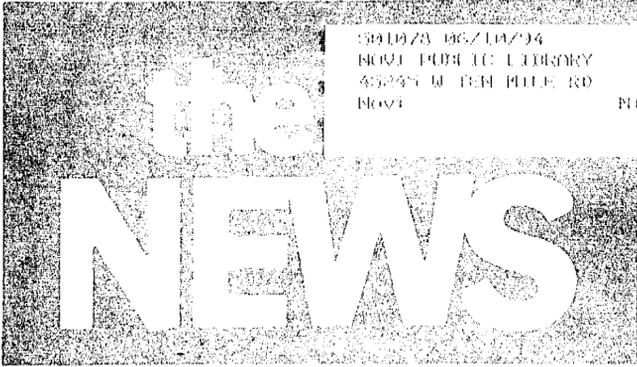


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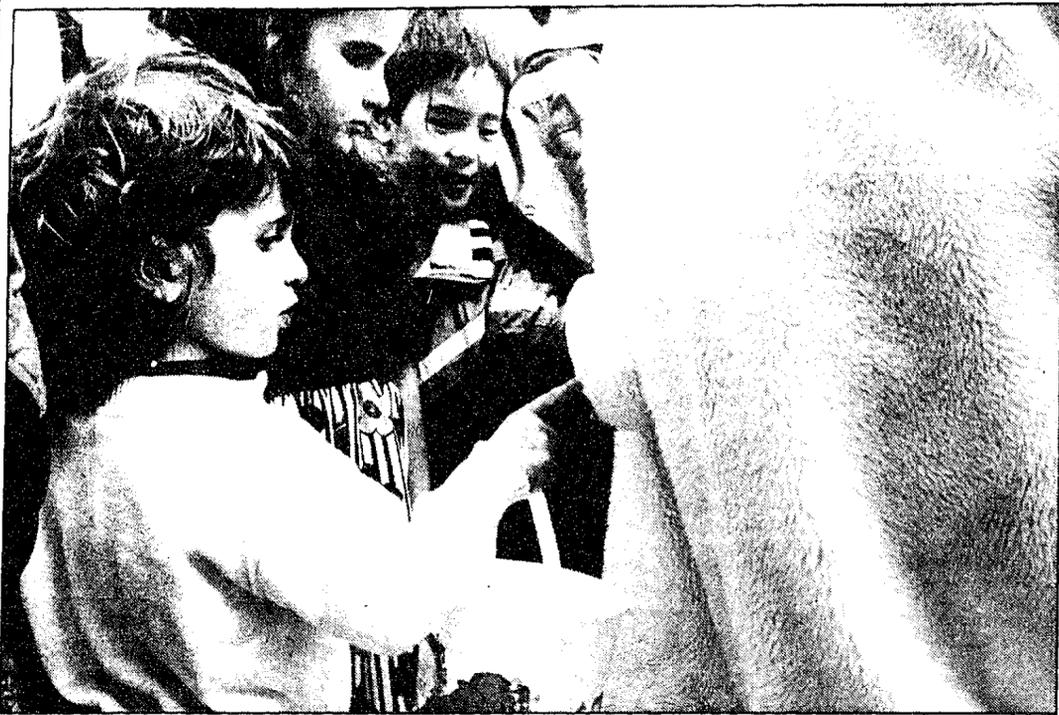
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## Council mulls adding two to police force

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

Novi Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer is aiming to persuade the City Council to add two police officers to the force.

Several council members in a budget session last week sounded receptive to the idea—but weren't making a firm commitment.

"I'd like to give you the additional officers . . . I can't make any promises tonight. We'll try to find some money some place," Council Member Joseph Toth said.

Shaeffer told the council he wasn't asking outright that night for the \$100,000 needed to finance the jobs and the equipment which goes along with them—just putting the statistics on the table. The two \$26,000 per year positions have already been deleted from the \$5.3 million request—Novi's largest departmental budget—by the city administration.

"I have officers covering more crimes per officer than nearly all the other communities. We think our officers are working exceptionally hard. They are very busy," Shaeffer

City Council members removed from their own proposed budget a request that fax machines be purchased for each of them to be kept in their homes or offices. The idea was to speed communication between the administration and council members. The story is on page 3A.

Shaeffer's most expensive request, also axed by the city administration, is that the department enter into a five-year, \$150,000 per year lease of a computer system, including computers for the alarm and gun registration programs. The city council still has the option of putting any item back into the new budget, which is expected to be finalized by May 9.

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### Is that thing real?

The Easter Bunny can be entertaining to youngsters in a variety of ways, not all of which have to do with giving out candy. Above, Jenna Keragozian, 2½, checks out the Easter Bunny's

tail during the Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Novi Parks and Recreation Department at the Civic Center Saturday. More photos appear on page 13A.

Photo by HAL GOULD

## Evidence hints Dudley shooting was premeditated

By SHARON CONDRON  
Staff Writer

Evidence found inside a Novi couple's home suggests Sally Marie Dudley may have planned to kill herself and her husband well before she pulled the trigger on both of them Thursday morning.

Police arrived at the couple's Winthrop home after receiving a 9-1-1 call for medical assistance from a daughter living there. The call came in minutes after midnight Wednesday.

The woman was dead when police arrived. Her husband was conscious but lying in a pool of blood near a staircase.

Sally Dudley, the 50-year-old mother of three, was pronounced dead at the scene by paramedics from Community EMS.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 1 p.m.

A medical examiner's autopsy proved her wound was self-inflicted from the single shot she fired into her mouth from a .38 caliber revolver, according to Novi Police Chief Doug Shaeffer.

Her husband, James Richard, 54, remains hospitalized with severe head injuries he sustained after she apparently shot him once in the head. The bullet pierced the man's head and then lodged in the living room wall.

His sister, Beverly Dudley, said Tuesday her brother is recovering

and doctors at the U-M Medical Center in Ann Arbor are optimistic about his prognosis.

Police say the woman shot the man minutes before she turned the gun on herself.

Lieutenant David Butler said the 9-1-1 call was placed by one of the couple's three children, 24-year-old Julie. Julie was reportedly upstairs when she heard the commotion downstairs and phoned police.

"My mom is on the couch not breathing," Julie told the police dispatcher. "My dad is on the floor bleeding. I think she's dead."

"Oh God. Oh! Oh God. . . It looks like domestic violence. There's blood all over the place."

Butler said police weren't sure whether or not the daughter witnessed the events that led to her mother's death.

Shaeffer said Tuesday, judging from the blood stains on the carpet, coffee table and stairwell, James had moved from where he was originally shot. His blood path led from the floor beneath a coffee table to the end of the stairwell.

The stains also indicated that some time had elapsed between when the two were shot and when the daughter realized what had happened, Shaeffer said.

The chief speculated that James Dudley was shot near the couch but managed to crawl across the floor to



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Novi Police Lieutenant David Butler answers television and radio reporters' questions about Sally Dudley's attempt to murder her husband before she turned the gun on herself.

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Students' assessments of the ease of obtaining drugs	grade		
	8	10	12
Alcohol probably impossible	2%	3%	0%
very easy	68	78	87
Cigarettes probably impossible	4	3	0
very easy	70	84	94
Marijuana probably impossible	13	6	3
very easy	15	39	60
Crack cocaine probably impossible	30	21	19
very easy	5	3	6
Cocaine in powder form probably impossible	32	20	16
very easy	5	4	6
LSD probably impossible	25	9	2
very easy	9	22	32
Steroids probably impossible	23	16	9
very easy	13	8	14

## Youth drug abuse near U.S. average

By SHARON CONDRON  
Staff Writer

Results of a drug and alcohol survey indicate Novi students' use of those drugs overall is no worse than students at the same grade level across the country.

And according to survey results, more students use drugs away from school either at a friend's home or in a car.

That may be good news for school officials but it may mean the community has a bigger problem than people here once thought.

A significant number of students in the Novi Community School District use tobacco, alcohol and marijuana on a regular basis and are "at risk" for abusing those drugs, according to results of the Alcohol and Other Drugs survey.

But their use is no higher in some

cases than national averages of seniors across the country, the survey indicates.

For example of the 306 usable responses to the survey from eighth-graders, 1 percent of those students said they use alcohol on a daily basis. Two percent of both the 267 tenth graders and 200 seniors surveyed said they drink alcohol daily.

That's 1 percent lower than the 3 percent national average of over 16,000 high school seniors surveyed in 1992.

Novi's percentages of senior tobacco smokers were higher than national averages.

Novi seniors' use of tobacco (29 percent) and marijuana (4 percent) exceeded the national averages by 12 percent and 2 percent respectively.

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# Community Calendar

To get your organization's activities, regular meetings or special events listed in the Community Calendar, send information to Community Calendar, The Novi News, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

## Today, April 7

**Good Morning Novi!** The Novi Chamber of Commerce will hold a breakfast mixer at 7:30 a.m. at Matt Bradys — Holiday Inn, 38123 W. Ten Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. Enjoy a full hot breakfast, learn about plans and your business from Michelle Baranits of the Plant Professionals and network with other Chamber members. Cost is \$10.

**Novi Schools:** The Novi schools Board of Education will meet in regular session in the Educational Services Building.

## Friday, April 8

**Diabetes Education:** Providence Hospital offers diabetes education classes, Fridays at the Park, during the month of April at Providence Park Novi. For further information or to schedule an appointment, please call 424-3903.

## Monday, April 11

**City Council:** The Novi City Council will meet at 8 p.m. in the council chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

**Health tests:** Community EMS will sponsor blood pressure testing

and cholesterol testing in the Novi Civic Center from 7:30-9 p.m. in conjunction with the Novi City Council meeting.

**Library Board:** The Novi Library Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Library building.

**American Business Women's Assoc.:** The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will meet at Country Epicure Restaurant on Grand River. Social Hour is at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. followed by a general membership meeting. Cost is \$15. All working women are invited. For reservations call Cynthia McKissack, 397-7708. For membership information, call 960-9559.

**TOPS:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at Novi Meadows School, Room 6. For more information, call 348-9691.

**Northville-Novi Colts:** The Northville-Novi Colts Junior Football Club will hold its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. All Colt parents, potential Colt parents and interested individuals are invited to attend. The Colts provide football and cheerleading for Northville and Novi boys and girls ages 9-14.

## Tuesday, April 12

**Band rehearsal:** The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. in the band room at Novi High School. For more information on the group, call manager Warren Ledger at 348-2955.

**Camera Club:** The Novi Camera Club meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. For more information, call Hugh Crawford at 349-5079.

**Chess Club:** The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tim Sawmiller, 344-9833 evenings after 6 p.m.

**CH.A.D.D.:** Children with Attention Deficit Disorders of South Western Oakland County, serving the Novi school district, will hold a support group meeting at the Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church, 40700 W. Ten Mile (between Meadowbrook and Haggerty Rds.). Registration begins at 6:45 p.m. and the meeting at 7 p.m. Parents, educators and health care professionals are welcome. There is a \$5 donation for non-members. For information call the HOTLINE: 486-2876.

**Novi Adventurers:** The Novi Adventurers will hold their general meeting meeting at 7 p.m. at the Tollgate 4 H Education Center.

## Wednesday, April 13

**Lions Club:** The Novi Lions Club will meet at Kim's Gardens at 6:30 p.m. for dinner followed by a meeting.

**Seniors potluck:** The Novi Senior Social Club will gather at noon in the Novi Civic Center for their monthly potluck luncheon.

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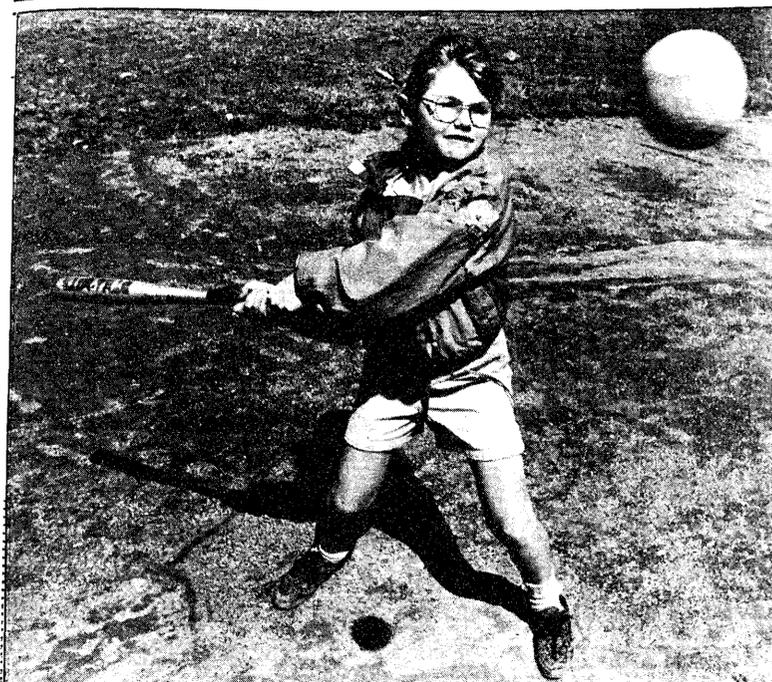


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**Spring training**  
Eight-year-old Kristen Fraser put in a little early softball practice on the schoolyard ball diamonds while classes were out for spring break in Novi. If she keeps practicing like that, she'll probably be batting .600 and hitting them over the fence by the end of the season.

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# Siblings concerned about drug use

While responding to the scene of another call, officers were asked by three brothers if they would help to have a fourth brother committed to a drug rehabilitation program.

The brothers approached police on Sunday, March 20, outside The Springs Apartments. The trio told police their brother was a frequent user and abuser of marijuana and alcohol. The brothers said each time they tried to talk their sibling about his problem he became verbally abusive and threatened to harm them.

The suspect was sleeping at the time his brothers turned him in. Officers talked with other concerned members who agreed to wait until morning when the suspect was sober to commit him to a local drug rehabilitation program.

**OFFICES ROBBED:** Two businesses located in the Novi Town Center Office Building were broken into over the March 11-13 weekend. According to separate police reports, a video player monitor and tapes were stolen from the Liberty Mutual Insurance Company. The monitor was last seen in the conference room when the company closed for the weekend. An empty cart was found in a storage room when employees returned on Monday.

## Police News

An employee of the company who was working on Saturday said he saw a man and a woman enter the suite. They weren't employees, he told police, but he thought they were cleaning people.

In an apparently related incident, the attorney firm of Beresch & Prokopp was also a target. An officer being prepped for a new attorney when employees there returned from the weekend.

An attorney working in his office Saturday told police he didn't see anything or anyone unusual when he was there.

Police believe the thief or thieves had a key to the office since neither suite showed signs of forced entry.

**UNDERAGED DRINKERS:** Officers responding to a disturbance call on March 12 in the Pheasant Run parking lot found two underaged males in possession of beer.

A 1993 Mercury Tracer was parked next to a 1989 Ford Escort when police arrived. Inside the Escort, officers found a 20-year-old

walking area and seemed to indicate the suspects backed a truck up near the home to load the stolen goods. Westland man and a 20-year-old Farmington Hills man sitting with two open cans of Budweiser beer. Also inside the car, police found a bottle of Yukon Jack and a two-liter mixed in.

A 23-year-old West Bloomfield man was seated next to the minors in the 1993 Tracer with an open beer car. He also had a six pack stored in his car. The West Bloomfield man said all of the alcohol was his.

He was ticketed for open alcohol in a public place and for contributing to the delinquency of minors.

The other two were cited for being under aged and in the possession of alcohol.

**RESIDENTIAL BREAK-IN:** Police have only fresh tire tracks to trace to the person or persons who broke into a Beck Road home on Monday, March 21. The tracks were left on a front

through a broken master bedroom window. Thieves got away with a color television, video cassette recorder, cordless phone, three rifles and a pistol.

**BATTERY CHARGED ASSAULT:** A man who attempted to steal a \$149.95 battery charger from Sears Clubbed store security officers with it when they tried to apprehend him in the parking lot.

The man was arrested and charged on Monday, March 21 with retail fraud and assault and battery.

**TEED OFF:** A sales agent from Pro Shop Closeouts was teed off when some unknown thief stole three Ping Zing Irons from his display case at the Novi Expo Center on March 13.

The three, five and nine irons were estimated at \$195. They were on display as part of a full set of clubs.

**EXPENSIVE WORKOUT:** A Walled Lake man lost \$825 worth of cash and personal possessions when his Guess brand duffel bag was stolen from his unlocked 1986 Porsche. The car was parked in the Vic Tanny's parking lot when the bag was stolen on Sunday, March 13. In it was a \$300 gold bracelet, a \$75 pair of jeans, \$400 in cash and a wallet valued at \$25.

