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Academy cancelled, then revived for March

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

The spring session of the Lakes Area Citizens Police Academy will go on as scheduled despite Novi Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer's decision Tuesday to pull the plug.

Shaeffer said City Council's concerns about the costs of the program prompted him to withdraw from the March 2 academy until council's concerns could be addressed in the city's budget hearings. But the chief said a Wednesday morning consultation with Mayor Kathy McLallen and City Manager Kriewall changed his mind.

"We are going ahead with it as scheduled and we'll work out the costs in the budget hearings," the chief said.

McLallen said she and Kriewall urged Shaeffer to reverse his decision because they recognized the value of the program. She said the concerns raised by city council should have curtailed the spending, not the program itself.

"The program shouldn't be jeopardized for financial controls that could be put in place immediately," she said Wednesday morning. "No one spoke about the validity of the program, just the financial management of it."

Council concerns were raised after councilmen Joe Toth discovered how much the academy was costing the city of Novi. Toth requested a true accounting of the program in December. He received an estimated cost analysis in January which raised more eyebrows when the estimate came in over \$7,200.

Shaeffer nearly pulled Novi out of the cooperative program with the Wixom and Walled Lake police departments Tuesday after the Novi City Council declined to tell him Monday whether to proceed or withdraw.

In response to the city's concern about the expense of the program, Shaeffer has requested an itemized accounting of the costs Novi paid to participate in the two academies held last year.

The Lakes Area Citizens Police Academy is a joint venture of the Novi, Walled Lake and Wixom police departments. The 10-week, three-hour sessions were paid for and taught cooperatively between the three law enforcement agencies.

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Photo by HAL GOULD

Home improvement

Remodeling will be the new trend in the home industry in the coming year, according to the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan. A review of 1994 showed more residents renovating, expanding and redecorating their

current homes instead of moving. In that spirit, Gity Kafafi, of Table Charm, above shows dinnerware at the Spring Home and Garden Show in the Novi Expo Center last week. The show drew huge crowds.

Expo traffic raises ire at city meeting

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

A Detroit cop was so peeved about her arrested trip to the Novi Expo Center over the past weekend that she took the night off work Monday to fire off a warning about traffic safety.

"The situation when I got here was such a safety problem I was amazed," Mary Yeager said as she described to the Novi City Council her Sunday attempt to visit the Spring Home and Garden Show here.

She wasn't the only one with a complaint. For the third year in a row, the popular four-day event sponsored by the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan drew thousands and had local residents clenching their teeth over the traffic.

Yeager says it took her 40 minutes to travel the 1.6 miles from I-96 to the Big Boy Restaurant. Traffic was backed up on the freeway from the exit ramps and she witnessed four near traffic accidents. Unable to enter the Expo Center from Novi Road due to the snarl, she went to Novi Town Center and cut across. That took another 20 minutes.

Once Yeager was in the Expo parking lot, she cruised up and down each aisle, unable to find a parking spot. Finally, she asked for her parking fee back and left without seeing the show. This was at about 3:10 in the afternoon, when visitors were also seeking shopping opportunities at Twelve Oaks Mall.

"This presents a serious safety hazard. I can't imagine what would have happened at the Expo Center if there had been an emergency. As a police officer for better than 20 years, I was appalled. That traffic was beyond the fine capability of the Novi police department to control. I left with a bad taste in my mouth," Yeager added.

The Detroit resident said she took a night off to warn Novi's city council about the danger: "I felt this was important enough. You've got a wonderful city. It's a shame to leave it with a black eye like that."

Novi Mayor Kathleen McLallen

said Tuesday there had been several emergency runs to the Expo Center over the course of the weekend, and that emergency vehicles were actually able to get in and out of the Expo Center without trouble. The vehicles enter the site through a back entrance not available for use by the general public, she explained.

Council Member Tim Pope, recognizing the persuasive value of Yeager's comments, suggested they forward a videotape of her speech to Novi's lobbyist, who is set to pursue state funding for an extension of Expo Center Drive to Grand River Avenue.

The gridlock had Council Members Joseph Toth and Carol Mason suggesting that Novi cops should be earning overtime at the Expo Center's expense directing the traffic. Toth said he's fielded several complaints from residents.

