hearts, escargot in mushroom caps, and prosciutto and melon.

My companion chose an entree from the selection of pastas, ordering Fettucine Al Verde — broccoli and mushrooms sauteed in virgin olive oil with garlic and parmesan cheese. The dish was evenly prepared, managing to retain a lightness without an overly burdensome or over-powering sauce.

The Veal All' More which I selected was even more satisfying — medallions of veal, artichoke hearts and mushrooms in a light marsala wine sauce.

Entrees are accompanied a vegetable and a choice of spaghetti or french fries.

Also noteworthy at the Fonte D'Amore are its homemade desserts, including several tortes. The waitperson will present a tray of dessert selections, and the adventurous diner will select some of the more original Italian confections made in the Fonte d'Amore's own kitchens.

The Fonte d'Amore offers a refreshing change for diners who have grown weary of the trendier, more contemporary restaurants. What makes this family restaurant unique and well worth the trip is its unpretentious charm — and, of course, the quality of its authentic cuisine.

Fonte d'Amore, 32030 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 422-0770. Open daily from 11 a.m. to midnight. Closed Sundays. Liquor license. All major credit cards.

Dianne Fenrich, newly elected president of Novi's Chamber of Commerce, says many of her favorite things involve resting and relaxing. After putting in a 50-hour work week as manager of Talbots at Twelve Oaks Mall and heading up the Chamber, who can blame her?



## My Favorite Things

1. RELAXING by reading in bed. Also, a hot weekend night includes ordering pizza and eating it in bed while watching television with her husband. Why so fun? "The kids are out of the house on Friday and Saturday nights," she explained.
2. SHOPPING, naturally, is one of her favorite pastimes. To keep up on the latest women's fashions, she browses other Twelve Oaks stores. She admits that she does shop elsewhere occasionally.
3. CHAMBER WORK is an exciting aspect of her life, especially given her new charge. She said she will be busy this year attending Chamber meetings and learning its finances. She will also work toward obtaining a new Chamber office.
4. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT is also big on her list of favorites. Much of her Chamber work is in essence public relations work. Other ways of interacting with the community include being a member of the Rotary Club and participating in the Novi '50s Festival.

**SPIKERS WIN:**  
Wildcat spikers  
rump past South Lyon/2D

**TOURNEY TITLE:**  
Novi tankers claim  
dominate Chelsea Invite/3D

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**SHIN SPLINTS:**  
Prevention easier  
than curing leg problems/4D



Novi's Scott Wladischkin is getting few offers from Division I football schools

Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

## Novi cagers suffer two more losses

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN  
staff writer

The Novi cagers traded buckets with host Lakeland for three quarters on Jan. 27 before falling apart in the final four minutes and dropping a 71-54 Kensington Valley Conference decision to the Eagles.

The loss to Lakeland, combined with last week's overtime defeat to visiting Dearborn, dropped Novi's season record to 3-10 overall (2-5 in the KVC).

The Wildcats have lost seven of their eight games since the holiday break.

"In the fourth quarter, we couldn't do anything right and they (Lakeland) were awful hot," noted John Cicchelli, coach of the Novi five. "We really struggled at the end of the game."

The Eagles pulled in front 14-10 after one quarter of play and increased the lead to 34-27 at halftime. The seven-point margin was Lakeland's biggest of the first half.

Novi cut the lead when guard Ed Cote canned a three-pointer at the end of the third quarter to make it 47-43 with eight minutes remaining. And it remained close for the first three minutes of the final period.

Lakeland then reeled off six straight points to build the lead back to 10 and establish control. Cote cut it to seven with another long-range bomb at the 4:16 mark, but the Eagles wrapped up the win by outscoring Novi 14-4 the rest of the way.

"Lakeland started getting two baskets for our one and, at that point, we couldn't even afford to trade baskets with them," Cicchelli said. "We had to foul them, and they made 6-of-7 in the fourth, and they made some easy baskets against our press."

"We just didn't answer the bell on defense again, and giving up 71 points is the result. We didn't stop the people we had to stop."

Lakeland's leading scorer — Randy Watters — poured in a game-high 30 points and added 17 rebounds.