## Novi Briefs

**Pet food drive:** During the entire month of April, The Olive Garden Restaurant at 43300 Crescent Boulevard in Novi is holding a pet food drive for the Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society's animal shelter. The employees at the restaurant are setting up a display in the lobby of the Novi eatery featuring their own pets. As an added incentive to help homeless animals, The Olive Garden will be giving a free dessert to those patrons who donate pet food.

Information about the Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society will also be available at the restaurant during the month of April. Bill Khoury, manager of The Olive Garden, can be contacted at 348-4279 for more information about this charitable event.

**Forum set:** The Novi Chamber of Commerce will present "Forum on Main Street," a panel discussion/open forum for chamber members regarding the proposed Main Street project on Wednesday, April 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

To be taped for later broadcast on public access cable channels, the panel discussion and forum will explore the pros and cons of the pedestrian-oriented shopping area proposed for development in the town center area, southeast of the Novi Road/Grand River Avenue intersection.

Panel members will include James Chen, Main Street developer; Doug Erwin, petitioner in opposition to the project; and Ed Krievall, Novi City Manager. Additional panel members may be included, as well. The moderator will be Michael Malott of The Novi News.

**Postponed:** The trial in the case of Ted Andris et al versus the City of Novi was postponed last week by Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Edward Sosnick. A new trial date was set for May 31. Andris wants to build a restaurant on land he owns on East Lake Drive, along the shores of Walled Lake. The City of Novi says he can't. Attempts to settle the 1988 lawsuit out-of-court, including a plan to put a cul-de-sac on East Lake Drive with a by-pass road, have so far floundered.

**Creative minds:** The Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission's Community Access Computer Group is looking for creative minds. You can be part of an informal and creative team. The group is developing a database of graphic images on the Amiga platform. However, graphic images created on IBM or Macintosh systems are easily converted for use. More information? Call Mark at (810)349-2666. Next meeting of the group is Tuesday, March 8 at 7 p.m. at 24021 Research Drive, Farmington Hills.



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

### Are you my mummy?

Five-year-old Kathlene Frisbie checks out the life sized paper mummies made by students in Mrs. Kolm's sixth grade class at

Novi Meadows. After they were displayed at the school, the age old mummies were moved to the Novi Public Library.

# Policies changed to avoid conflicts

By SHARON CONDRON Staff Writer

The fact that a school board candidate's wife is employed by the Novi Community School District has prompted board of education members to amend policies to prohibit future full-time employment of elected officials and administrators' immediate family members.

The Board of Education was faced with the potential conflict of interest after George Kortlandt announced he was running for Robert Schram's seat on the board in June. Kortlandt's wife, Pat, works part-time in the district now as a crossing guard, lunch lady and occasionally fills in at the Community Education office.

The Kortlandt's case triggered the board's actions, but Board President Ray Byers said it was an action that needed to be taken. "The board's decision clarifies some positions here and will make it much easier in the future," he said after Wednesday morning special call to order board meeting.

Under the amended employment practices policy, any immediate family member of a school board member or administrator cannot become more than a casual employee of the district after his or her election date or date of hire.

Casual is defined as an employee who works 700 hours or less in the district's fiscal year and is not a member of any of the district's bargaining units. Immediate family includes husbands and wives, fathers and mothers, sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, brothers-in-law and aunts and uncles. Elected officials will also be expected to disclose the employment and refrain from discussing it, too. The policy changes will not affect the employment status of immediate family members who are employed by the district before another family member gets elected to the board or is hired as an administrator. A family member's hours could also not be enhanced after another family member gets elected or hired as an administrator, under the amendments. The amendments were passed unanimously by the board members present at the 7:30 a.m. meeting. Board Secretary John Street was absent. Dr. Craig Foreback stepped out of the room when the conflict of interest amendment was passed.

# FYI, 52-1 court offers law forum

May 2 is law day and the 52-1 District Court in Walled Lake will celebrate by helping people learn how several different aspects of the law work.

- How to file a small claim lawsuit.
- Landlord/tenant issues.
- Garnishment laws effective as of April 1, 1994.
- The court's domestic violence

Each of the topics will be presented by a district court judge or magistrate in their respective courtrooms, with time for questions and answers. The program is presented twice on May 2 — at 2 p.m. and

3:30 p.m. Through the forum, district residents will become better acquainted with the court and its legal processes. For information, call Novi's Public Information Director Cindy Stewart at 347-0494.

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## Wife charged with whipping husband

By SHARON CONDRON  
Staff Writer

A woman allegedly threatened to kill her husband with a meat cleaver after an argument, over his decision to rent a car to drive to work, turned physical.

On March 21, police responded to the woman's call for help after she allegedly threatened her husband with the cleaver and then whipped him repeatedly with a leather belt and buckle.

The argument ensued after her husband apparently rented a car because he wouldn't start that morning. The husband told police she was angry he spent the money on the rental car.

After she initiated the argument, her husband said, she went into the kitchen and grabbed the meat cleaver from a drawer.

She returned to the living room and came within two feet of the man seated on the couch, he told police. She then reportedly raised the cleaver and shouted "I'm going to kill you" twice.

The man told police he stayed put on the sofa until she retreated and put the cleaver back in the kitchen. Minutes later she returned with a glass of water and screaming at him. She splashed the water on him while he worked on his crafts.

Getting no rise out of him, she continued to scream, he told police. She then disappeared into the bedroom and returned with a belt and buckle in hand.

In anger, she threw the crafts he was working on across the floor and allegedly began whipping him with the belt and then the buckle.

She was screaming in her bedroom when police arrived, according to the report. She told them she wanted him arrested for physically and mentally abusing her for the past seven years.

According to the police report, the man was calm when he answered the door and let police in. He told them his version of what happened.

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## Work detours cars to East Lake

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

The detouring of vehicles to East Lake Drive during this year's construction season has residents of the heavily-traveled road apprehensive. Lakes Area Residents Association (LARA) president Harry Avagian says.

Representatives from the cities of Novi and Walled Lake will be meeting with a representative of the Oakland County Road Commission to attempt to work out a compromise, Bruce Jerome, Novi's Superintendent of Public Works, said Monday.

The goal will be to lessen the impact of all the upcoming construction on a part of the city already notorious for its congestion. However, these temporary annoyances are expected to yield long-term improvements in traffic circulation.

As part of its 1990 road budget program, Novi is widening Decker Road. In the first phase of the project, for three weeks beginning May 1 drivers would be barred from making left turns at Fourteen Mile and Decker Road and would be diverted to East Lake Drive instead.

In mid-April, vehicles will also be rerouted to East Lake Drive by extensive roadwork scheduled by the Oakland County Road Commission.

If getting around the city's north end wasn't difficult enough already, Oakland County will also be replacing curbs along Novi Road and Nov's improvements to Twelve Mile Road will continue.

"There's quite a few things that we're trying to do... To make sure, for instance that the county doesn't close Novi Road in the middle of one of our projects and that we all work together to make sure people get through," Jerome said.

"We can look at alternative routes."

To the north, the road commission's plans for work within the City of Walled Lake's boundaries call for the widening of Pontiac Trail from Common Street to South Commerce Road to build a left turn lane and the resur-

facing of Pontiac Trail from Walled Lake Drive to Common Street. Construction is slated to begin April 16 and is expected to be done by November.

In addition, West Maple Road will be widened to five lanes, including a center turn lane, at a spot 1,500 feet east of Pontiac Trail. Improvements to West Maple call for decorative streetlights, sidewalks and landscaping. This \$3.4 million project will be financed by the county and Walled Lake's Downtown Development Authority.

To evade the torn up roads, drivers will be advised to travel from South Commerce to Decker Road, to Fourteen Mile Road, to East Lake Drive.

## Sail away in dry dock with simulator

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

Boating enthusiasts can hop aboard a new and innovative sailing simulator and learn the basics of sailing in only five minutes, at the second annual Novi Boating Expo, running through April 10.

The simulator can be used indoors or outdoors with the perfect conditions every time. The sailing simulator creates its own wind, using three high powered fans. The wind blows through the sails giving the participant the feeling of sailing at about eight knots. The simulator also has a tiller that turns the boat upwind or downwind with the same feeling as a rudder.

Functioning like a real sailboat, the simulator can teach all the basics of sailing including: jibing, sheeting out, tacking, beam reach, broad reach, turning upwind, turning downwind, and stalling.

"It's a great tool for teaching," said Van W. Snider, Michigan Boating Industries Association executive director. "In less than five minutes you can get past the mystery of sailing and easily and effectively sharpen your sailing technique."

"Sailing is a passionate sport in Michigan," said Snider. "There are races and regattas for boats of all sizes all around the state."

Sailing is reaching all corners of

the population — from young to old and from the athletic to the handicapped. The Michigan based Great Lakes Sailing Association was founded in 1992 to facilitate physical and psychological rehabilitation through sailing. Their mission is to provide specially equipped boats to allow handicapped people to enjoy the freedom and challenge of sailing.

More recently, the Special Olympics also announced the addition of sailing as their newest sport in the Special Olympics World Games to be held in New Haven this summer, July 9-10.

The 2nd annual Novi Boating Expo boat, will be at the Novi Expo Center through April 10. The Novi Boating Expo is the second show owned and produced by the state-wide Michigan Boating Industries Association, a marine trade association.

Admission is \$6 for adults, children under 12 are free with adults. Hours are Wednesday through Friday 3 to 10 p.m., Saturday noon to 10 p.m., and Sunday noon to 8 p.m.

For more information call (810)344-1330 or 1-800-932-2628.

## Volunteer Notes

**Aerob-a-thon:** An Aerobics Marathon will be held at the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College Sunday, April 10, from 9 a.m. until noon to benefit cancer and AIDS research. The campus is located on Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. For more information about the event, call 737-3020.

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For more information call Oakland County Youth Assistance at (313)858-0041.

**Campround hosts:** The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is seeking volunteer camp hosts for state parks.

The state parks system is looking for volunteers who enjoy camping and meeting new people to become volunteer campground hosts, especially during the busy May through September season.

Volunteer campground hosts provide an important communication link between the park staff and the visitors they serve. DNR Director Ronald Harnes said, "They are not involved in the day-to-day operation tasks at the parks, but are there to enhance the camping experience of our visitors."

The Volunteer Campground Host Program, established by the DNR several years ago, includes openings for volunteers at all 75 state park campgrounds to greet other campers, provide visitor information, pick up litter, lead occasional nature hikes, and report emergencies to the DNR staff.

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## Volunteers protest NYA cutback

By JAM JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

Members of the Novi Youth Assistance Board of Directors have launched a letter-writing campaign which they hope will persuade the county not to cutback the hours of the program's caseworker.

As of Monday, formerly full-time caseworker Karen MacKenzie will only be posted at the Youth Assistance Office in the Novi Civic Center three days a week, rather than her previous five.

Board member John O'Brien said 250 letters have recently gone out urging supporters or past benefactors of Novi Youth Assistance to write their Oakland County Commissioner Kay Schmidt, R-Nowi, and the judges of the Oakland County Probate Court, which administers the program.

"As she sees clients now, she is about on a rotation of two to three weeks. If two days are cut, she'll have even less time to do prevention programs," O'Brien said. "They (the county) didn't take into account pre-

ventive services, which is about the whole purpose of youth assistance." Prevention is at the heart of Novi Youth Assistance, which seeks to keep young residents on the straight and narrow by offering positive outlets for their energy.

Novi Youth Assistance sits in a rent-free office at city hall, with the costs of MacKenzie's full-time secretary split by the city and the Novi school district. O'Brien said the volunteers are concerned that the hours of full-time secretary, Joan Morris, will also be cut, because Morris keeps the office running when MacKenzie is out on assignment.

Based on 1990-91 caseload statistics and its own funding and staffing problems, the county is shifting MacKenzie to Farmington Youth Assistance for two days each week.

In a growing community like Novi that doesn't make sense, O'Brien said.

"She's really been in the office to run things on a day-to-day basis. We sure don't want to see her going."

Anytime you lose someone for two days, everything is going to be delayed, no matter what you're trying to

do," he said. "How can you justify cutting the service? We don't think this can be justified. It's like you get penalized for doing a good job," he concluded.

As O'Brien sees it, the Novi Youth Assistance has been able to keep the volume of young people who need counseling down by its efforts.

Active in the community for 40 years, Novi Youth Assistance has up to 20 volunteers who are either involved all year or who pitch in to help out with annual fundraisers, such as the Bowl-A-Thon. In March, the most recent Bowl-A-Thon brought in \$8,000 for programs. The volunteers raise a total of about \$10,000 per year, O'Brien said.

MacKenzie helps administer the programs underwritten by these fundraisers, including the Teen Center at the Novi Civic Center, which provides games, field trips and other activities to about 300 younger teens each summer.

"On any given day, you might have 50 kids a day dropping in and out," O'Brien said.

Youth Assistance fundraisers pay for the supervisors and other staff at

the Teen Center. Novi Youth Assistance also sent 35 kids to camps within Oakland County last year, some but not all of whom may have been from lower-income families or in counseling with MacKenzie.

"It's not just the needy and it's not just in cases of abuse or neglect. It's youngsters who would benefit from camp experience," O'Brien said. Families of the campers are among those asked to pen a letter of protest. The Novi office also runs PLIS (People Listening Understand and Sharing), a big brother/big sister program which teams police-screened adult volunteers with young people who need the friendship of an older person.

Novi Youth Assistance is encouraging supporters to write these individuals and ask that MacKenzie be kept on the job here for five days a week. Probate Court Judges Barry M. Grant, Eugene Arthur Moore, Sandra G. Silver and Joan E. Young, at 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac, MI, 48101-0452 and Oakland County Commissioner Kay Schmidt, 28105 Summit Drive, Novi, MI, 48077.

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## Fast adoption for abused kids eyed

By TIM RICHARD  
Staff Writer

Adults who were adopted as children have a new tool to find their birth parents in a package of bills now winding their way through the Michigan Legislature.

They can get a court-appointed "confidential intermediary" to locate birth parents and ask them if they wish contact with the children they gave up for adoption years ago.

"Some of us do that already," said Oakland County Probate Judge Joan E. Young. "We may authorize a staff

member or someone from an agency. It has been successful. The times I've used it, it has worked well. The birth parent is asked, 'Do you want to be found?' The majority say yes. Sometimes they say, 'Not right now,' Young said.

Young was a member of the Lt. Gov. Connie Binsfeld's Commission on Adoption that worked in 1991-92 to suggest administrative changes and new laws.

The "confidential intermediary" (CI) bill was one of 16 measures approved on 33-0 and 34-0 votes by the Senate prior to spring break. It now

goes to the House. It codifies into the probate code the kinds of efforts Young and other judges tried.

The bill also would ease the problem adult adoptees face in obtaining non-identifying information about their parents. Many testified in House hearings held by Rep. David Gubow, D-Huntington Woods, that the inability to learn their own genetic histories prevented them from getting treatment.

Other key elements of the bill: After receiving a petition from an adult adoptee, a probate judge could appoint a CI who would take an oath

to report "identifying information in sealed records without written consent" of the birth parent. A CI who released confidential information could be held in contempt of court.

The CI would be allowed access to confidential adoption records and would approach the birth parent through "a discreet and confidential inquiry." The birth parent could say "yes," "no" or "not now." A "yes" would have to be in writing.

The CI's compensation would be limited to reimbursement for actual expenses from the petitioner.

## Library Notes

**AARP Tax Service:** The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) is sponsoring tax assistance programs for senior citizens at Novi Library Thursday, April 14. One-hour sessions will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Go-between may aid search for parents

By TIM RICHARD  
Staff Writer

Finding good families for homeless kids was the chief goal of Lt. Gov. Connie Binsfeld's Commission on Adoption.

Two bills by Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, are among the 21-bill package passed by the state Senate prior to its spring break.

Geake's bills, with a companion measure by Rep. Makine Berman, D-Southfield, will require health insurers to cover children the day they enter their new home rather than a year later, when the adoption becomes final.

"A child is a child," philosophized Berman, who has worked three years on the project, often with opposition from insurers.

Currently, adoptive parents frequently take their birth children to one doctor and their adopted children to another, sometimes in another town, who accepts Medicaid payments.

Meanwhile, Gov. John Engler's administration used a recommendation from the Binsfeld Commission to speed up the process of placing abused and neglected children who are wards of the state.

So the DSS effort to speed the process is being hailed as good news by those who want to see children "united with their 'forever families,'" in Binsfeld's words.