"The Expo Center should do like Twelve Oaks and pay the police overtime and close the Novi Road entrance. This is the third year in a row. It's getting worse and worse and worse. We can't take our police people out of the neighborhoods and the other streets to put them at the Expo Center," Mason said.

City Manager Edward Kriewall agreed that the traffic became a problem on Sunday and Saturday afternoons. Monday, he shot off letters to both the Expo Center and the Builders Association suggesting that the show be spread out over 10 days.

"You can't do that in four days. You can't tell people not to show up. They're trying to do too much in four days," Kriewall said.

To Lakes Area Residents Association member Gary Zack, every day's almost as bad. Zack says it takes almost an hour to get to his north end home from Novi Road and I-96 during the afternoon rush hour. He urged the council to pay heed to Planning Commissioner Glen Bonaventura's effort to put the brakes on growth.

"Once it's developed, you can't undevelop," Zack said.

"My quality of life is degraded by over 45 minutes gridlock to get home every day."

Air Force concert cancelled

A scheduling conflict has forced cancellation of the free concert by the Air Force Band of Flight in Novi later this month.

The Novi News and the Novi High School Band - who were jointly sponsoring the event scheduled for Feb. 28 in the Fuerst Auditorium - apologize for any inconvenience the cancellation may cause.

At presstime, Buffy Lind, of the high school Band Boosters, said the Air Force band will reschedule the concert in the fall, likely in October, but a date had not yet been finalized.

The new date will be announced as soon as it is determined. Those who sent in their requests will be asked to resubmit coupons then in order to receive tickets for the performance. The coupons will be published in the newspaper at that time.

Massage rules not so bad, says one day spa

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

While the proprietors of Novi's newest day spa may be tensing up over the city's massage ordinance, the owner of another salon finds the complaint much ado about nothing.

With one notable gender-based exception.

"We follow all the ordinances, we're not complaining. It's not a big deal at all," Anne Bond, co-owner of Visions Salon, said.

"We're completely booked. We do a great business. It's not even an issue."

Visions Salon, which opened eight months ago in its new Oak Pointe Plaza location, has the obligatory six-inch by six-inch windows in the doors of the massage rooms, which by regulation can not be locked. As per city code, the windows are located between four-and-a-half feet and five-and-a-half feet from the floor.

This visibility permits city inspections of the action and is required to ensure that no hanky-panky for pay is going on in the massage rooms.

About 10 to 15 clients a week come in for massages at the full-service salon, Bond said.

She does have one beef about



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Karen Cirke and Anne Bond, owners of Visions Salon, show the view from the city-required window.

the now-notorious Novi ordinance. It seems that women prefer to have other women give them a rub down, but the idea of a male masseuse makes a potential male customer's skin crawl.

"More women have massages than men. A woman would rather have a woman do it. A lot of men are homophobic and they don't want it done by a man," Bond explained.

Bond says she and co-owner Karen Cirke, both Novi residents, would like to see the city revamp its ordinance to permit women masseuses to massage male clients. They plan on asking their attorney to contact the city's attorney to see if something can be worked out.

Eric and Nadwa Breda, owners of Salon Nadwa in Novi Town

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Neighbors raise \$26,500 for Irwin's cure

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

This is a love story.

Sure, the focus is on an attractive young couple, but more than that it's a story about how many, many people in Novi and surrounding communities - friends, family and strangers to Kevin and Cindy Irwin - found the time to love their neighbors. And how they showed this by raising \$26,500 to help Kevin pursue a cure in Mexico for his leukemia.

All those dollars have been collected since November. Irwin has health insurance, but it won't pay for his treatment, which is deemed experimental.

It hasn't been easy for the Irwins to accept the money.

"I never felt like a charity case. My friends tell me that was so wrong because people want to do this for you, we should have the heart to receive this," Cindy said.

Kevin has completed the first series of treatments and now takes daily vaccines, administered by Cindy. The couple and their daughter, Heather, 6, came back from Mexico just before Christmas, after spending six weeks in the St. Joseph Hospital of Tijuana, an affiliate of the

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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, 164 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167

Thursday, February 9

Optimist Club
The Novi Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Orchard Hills PTO
The Orchard Hills PTO will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Orchard Hills School.

Parks meeting
The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Friday, February 10

Novi Schools midwinter break
The Novi Community Schools midwinter break begins today at the end of the school day and continues through Friday, February 17. Classes will resume on Monday, February 20.