"Watters beat us from the inside and from the outside," Cicchelli said. "He's a good player; we keyed on him, but we couldn't contain him."

"I'm very concerned about our defense because we can't seem to stop anybody. We're not playing intelligently; we're getting outre-

bounded and we're fouling a lot and those are symptoms of being out of position on defense."

Center Mark Fisher paced Novi with a career-high 22 points and added four blocks. Cote contributed 12 points, but was in foul trouble most of the game and actually sat out all but four minutes of the first half. Brett Csordas added 11 points and nine rebounds.

"Fisher had an outstanding game," Cicchelli said. "He was 10-of-14 from the floor. He's good player and he's asserting himself more offensively and it shows."

**DEARBORN 79, NOVI 75 (OT):** Neither team played much defense in this non-conference clash on Jan. 24, but the difference was a 6-0 run by the Pioneers in overtime.

"We were behind most of the game but we did make a nice comeback in the fourth to send it to overtime," Cicchelli said. "It didn't seem like either team played much defense. We had problems stopping their inside game — their three big people hurt us."

Fisher and Cote got the 'Cats off to a nice start by combining for 20 first quarter points and a 24-19 lead. But soon after that, Dearborn took a lead they would relinquish just once the rest of the way.

"It was Dearborn's inside game against our outside game, and usually the inside team wins that battle," Cicchelli said.

Novi cooled off offensively in the third quarter as the Pioneers extended the lead. But with Dearborn ahead by six at the four-minute mark, Cicchelli employed a half-court trapping defense and soon it was tied 70-70.

With 1:22 remaining, the Wildcats got possession of the ball, ran the clock down to 15 and then called a time out. Cicchelli set up a potential game-winning play but Novi turned the ball over before even getting off a shot and it was on to the overtime period.

"We had a darn good chance to win the game in regulation and we blew it," Cicchelli said.

The score remained tied with a little over a minute remaining, but the Wildcats missed two one-and-one free throw opportunities in the span of 30 seconds and the Pioneers reeled off six in a row to take command. Cote did hit a three-pointer with six seconds left, but Novi never gained possession of the ball after that.

## Unwanted?

### Division I teams lay off Wladischkin

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN  
staff writer

Novi football star Scott Wladischkin rushed for nearly 1,500 yards last fall while leading the Wildcats to a berth in the semifinals of the state playoffs.

But apparently no Division I football program is willing to offer him an athletic scholarship because they are leary of his size (5-foot-10, 180-pounds) — or, rather, his lack of it.

With the signing date for National Letters of Intent just six days away (Feb. 8), it was assumed that recruiters would be hot on Wladischkin's trail by now — especially after all the state-wide publicity and attention he received last November. But not one single school — including any Mid-American Conference (MAC) team — has offered Wladischkin any incentive to play his college ball for them.

"I've had Division II and III schools looking at me for football, but no Division I schools at all," Wladischkin said. "I may just wait until after baseball season to decide where I'm going to go."

The situation isn't really very bleak because Wladischkin is also rated one of the top returning senior baseball players in the state. With Division I schools wary about his football talents, baseball may be the answer.

"I've already been contacted by the University of Michigan and they wanted my academic transcript," Wladischkin said. "Size isn't really a factor in baseball, so maybe that's the route I should take. I'm hoping to use my speed to attract attention in baseball."

His name is currently listed with the Major

League Scouting Bureau as a possible professional prospect and colleges like U-M have been keeping their eyes on him since scouting Jeff Tanderys (now at Michigan) two years ago.

In addition, Wladischkin has been invited to several baseball camps for high schoolers who are considered pro prospects. The camps are put on by major league teams like the Cincinnati Reds and the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Wladischkin has been contacted by Division II schools like Ferris State, Grand Valley State, Hillsdale and Northern Michigan, and Division III schools like Albion and Adrian for football. He made an official recruiting visit to Ferris on the weekend of Jan. 21-22, then went to Adrian on Jan. 27 and to Grand Valley on Jan. 30.

Wladischkin was offered a full tuition scholarship from Ferris and is expecting other offers in the next few days, but he has always dreamed of playing major college football.