Oakland Probate Judge Joan E. Young praised the work of Richard Hoekstra, director of the division of adoption services for the Michigan Department of Social Services.

"In 1991 we did 1,320 adoptions. In 1993 we did 1,959, an increase of 48 percent," said Hoekstra.

"First, we made changes in 1992 in our contracts with private agencies that we rely on to place half of our state directory of available children."

Of the 5,000 adoptions done in Michigan each year, about 20 percent were state wards, the Binsfeld Commission reported.

In 1991 some 1,600 children a year were becoming state wards, but only 1,200 a year were being adopted. So the pool of state wards was growing at 400 children a year. At that rate, the pool would have grown to 5,000 by the year 2000.

But the administration was criticized by one member of the Binsfeld Commission, Don Marengere of Bloomfield Township. Formerly the president of Adoption Option, Marengere said the state is cutting back its services to birth mothers of ten unmarried teenagers.

He cited the closing of Marillac Hall, a Farmington Hills contractor which provided pre-natal services, including adoption counseling to young mothers.

"Half the low birth weight babies in Detroit are born to teen mothers," Marengere said. "It costs \$2,000 per day to care for those babies until they can be released. You know who pays for that? The taxpayers."

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# State will render verdict on judges

By TIM RICHARD  
Staff Writer

One year, certain suburbs top the region in building permits. A few years later, they're seeking more district court judges.

The state Senate next week will take up a House-passed bill to add one judge each in the 35th District Court (Northville-Plymouth Canton), 47th District (Farmington and Oakland Circuit Court).

District 52-1 (Novi, South Lyon, Milford and Walled Lake) is eligible to add one judge, but local officials declined.

"(Senate action) has got to be real soon," said Graham Crabtree, counsel to Senate Judiciary Committee Chair William Van Regenmortel, R-Jenison. "The chairman wants a hearing right after spring break (due to end April 12)."

Candidate filing deadline is May 10.

Meanwhile, voters will be adding four Court of Appeals Judges in the Nov. 8 election—all in a new southwestern Michigan 3rd District. District 1 (Wayne, Monroe and Lenawee counties) will actually lose a judge in the reapportionment scheme. Appeals Judge Thomas J. Brennan, who is over 70, is retiring and will not be replaced.

Adding a judge is a three-step process.

First, the State Court Administrator's office analyzes caseloads and issues a recommendation. That office makes recommendations freely. For example, the court administrator asked 12 new Court of Appeals judges (currently there are 12) and got four.

Second, the local funding unit must ask for the increase, agreeing to bear its share of the cost. In the 35th District, the two Northvilles, the two Plymouths and Canton Township agreed to add a third judge. In the 47th, the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills agreed.

But there was a problem in Oakland County, the funding unit for District 52-1 and circuit court. The court administrator recommended a third judge in the district court and two more in circuit court. The county board agreed only to one circuit judge.

Third, the Legislature must pass a law expanding the court, agreeing to bear the state's share of the cost. That's the issue before the Senate Judiciary Committee next week.

"Average annual operating cost per new judge (to the state) was \$170,000," said the court administrator. The costs include salaries, social security, and \$6,000 in recording equipment.

Here is what the State Court Administrator said in support of its recommendations for new trial judges:

■ 35th District (Plymouth, etc.)—In 1992 the court had 20,186 new filings per judge compared to 11,196 statewide per district judge. . . . (The higher than average drunk driving caseload is particularly significant . . . .) Three freeways have expanded

the economic and population bases.

■ 47th District (Farmington area)—Cases that require significantly greater judicial time than a typical case are especially high in this court. The court is located in an area of increasing population growth and commercial activity.

■ 52-1 District Court (Walled Lake, etc.)—From 1991 to 1992 reported new filings increased by 12 percent. . . . (The judges of this division average over 1,500 more non-traffic cases than the statewide average. The division is located in an area of rapid economic and population growth.)

■ Oakland Circuit—In 1992 the court had 1,906 new filings per judge compared to 1,148 statewide per circuit judge. There were 525 criminal filings per judge compared to 288 statewide. Appeals per judge were 141 compared to 52 statewide.

Refer to House Bill 5328 when writing to your state senator, State Capitol, Lansing 48913.



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## Career interests

Mrs. Julie Jones, a Research Associate with the Department of Human Genetics at the U-M Medical School, shows students at Novi Middle School how she uses laboratory mice to research genes. Jones' visit to the school was part of the middle school's fourth annual Career Fair. This year's fair attracted 24 speakers from all walks of life. Students were treated to brief presentations by engineers of various disciplines, an artist and architect, a scuba diver, musician, freelance writer, photojournalist, newspaper editor, sports caster, K-9 police dog and handler and FBI agents.



Photos by BRYAN MITCHELL

## First Easter

Courtney Kramer, 1, seems to have this Easter Egg Hunting business down pretty well. Above, she gets help from mom and dad, Diana and David Kramer, in loading up her Easter basket. It was a year for firsts. This was the first year the Novi Parks and Recreation Department tried its new format for the egg hunt, running

all four hunts for all the different age categories at the same time on Saturday. According to city officials, it was a success and the format will be used again, the city just has to work out a few minor glitches. At right, Lisa Varhel, 2½, gets right into the spirit of the day.



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## Educator retires from assistant position

Dr. Hugh P. Davies, assistant superintendent, has announced his retirement, effective July 1. Davies' retirement caps a 35-year career in Walled Lake schools.

He joined the district in 1959, teaching sixth grade at Union Lake Elementary. He then spent four years as a speech therapist before his appointment to the position of elementary principal of Union Lake Elementary in 1965.

Four years later, he became Director of Elementary Education, a post he remained in until 1986 when he was elevated to assistant superintendent for elementary education. His duties were expanded to include the secondary division as well as when he was named assistant superintendent of schools in June 1989.

Davies is a graduate of Walled Lake schools. He holds a bachelor's degree from Alma College, master's and specialist degrees, as well as Doctor of Philosophy, from the University of Michigan.

Davies' leadership in the elementary division has been instrumental in shaping the many programs for which Walled Lake has gained state and national recognition. He's also been instrumental in the success of the district's recent building and renovation programs.

Any review of his career would be incomplete without mention of his activities in the area of redistricting. In the growing school district, it has fallen to Davies, on almost an annual basis, to work with parents to change attendance boundaries in order to adequately house students.

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## Obituaries

### ARCHIE MCKELLAR

Archie McKellar died April 2 at Huron Valley Hospital. He was 84. Mr. McKellar was born Feb. 5, 1910 in Wallaceburg, Ontario to Archie and Laura VanDuler McKellar. Mr. McKellar was employed as an engineer with the railroad until his retirement.

Surviving is his wife, Doris; his children, Edwin, Nancy, and Cedric; nine grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth and his son, Frederick.

Services were held April 6 at O'Brien Chapel/Teal C. Sullivan Funeral Home. Rev. Dwight Murphy officiated. Interment was at Oak Hill Cemetery in Cheboygan, Mich. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Heart Foundation.

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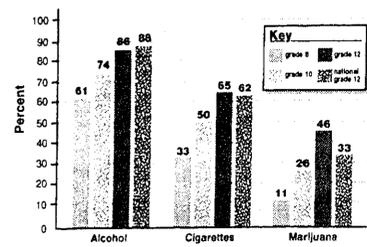
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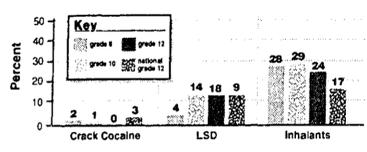


### Novi Community Schools Student Drug Use

#### Students Who Have Ever Tried Gateway Drugs



#### Students Who Have Ever Tried Other Drugs



## Drug use on the rise

### Students say legal drugs easier to obtain, abuse

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That didn't hold true for younger students in Novi where only 3 percent of the eighth graders and 18 percent of the tenth graders surveyed said they smoked cigarettes daily. Daily use of alcohol, tobacco and marijuana was just one of several surveys given to 12th, 10th, and eighth graders in the AOD survey. The questionnaire was administered by research staff at Western Michigan University in December of last year.

It is the first time Novi schools have administered the survey, school officials said. The survey, which is endorsed by the State Department of Education, provides a wealth of information about where, when, what kinds of drugs and how often specific drugs are being used by Novi students. It also tells at what grade students first tried the drugs and whether or not they've used them in the past two weeks, month or year.

Survey questions also depict what percentage of students intend to use alcohol and other drugs in the future

and how accessible drugs are in the community.

Students are asked to indicate what type of drug education they've had in the past and their assessment of the consequences they'll face if caught using drugs.

The survey also gauges the degree of peer pressure and tells where students turn for help in crisis situations.

Survey results are broken down in some cases between genders. Results of the survey were made available to the district in December, but school officials opted to send them back to Marquette-Alger Intermediate School District for summarization. The condensed version was released by Novi's assistant superintendent of instruction Rita Traynor on March 25.

According to Traynor, what's important in the survey is the notion that students are using drugs like tobacco, alcohol and marijuana rather than other drugs like cocaine, LSD and heroin.

And even though some students

are at risk of abusing those drugs, fewer students in Novi are experimenting with the harder class of street drugs.

What is also good news for school officials is that students reported shying away from using drugs at school events and functions. Instead they say they're using more drugs at home parties and other activities off school grounds.

That indicates students' drug use is a community-wide problem that needs community based solutions. According to the survey, 46 percent of Novi seniors say they've used alcohol at parties. Forty percent of the same class say they've drunk at a friend's house. Another 26 percent said they've used crack cocaine, cocaine in powder form and steroids are harder to find, students say.

Traynor said the district conducted the survey so staff and the community could learn about the practices of students. Survey results will help the district and community initiate changes in how drug education is delivered at school.

Similarly, 22 percent of the seniors said they've used a drug other

than alcohol at a party. Twenty-one percent used a drug other than alcohol at friend's house. Another 18 percent did it in cars.

According to the survey writers, tobacco and alcohol are readily available, but in every community, the survey results say, some students believe that every drug is available to them.

In Novi the trend is the same. Students know where to find cigarettes and alcohol. Sixty percent of high school seniors said they know where to obtain marijuana. Another 32 percent said they've used marijuana.

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Survey results will be forwarded to the Board of Education.

## Council to consider additional officers

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With its crime-busting team of 49, the police department currently has 118 officers per 1,000 residents, less than guidelines set by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which suggest 2.2 officers per 1,000 citizens and less than the 1.5 officers called for by the police and fire protection committee set up by the city in the late 1980s.

An in-house police study done in 1989 estimated that Novi would need the police force by 27 employees by 1994/95. Instead, the city has added two dispatchers and lost one officer and one chief dispatcher.

Based on an incident ratio, there are almost 10 Novi officers per every 1,000 crimes in the city. A city-conducted survey found the ratio averaged 12.1 officers in 18 Wayne and Oakland County communities surveyed.

Over the past few years, Novi has been growing at a rate of about 2,000 residents annually. The city was all for beefing up the department, saying that taxpayers want their money to go to health, safety and welfare issues.

Council Member Robert Schmidt was cautious. "There are many figures to look at. They're very convincing if somebody doesn't look behind the scenes. I don't care what Royal Oak or Farmington Hills. It's what Novi has, we have a different kind of community," Schmidt said.

"These figures really don't impress me, they're pretty to look at but they don't mean a whole lot."

If the two police are hired, they and their colleagues will be changing their style somewhat this year. At the recommendation of the city's insurance carrier, the police will use pepper spray to subdue the unruly, rather than grabbing and holding onto a suspect.

The chief characterized the department's current data processing system, which requires an officer to write up a report and a clerk to then enter the report into a computer, as far from up-to-date. He also called the information system the department now uses, CLEMIS, "antiquated." Shaeffer estimates that the department can save \$484,000 over the next five years by installing the new technology.

"We're virtually wasting money and manpower in a way that's inefficient. It's obviously something I feel strongly about," Shaeffer said.

Toth agreed. "The (the council-appointed) computer committee is eager to work on it. We haven't seen stuff like the police department has in years. This is tremendous savings, it could increase efficiency," Toth said.

Schmidt added a warning: "Nothing is more dangerous than getting seven or eight computer guys and a couple of council members who love computers and see what they want to buy."

The police department's proposed budget is 11 percent higher than last year's, with 88 percent of the funds tagged for personnel costs.

Shaeffer has made a number of big requests, including \$26,000 to upgrade security at the police department, building's entrance; \$27,000 for new furniture in the detective bureau; and \$18,000 for a DARE mini van. He also said he was pleading his case for \$7,000 to have an architect study the 15-year-old police headquarters and come up with a repair and maintenance plan. Shaeffer says one corner of the building may be falling down.

He's also made some big cutbacks over last year, including reducing the costs of supplies from \$151,000 to \$137,000. While looking over last year's budget, council members raised their eyebrows at cost of police

overtime pay, which at that time amounted to \$232,000. This year, police overtime was budgeted at \$260,000 and to date amounted to \$142,000. The fiscal year ends June 30.

"My staff, everytime someone says overtime, shivers because they know I am going to holler at them," he added.

The Novi department doesn't just deal with local residents in enforcing the law, not by a long shot, according to Shaeffer. Twelve Oaks alone brings in each weekend 110,000 shoppers arriving in 38,000 cars.

"Novi has become a regional destination city. They come here for several purposes. The mall is the number one retail center in Michigan," he said.

"We are policing much more than our own populace in that area." The Novi Road/Twelve Mile/Grand River Avenue region of Novi accounts for 23 percent of the city's crime. The addition of "restaurant row" at Novi Town Center and the Novi Expo Center increase the regional draw.

As the city's major traffic generator, Twelve Oaks Mall has paid from \$7,000 to \$10,000 of the police overtime bill.

The department has also budgeted for another installment for the modernizing of the communications system. A major program approved by the city council several years ago. The biggest ticket item is \$31,000 to move the equipment from the city's radio tower to a new Oakland County tower located at the Novi Department of Public Works yard. The Oakland County installation will offer better protection to the Novi equipment, Shaeffer said.

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11:00 a.m.—Coffee and Conversation: Eating Healthy  
11:30 a.m.—F.H. Police Journal  
12:30 p.m.—Dollars and Sense with J.R. Thomas Neal Taxes  
1:00 p.m.—Seniors on the Move: The Gourd King  
1:30 p.m.—The Word of Life: How to Plan Financially  
2:00 p.m.—Children Helping Children  
2:30 p.m.—(cont'l)  
3:00 p.m.—North American Indian Journal  
3:30 p.m.—(cont'l)  
4:00 p.m.—Old Time Religion: Key of G  
4:30 p.m.—(cont'l)  
5:00 p.m.—Seniors on the Move: Banjos of Michigan  
5:30 p.m.—(cont'l)  
6:00 p.m.—Tax Talk: Federal and Michigan Tax Forms  
6:30 p.m.—Bagels and Talk with Tracy and Phil  
7:00 p.m.—Rainbows of Promise: Pastor Stan  
7:30 p.m.—Chi-aerobics: Lesson 2  
8:00 p.m.—Cosmic Connection  
8:30 p.m.—(cont'l)  
9:00 p.m.—Women on the Move: Women Center  
9:30 p.m.—Groove Session

### Tuesday April 12, 1994

10:00 a.m.—Summit University

10:30 a.m.—(cont'l)  
11:00 a.m.—Praise, Praise, Praise  
11:30 a.m.—Life Matters  
12:00 p.m.—Adventures with Pirate Pete

12:30 p.m.—Spontaneous Seniors  
1:00 p.m.—(cont'l)  
1:30 p.m.—Prescription for Your Health: Sinuses  
2:00 p.m.—Salon Glamour and Etiquette with Gloria: Fantasy Nail Art and Techniques  
2:30 p.m.—(cont'l)  
3:00 p.m.—Cosmic Connection  
3:30 p.m.—(cont'l)  
4:00 p.m.—Live and Let Live: Military Order of the Purple Heart  
4:30 p.m.—(cont'l)  
5:00 p.m.—Tax Talk: Electronic Filing  
5:30 p.m.—Living with Your Addictions  
6:00 p.m.—Seniors on the Move: The Gourd King  
6:30 p.m.—Business and Residential News  
7:00 p.m.—Cash Talks: Baseball Cards  
7:30 p.m.—V/erpoint  
8:00 p.m.—Salon Glamour and Etiquette with Gloria: Fantasy Nail Art and Techniques  
8:30 p.m.—(cont'l)  
9:00 p.m.—F.H. Dance Recital  
9:30 p.m.—(cont'l)

### Wednesday April 13, 1994

10:00 a.m.—Capitol Report  
10:30 a.m.—Madonna Magazine  
11:00 a.m.—Study in Scripture  
11:30 a.m.—Amvets  
12:00 p.m.—The Way The Truth and The Life  
12:30 p.m.—That's Italian  
1:00 p.m.—Seniors Beware  
1:30 p.m.—Viewpoint  
2:00 p.m.—Novi Skits-O-Prantics

2:30 p.m.—(cont'l)  
3:00 p.m.—(cont'l)  
3:30 p.m.—(cont'l)  
4:00 p.m.—Crisis in the Modern Family: Bedwetting  
4:30 p.m.—(cont'l)  
5:00 p.m.—Impact Video  
5:30 p.m.—Groove Session  
6:00 p.m.—Senior Messenger  
6:30 p.m.—(cont'l)  
7:00 p.m.—The Word of Life: How to Plan Financially  
7:30 p.m.—(cont'l)  
8:00 p.m.—My Vote Counts  
8:30 p.m.—Lansing Connection  
9:00 p.m.—Speakers Row: News Digest  
9:30 p.m.—(cont'l)

10:00 a.m.—Senior Messenger  
10:30 a.m.—(cont'l)  
11:00 a.m.—American Health: Occupational Lung Disease  
11:30 a.m.—Bagels and Talk with Tracy and Phil  
12:00 p.m.—Cash Talks: Baseball Cards  
12:30 p.m.—Community Update: An End to Silence  
1:00 p.m.—I Remember When I was a Hobo  
1:30 p.m.—Farmington's Past People and Places: Robert Deadman  
2:00 p.m.—My Vote Counts  
2:30 p.m.—Chi-aerobics: Lesson 2  
3:00 p.m.—Business and Residential News  
3:30 p.m.—Viewpoint  
4:00 p.m.—Dickerman Showcase:

### Thursday April 14, 1994

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11:30 a.m.—Bagels and Talk with Tracy and Phil  
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3:30 p.m.—Viewpoint  
4:00 p.m.—Dickerman Showcase:

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4:30 p.m.—Your Money Matters: Becky Sorenson  
5:00 p.m.—Shaarey Zedek Productions  
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6:30 p.m.—Democratic Close-up:

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7:00 p.m.—Crisis in the Modern Family: Bedwetting  
7:30 p.m.—(cont'l)  
8:00 p.m.—Novi News Week  
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# His abuse may have triggered her gunfire

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the doorway to get help.