Monday, February 13

American Business Women's Assoc.
The Novi Oaks Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will meet at the 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. The cost is \$15. All working women are invited. For reservations call Betty Bohner at (313) 397-7708. For membership information, call 960-9559.

Arts Council
The Novi Arts Council Executive Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

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.

Tuesday, February 14

Property taxes
Today is the last day 1994 property taxes can be paid without penalty at the Novi City Treasurer's office in the Civic Center. A 4 percent penalty will be added to tax payments received after Feb. 14. A drop box is available behind the Civic Center for checks only. Postmarks on checks or envelopes will not be accepted.

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.

CHADD
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, 4070 W. Ten Mile, between Meadowbrook and Haggerty roads. 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 at 486-2876.

Wednesday, February 15

Planning Commission
The Novi Planning Commission will meet in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

Business Network International
The Farmington Hills chapter of The Business Network International, made up of members from 10 neighboring communities, meets at 7 a.m. at the Tollgate 4-H Education Center, Twelve Mile at Meadowbrook Road. For chapter information or an invitation to one of the meetings, please

call 642-7725.

Motorsports Hall of Fame
Learn about the hydroplane racing circuit. The Motorsports Hall of Fame speaker series presents John Gysin II, Lee Iker, Bruce Madej and Kathleen McNamara from Spirit of Detroit Thunderfest, Inc. and former World Grand Prix Champion Jimmy King to answer questions about boat racing in the Detroit area. The event runs from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Motorsports Museum & Hall of Fame in the Novi Expo Center at I-96 and Novi Rd. (Exit 162). Admission is \$5 which includes entry to the museum. Doors will be open from 6:30-10 p.m. for viewing the museum's collection. For more information call 349-RACE.

Thursday, February 16

Optimist Club
The Novi Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Michigan Smockers
The Michigan Smockers will hold a guild meeting at 10 a.m. at the Novi Public Library, 45245 Ten Mile Rd.. Guests are welcome.

After Hours Business Mixer
The Novi Chamber of Commerce will join with the West Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce and the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce for an After Hours Business Mixer from 5-7 p.m. at Nifty Norman's Restaurant, 1403 S. Commerce Rd. The cost will be \$5 for members, \$7 for non-members. The deadline for reservations or cancellations is Feb. 13. Mail reservations to the Novi Chamber, 43700 Expo Center, Suite 100, Novi, 48375. For more information, call (810) 349-3743.

Monday, February 20

President's Day
City offices are closed.

Cholesterol screening
Total cholesterol screening by fingerstick method, will be offered 1-4 p.m., at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement-Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave. Cost is \$5 fee. For more information call 477-6100.

Andris unveils plans for Walled Lake eatery

City council approves resort liquor license with one suit appeal is still pending