"I want to play Division I football, but they apparently aren't interested," he said. "My size is the problem, I guess — that's the only thing I can think of. I was hoping to go to at least a MAC school like Eastern, Central or Western. I was surprised — I thought I'd get a lot more attention."

Central Michigan did request films of Wladischkin, so Novi Coach John Osborne put together a highlight tape and sent it out to most of the MAC schools and even to several Big Ten schools like Wisconsin.

"I'm disappointed because I think Scott can play at the MAC level," Osborne said. "We've tried to market his talents by putting a highlight film together and sending it out. We got replies, but they indicated that he's not as big and maybe

not quite as fast as players they are looking for."

Wladischkin has been clocked at 4.6 in the 40-yard dash, which is about two-tenths of a second slower than most Division I running back prospects. But Osborne argues that his elusiveness and footspeed is something you just can't categorize or measure.

"The more I look around, I'm seeing a trend for smaller, more compact backs in college ball," he said. "Jamie Morris (former Michigan star) and Blake Ezor (current Michigan State star) come to mind."

"I'm surprised he hasn't been recruited more heavily. The kid is a winner and I think he'll go on to college and excel wherever he goes and whatever sport he competes in."

If he does sign to play football at a smaller school, Wladischkin said he will probably try to play both football and baseball. But if he ends up at a Division I school, he'll probably end up concentrating on baseball alone.

"I'm not going to close any doors," he said. "I'd like to leave all my options open."

Wladischkin was named to virtually every All-State football squad last fall and will represent Novi at the MHSAA East-West All Star game this summer at MSU's Spartan Stadium.

**RECRUITING NEWS:** Quarterback Ken Hendrian and fullback/linebacker Joel Scheffler are the only other Novi football players who will probably continue playing in the college ranks. Both have been contacted by Division III schools, according to Osborne.

"Wayne State's been interested in Ken Hendrian after we sent them films of him," he said.

## O'Neill, Price win KVC mat titles

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN  
staff writer

The Novi grapplers failed to register a single victory in head-to-head dual meets with the other six Kensington Valley Conference teams this season.

But the Wildcats rebounded at the KVC Meet on Jan. 28 and proved to everybody that they do not belong at the bottom of the standings.

Milford nipped Novi in a dual meet on Jan. 19, but the 'Cats are much better suited to a tournament format and proved it at the KVC Meet. Novi, the defending KVC champs, ended up finishing sixth in the tourney with 86 points — more than four points ahead of last-place Milford — and that was enough to give Coach Tom Fritz's squad sixth-place overall for the season.

Brighton finished first at the KVC Meet with 153.5 points to clinch the 1989 KVC championship. Howell finished second (122), Hartland came in third (118), Lakeland was fourth (112) and South Lyon finished fifth (106).

"Our kids wrestled well," reported Tom Fritz, coach of the Novi mat team. "This format suited us better. Tournaments are suited better for individual strengths, and that's where we can compete with everybody else."

Although the Wildcats finished sixth in the conference meet, a pair of Novi matmen distinguished themselves by claiming individual championships. Junior Jeff O'Neill and senior Ed Price both carried top seeds into the tournament and both cruised to KVC titles without a hitch.

O'Neill was 3-0 on the day in the 160-pound division. He won the KVC crown by clobbering South Lyon's Larry Olsen 9-0 in the finals.

"It wasn't even a contest," Fritz said. "Jeff's done a great job for us this season, but I expected some big things from him. He's tough kid and he came through."

Price was also the favorite at 171, but he's been bothered all season with a knee injury and is just now starting to get back near 100 percent. Price ripped through two early round opponents and then topped

Bart Reed of Milford 10-3 in the finals.

"I know this will put some extra pressure on him, but Eddie's one of the best 171-pounders in the state," Fritz said. "If he believes that he is, he can place at the state meet. He's as healthy as he's going to be and he only has to believe that he can do it."

Three other Novi grapplers finished in the top four, but two of them were disappointments. Sophomore Brian Paquette was seeded second at 103 but was stunned in the semifinals by Aaron Pogramich of Hartland and had to settle for third. Paquette was ahead of Pogramich 6-1 in the second period but made a mistake and was ended up getting pinned.

Paquette went on to pin Nick Wahl of Howell in 4:52 of the consolation finals, but the long-awaited clash with Milford's Brian Perkins never happened. Perkins went on to grab the 103 title easily.