"We were able to talk to him," the lieutenant said. "But he didn't say anything or implicate her in any way."

Butler did say a medical examiner had determined that Sally's wound was self-inflicted which made the case an attempted murder/suicide situation.

An autopsy proved the woman fired the deadly shot into her mouth.

Inside the home, investigating officers found a handwritten suicide note they believe was written by Sally Dudley.

It was discovered on the kitchen counter lying next to a Holy Week Mass schedule written by her.

It read, "Please forgive us for our decision."

Shaeffer said police have yet to confirm whether the note was in Sally Dudley's handwriting.

Her body was found lying on the family's living room sofa. She was wearing rubber gloves and had a towel wrapped around her arm when she shot herself—a pattern of evidence that may suggest she planned her actions, according to Shaeffer. The gun was found next to her body.

The towel had black gun powder residue on it and may have been used to silence the shots, police suspect. Shaeffer said the revolver was registered to and purchased by Sally Dudley during the Christmas holiday season.

Family members told police they didn't know she had it in the home. The incident qualifies as domestic violence because the couple was married and living together, Butler said.

"But it's kind of a twist on the normal situation," Butler said during a

Thursday morning press conference at the police station. "Usually it's the other way around."

"It's odd that she did it. . . . But I guess it's not always the man who is the aggressor."

Police say there were few signs at the scene to indicate there was a struggle between the two before the gun fired twice. Nor were there any physical signs of what triggered the violence.

Butler speculated the couple were having marital problems because police had taken an assault and battery report from Sally Dudley in December of 1992.

On December 27, Butler said Sally came into the station to report that her husband had assaulted her.

The report says the man held the woman in a tight bearing until his daughter called police. He released her once his daughter picked up the phone.

Sally Dudley told police then she wanted them to know about the incident but didn't want to press charges, Butler said.

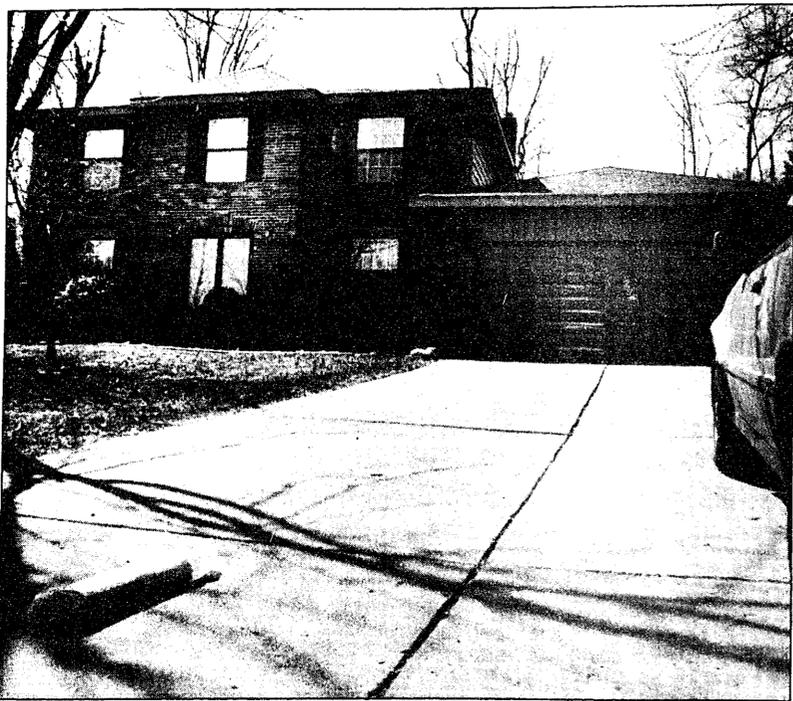
A neighbor of the Dudley's, who requested she not be identified, said Sally Dudley had told her earlier that day she had been abused by her husband. The neighbor said Sally Dudley wouldn't say whether it was physical or verbal abuse.

But there were no overt signs of any physical abuse, the neighbor said.

"She didn't have any cuts or bruises."

Sally Dudley is survived by her husband, three children: Julie, John and Susan; her mother, Doretha Evans and two brothers.

Sources say she was a teacher but was working at a local contact lens company at the time of her death.



The morning after at the Dudley's home, 44375 Wintthrop.

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

# Honoree volunteered, kept personal life private

By SHARON CONDRON Staff Writer

For a woman who lived and was active in Novi for at least 13 years, neighbors, acquaintances and those who volunteered along side Sally Marie Dudley knew little about her.

Few knew she was educated and held a teaching degree. Others knew nothing of where she worked or anything about her children.

Those who crossed her path describe the 50-year-old mother of three as a meek, unassuming woman who took little credit for the service she gave to the community.

So it was a surprise when they learned she had apparently shot her husband, James Richard Dudley, in the head last Thursday morning and then turned the gun on herself. Sally Dudley was pronounced dead at the scene. James Dudley remains hospitalized at the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor.

She was a petite brunette who never offered much about her home or personal life. Sally Dudley was reportedly quiet and soft-spoken with some. She looked younger than her years, according to those who met her.

To others she was outspoken, but not judgmental. She would voice her opinion on topics she felt strongly about. She was structured and would see a project through from start to finish.

She planned her days accordingly and rarely strayed from her plans to engage in idle chitchat.

Her recent nomination for the Novi Jaycees Distinguished Service Award came as a shock to her, sources said.

"She never wanted any attention for the service she did," said one acquaintance who asked not to be identified. "She was more of a behind-the-scenes type of person."

She didn't win this year's service award but did attend the March 26 community recognition breakfast where it was presented.

Whoever nominated Sally Dudley for the 22nd annual award

"I didn't really know her on a personal level. But I thought she'd be the least likely person to do something like this. I just want people to know she was a good person. She cared about Novi and about children. I liked her and I respected her."

Margaret Schmidt

wanted to remain anonymous. Her nomination form was mailed to the Jaycees without a return address. The person who sent it said he or she was a "close friend" of Sally's.

The form listed what service work Sally Dudley had done in the community but left out dates of service, which led some to believe the person who submitted the form also only knew bits and pieces about the woman.

The contents of the nomination form remain in a confidential file in the hands of the Novi Jaycees.

Sources have said Sally Dudley was active in the Girl Scouts and a dedicated member of the Furst Farm Committee. She also was involved in the Novi Arts Council.

Becy Staab worked side-by-side her for nine months as co-chairs of the Furst Farm Committee.

She remembers Sally Dudley as a focused, passionate and caring person, a dedicated volunteer who could be counted on to do the job she was asked to do.

"Sally was very dedicated to the farm," Staab said. "She felt strongly about the preservation of it. And she had dreams for the property."

During the nine-month Furst Farm feasibility study commissioned by Novi school officials, Staab said Sally Dudley never wavered.

"She always spoke her mind. But she listened to other people's viewpoints too. She wasn't judgmental," Staab said.

Because Sally Dudley had been a teacher, Staab believes Dudley saw

this in a million years," she said about Sally's last action.

That's what fellow committee member Margaret Schmidt said. "I didn't really know her on a personal level," Schmidt said. "But I thought she'd be the least likely person to do something like this."

"I just want people to know she was a good person. She cared about Novi and about children. I liked her and I respected her."

After seeing television news reports about the family tragedy, Schmidt said she called a local neighbor to tell them what she knew about Sally.

"I just wanted people to know she was a nice person."

Marilyn Troscak, Novi's Parks and Recreation Supervisor, remembers Sally as a dedicated volunteer. Troscak's department sponsored the Arts Council and lined up volunteers to work at various council functions.

"She did a good job for us," Troscak said. "We could always depend on her. She was always there and was a good volunteer."

The supervisor said Sally Dudley's volunteerism efforts were "few and far between." But when she did volunteer she gave it her all.

"She was very thoughtful," Troscak said. "Not a real talkative type person. She didn't say a lot about her personal life, but she was always very friendly and very courteous."

Another acquaintance who wished not to be identified said she met Sally Dudley years ago when their daughters attended the same day camp. Since their daughters were classmates they often met after school at various functions until both girls graduated from Novi High School. She offered a different impression.

"She was not one to smile a lot, but she was pleasant," she said.

At school events where these two often met, the source said Sally Dudley would "do what she had to do and that was it. She never stayed around long enough to get into a conversa-

tion with anyone. She didn't seem like a real warm person."

Those who lived near her in the Orchard Ridge subdivision said she and her husband kept to themselves.

She reportedly worked at Advance Dental for years before taking a job at Leewards, and then at a local contact lens company.

James Dudley worked as a financial analyst in the controller's office in Ford Motor Company's Paint and Trim Division in Dearborn.

The couple had three children: Julie, John and Susan. All three attended or attend college.

"They are all very bright children," said one neighbor.

"They were loners who didn't socialize with anyone," one neighbor said about their parents.

A neighbor across the street from the couple's Wintthrop home said she and Sally Dudley talked often.

The neighbor, who also did not want to be identified, said Sally Dudley stopped by her home the afternoon before the tragedy.

She said Sally had told her she had been abused but wouldn't say

whether the abuse was physical or verbal.

Despite allegations of spousal abuse, police investigators said they have little evidence to substantiate that an abusive relationship may have triggered last week's tragedy.

Since Sally Dudley confided in few if any people, no one who knew her could confirm or deny the abuse allegations.

Police say her lone assault and battery complaint against her husband in December 1992 did little to explain her actions.

The report alleges James detained Sally in a bearing until their daughter phoned police.

Sally said she didn't want to press charges against her husband at that time.

One of the couple's two daughters told police her parents argued over the years but offered little other evidence during a recent interview to substantiate any ongoing abuse.

Police have said family members weren't aware the woman owned the gun she used last week.

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The suspect is skulking around the outside of the house, headed for the backyard. He peeks around the corner to make sure no one is watching. Although it is broad daylight, no one in the neighborhood seems to take notice of this perpetrator on his way to commit his crime.

His description: male, gray hair, slightly balding, bespectacled. He is wearing tan pants, a brightly color Hawaiian shirt and gardening gloves. Approximate age: 74.

He reaches his goal at the back of the house. He reaches down and turns the knob. The sprinklers go on. Yes, you have just witnessed a criminal in the act of watering his lawn on an odd-numbered day when his home address is even-numbered. If captured and convicted, he'd better be prepared to fork over \$100...

With Novi's current alternate day lawn sprinkling ordinance set to expire later this month, the city is looking into ways it can re-adopt that law to convince the Michigan Department of Public Health to release new water taps for use here. One of the key elements in such an ordinance, city officials believe, would be a hike in the penalty for violations from the current \$25 to \$100.

It seems just a little excessive doesn't it, for residents who have paid to hook into the water system and now to pay monthly for the service to now be faced with a \$100 fine so that more customers can be hooked up to the system.

But before you start loading your squirt guns in preparation of an armed inspection of city hall, you should know the fault really lies elsewhere. Your anger ought to be directed elsewhere—namely at the Detroit Water Board, the Village of Franklin and the Michigan Department of Public Health.

Here's a brief history of how we got to this point. Low pressure became a lingering problem in Novi's water mains, and 13 other suburban communities, due to the poor operation of the Detroit water system. It seems Detroit wanted suburban fees without doing was necessary to provide the service.

In 1990, the Michigan Department of Public Health declared a moratorium on new taps in those suburbs to keep from making the pressure problems worse. The moratorium was to be lifted as soon as a new 72-inch water main and pump station could be constructed to bring more water to the suburbs, but the project became the subject of a lawsuit filed by the Village of Franklin. That lawsuit managed to hold up the project for about two years.

Now, the suit's been settled and the project should be finished in the next two to three years, but in the meantime,



Lee Snider

## Government

There is still the problem of low pressure in the mains. Last year, communities like Novi and Farmington Hills took steps to reduce demand on the system to see if they could convince the health department to let go of a few new taps. Keys components in those efforts were the lawn sprinkling ordinances. Farmington Hills enacted an alternate day watering rule, which would take effect only when the health department declared an emergency. And the penalty it placed on residents was \$100.

Novi's ordinance, on the other hand, was to be effective all summer long, regardless of whether an emergency had been declared, and set fines of \$25 for violators.

The Department of Public Health accepted Farmington Hills' ordinance and released 2,200 taps to the city. It did not accept Novi's and refused to release any taps to it. According to Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall, it concluded that because the fine was only \$25, Novi's city ordinance "didn't have enough teeth in it."

So Novi is back to the drawing board on its ordinance. Along with considering the increased fine, the city is also researching the other aspects of the Farmington Hills water conservation measure.

Kriewall has explained the need for the taps. Development here was never really slowed by the moratorium. Instead, new homes were simply built with wells. But now, with water mains due here within three years and an estimated 1,500 building sites ready to receive them, making do without the taps could be an expensive proposition. While those new homeowners might pay about \$2,000 to sink a private well, they would also face a second \$2,000 cost to tap into the water system when the taps are released.

We might agree with the health department that the local law lacked teeth if the fines were \$2 or \$5 for each violation. But we doubt many homeowners would be willing to accept a \$25 fine just to water their lawns on the wrong days. Besides, "teeth" has more to do with enforcement than the fine itself.

Frankly, it shows just how overpaid those Lansing bureaucrats are if they consider a \$25 fine toothless.

Nonetheless, we wonder if they'd settle for a phased-in fine structure—say \$25 for a first offense, \$50 for a second, and \$100 or more for those really mean, nasty, habitual sprinkling violators.

## Can't say 'cheese' anymore



Lee Snider

What do you do when two company policies are on a head-on collision course? Why, you make up a third, incorporating the non-opposing features of the two, of course.

That's sort of where we are in trying to devise a new approach to the photographs we run in *The Novi News*. On the one hand, we have a policy that states, "Whatever comes in, gets in." All that means is that if we get a story tip or a photo request that has merit and a good local angle, we should find some use for it. Chances are it belongs in a community newspaper.

As a practical matter, this doesn't always work because we have limited resources that often can't keep up with the demand. It gets especially difficult when our 1/2 full-time equivalent photographers have to cover three basketball games, a service club raffle, a children's reading hour, a visit from a Yemec clock maker and a cow pie dung-drop contest all in the same night.

Nevertheless, the rule is that every attempt should be made to accommodate the people who write and call with worthwhile suggestions.

On the other hand, though, there's the policy that says, "Don't use posed photographs—they have little interest to anyone other than the people being depicted."