By JAN JEFFREYS Staff Writer

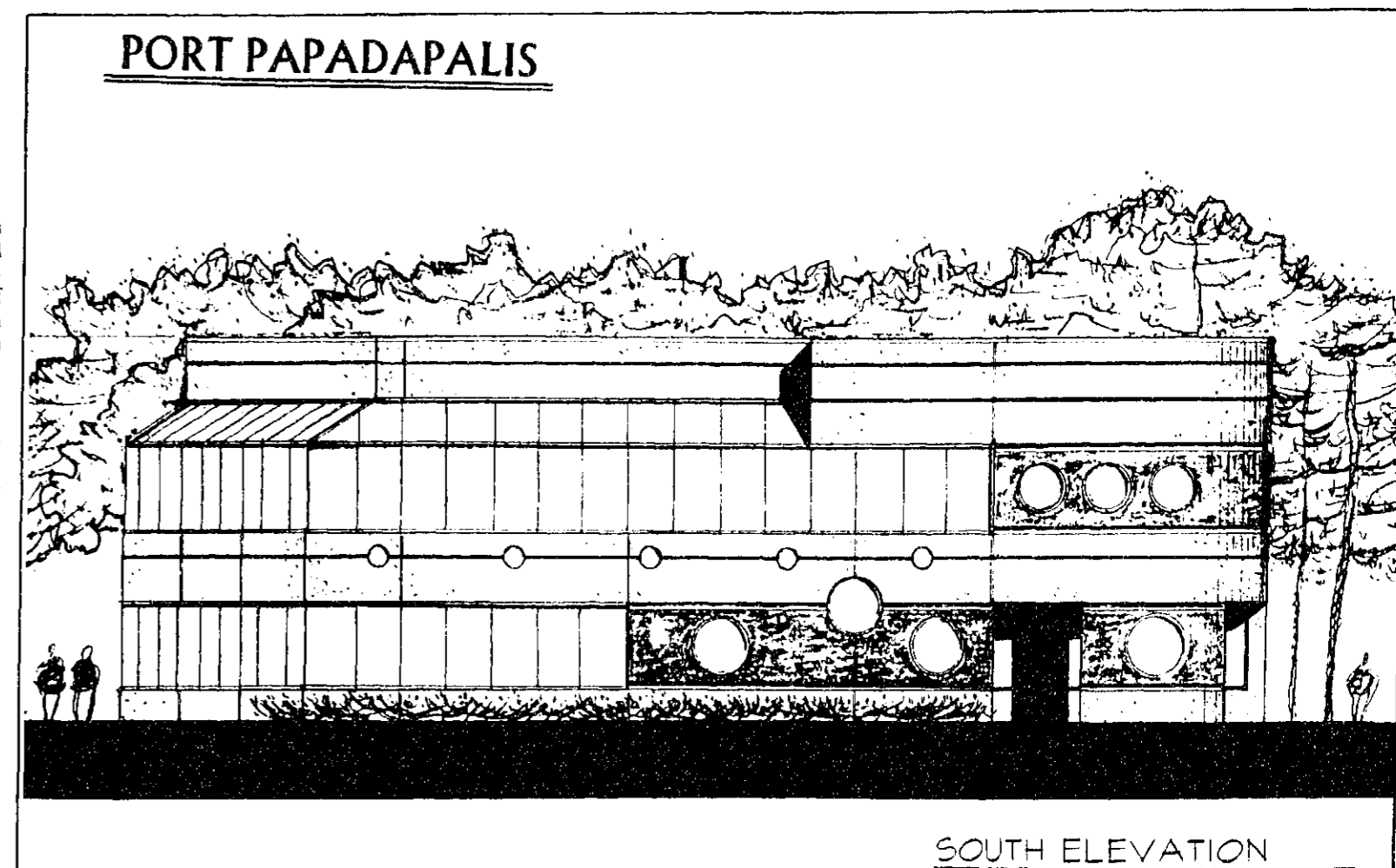
With a 1989 lawsuit almost as cold as yesterday's leftovers, plans for a Greek restaurant on East Lake Drive are moving ahead.

In 1988, Ted and Elaine Andris and Myrna Romain sued the city for the right to build their eatery, Port Papadapolis, on the shores of Walled Lake. Monday, John Carlin, attorney for the three, assured the Novi City Council that the business will be built on a site across the street from the lake.

"The restaurant will be where the Planning Commission approved it," Carlin said.

Without exactly shouting Opa, the Novi City Council did give its blessings for a twelve-month Resort Class C license. The license, which does not come out of Novi's own quota, is distributed by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission to businesses which encourage economic development, provide jobs and have an investment of greater than \$1 million. Local approval is needed.

The application indicates that Port Papadapolis will provide local residents with authentic Greek cuisine similar to that served in



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Divorcing father makes off with son

A woman's soon to be ex-husband broke into her friend's home, allegedly assaulted the woman, stealing a set of rings, a jacket and the couple's minor aged son on Jan. 17.

The woman was seated in the living room of her friend's home when her husband tried to break into the home through a window. The homeowner detained the suspect at the window but couldn't keep him at bay when he forced through a back door.

Once inside the home, the man grabbed the woman, took two rings she was wearing and snatched her leather jacket.

He fled the home with the couple's small child. According to the police report, the couple is in the midst of divorcing. The homeowner however said he would prosecute if a warrant for the man is obtained.

INJURY ACCIDENT

Two motorists suffered minor injuries when their trucks collided at Ten Mile and Meadowbrook roads on Jan. 21. According to an eyewitness of the accident, the driver of a white flat bed wrecker truck turned left in front of a red Ford Ranger heading westbound on Ten Mile Road.