Although to a lesser extent, Mike Gowans fourth-place finish at 130 was also a disappointment. The sophomore was seeded third but fell

to Mark Lillemoen of Milford 6-2 in the consolation finals.

"Paquette and Gowans are just sophomores and they both made some sophomore mistakes," Fritz said. "That's why I can't be too disappointed. It's a lot of pressure to put on such young kids."

The big surprise of the day for the 'Cats was Rich Helfer's third-place finish at 145. Helfer moved down from his normal spot at 152 and was seeded sixth, but his only loss on the day was to top-seeded Dennis Skatzka of South Lyon. Helfer then went on to beat Chris Klebba of Howell 2-0 in the consolation finals.

"Overall, I was very proud of the guys because they never gave up," Fritz said. "We were 0-6 in the KVC dual meets, but these kids clawed their way out of the basement and that took some character."

The Wildcats competed in the MHSAA Individual Pre-District tournament on Feb. 1 (after The News' deadline) at Walled Lake Western. Qualifiers from the pre-districts move on to the district tourney on Feb. 4.



Novi Chris Weidon releases a one-hander

Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

Scoreboard

KVC crown on the line

The undefeated Milford boys' basketball team traveled to Ypsilanti Lincoln last night to play the Class B Raisers...

So, barring a huge upset (the contest was played after The News' deadline), the Redskins will enter Friday's game at Howell with a perfect 14-0 record.

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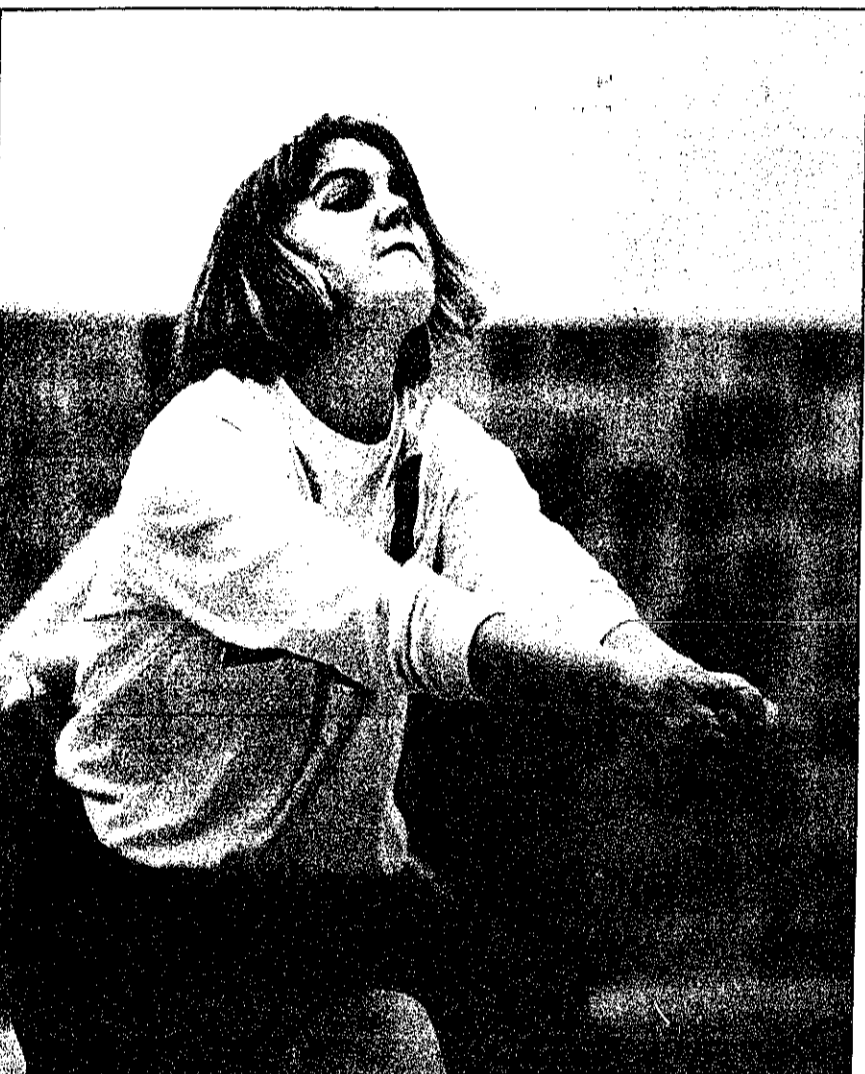
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Novi's Andrea Schwandt sets the ball during Novi's win over South Lyon

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Novi volleyball Coach Amy Rademacher treated her squad to a pre-match pizza dinner on Jan. 26. Several hours later, the Wildcats returned the favor...