These are your standard "grip and grin" pictures of two people exchanging a check or "execution" photos in which you stand people up against a wall and "shoot" them.

Too many of those and your publication begins to look like the scrapbook from your 1977 Benovolent and Protective Order of Yaks' anniversary party.

So what do you do? You want to be able to take pictures of as many noteworthy events as possible, yet you don't want to compromise the pictorial integrity of your paper.

Time for a little creativity. We have to find ways to make activity shots out of otherwise static, contrived photo opportunities.

For example, when we get a call from a fifth-grade teacher whose pupil won the school spelling bee, on go the thinking caps. We certainly feel that kids who can spell "gerundive" (the future passive participle that functions adjectivally and expresses the notion of fitness or necessity) deserve to have their pictures in our paper. However, we've just been told their father's been hired as a booth operator at Disney World.

So, we have to improvise. How can we go along with the picture request and make the photo appealing to a wider audience at the same time?

Well, we could try plopping the student down at their classroom desk, making it look like they're studying their Webster's New World. Or, perhaps we could set them up in the library and surround them with brainy-looking objects like globes and encyclopedias.

Our photographer Bryan Mitchell likes to make unique photographs by finding odd angles for his camera. He once had three students lie down on the floor as if they were spokes in a wheel with their heads meeting at the hub. He then stood over them and, looking down, snapped a picture of them from just the neck up. The effect was striking and the unusual image definitely got your attention.

As someone in our brain trust said, an attractive picture will benefit everyone. It'll help us by providing photos that will improve the look of our pages, and it'll help the community by drawing greater attention to the subject of the photos.

What a solution! Lee Snider is an editor of *The Novi News* and *The Northville Record*.

## Moments

By Bryan Mitchell



Storybook dress-up day at Parkview Elementary brought out a multitude of Barnums.

## See district from inside out



Sharon Condron

In an upscale community like Novi, I find it hard to believe people aren't looking to fill vacancies on the Novi Community School District Board of Education.

When school officials told me that few residents attend meetings, ask questions or show an interest at the board level where policy decisions are made.

When I asked board members and administrators about it, they concurred. There are no problems here, they said. That's why there's little attendance.

Now once before I've used this space to criticize Northville Public Schools elected officials for their over-reliance on community input. So I recognize that this may sound a bit contradictory. But, when a school district has a difficult time recruiting board members, I think the story is different.

I think it's laudable Novi residents think their elected officials are doing a good job educating their children. But I think people in the community also need to be more responsible and responsive to the needs of the schools. Don't wait until you have an axe to grind with the school board before you get involved. That's what Northville's problem has been in the past. Get involved now so you're seated on the board for the right reasons. Take an interest and learn about the district from the inside out not the outside in.

Sharon Condron is a Staff Writer for *The Novi News*.

## Education getting close attention



Tim Richard

You didn't ask, but 11 public hearings are coming up in May on public school accreditation standards in Michigan.

We all got bogged down during the Proposal A debate—sales tax, income tax, homestead exemption, creditation deadlines, cigarette tax, assessment cap... money, money. I expected somebody would ask what, if anything, Lansing was doing about education reform. Now things are moving fast.

The day after the March 15 Proposal A election, the State Board of Education approved new standards to accredit public schools. They depend MEAP assessment tests, attendance/dropout rates, graduation rates and other criteria.

Oh, it's not final approval. A committee gave it to the State Board; the State Board is sending it to local and intermediate school districts, colleges, universities, chambers of commerce and the like; and then come the hearings.

Wayne Intermediate School District—9:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, May 9; 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 10.

comes. A student may "test out" of some courses.

Commented Beardmore: "No more can a teacher say, as some are reputed to have done, 'We covered the material or I taught it; they just didn't learn it.' Learning is the essential thing, not the names or numbers of courses."

School year — PA 335 sets the usual 180 days of instruction this year but shifts to a 900-hour standard for 1994, 990 hours in 1995, 1,035 in 1997 and 1,080 in 1999-2000. Goal is 210 instructional days by 2005.

Endorsed diploma — This is Phil Power's area, but he has the week off from writing. A pupil scheduled to graduate in 1994, 1995 or 1996 must pass state or local proficiency tests to get a state endorsement on his or her diploma.

Some complain this is a state takeover of local control. Wrong. Since 1837 Michigan has had state supervision of public schools in its constitution. "Local control" never has been in the Michigan Constitution.

Finally, the state is doing what Lewis Cass, Stevens T. Mason and John D. Pierce wanted it to do.

Tim Richard reports regularly on the local implications of state and regional events.

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# 'Friends' complain of ingratitude

By **TIM RICHARD**  
Staff Writer

They're in the middle of the battle of the sexes. They deal with people in divorce — the most stressful human experience next to the death of a spouse or parent. They explain legalisms to non-readers. They come to work early and leave late.

They're Friend of the Court employees, and it was their turn Thursday to complain to state senators about how shabbily the public treats them.

"We deal with illiteracy. People can't understand forms or even the signs on the wall," said Fran Lesinski, a Troy resident who works for the Friend of the Court in Wayne County.

"The organization has a pyramid shape. There are 400 employees, and there is no avenue to be heard or to proceed with a career path," Lesinski told a subcommittee chaired by Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville.

"These are fierce battlefields," said Eaton Circuit Judge Thomas Eveland. "There are outrageous and unfounded attacks. Disagreements turn to diatribes. There are complaints of gender bias on both sides."

"Emotional people plus and adversarial process result in an explosive situation," Eveland said.

Geake chairs a subcommittee of the Senate Family Law Committee. In eight hearings around the state, starting with Livonia and Pontiac, he has heard Friend of the Court staffers take "hours and hours of brutal beatings from people with very serious complaints."

"Many of you will say 'we can do a better job with more resources,' and that's all right. We realize the resources have not kept pace with the growing rate of divorce."

Friend of the Court is an arm of circuit courts, half of whose caseload is divorce suits. The Friend of the Court processes child support and alimony

payments, deals with child custody squabble and holds conciliation conferences. One Friend of the Court employee after another cited evidence that Michigan's system is best in the nation, the envy of many states and even other nations.

"Our operation needs attention, resources and direction," said James Rashid, chief judge of Wayne Circuit Court, whose Friend of the Court operation has drawn the bulk of the criticism.

"Make SMILE mandatory," said Rashid, referring to an Oakland County program of three-times-a-month meetings with people going through divorces. The acronym stands for "Start Making It Livable for Everyone."

Rashid urged lawmakers not to limit a judge's authority to order custody and visitation. "Resist the temptation to make hard-and-fast rules for decision makers."

"You heard people who purport to have complaints against the Friend

of the Court," said Ellen Abbott, Friend of the Court for the Osceola and Mecosta counties circuit. "The bulk weren't."

Abbott cited complaints Geake heard about unenforced court orders, failure to make pickups on bench warrants, failure to prosecute bad checks, failure to prosecute kidnapers, stalking, lies by the other party, and just bad parenting — all the duties of judges, police, prosecutors and ex-spouses, but all blamed on Friend of the Court staffers.

Funding is inadequate, said Clinton County Friend of the Court Terry Clarke, because county general funds are the primary budget source. "Our revenues go to county general funds. Then we have to compete with other needs."

There was a strong consensus among Friends of the Court that they should continue to be accountable to circuit judges rather than being to prosecutors or the county board.

## Education Notes

**Science day for kids:** The popular "Science Day for Kids" returns to the Highland Lakes campus of Oakland Community College.

Registrations are now being accepted for the fourth annual science day Saturday, May 14. The day-long program features more than 40 hands-on workshops in math, technology, and science for parents and children ages 5 to 13.

The event opens at 9 a.m. with a presentation of Detroit Edison's Enviro-Magic show, starring Louie the Lightning Bug. Participants choose three one-hour workshops to attend. Lunch will be available for purchase, or participants may bring their own. The finale, for all attendees, begins at 2:30 p.m. and features entertainer Yo-Master Zeemo demonstrating a series of experiments in gravity, friction, matter and energy.

Cost is \$10 per person. Registration must be made in advance. For more information or to obtain a registration form call 360-3186.

The Highland Lakes Campus is located at 7350 Cooley Lake Road in Waterford.

**Registration:** Schoolcraft College is accepting registrations for the following courses that begin April 20-27.

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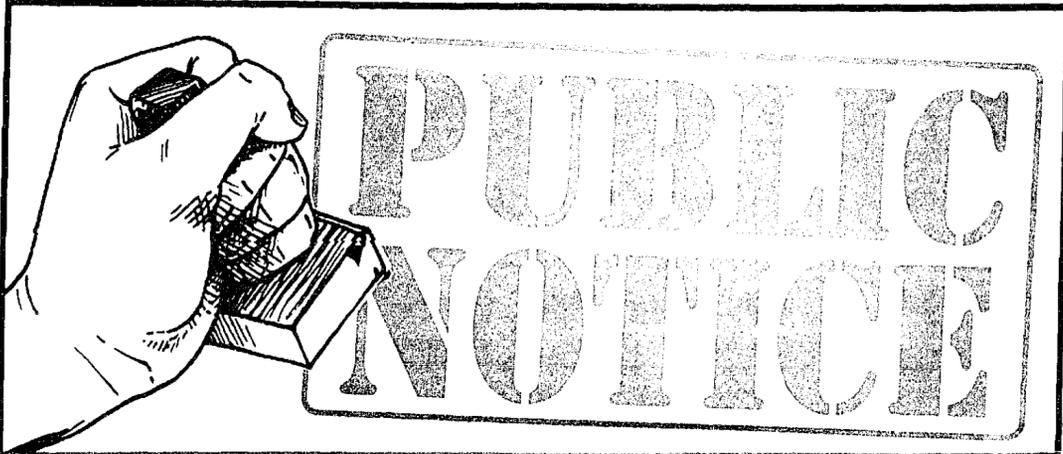
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# TOM TERRIFIC

ere's what you should know about Tom Grigg: he's just one of the fellas. Nothing suits him better than sitting in the dugout with his baseball brethren discussing the merits of hitting to the opposite field or standing at shortstop daring an enemy batter to slap one in his direction. You won't find him slacking off at infield practice, wind sprints or lifting weights. And you sure as

heck won't find Tom Grigg giving the coach a hard time.

With either college or professional baseball looming in the near future, the Wildcat captain could if he wanted. Are you kidding? With his talent?

What other senior in the State of Michigan steals bases like him, fields grounders like him or hits the ball more squarely than him? Nobody. But that's not the 17-year-old's way. He's a phenom without an attitude.

"He hasn't changed," Novi High coach Brian Howard said of his four-year varsity star. "He has a real down-home purity. Nothing's hidden with him."

Least of all Grigg's love for the game. "I remember my first home run," he said recently. "It was in 8- or 9-year-old ball. I hit it and watched for a second then started running. I heard this roar from about 15 parents in the stands. It felt like I hit it off Roger Clemens."

Like the Boston Red Sox hurler, Grigg's baseball career began early.

He started playing organized ball at the age of 5 in Tennessee. By the time Grigg was 8 his dad, Don, had already taught him to switch-hit and field smoothly at shortstop.

A year later he was playing with boys several years older. After the family moved to Florida, he won a state championship with his pony league team at the age of 12.

The Griggs moved to Michigan as Tom began high school. He has continued playing against older competition in American Legion as a freshman and sophomore and then last summer in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League with Delwal.

"The only way to get better is to play with better players," said Grigg.

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Tom grigg has made All-State two years in a row and is looking for number three - something no other Class A player has done.

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## Wildcats go for third straight KVC title in '94

By SCOTT DANIEL  
Sports Editor

Losing players like Paul Roma, Randy Naumann and John Lahti would make any baseball coach cringe a bit about the upcoming season.

But with a solid pitching staff, all state shortstop and fleet-footed outfield returning, Novi coach Brian Grigg anchors the infield with experience and youth. Senior Derek Gavigan and sophomore Angelo Falone will likely see equal action.

"Neither is head and shoulders above the other," said Howard.

Novi's infield is its strength without a doubt.

Serra returns to the hot corner at third. An excellent hitter, Howard ex-

and Lahti a solid workhorse at catcher.

"We lost some significant people," said Howard. "But we have some good people to replace them."

Moving into the role of ace is Junior Mitch Jabzenski. A left-hander, he throws in the mid-70s with excellent control, according to Howard.

"The guy's an athlete," he said. Righthanders Kevin Serra, Joe Harmon and Greg Norris also fit into the starting rotation. A transfer student from South Carolina, Howard thinks Norris might be the darkhorse of the staff.

"He will be very good," he said. "He has several pitches and has control of all of them."

It will be bullpen by committee. Seniors Bryan Groom and Jason Fischer will see relief action. Junior John Wroe and Youchi Matsunaga will also work out of the pen.



File photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Kevin Serra will play third base and pitch for Novi.

"We're hoping not to get into the bullpen (too much)," said Howard. Grigg anchors the infield at shortstop. A two-time all star, he'll likely hit over .400 and field every thing in sight.

"Tom will do things others can't," said Howard.

The coach said KVC teams won't be able to pitch around his star switch-hitter.

"They'll see these other kids are

precis big things from the senior. Junior Jim Rose takes over for Naumann at second base. Howard said Rose has an excellent eye at the plate and may leadoff.

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As always, the Wildcats will look to drive the opposing team runs by stealing bases. While the Cats may not have as much team speed as last year, Howard said they do have better base runners.

"This year we have more natural athletes," he added.

Novi opens the season Wednesday at home against South Lyon.

## Softballers look to unseat Hartland from atop KVC

By SCOTT DANIEL  
Sports Editor

Hartland is acknowledged as the favorite to win the Kensington Valley Conference softball crown this spring.

"As any fan of softball knows, however, predictions rarely come true. Wildcat skipper John Peace is hoping his young and talented squad will be the one folks are talking about at the end of the season.

"We'll give Hartland a run for their money," the long-time coach said.

As far as Peace is concerned, just about any of the KVC schools have a shot. Milford, Brighton, Howell, Hartland and Novi will all field strong clubs this year.

"Anyone of the five teams are capable of beating each other," Peace said. "The KVC is one of the better leagues in the state. I think it's in the top three or four in the state."

Novi finished just 12-12 in the league last year. But the

"Cats got hot at the end of the campaign and wound up as district champs with a 25-15 overall record.

Hartland won the KVC championship a year ago with five league losses. Peace said the eventual winner this season could have as many or more losses.

"Two or three losses won't knock you out of it," he said. Even more so than baseball, softball titles are won on the pitching mound. With two veteran hurlers returning, Novi must be counted as a factor in the league race.

Junior Erin Bjerkie and senior Julie Swinehart give the Wildcats an excellent one-two punch. The duo split time on the mound a year ago with some success.

Bjerkie displayed excellent control while Swinehart throws old fashioned heat at enemy batters.

"Both have looked really sharp in pre-season," said Peace. "They'll dominate quite a few games."

The coach said each of the five top teams feature excellent pitching. Don't be surprised if there are a lot of low scoring games this spring, Peace added.

"There will be quite a few close games," he said. Another pair of experienced players will handle the catching duties. Senior Michelle DeWitt will see time along with junior Christine Edwards.

When one is catching, the other will likely be in the outfield. Peace said Junior Jamie Zoline could also see time behind the plate.

Aside from the battery, few other positions are set on the Wildcats. Cold weather has kept the team inside much of the spring.

Peace said he has lots of flexibility with his roster. Many players could see action at two or even three positions during the year.

"I think that makes a big difference," the coach commented.

Melissa Strikulis figures into the first base plans. The sophomore came up at the end of last year and tore the cover off the ball.

"She hit the hell out of the ball," said Peace.

Freshman Lyndsay Drury might also see time at first as well second base and in the outfield.

"Katie Shaw will work in the outfield and third base. When Swinehart isn't pitching, she'll play at third base, too.

"She's outstanding at third," Peace said.

Melissa Warra will see lots of playing time at shortstop. Rounding out the infield will be second baseman Junko Matsunaga and shortstop Melissa Ruhl.

In the outfield, a number of young players will get a chance to shine.

Kathleen Ruzyski and Kim Justus move up from junior varsity. Amy Zoline fills out the final roster spot. Novi is junior-dominated this year.

"We have nine juniors," Peace said. "The fact that we're so junior dominated... I think will be more consistent. I don't think we'll make as many mental errors. I think we'll be more heads up about the game."

## Numbers up for boys' track

By SCOTT DANIEL  
Sports Editor

If there is strength in numbers, the Wildcat boys' track team should be a proverbial Samson in '94.