The driver of the Ranger was treated for minor injuries at the scene by Novi firefighters. The other driver was taken to Botsford

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Hospital and treated for an injured left leg. Police and firefighters who responded to the scene both detected alcohol on the man's breath. A doctor at the hospital executed a search warrant for blood samples from the man while he was under his care. Police said the driver admitted having two beers before the accident occurred.

POSSESSION

A 20-year-old White Lake man was traveling southbound on Novi Road when an officer passed him and noticed the car was operating with defective equipment.

The officer also noted that neither the driver nor the occupants inside the car were wearing seatbelts.

The officer turned his car around and approached the vehicle which the driver had pulled to the side of the road and walked away from. The passengers inside the car told police the driver went to get a tow truck because the car had broken down. He would not return if police remained near the car the passengers said because he was driving on a suspended license, they said.

The officers checked the story

and determined that the White Lake man did indeed have a suspended license. The officer returned to the car and searched it. Inside they located a small amount of marijuana, a pipe and scale inside. The officer drove the passengers home after issuing them citations for not wearing seatbelts. He then issued and mailed tickets to the driver for driving on a suspended license and for defective equipment. He was missing a side mirror on the 1980 Monte Carlo. A third ticket for marijuana possession may be issued if a warrant is obtained.

INDECENT EXPOSURE

An employee at the Grand River Hardee's said she saw a man masturbating while he was in the drive through line at the fast food restaurant on Jan. 17.

The employee told police he approached the drive through window with cash in one hand for his coffee and himself in the other hand. After paying for his coffee, the man left the restaurant.

The employee took down the man's license plate and gave police a description of him and his car. Police telephoned the man at home

and left a message regarding the Hardee's incident. The suspect called back and told police he wouldn't do anything like that.

He was asked to come into the station and he told police if he were convicted it would ruin his life. He then told police the color his car was black. When police checked, they found the color was blue, just as the employee had described it.

WARRANT ARREST

A Plymouth man was arrested on an outstanding warrant after Novi police caught him trying to avoid a traffic signal on eastbound Grand River Avenue on Jan. 19.

When the driver was stopped he told police he was new to America and wasn't aware that it was illegal to avoid traffic signals by cutting through corner plazas. While police had the man stopped they noticed he was concealing a five inch knife in his shirt. The knife he said was there for religious reasons.

Police ticketed the man for avoiding the signal and for possession of the knife, which is a violation of city ordinances.

The man was detained in Novi until Canton Police came to collect him on the outstanding warrant.

Novi Briefs

Mayor's office hours

Mayor Kathleen McLallen has announced she will have regular office hours at the Novi Civic Center to meet with constituents about city business. Her open office hours will be every Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon in the conference room just outside council chambers.

Those interested in meeting with the mayor may walk in or call 347-0450 for an appointment.

The establishment of the officer hours was primarily a time management issue, McLallen explained. She already meets with city residents at the civic center, and is there each Thursday for weekly meetings. The addition of office hours will make it easier for residents to meet her while reducing her trips to the city offices.

Fifth recall rejected

Doug Erwin says he'll make one more attempt to get a recall petition passed by Oakland County, now that his fifth try was rejected Monday.

He has sought the advice of an Alhambra-based lawyer to draft the sixth petition, which will likely be filed next week. If the Oakland County Board of Election Commissioners bounces that attempt, Erwin says he'll sue the City of Novi.

"I was not a happy camper. They said it's completely unclear, that's the worst attempt yet," he said.

Erwin hopes to recall Mayor Kathleen McLallen, Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford and Council Members Robert Schmidt, Rob Mitzel and Joseph Toth for permitting Main Street developers to use a small slice of city land for the ring road. Erwin is opposed to city contributions to the project.

Erwin modeled his fifth petition after one used by a Jackson County woman to successfully recall her own city officials. The election commissioners may only reject a recall petition on the grounds of clarity.

The petition read: "We the people of the City of Novi wish to recall (council member's name) because he or she has failed to represent the will of their constituents."

Erwin says he hasn't ruled out seeking a referendum election on the bond issue the city may issue to finance the Main Street streetscape.

Tomassi faces one year for parental kidnap

By SHARON CONDRON Staff Writer

David Tomassi faces a maximum sentence of a year in jail and a \$2,000 fine for taking his two sons away from their custodial mother for more than 11 years.

Tomassi, 41, was scheduled to be sentenced today (Thursday) in an Oakland County circuit court room on felony charges of taking out of state or detaining a child in violation of a court order. He faces

the two counts, one for each son he took from their mother's Novi home in 1983.