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Wildcats of the Week



RICH HELFER

Rich Helfer's performance at the KVC Meet is the kind of effort that helped pull the Novi grapplers out of the conference basement...

Novi tankers win Chelsea Invite

Can anybody slow down the red-hot Novi swimmers this season, nobody's even come close. The undefeated and fourth-ranked Wildcat tankers traveled to the usually tough Chelsea Invitational on Jan. 28...

Rec Briefs

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## Shin splints — bane of runners

By PHIL GINOTTI  
staff writer

A runner once asked his coach "Coach, what can you do with a bad case of shin splints?"

"Suffer," the coach responded. And that about sums it up for a painful malady, whose emphasis is more on prevention than cure.

"Shin splints" is what doctors call a wastebasket term for any number of specific muscle-related afflictions that occur in the lower leg. Runners, basketball players and other athletes whose sports are marked by continuing impact with a hard surface are susceptible to the injury.

It involves an inflammation of any number of muscle tissues near the tibia (lower leg). From impact, the muscles can actually begin to tear away from their attachments on the upper part of the bone. The inflamed muscle tissue, the tearing away from the bone is what causes the dull and lingering pain that shin splint sufferers report.

"No question, it is extremely painful," said Dr. Kenneth Poss, who operates a Novi sports medicine clinic. "It hits a lot of people. We see runners with it all of the time."

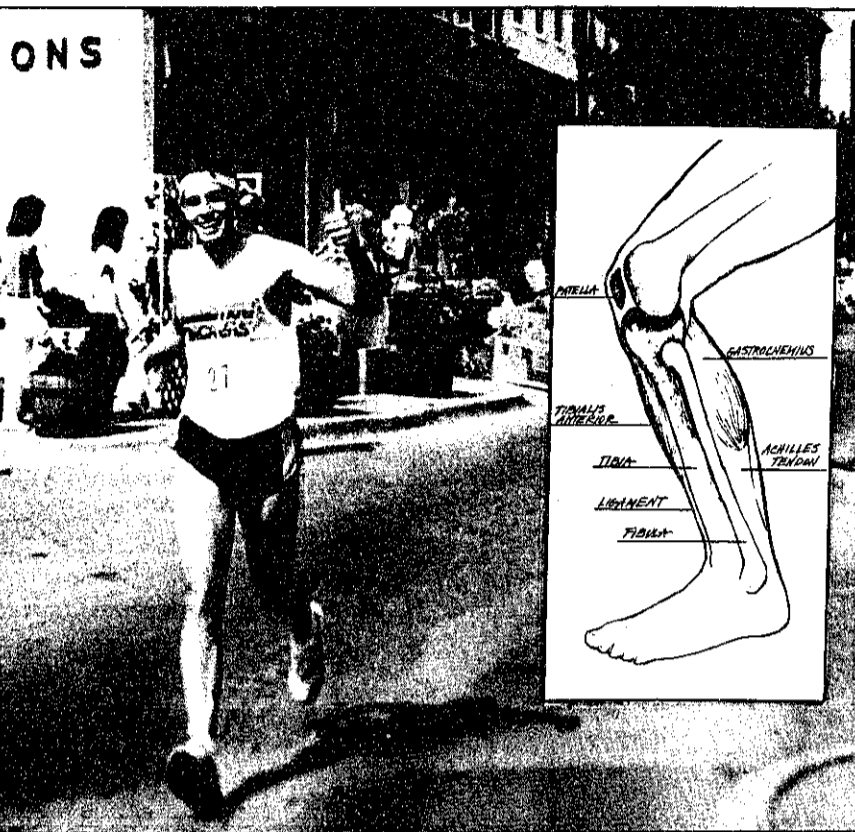
Good stretching exercises targeted at the lower leg, starting out slowly, and using moderation in exercise programs is recommended to prevent the injury from occurring, Poss said.