Novi will throw a squad of about 70 athletes, up about 15 from last year, at its Kensington Valley Conference rivals. While there will be plenty of talent to go around, coach Bob Smith said his team has got a lot to learn.

"It's the biggest team we've had," he said. "But also the youngest."

Led by stars John Crawford and Vince Meehan, the Cats finished fourth in the KVC with a 4-3 overall record. A strong group of seniors led by that duo and the likes of Troy Helmick, Jason Stimac, Tom Hanton, Jeremy Watkins and Chris Modelski have all moved on.

All of those losses should make Smith a little nervous. But the long-time coach believes Novi still will be competitive.

"We lost a ton," Smith said. "But I think it will be an exciting year. I think we can run with anybody."

He acknowledged that the Wildcats are a year or two away from being really strong.

"We have the potential to have a strong program for years to come," Smith added.

Some of Novi's more experienced performers will be in the field events.

Senior Shady Sardy leads the pack in the long jump. He just missed making the state meet last season and should make it this year.

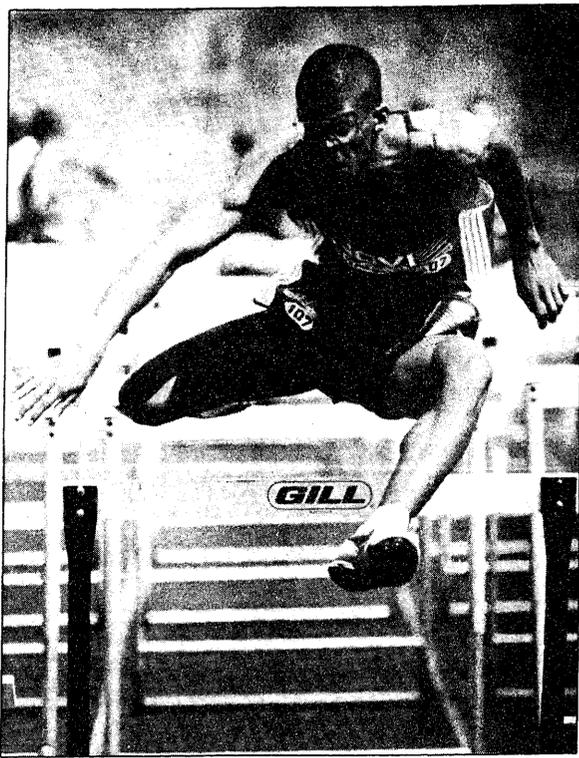
"He's quality," said Smith.

Another Wildcat that might make the state meet is Damien Thompson. A junior, he cleared 6-0 in the high jump and needs three more inches to make the big dance.

"That's within the realm of possibility," said Smith. "He's working hard this year."

Sardy and Tony Place will do the high jump as well. The top pole vaulter will be junior Eric Brandon, who cleared 11-6 last spring. Mark McBride and Josh Frick will add depth in the event and may surprise.

discus. Senior John Hardin is slightly ahead of Eric Norman and Keith List in the discus while Norman holds a slight edge in the shot. So-



File photo by HAL GOULD

Damien Thompson is back to compete in hurdle events for the Wildcats.

phomore Brian O'Neill will also compete.

"We're fairly deep in that event," said Smith.

Thompson will be the main man in hurdles. He'll do the 110 and 300 meter. Brandon has a shot at a school record in the 300 hurdles.

"He's capable," said Smith.

Novi will also be strong in sprinting events.

Junior Todd Pejakovich leads the way in the 100 meters. He was second in the KVC last year.

Brandon Spence is another speedy junior.

"He and PJ are a great one-two punch," said Smith.

Ryan Keys, Peter Wickman, Andy Gatt and Scott Keys will also compete for points in the 100 and 200.

A number of Cats will compete in the mid-distance events of 400 and 800 meters. McBride, Wickman, Sardy, Adam Hagfors, Chad Darling and Dan Rowell are among the candidates.

An influx of cross country runners

will do the distance work. Scott Shepley, Ryan Henderson, Jukes Namn, Mike Girard and Hagfors will run the mile and two-mile races.

Smith said the experience of that group could show.

"You're skating on thin ice when a freshman and sophomore are your leaders," he said.

The coach said he wasn't sure about the exact combination of his relay teams. But, most likely, sprinters will do shorter events and distance runners the mile and two-mile relays.

## Freshmen give Novi 'balance,' depth in track

By SCOTT DANIEL  
Sports Editor

While the University of Michigan may have had the "Fab Five" a few years ago, Novi High has the Tremendous 22 this spring.

Almost half of the Wildcat girls' track team will be made up of freshman in 1994—a group that ranks right up there with the school's best incoming classes of all time, according to coach Connie Alta. Blend that youth in with some fine returning athletes and Novi should have its best team in years.

"I'm really excited," said Alta. "We actually have some depth this year."

The Wildcats have made steady progress in her six years as coach, she added.

"We've been building the program," Alta commented. "We were at the bottom and worked up to the middle of the league. Now we have a strong nucleus to go with."

Novi led for fourth in the Kensington Valley Conference last season, but finished with an overall dual meet record of 4-3. Graduated from that squad are Kate MacKenzie, Tanya Frank and Kristen Penze, among others.

The Cats will feel the loss of that trio, Alta said, as well as one other. Erika Strausberg, who would've competed in the long jump and several relay teams, will miss her senior season because of a chipped bone in her knee.

"With her running we would've been just dynamite," said Alta.

Despite those losses, the coach said she is still very much optimistic. The large group of freshmen, which comprise 22 of 49 team members, will make Novi strong in distance events and allow teammates to specialize in particular events more.

"They balance our team out," said Alta. "We won't have to ask our top kids to compete in four events."

New faces will dot field events for Novi.

Lon DeWitt, a junior, takes over for MacKenzie in the shot put. Dyan Ah-

rens, also a junior, will throw the discus.

The Wildcats may dominate in the high jump. Freshmen Sarah Schmidt and Audra Wojtowicz, sophomore Ursula Place and senior Katie Jettie are all jumping about 4-11 currently. The state cut is 5-0.

"We'll take a lot of points," said Alta. "The could all place in dual meets."

Sophomore Dawn Kuluzkie is one of many candidates for the long jump. The coach said her team's strength isn't in the field events overall.

"We're hoping to come out even in field events," Alta explained.

Track events are another story. "I think we will be outstanding in everything from a quarter-mile up," said Alta.

Jettie, DeWitt and Sarah Blumer will handle the 110 meter high and 300 meter low hurdles for the Cats. Jettie was third in the KVC in the high hurdles last year.

The two-mile relay will feature a quartet of freshmen. Katie Zimmerman, Michelle Sweller, Lorna Camp and Jerry Hampton are already running faster than any Novi time from last year.

Schmidt, Sweller, DeWitt, Christi Carmichael, Ellie Johnson, Michelle Harrison and Lauren Rice will all see action at the 1,600-meter relay.

Carmichael returns as Novi's top sprinter as well. The senior will top the 100 and 200 meter dash events. Joining her will be Wolowicz, Schmidt, Ahrens, Place and Charity Stanek.

A strong mid-distance (400 and 800 meters) group will also be led by Carmichael, Sweller, Schmidt, Hampton, Johnson, Camp and Sara McClimen.

Alta said most of her athletes came into spring practice in excellent shape. She said, in many respects, her team is in mid-season form already.

"We haven't had any injury problems," Alta added.

Novi opens the season a week from today at South Lyon.

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# Healthy kickers hope for better results in 1994

By SCOTT DANIEL  
Sports Editor

Knocking soccer king-of-the-hill Brighton down the Kensington Valley Conference mountain will be the aim of every school this spring.

Coach Larry Christoff is hoping a healthier Wildcat squad will be able to do that job in 1994. Nov will look to use hustle and aggressive play to contend for the title.

"We will have a hard-nosed team," said Christoff. "We will be a very aggressive team."

Despite eight starters being injured and out of action at some point during the season, Nov finished with a respectable 9-6-4 record a year ago. The Wildcats lost just one game before injuries began to set in.

"It's hard when you get hit by so many injuries," said Christoff. The squad ended up finishing fourth in the KVC as a result. Christoff felt the team would have been a notch or two higher without the injury bug.

Nov got most of its players back in time for the state tournament. But Baseline rival Northville eliminated the Cats in districts, 2-0.

While most of the injuries have healed, the Wildcats will be without one of its premier players for the upcoming campaign.

Junior Becki Pylar will have to sit out with a knee injury. She actually hurt the knee last season and had to have knee surgery. But Christoff said the knee has improved little

since then forcing the surgery. Her absence will create some shifting in the Wildcat lineup. Pylar would've played a number of positions, sweeper, center halfback or even forward.

Christoff said Nov will have a little less depth without the junior. "Everyone else is healthy," he added. "I think we'll be in good shape."

A number of candidates will vie for forward positions.

Erin Vogel was second on the team in goal scoring to Pylar a year ago. Christoff said the sophomore will work up front as well as at halfback.

Juniors Mandy McGinnis and Beth Gourlay will also see plenty of time at forward. McGinnis scored four times last year while Gourlay added a pair and four assists. Kim Bialek, Sara Blisko and Michelle Koorz, up from JV, round out the front line.

Nicole Borashko leads the halfbacks. The junior scored a goal and four assists last year.

Keri Naughton, Laura Sntder, Darleen Galido and Sara Cook will join Borashko at midfield. Defensively, Nov looks strong.

Cristi Jarvis will likely move to the sweeper position. Junior Amy Campbell is slated for stopper while Betsie Becker and Nicole Barber will also play at fullback.

"We will have a good-sized team," said Christoff. "I think we will be a little intimidating."

The last line of defense is also in



File photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Beth Gourlay (left) will be an important part of Nov's lineup this spring.

good hands. Junior Lisa Antuna will pick up the loose player," he added.

Brighton is the favorite to win the KVC again this year. Christoff said Milford, South Lyon and the Wildcats all have decent squads.

"You never know what can happen," he commented.

Christoff said his team will play a zone defense much of the time. "We shouldn't have any problem

# Netters to defend KVC title in style

By SCOTT DANIEL  
Sports Editor

The good news for Kenington Valley Conference tennis teams is that Nov High will sport a very young squad in 1994.

The bad news is, these guys are pretty darn good.

The Wildcats are coming off a second straight league championship and an 11-1-3 overall record.

Despite a reworked lineup, coach Scott Davis optimistic about Nov's chances for a three-peat.

"Our number one goal is to win the KVC," he said. "We'll have one of the youngest teams we've ever had. But we have to be the favorites again this year."

Nov won the KVC title by the slimmest of margins last year. The Cats went 9-0-3 in league dual matches but then tied Brighton at the conference meet. Dual matches and that the league meet both count 50 percent towards the final standings.

With only two seniors returning to the lineup, the odds of winning by any margin would seem slim. Not so, says Davis.

"If we can split our singles matches I think we'll be OK," he commented. "I think our doubles will be better than everyone else's."

Rich Vandermass moves into the singles position. A lefty, Davis said the sophomore has a great serve.

"No question he is the most mentally tough player on our team," the coach added.

Vandermass has played from a very young age. Davis said. As the sophomore matures, he could become

one of the area's tougher singles players.

"He'll be the league champ this year," Davis said. "Within the next couple of years he could do very well in regionals."

At second singles, Curt Sperscheider will see action. An excellent all-around athlete, the junior played very well at doubles.

"I think he will have a great year," the coach said.

Davis hasn't settled on third and fourth singles spots as of yet. Jay Crenshaw, Steve Taruzyski and Aaron Hitchcock are all candidates.

"I think third and fourth singles will be coached," said Davis.

Doubles teams are just as much up in the air.

"I haven't decided yet," said Davis. "I've been moving them around seeing who plays well with whom."

The coach said he's looking to create a "balanced" team. By that he means having one very aggressive player and another that works at a more even pace.

Davis isn't overly concerned about how the pairings finally work out.

"The strength of our team will be doubles again," he said. However the scorecard reads, Kirk Baetens will be on the top team. The senior's partner and the rest of the doubles lineup will be drawn from:

Matt Lund, sophomore Mike Marshall, senior Steve Basset, Scott Baetens, Joel Mitchell and Jem Tankersley.

The KVC race will likely come down to Nov and Brighton again. "I don't see anybody else," Davis commented.

der I've seen," he said. "I've never seen anyone pick it like Tom."

For now, the senior is just looking forward to the Kenington Valley Conference season.

"We have a lot of talent," said Grigg. "I want to win it."

As a Wildcat, he has a lifetime batting average over .400. Howard said it'll be more of the same this spring.

"I would expect him to easily hit over .400," he said.

How ever the campaign turns out, Grigg knows his biggest test is in the years to come. But don't be surprised if you see his name in the box scores a few summers from now.

"I have the desire," said Grigg. "I just want the chance. It's not so much about the money. I just want my picture on a baseball card."

# T-Ball registration deadline approaching quickly in Novi

By CINDY STEWART  
Special Writer

What is the most important thing you have to do by April 15? No, it's not your taxes. It's much more important than that.

Friday, April 15 at 5 p.m. is the registration deadline for Novi Parks and Recreation Youth T-Ball and Youth Softball Leagues. What could be more important than that?

Over 1,000 Novi kids from 5 to 13 years old will ultimately sign up for more than 60 Parks and Recreation Department teams coached by more than 125 parent volunteers.

If you sign up before the 5 p.m. April 15 deadline, your child is guaranteed a spot on one of the teams.

Practice begins the second week of June and Opening Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 18, in Power Park for both T-Ball and Youth Softball. Each participant will receive a shirt, hat and trophy.

Youth T-Ball helps your youngster learn the fundamentals of baseball, softball, throwing, catching, teamwork and sportsmanship by playing in a non-competitive co-ed league.

This includes a Midget League for 5 year olds and a Giant League for 6 and 7 year olds. Game days are Wednesdays for the midgets and Mondays or Tuesdays for the Giants.

Youth Softball lets your child enjoy a league that stresses fundamentals, teamwork and sportsmanship.

These teams play two games a week. The softball divisions are Youth for 9 and 10 year olds and Junior for 11-13 year olds. The boys game days are Tuesdays and Thursdays, and the girls play on Mondays and Wednesdays. All game times are 6:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. with practice starting the second week of June. Except for opening and closing day, all games are played on school fields throughout Novi.

"Our T-ball and softball leagues have grown very popular over the years," said Dianne Adaschik, Recreation Coordinator. "The kids have so much fun, especially on Opening Day when we use the scoreboards and announcers, and open the concession stand. It's as exciting as opening day at Tiger Stadium."

"We couldn't offer such great programs if it wasn't for our parent volunteers and the team sponsors. We need more parents and businesses to get involved in our community and help the kids. T-ball and softball are such worthwhile programs that provide constructive activities for Novi's kids. I have some parents and business sponsors who return year after year and they deserve our thanks."

Tim May is one of those great pa-

rents. A 13-year resident of Novi, Tim has coached Novi Parks and Rec soccer for the past eight years and softball for the past five years.

"I coach because I strongly believe in being involved in my children's activities and get so much pleasure out of coaching," May said.

"I would strongly encourage all parents to get involved. It's a great way to develop a friendship with the neighborhood kids, meet the parents and help your community. Novi Parks and Rec is one of the best organizations I've ever dealt with."

Longtime Novi resident Art Cerv is another of those dedicated parent volunteers who has coached his boys T-ball and softball for the last nine years.

"Why do I coach? Well it's more fun to be involved with my sons on the field as a coach, instead of just sitting in the bleachers," said Art. "I love seeing the kids learn and grow. It's important for the adults to teach them the fundamentals of baseball, to play as a team and most importantly to have fun."

Through the years, Art, his wife, Suzanne, and their two sons, Nick and Jon, became a true baseball family. They might have four to five games per week, but the Cervs also find time to travel to Toronto's Skydome, Chicago's Wrigley Field and



File photo BRYAN MITCHELL

Future sluggers can't get into the batter's box if parents don't register them by next week's deadline.

Detroit's Tiger Stadium to enjoy some of the professional baseball games. It's a great sport they can all enjoy together.

Novi Parks and Rec T-ball and softball utilizes the school fields throughout Novi Monday through Thursday evenings. Games are only played at Power Park on Opening

Day, Saturday, June 18 and Closing Day, Saturday, August 6. Local businesses are encouraged to sponsor teams which will help purchase additional equipment and maintain the fields. Many generous sponsors come back year after year to help the area kids such as Harmon-Marcus Glass, Kosch's Deli & Pub, O'Brien's

Chapel, Robert E. Taub & Novi Optimist Club.

Call Novi Parks and Recreation at 347-0400 for registration or sponsor information. We also need more parent volunteer coaches. Get out your gloves and bats and "Play Ball."