The boys were ages 4 and 5 then. David Jr., 17, and Jason, 15, were returned to their mother, Emili Rateau, last November after Tomassi was arrested in New York and police learned the boys were living at a community college in California.

The family has since relocated to Indiana.

This isn't the first time Tomassi

abducted his sons from their mother. He did it once before when the boys were six months and a year and a half old. The boys were found in California in February of 1983 and returned home to their mother nearly four years after they were first abducted. Ten months later Tomassi returned to the family's home in Novi and failed to return the boys after a scheduled holiday visitation. He took the boys on Christmas Eve in 1983. They weren't found again until November

1994. Tomassi pleaded guilty to the twin charges earlier this month, according to Novi Det. Bill Brown. He's been lodged in Oakland County jail since he was extradited from New York in November to face the stiffer felony charges here rather than the misdemeanor charge of stalking, on which he was being held there.

New York police arrested Tomassi on the stalking charge when they discovered the 11-year-old

outstanding warrant from Novi. They notified Novi police that they had Tomassi in custody and were willing to drop their charges to extradite him to Michigan.

The stalking charge was dropped in the exchange but a second charge has been added because the woman Tomassi had allegedly stalked in New York claims he has continued to stalk her through letters and phone calls while he was lodged here in Oakland County's jail.



DAVID TOMASSI

Township likes things they way they are

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

The City of Novi will not attempt to swallow up tiny Novi Township.

By mutual agreement, the city will also not extend any sewer or water lines to township residents, unless a health emergency exists and the requesting party agrees to pick up the costs.

Homes in Brookland Farm subdivision, which comprises the entire township, are on well water and septic systems. Several months ago, after a township resident asked to hook into city water, Novi City Manager Edward Kriewall floated the idea that the bigger community might annex the smaller one.

This went over like a lead balloon with the township. Kriewall met with Township Supervisor Ray Schovers to discuss the issue.

"I think the Novi Township supervisor prefers this kind of

resolution. They don't want people coming to us as individual people with problems," Kriewall said Monday.

They were kind of happy to stay as they were."

Any idea of annexation has been laid to rest, he confirmed. The City Council amended the no sewer, no water resolution to provide an exception if a health emergency exists. Council Member Tim Pope pointed out that Lavonia had sold excess sewer capacity to Novi and Commerce Township and the city have swapped sewer capacity.

Council Member Joseph Toth opposed the exception clause.

"We can't go around being the catchall for everybody's problems. The people in the township have decided they wouldn't become part of the City of Novi. The people in Farmington Hills and Commerce Township may also have trouble with their septic fields. We have a limited capacity," Toth

City moves on Main Street bonds

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

While it doesn't mean they've approved a special assessment district (SAD) for Main Street, the Novi City Council did agree to publish an intent to sell bonds for the landscaping of the ring road project.

Residents who seek to stop the sale of up to \$1.7 million in bonds for amenities such as streetlights and trees now have 45 days after the notice is published in *The Novi News* to petition for a referendum election. Approval of the intent is part of a timetable for Main Street which would, if not disrupted, permit construction of the road this spring.

Council Member Tim Pope questioned the timing of the notice of intent, pointing out that it's harder for residents to circulate a petition for a referendum election in cold

"I do not have a political mind. That was not my intention," Novi's bonding attorney Dennis Neiman said.

To clarify his position, Pope explained later that: "I did not advocate a referendum. It would be a ridiculous argument to make that trees should go to a referendum."

The council did not actually approve the sale of these bonds or a second series of over \$1.83 million which would be used to actually build the ring road.

If the SAD is approved, the city is expected to issue Michigan Transportation Fund Bonds for the road construction. These tax-free bonds, which are not subject to a referendum election, would provide a financial savings to the Main Street developers. The street landscaping does not qualify for this kind of bonding.

Ten percent of Novi's voters

would have to sign a petition to force the proposed issuing of the \$1.7 million in bonds to a referendum election. In an election, a majority vote could block the sale of the bonds for the Main Street streetscape.

If the city went ahead with the road bonding, that would mean all the landscaping niceties of Main Street would then have to be paid for by the developer or the city could seek a grant.

Pope said he felt the road construction should not be done via transportation bonds, to permit voters the right to seek a referendum for the construction, as well.