"Usually, they just don't warm up or stretch the muscles thoroughly before starting a physical activity," Poss said. "Or, the athlete simply overdoes it."

Recurring shin splints could be the result of a physical quirk, like excess pronation.

That occurs as the heel or foot angles inward when impacting with the ground surface. Instead of the sole hitting the ground surface flatly, it strikes on an angle.

Continual excess pronation causes undue stress in a number of muscles, tendons and ligaments in the lower leg. It can lead to a variety of extremely painful ailments, including shin splints.



Moderation and stretching are keys to painless running (Graphic shows affected area)

Pronation can be corrected with the use of orthotics, which are small plastic or cork inserts that fit inside the shoe. The devices hold feet in their proper position and prevent the unnatural impact from occurring.

"We're treating a lot of people with the orthotics and it works fantastically," Poss said. "It's the type of deformity that that can be corrected and corrected quite well."

Warning signs of excess pronation include uneven wear on the soles and

heels of shoes, constant ankle and foot pain, or development of bunions on the feet.

If the athlete's heels or kneecaps tend to turn inward when standing, it's also a good sign that pronation is likely to occur.

The unfortunate aspect of shin splints is that it takes a long time to heal and is likely to recur if not healed properly. Serious or unattended shin splints may limit a runner's activity for six months to a year.

Immediate first aid for the problem includes use of heat and ice. Poss recommends that shin splint sufferers ice down their injury for several hours immediately after it occurs, breaking at regular intervals to prevent frostbite. Later, moderate heat should be applied. Pain relievers or prescribed anti-inflammatory drugs can also be used to help combat the problem.

Poss said the only other cure is lots of rest time.

## Schoolcraft slates fitness program

A fitness program for community and corporate employees is now available at Schoolcraft College in Livonia Monday through Friday from 6:30 to 8 a.m. and 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Participants can take advantage of a full-competition swimming pool with a separate diving area, six racquetball courts, a weight training room, a dance training room and muscle soothing saunas. A 12-week membership is \$40 and a six-week membership is \$22. The facilities also can be used for \$3 per visit.

Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile in Livonia. For more information call 462-4413.

**CPR classes:** Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills is offering adult CPR classes and infant/child CPR classes.

The adult program is offered the first Thursday of every month from 7-10 p.m. in the Administration and Education Center. Pre-registration is required.

The infant/child program is offered the first Monday of every month from 7-10 p.m. in the Administration and Education Center. Pre-registration is also required.

Fees are \$5 for each class. Call 471-8090 for more information.

**Anonymous programs:** Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills offers Narcotics Anonymous, Alcoholics Anonymous and Smokers Anonymous meetings every week.

Narcotics Anonymous meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.; Alcoholics Anonymous meets on

## Fitness notes

Tuesdays from 8-10 p.m., Thursdays from 8-10 p.m. and Sundays from 7-9 p.m.; and Smokers Anonymous meets Saturdays at 7 p.m.  
For more information, call 471-8090.

**Walking at the mall:** People who enjoy walking are invited to use the climate-controlled corridors at Twelve Oaks Mall. Walkers are welcome Monday through Saturday at 8 a.m. and Sunday at 11 a.m.  
All walkers must register at the Twelve Oaks security office.

The lower level track is five-tenths of a mile, while the upper level track is eight-tenths of a mile. A complete trip around the mall is one and one-third miles.

**Blood pressure education:** Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills is sponsoring a series of blood pressure education classes. The classes will run for four consecutive Tuesdays and will start on March 28 from 7-9 p.m.  
Cost is \$25. For more information, call 471-8090.

**Fitness Over 50:** Twelve Oaks Mall is offering a free exercise program titled "Fitness Over 50" in the Lord & Taylor Court every Tuesday and Thursday from 9-10 a.m.

Designed and field-tested for 12 years at the University of Michigan, "Fitness Over 50" is a safe, carefully guided, low impact aerobic exercise program set to music. It is particularly aimed at older persons and others who can benefit from increased energy, endurance and muscle tone.