Cindy Stewart is the Director of Public Information for the City of Novi.

# Shortstop Grigg aims for Major League Baseball career

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Considering his age, 16, and the level of competition (players from the University of Michigan, Central and Eastern Michigan and the University of Detroit, among others, stocked the league), it was amazing that he made the Novi-based squad.

"I was overwhelmed," Grigg said. "I was really nervous going in."

That didn't last long.

After a slow start, Grigg distinguished himself. He batted lead-off much of the season and hit .322 while finishing second in the league in steals with 16.

"It was a big adjustment," Grigg said of the pitching in the LCBL. "I went from seeing pitches 65 or 70

(miles per hour) to 85 consistently."

After graduating at Novi High, he will join DePaul for a second season. Grigg said the summer league experience has helped him prepare for the next step.

"I felt I learned so much," he commented. "I think I got my feet wet. I'll know what to expect next year at Michigan State."

Grigg is the Spartans' prize recruit. He signed a national letter of intent last November with a strong inclination from MSU coach Tom Smith that he would start.

"We're very excited about Tom Grigg," Smith said. "He's one of the top players in the State of Michigan this year. He can run, he can hit and he's a good student."

shown interest in the 5-foot-9, 165-pound Novi resident. Indicators are that Grigg will be a high draft choice, which in baseball is the first 10 rounds, this June.

Top-picks are often lured away from college with a hefty signing bonus. As far as Grigg is concerned, he's in a no-lose situation.

"The worst I can do is get a free education," he said. "Everything is in my benefit."

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# Movies

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## Another miracle finish?

'Major League II' returns for another screwball season

Can the Indians do it again? That's the question asked in "Major League II," the sequel to Morgan Creek Productions' 1989 comedy hit. The sequel re-unites nearly all the characters who made "Major League" a runaway success, while adding several new characters to the Cleveland Indians' lineup.

Filmed on location in Baltimore, "Major League II" takes another look at the Indians after they miraculously wrest a national championship from the jaws of their miserable early season.

Now, once again, the team has slid back to its old ways and is in hilarious disarray.

There's no arguing that the original "Major League" was one of the major hits of the 1989 film season. The rags-to-riches story and the wacky characters created by writer and director David S. Ward struck a chord with audiences that continues as the film has gone into the ancillary cycle of video, pay-TV and free TV release.

This kind of success would ordinarily guarantee an immediate rush to produce a sequel. But fans of the original had to endure a five-year off-season. Why the long wait?

"Basically, I wasn't sure I wanted to do it again for a lot of reasons," said Ward. "It took awhile to come up with a story that I thought would be a worthy successor to the first one. It had to be fresh enough to be different, while still giving audiences

the characters they'd gotten to know and love." It was writer R.J. Stewart who came up with the basic idea to solve the problem. "The challenge," he said "was to do something different from the first film while still delivering to people who've grown to know and love these characters the elements that drew them to the first film."

"That desire not to give our audience the same thing over and over again, to find the right mix of the old and new, was one of the major factors in the long wait," he added.

In a sense, putting the right team together for "Major League II" was remarkably similar to building a major league ball club. Start with the nucleus of veterans — Charlie Sheen, Tom Berenger, Corbin Bernsen, Dennis Haysbert, James Gammon, Margaret Whitton as team owner Rachel Phelps and Bob Uecker as the prototypical play-by-play man Harry Doyle.

Then bring up a few newcomers (David Keith and Eric Erusskoff) to shake things up and keep the veterans from getting too complacent.

Ward had no trouble convincing most of the original cast to come back. "I've never done a sequel before," said Berenger. "But this was such a good script that I had to come back. And it was great fun seeing all the guys back together again."

The opportunity to work again with old friends seemed to be the motivating factor for everyone. "It

was like coming back to summer camp," said Margaret Whitton. "That first day on the set was so sweet. We were all so happy to see each other again."

Newcomer Omar Epps, who had worked with Ward on the director's last film, "The Program," steps into the role of Willie Mays Hayes. "I loved the first film, and the character Willie had been my favorite," he said. "I loved Wesley Snipes in the part, and the opportunity to take over was something I couldn't pass up."

But it's up to the new characters created by Stewart and Ward to provide the catalyst to turn the Indians' season around. Jack Parkman's ego and his disdain for his Indian teammates gives the rest of the team someone to hate.

And Rubie Baker's naivete and, more importantly, his love for the game of baseball, serve to shame the team into its second-half winning surge.

Perhaps the most striking of the new characters on the team this time around is Tanaka, purchased from the Tokyo Giants by new owner Roger Dorn. As played by Japanese comedy star Takashi Ishibashi, Tanaka's all-out style of play and spiritual fervor serve to light a fire under first Cerrano and then, eventually, the entire team.



Charlie Sheen returns to the mound in 'Major League II'

## Ron Howard records a hit with 'The Paper'

THE PAPER By Cindy Starnes South Lyon

Ron Howard has done it again. Yes, Opie Taylor, Richie Cunningham and the director of "Splash," "Backdraft" and "Parenthood" has another hit on his hands with the newly-released "The Paper."

Starring the likes of Michael Keaton ("Batman"), Marisa Tomei ("My Cousin Vinny"), Glenn Close and Robert Duvall, how can this film not be a hit? But there's more — "The Paper" delivers a story.

A very intriguing story about two businessmen who are murdered as an act of racial violence — or are they? That's when Michael Keaton comes in to find out the truth. An Assistant Managing Editor of "The New York Sun" newspaper, it seems his paper is always losing the "big" story to one of the other New York newspapers.

Slaying to manage the newspaper and his very pregnant wife, played by Tomei, is not an easy job. But while Keaton is juggling his career and family, Glenn Close, as managing editor, is searching for respect in her job — and a raise. Robert Duvall, as chief editor, who fears he is dying, is trying to make amends with his daughter.

All in all, "The Paper" is a real-life, behind-the-scenes look at what goes on at a daily newspaper. It's a roller coaster ride that you won't want to miss.

WHAT'S EATING GILBERT GRAPE? By F. Pryor Midford

So you ask "What's Eating Gilbert Grape?" Well, for starters, it's being almost trapped in a small, depressing dust bowl of a town where the most exciting annual event is the arrival of the summer campers.

It could also be that you are the sole breadwinner at a one-cash-register grocery for your dysfunctional family who have no one else to depend on.

And it might possibly be that your

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retarded brother continually risks his life (and your nerves) attempting to conquer the town water tower. The movie is all of this and much more. A family who unconditionally love one another transcends even the dreariest of existences.

Gilbert and Arnie, the brothers, have a true tenderness reminiscent of "Rain Man's" Tom Cruise and Dustin Hoffman — but Johnny Depp and Leonardo DiCaprio have a brotherly bond that is forever, no matter what.

So take your family, whoever they are (Kleenex optional) and enjoy the power of "What's Eating Gilbert Grape."

THE FOX AND THE HOUND By Heather Wadowski Northville

Walt Disney's classic, "The Fox and the Hound," is available on videocassette for the first time ever. And whether you are four years old, or 70, it's a movie you'll treasure forever.

"The Fox and the Hound" is about two best friends — Tod, a playful fox cub, and Copper, an adorable hound dog — who didn't know they were supposed to be enemies. But after Copper is trained to be a hunting dog, their friendship is put to the ultimate test.

I feel that I should warn sensitive viewers to get out of a box of Kleenex — you may need it. The ending of this movie hits home more than any other Disney classic, and the beginning starts off like "Bambi."

So in conclusion, Walt Disney has once again made a wonderful picture. I give it four stars. I suggest you buy it at your local video store before it's taken off the shelves forever.

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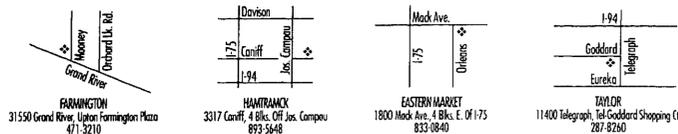
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## THE PIANO PLAYER

By MICHELLE HARRISON Staff Writer

When Christiane Thoenmes learned her husband's job would transfer them to the United States, she already knew how she would spend her spare time.

It was time to learn how to tickle the ivories. A native of Germany, Thoenmes had tinkered with her parents' piano, but never really learned how to play.

"When we decided to move to the USA, I said I'm sure we'll have a bigger house with enough space for a piano," she said. "That was my wish for when I came here."

The Thoenmes settled in Novi over a year ago when Christiane's husband, Franz, volunteered to relocate. He is employed by Robert Bosch, a company that makes equipment for Ford and Chrysler.

"He (Franz) said from the beginning that any opportunity we got to live in another country for a couple years, we would take the chance," Thoenmes said.

Both have experience living abroad. Franz lived in Baton Rouge, La., for a semester of school while Christiane worked as an Au Pair (nanny) in Ireland.

The couple plan to make their home in Novi for three to five years.

"It was tough to move here, to another country, not to know anybody," Thoenmes admitted. "But we like to meet new people, get to know another culture."

Thoenmes has had help adjusting to her new home away from home, though. A dozen or so women whose husbands also work for Bosch meet regularly to discuss where to shop, what to buy, what's different among cultures.

"Going shopping in Germany is almost like shopping in Birmingham and Northville," Thoenmes said. "You can shop just with a grocery basket and stroller. You don't need a car for grocery shopping normally. Here, you need a car for everything."

Bikes are also popular modes of transportation in Germany, she said.

Thoenmes said it's also difficult for her to remember to allow for sales tax when making purchases.

"In Germany, tax and tips are included," she said. Christiane needed some additional support because the Thoenmes' first child, Madeleine, was born here.

"It was kind of hard to know if I wanted to stay in Germany for the delivery," she said. "We decided it would be even tougher to be apart for the delivery."

"America is a country with good health care."

The hospital stays are a lot shorter, though.

In Germany, a mother having a normal delivery will stay in the hospital up to five days. The extra time allows the nurses to help the new mother prepare to care of the newborn.

A pediatric nurse, Thoenmes said she was lucky because, although she is a first-time mother, she was prepared to immediately begin caring for her baby.

Since she doesn't have her green card, Thoenmes isn't allowed to work while she is here. That's why she decided to pursue her interest in playing the piano.

When she saw piano instructor Ann Oberts' business card advertised in her Novi subdivision's newsletter, she called to make an appointment.

Ten months later, the two have established not only a teacher-student relationship, but a deep friendship.

"She's doing great," Oberts said about Thoenmes' piano-playing abilities. "We've been working together for about a year. We've come to enjoy each other's cultures."

The two share tips on things such as parenting to where to buy the best bread. They also exchange cultural notes, making them aware of the similarities and differences between the two of them.

For example, only the musical notes were universal when the two compared German and American piano music books. In Germany, "Winkie, Winkie Little Star" is a Christmas tune.

Although her family has visited, and are scheduled to do so again soon, it is difficult living away from her home in Baden-Baden, located near the Black Forest in southwestern Germany.

"I'm not really that homesick," she admitted. "I miss my family. Last year was not too bad. It does get worse."

That's when her music comes into play.

"Her music has helped her (in the transition)," Oberts said, remarking on how well her student has adjusted to living in America. "She's getting to know me and I'm getting to know her. And her music is still recreational as well as challenging."

Besides her music, Thoenmes also meets up with a Mom and Tot's group weekly in Bloomfield.

Thoenmes continues to practice 30 minutes to an hour every day on her piano, but is considering taking lessons in tennis this summer.

She also plans to make use of the pool in her subdivision. No matter how easy or hard the move to America was, it was a move worth making.

"It's a great opportunity," Thoenmes said. "...be open-minded. We (she and her husband) wanted to do something different. We didn't want to live 30 or 40 years without any challenges or so."

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Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Christiane Thoenmes is taking piano lessons from Novi piano teacher Ann Oberts while her husband is working in the United States for the next several years. The German couple decided to use the job transfer to learn about another culture.

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## Volunteer



Sharon Ferrara

## Ferrara keeps eyes on legislative world

By DOROTHY NASH Special Writer

Even if you know legalese, it can sometimes be difficult to understand the thinking of state legislators on matters that affect you personally.

If you are a parent of a child in the Northville school system, however, and you are concerned with what is being decided in Lansing on matters affecting education, you have help because of Sharon Ferrara, who co-chairs the Legislative Action Network (LAN), a sub-committee of the Northville PTA Coordinating Council.

"We're not a lobbyist group," Ferrara said, "but we provide information to make voters better educated, to know what's going on."

"We make ourselves aware of local, state, and national legislation and the impact it can have on our students."

Members of LAN meet monthly for discussion with one representative from each school, Ferrara said. The information LAN obtains is

also shared at the schools with parents, as it was before the vote on Proposal A.

Now that Proposal A has been voted on and the means by which schools are to be financed has been determined, Ferrara said, LAN is concerned with quality of education.

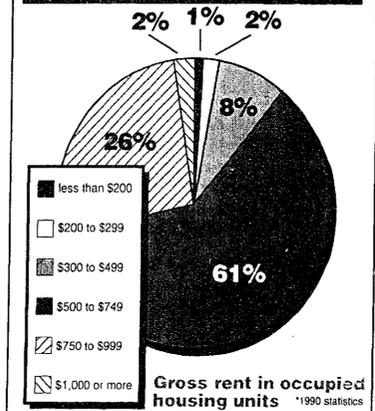
The state Legislature has decided that, starting in the 1995-96 school year, the number of school days will be increased.

Ferrara said that LAN is considering what this will mean to the school district. Will it add to costs because it could require taking on more staff? Will it really enhance the quality of education?

The Legislative Action Network will continue to keep parents informed of its findings, but Sharon Ferrara urges that parents and other citizens who have opinions on the subject of lengthening of school days—whether it will really improve the quality of education—should write to the congressman who represents them.

## It's A Fact

### Paying the Rent



# Novi Newcomers near membership goal of 200

By JEANNE CLARKE  
Special Writer

Gerry Slipp, Novi City Clerk and coordinator of the Novi Community Blood Drive, would like to thank all those who participated in the recent blood drive held at the Novi Civic Center with a total of 77 pints being given to that project.

Daniel Patrick Brumley is the name of the new baby boy at the home of Colleen and Tony Brumley. He was born March 14 weighing eight pounds at Beaumont Hospital. Grandparents are John J. and Joan O'Brien with Daniel making their 6th grandchild and grandparents Lanette and Larry Lazare of South Lyon.

Marguerita Cabadas was guest of honor at a bridal shower on March 20 with 70 relatives and friends gathered at Burton Manor for the occasion with her mother Mary Ann Cabadas as hostess. Marguerita who is the daughter of Raymond and Mary Ann Cabadas will be married in May at Burton Manor to Patrick Paul, son of Mrs. Betty Paul.

## NOVI NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS

This group continues to grow in membership as they come near their goal of 200. The Newcomers have another month of many activities planned, including a general meeting April 21 at the Civic Center with special guest Carol Fink of Happy Trails of Oakland County.

Fink has a background in the educational aspects of the outdoors and recreation. She organizes and guides trips to traditional points of interest. She will be sharing a variety of ideas to help plan day trips, traditional outings and wild life adventures and evening programs for use in your own back yard.

The slate of Newcomers officers for the 1994-95 year will be presented at the meeting. Nominations are being taken for Outstanding Member 1993-94. Kathy Langis is coordinating this program.

The Installation Dinner has been planned to meet at the Country Epicure on Thursday, May 19 with a joint board meeting for all incoming and outgoing officers and committee members on May 3 preceding the installation ceremonies.

A new interest group being formed, called the Book Club, and will be meeting once a month to discuss a book read the previous month by its members. The group will be starting April 18.

Golf plans are already started with 16 couples signed up for the Friday night golf league to be held at Mission Hills Golf Course with eight couples meeting every other week. Subs are needed.

The Moms and Tots group will be having a musical program by the "Musical Moms" on Monday April 19 at the Civic Center for children 2-5 years. In May, they plan to go horseback riding at Northville's CUM farms.

The Craft group will be painting

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Holiday Duck Pins at their April 14th meeting under the direction of Beth Hogan and later on in May will be a Mother Daughter activity weaving a crayon caddy. Many, many other interest groups are available, call president Kathy Bourdieu-Barbee at 347-0807 for information.

### NOVI METHODIST CHURCH

Easter was celebrated last Sunday starting with a Sunrise Service led by the youth of the church followed by a Sunrise Breakfast. The worship celebration featured Easter lilies in the form of a cross and the sermon was entitled "Entry to New Life" with special offerings being received for mission programs.

The service was also celebrated at the luncheon at Cass Community United Methodist Church recently for 340 people when many from the church went down to serve and also to take down the 400 plus Easter dessert baskets that were made by the youth of the church.

Other activities coming up include a Bake Sale on Sunday, April 17 following worship to earn money for the women to purchase new tables. The men will be meeting next Sunday at their monthly breakfast to make

plans for the upcoming Spring Work days starting April 30 through May 7 and also to make plans for the Spring yard sale scheduled for Saturday, May 14 under the leadership of Tom Darling. Donations can be dropped off or if it is a big item call the church for information on pickup; no clo thing will be accepted but electronics, antiques, appliances, toys, sporting equipment, furniture, tools, jewelry, etc. are needed.

The youth ninth grade and up are meeting on Sunday evenings under the direction of Nanette and Dan Douglas and will be looking forward to attending the Ichthus '94 celebration in Kentucky in April so will be hosting several fund raising projects.

The Christian Music Festival of the young people will be attending the oldest contemporary Christian music and Teaching Festival and attracts 12, 14, 000 each year, however there is a need for van for transportation and tents to be borrowed for housing, contact Rev. Jacobs.

Novi Village by the Lake a Bake Sale on Sunday, April 17 following worship to earn money for the residents under the direction of Kellee Rubin activities director with van trips to the Kennington Metro-

Park and Maybury State Park in Northville. Entertainment has been a sing-along with Pianist Adam Margolis and new program called "Denise on the Organ" everyday in the afternoon at 4:30 p.m. In addition, the K-9 Click Dog dog will be in this Saturday to have their dogs do tricks and demonstrations.

The residents were both participants and viewers of a Fashion Show presented by Claire Fashions from Bloomfield Hills.

A new program has been started every other Monday in which the men go out to breakfast at one of the local restaurants like Bob Evans.

Also last week a van full were guests at the Big Boy, Novi at the Annual Senior Appreciation Day with free breakfast for all seniors.

The Village also offers Catholic Services each Sunday and on Wednesday four different Protestant churches have services on a rotating basis.

The Hospitality Club meets monthly and sends out birthday cards, get well cards, etc. to other residents.

Coming up April 23, all the children in the area are encouraged to bring their dolls in for a check up when nurses from Beaumont Hospital will be present to examine them and give them a certificate of health.

Last week, to celebrate Easter residents colored many eggs that were hidden on the grounds and the East-

ter Egg Hunt took place on Saturday April 2 for children in the area and grandchildren of residents. Other van rides scheduled for this month include one to Twelve Oaks Mall and another to Canterbury Village.

### NOVI PIN POINTERS

Hi. Bowlers this week included Rosemary Bantish of the Neveler a Doubt Team with 208, Lori Kertel of the same team with 193, Karlin Hall with 176, Marnie Legal of the Eager Beavers with 174, Fran Taylor of the Hi Lo's with 171. Anyone interested in bowling in this Novi based ladies league can call Rosemary Bantish secretary at 477-8968. Team standings are as follows:

Eager Beavers	56 21
Hi Lo's	45 31
Bowling Bags	43 34
Never A Doubt	41 36
Adventurers	40 37
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# Recreation

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## Novi student to play with area orchestra

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra will present "Grandiose" featuring guest artist Glenda Kirkland and youth artist Shizu Kuwahara at 8 p.m. Friday, April 15, at the Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth.

Russell Reed will conduct the symphony's performance of Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro* Overture and Mahler's *Symphony No. 4*.

Kirkland, a soprano, has appeared with many opera companies, oratorio societies, symphonies and in recital series throughout the Great Lakes region. Praised for her interpretive skills, radiant and charismatic stage presence as well as her beautiful voice, Kirkland has won the Regional Artist Award from the National Association of Teachers of Singing, the Society for Musical Arts "Young Artist Award" and was a finalist in the local Metropolitan Opera Competition.

Currently, Kirkland is a professor of voice at Eastern Michigan University. Kuwahara, of Novi, is the first place winner in the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's youth artist competition. He placed second last year. The 17-year-old Novi High School student has played the alto saxo-



Student saxophonist Shizu Kuwahara, above, and soprano Glenda Kirkland, right, will perform in the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's performance of "Grandiose" April 15.

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$5 for students ages K-12.

To charge tickets, call 451-2112. Tickets can be purchased at Novi Parks and Recreation, 45175 Ten Mile, Novi Community Education Office, 25345 Taft Road, Grosse Pointe Woods, 302 E. Main St., Northville; and Bookstall on the Main, 101 N. Center St., Northville.

First of America is sponsoring the contest. The program is made possible, in part, by the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs.

## Intown

Submit items for the entertainment listings to The Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167; or fax to 349-1050.

### SUNSET GRILL: Live entertainment featuring Texas rock and blues band Wild Orchid happens at 8 p.m. every Friday and 9 p.m. every Saturday at Sunset Grill, 43393 W. Thirteen Mile at Novi Road in Northville.

Home Sweet Home is located at 43180 Nine Mile Road just east of Novi Road.

Also, comedy night returns on Thursdays with 8 p.m. shows. For information and reservations, call 347-0095.

Smallwood performs again from 3 to 5 p.m.

The coffee house is in the Main-Center in downtown Northville. For information, call 344-0220.

MR. B'S FARM: Mr. B's Farm, on Novi Road north of Ten Mile, presents live music all week with no cover charge.

Sunday is a "Strings N' Things Jam" from 9 p.m. to midnight every week. Local artists get together for impromptu jams.

Music starts at 9 p.m. For more information call 349-7038.

RIFFLES: Fridays and Saturdays at 10 p.m., Ruffles of Northville becomes a live rhythm and blues cafe. Ruffles is at 18730 Northville Road. For information, call 348-3490.

SHERATON OAKS: It's live entertainment on Friday and Saturday at Eli & Denny's from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The music is Top 40.

The hotel is at 27000 Sheraton Drive in Novi, across from Twelve Oaks Mall.

For information, call 348-5000.

SPORTS EDITION: Every weekend guests can enjoy live entertainment at the Sports Edition Bar, located inside the Novi Hilton Hotel, 21111 Haggerty Road, Novi.

Intrigue will play high energy top hits April 8-9 and 15-16 beginning at 9:30 p.m. A cover charge begins at 8 p.m.

STARTING GATE: The Starting Gate Saloon offers live music every Friday and Saturday night from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

The Starting Gate is located at 135 N. Center St. in downtown Northville. Call 474-8306.

BACKDOOR GALLERY: Farmington's Backdoor Gallery on 37220 Eight Mile Road specializes in unusual art dolls. The gallery is in the home of co-owner Kathy Landers. She and the other owner, Kathleen Bricker, are both artists.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and by appointment. Call 474-8306.

REVIEWING THE ROAD: The American Road, featuring vintage and collectible automobiles and related artifacts, will be on display through June 4 at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main St. in Plymouth.

Museum hours are 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and 2 to 5 p.m. Sundays. Admission is \$1.50 for adults, 50 cents for students and \$4 for a family rate.

For further information, call 455-8940.

## Music

JAZZ IN THE PARK: Laurel Park Plaza ignites with the hot sounds of jazz and the latest in fashions featured during the "Jazz in the Park" concert series.

The free monthly series will begin at 1 p.m. and end at 2:30 in the Parkland concert. Fashions from mall stores will be modeled informally during the concert.

Janet Tenai and Classic Trio will perform April 24.

FRIGATES INN: Dance with The Globe from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays at Frigates Inn, 1103 East Lake Drive, Novi.

"Come Follow the Band," an original spring and summertime musical revue, will now open in May and run through July.

Dinner begins at 7 p.m. and showtime is 9 p.m.

For more information and reservations, call the Golden Mushroom at 559-4230.

HOME SWEET HOME: A dinner theater program will continue with scheduled Saturday performances at

the 1920s-era Novi mansion which now houses Home Sweet Home restaurant. The murder mystery and a taster of salmon dinner are \$25.95 per person.

Diners are given clues—and sometimes speaking roles in the action—to help them figure out who dunnit. Prizes are given out to the best guesses.

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## CHURCH DIRECTORY

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<b>WALLED LAKE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 309 Market St. 234-2453 Worship Services 9:30 a.m. (1st & 3rd Sun) Sunday School 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. (Monday) - 11:00 a.m. (Wednesday) Nursery Available - All Welcome	<b>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE</b> 2021 E. Northville Worship Services 9:30 a.m. 349-0911 Choir Practice 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. Rev. James Ouellet, Minister of Evangelism & Signs Rev. Nancy Ouellet, Minister of Youth & Church School
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## Church

The Sacrament schedule at **ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH**, 46325 Ten Mile Road, Novi, includes First Communion at 11 a.m. April 30 and Confirmation at 9 a.m. May 1.

A second Confirmation Retreat has been scheduled from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, April 17, at the church. The youth will sponsor an "All-Nighter" April 23-24. Join with other area youth groups for a night of swimming, skating, watching a movie and more. The cost is \$26.50. R.S.V.P. before Friday, April 8.

**NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY**, 41355 Six Mile Road, begins a divorce recovery seminar Friday, April 8. Meetings times are 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Call the church at 348-9030 for more information and 26 and at 5 and 7 p.m. March 27.

Homeless Hospitality Week has been scheduled for the week of April 10 at **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**, 777 W. Eight Mile Road. Volunteers are needed to help out in all aspects of the special week, which provides shelter and food for Detroit's homeless.

Also, the following items are needed: deodorant, razors, shave cream, jars of Vaseline, toothbrushes, toothpaste, wash cloths and toilet paper.

Non-perishable food items are also requested.

Call the church at 349-1144 for more information.

A new member class begins at 11 a.m. Sunday, April 17, in the music room.

Committee meetings are scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, April 18, and the Ad/Council will meet at 8:30 p.m. Monday, April 25. A trustee work day is scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday, May 21.

New to the family at **CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY**, 24505 Meadowbrook, Novi, are: John and Tina Bray and daughter Kristina; Jason Buckman; David and Elena Burton; Kimberly Curtis; Charles and Julie Dalton; Madalyn DeFuoco; Helena Dobryden; George and Cecelia Ginger

and son Michael; Angela Jackson; Dolores Janick; Michael and Treas Kosanki; James and Lisa Kuehl; Darlene Lenard; Ruth Mshar; JoMarie Parise; Jeffrey and Cheryl Radwanski and son Michael; Jim and Jan Roedersheimer; Julie Ruane; Mark Ryzyl; Christopher Shultz; Thomas Smith; Steven and Julie Stapleton; Curtis and Diana Steele with son Joseph; Robert and Lynn Trenkle and daughters Rachel and Elizabeth; Armand and Alice Valente and children Richard and Anne; Gerald and Julie Wilk; Jill Zacharias; Ted and Sandra Zuchlewski and children Scott and Jodi.

J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth) Ministries of **NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY**, 41355 W. Six Mile Road, will meet at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 12, at Mountain Jacks (Warren Road between Inkster and Beech Daly) for its monthly luncheon and from 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, for ministry at West Trail Nursing Home.

The mystery daily van trip will take place Tuesday, April 26. Meet at the church at 9:15 a.m. Dress casual and wear walking shoes.

The Single Adult Small Group Home Bible Studies have set their monthly meetings. The Men of Integrity, for single men, will meet at 7 p.m. April 10 and April 24 in Novi. Mike Marazik will be the host.

Kindred Hearts, the single women's group, will meet at 6:30 p.m. April 10 and 24 in Westland. Hostesses will be Susan Fritz and Dana Jones.

Rebuilders, the group for single parents, will meet at 7 p.m. April 8 and 22 in Canton. Norene Fritz will host the meeting.

The Men's Ministries kick-off breakfast will be held at 8 a.m. Saturday in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Otis Buchan will be the special speaker.

For information or tickets, call the church office at 348-9030.

Youth RIOT (Radical Invasion of Teens) will meet at 6 p.m. Friday, April 15, at the church. Walt Weaver will be the special speaker.

A Youth Ministry team meeting has been scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 16.

## Goals already set for '94 Crop Walk

By **MICHELLE HARRISON**  
Staff Writer

The annual Novi/Northville CROP walk won't be held until Oct. 2, but organizers have already set goals.

"Our goal is \$20,000 and 400 walkers," said the Rev. Charles Jacobs of Novi United Methodist Church. "For the last two years we've had 300-plus walkers and raised over \$16,000."

Jacobs co-chairs the event along with Northville resident Dave Black.

Last year, 375 Novi/Northville walkers earned \$16,305 for Church World Services, which distributes monies raised throughout 70 countries.

"Each community walk is totally organized by local volunteers," explained David C. Bower, Michigan director of Church World Services/CROP in Lansing.

Ten percent of the money raised locally went to the Novi Emergency Food Fund. Another 10 percent benefited Northville Civic Concern's food pantry while 5 percent went to Focus Hope in Detroit.

Walkers either received pledges or flat donations for the distance they traveled.

Michigan led the USA in income for Church World Services for the

eight consecutive year, raising \$1,752,000 in local CROP walks. That included 134 local community hunger walks.

In the four-county metro Detroit area, 59 local hunger agencies received \$94,218 from the community CROP walks.

Major designated funds were received from Michigan people for three major emergencies during the year: the civil wars in Somalia and Sudan, the earthquake in India and the Midwest/USA flood victims.

"It's a fantastic cause," Jacobs said, noting only about 16 percent of funds raised go toward administrative costs. "A high percentage goes to the intended causes."

Financial reports are available, specifying where the money goes, added Jacobs.

This was the third year Northville and Novi combined their CROP walks.

"We've been the most successful (since joining together)," Jacobs said.

CROP was organized in Michigan in 1948 with Russell Hartzler as director for 22 years. Bower was named the Michigan director in 1970. Also serving as directors in 1993 were Esther Brown and Johanna Balzer.

## Role of Girl Scouting is topic for AAUW meeting

Joyce Smith and Diane Hockett, membership and marketing directors for the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council, will discuss the role girl scouting plays in addressing the gender equity issue at the next meeting of the Northville/Novi branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW).

The meeting will take place at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, at Amerman Elementary School in Northville.

The speakers will identify specific approaches, activities and support

materials that focus on leadership development, careers, science and math, self-esteem and other issues important to the young women of today.

The Livonia branch of the AAUW has been invited to attend this meeting. They are the co-sponsors of the AAUW's "Excited About Science" workshop to be held May 7 and 21, in which the Huron Valley Girl Scouts are also participating in.

Smith has served several positions while on the council staff including

Single Place, an adult ministry for single people meeting at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, will gather from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Sunday morning. Bob Allwine will be the speaker.

"A Sense of Conscience" will be presented by Paul R. Sowerby at 7:30 p.m. April 13 in Boll Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$4.

Wednesday is also eucharist night. Pam Jacobs will present "Intimacy and Communication" in the next Opportunity for Growth workshop. The series will be held at 7:30 p.m. April 14, 21 and 28. The cost is \$24 for the series.

Tennis anyone? Beginners and intermediate players are invited to play four Sunday evenings—April 17, 24, May 1 and 15 at Farmington Tennis Club. The cost is \$50.

Volleyball will be played from 9 to 10:30 p.m. Friday, April 22, at Northville Recreation Center. The cost is \$3.

For further information about any of the Single Place programs or to register, call 349-0911.

Single Point Ministries offers a unique opportunity to join more than 500 persons of varied backgrounds together for a class about Jesus Christ. The group meets at 10:45 a.m. each Sunday in Knox Hall of Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road (on the corner of Six Mile) in Livonia. The Rev. Paul Clough will lead with scripture mes-

sages relevant to single living.

A spring seminar will offer encouragement to people who have lost someone because of death. John Canine, director of Maximum Living Counseling Services, will lead the session, which will include lecture, question and answer sessions and group discussion.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. April 23. The session will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the chapel at Ward Presbyterian. Pre-registration has begun.

An on-going grief support group will meet at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 6, in the Calvin Room and at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 14, in Room A15.

"Talk it Over" is held on the second and fourth Fridays of each month in Knox Hall. The group will present "Homeless and the Issues They Face Daily" Friday, April 8.

A panel discussion will include representatives from the Detroit Rescue Mission. The talk-show format will be hosted by Sandy Johnston and Aggie Richards. Audience participation will be encouraged. Child care will be provided.

Volleyball will be played at 8:30 p.m. April 6 and 13.

For further information about Single Point Ministries, call 422-1854.

Send Singles information to The Northville Record/Novi News, 104 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167.

field director and adult development director. Prior to becoming a professional staff member, Smith served as a volunteer Girl Scout troop leader, troop services director and

board member.

Hockett formerly served as program director and field director and as a troop leader in the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council.

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