More than 100 people have joined the program since it began at Twelve Oaks in October 1987. Twelve Oaks Marketing Director Elaine Kah said new participants are always welcome and can sign up the day of the program. There are no age limits.

**Parent classes:** The Oakland County Health Division will offer a series of six Expectant Parent Classes beginning Feb. 9 in the Bartlett Friendship Center (Room 116) at 350 School Street in South Lyon.

Classes taught by public health nurses will be held from 7-9 p.m. The classes are free, but pre-registration is requested due to limited enrollment.

Topics will include maternal physical changes, good nutrition, growth and development of the fetus and the baby, labor and delivery, infant care and parenting. Parents are advised to enroll as early in the pregnancy as possible.

To register call 424-7042.

**Pre-natal exercise:** Debra Hoppe leads pre-natal/post-partum exercise classes at the Providence Hospital/Novi Center every Saturday at 10 a.m.

Classes are on-going and participants may enroll at any time by calling 227-7284. A physician consent form is necessary to participate.

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## Fitness Tips

### Sad tales of 'unrestrained drivers'

By KRIS NELSON, R.N.  
special writer

**EDITORS NOTE:** This article was written by a Flight Nurse Specialist on Survival Flight, the University of Michigan Emergency Helicopter Transport Service.

Maybe it was 10 or 11 p.m. when the call came in. I had been busy writing one of those endless number of letters back to the referring doctor describing how desperate our attempts had been to save that young man's life. It was all so futile. I didn't say that, but it had been common knowledge from the start. We all knew the outcome when someone said "unrestrained driver."

The elevator to the fourth floor seemed to take forever. Five minutes later I was in the Survival Flight helicopter, many stories above that fourth floor on my way to a nameless young woman in a bright, busy emergency room.

Night flying has always had a very

soothing effect on me. The calm cool air, the easy swift motions of the helicopter and the multitude of colored lights on the ground can easily lull me into a hypnotic state.

She is 21 years old and has sustained "multiple trauma" — another forgiving way of indicating that as yet, no one is sure of the extent of her injuries. They were right. No one could possibly know, much less examine, all the injuries this unfortunate young woman had suffered.

She, whoever she is, is now lying quietly on the stretcher secured to a long, broad board to stabilize her broken spine. The seatbelt that might have saved her from catastrophic injury, or even saved her life, now held her tightly to the piece of pine. A red halo encircled her now matted, discolored hair. Her eyes stared off into the distance to a dimension few living persons have seen.

Again and again I heard someone say "unrestrained driver." Still no name — just an unrestrained female

driver. Everyone is thinking the same thing. When are they going to learn? What will it take to make them understand that the simple act of buckling together two straps can make all the difference between life and death? Why is this always what it takes to learn that lesson?

It's very warm now. We must be traveling at close to 120 miles per hour. My fingers are cramping from the constant squeezing motion necessary for the rubber bag to provide adequate oxygen to this unknown woman. I unclip the seatbelt across her bruised chest to free an arm to check her pulse and blood pressure. The chill of the buckle is hardly distinguishable from her skin.

An hour has passed since the first call. We are now, the two of us, alone in another bright, busy emergency room. Everyone else is gone. The floor is scattered with dressings and assorted used instruments, and if I listen hard I can hear the wail of a siren from an approaching am-

balance.

I glance at my shoes and see splashes of this unknown woman's blood there. There is a rustle behind the curtain and another young woman is standing there with the same faraway look in her eyes, but there are tears coming from these eyes.

"I told her to always buckle-up," she says, "I told her, 'you're gonna get hurt.' Why didn't she listen to me?"

I'm staring at my reflection in the buckle of the seatbelt across her body. I know I heard her, but I didn't need to. Anyone of us can recite it from memory. "Unrestrained driver."

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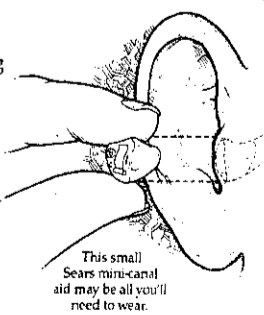
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