"You folks who support this project have shown political courage in the face of five attempts at recall. I believe individuals should have a right of referendum," Pope told the council.

"I believe it is better to allow the voters the right to a referendum.

I'm not saying the city is doing this purposely to avoid a referendum."

Pope and Council Member Carol Mason, both longtime opponents of city financial support of Main Street, voted against publishing the notice of intent.

"I think we would be foolish not to take advantage of the transportation bonding in order to save a substantial number of dollars. Certainly, it's not going to stop anybody from having their democratic right to protest. I don't think there's a protest other than a small number of people," Council Member Robert Schmidt said.

The city council has not yet decided if they will swap Novi Road frontage for the right-of-way for Main Street through land owned by developers Evergreen III. It's estimated it will cost \$100,000 to tear down the city-owned Aladdin Building on Novi Road because the structure contains asbestos.

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Young talent

Ai Takeuchi, 8, of Novi, performed Mozart in the Performer's Showcase series Monday at the Civic Center. Her mother, Yoko, accompanied her on piano. Ai started violin lessons at age 4 in Japan. Since moving, she's been chosen for masters classes at U of M and Juilliard.

One of last two licenses is handed to Vic's Market eatery

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

One of Novi's two remaining liquor licenses was gobbled up Monday for a 175-seat cafe which will be part of Vic's World Class Fruit Market.

While there's no final name for the eatery — it could be Vic's Cafe or again it could be Vic's Market Cafe — the menu will feature lighter entrees such as pizza, pasta, salads and sandwiches to please shoppers at the mega-market.

Novi now only has one Class C liquor license left to hand out, a commodity Council Member Robert Schmid estimated is worth \$100,000.

The licenses are distributed by the state based on a community's population. However, City Manager Edward Kriewal said that when Novi holds its own mid-decade census in 1996, the surge in population since 1990 should mean that the city will pick up another four to five more liquor licenses.

Along with the cafe, the 60,000 square foot Vic's World Class Fruit Market will offer a meat deli, a fish market, a bakery, a soda bar, a coffee shop, a flower shop and nursery, as well as a beer and

wine shop. The new restaurant will be on the second-floor mezzanine of the Grand River Avenue building, adjacent to a cooking school and an area dedicated to wine-tasting. Dinners will be able to view Main Street while chowing down in the main room or a patio.

Rooms will also be available for business meetings and social events.

Owner Vic Ventimiglia is no newcomer to the restaurant business. In 1985, he opened Oyster Alley in Detroit's Trappers Alley and operated the restaurant until 1989. In

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1987, he launched Vic's Quality Fruit Market in Beverly Hills, a \$10 million per year business, with earnings in 1994 in excess of \$280,000.

AAUW launches book drive

Can you believe that many of the ladies who have made history are being forgotten? It's not surprising that the Michigan Office of Sex Equity in Education recently reported only 19 percent of the biographies in school libraries are about women.

Northville-Novl branch of the American Association of University Women is launching a drive to place more books about women in the Northville and Novi school libraries that serve kindergarten through eighth grades.

The AAUW project is entitled "Remember the Ladies" in memory

of Abigail Adams. In a letter to her husband, John Adams, back in 1776, Abigail pleaded that the writing of the new independence movement include more humane treatment for wives.

The AAUW will be asking individuals and organizations to donate \$25 to place a book about women's history in a library.

The contributor can select the book from a prepared list and place it in the library of his or her choice. It can be given in honor of or in memory of a person and will bear the contributor's name.

For information on how to contribute, contact Winifred Fraser, (810) 348-7264.

HEALTH NOTE

by Dennis E. Engerer, P.T.
MUSCLING IN

In 1990, the American College of Sports Medicine revised its exercise guidelines to include strength training along with aerobic workouts as part of its recommendation for a more balanced fitness program. Since then, a study recently published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* reinforces the wisdom of this advice.

The study shows that, in just two weeks of a strength-training program, 50 frail men and women in their 80's and 90's were able to increase their weight-lifting ability by 118 percent, the walking speed by 12 percent, and their stair-climbing ability by 28 percent. If strength training can produce these results in the elderly, just imagine what it can accomplish for younger people. A well-designed program of strength training gives a weak, different muscle groups to achieve overall fitness and balanced muscular strength.

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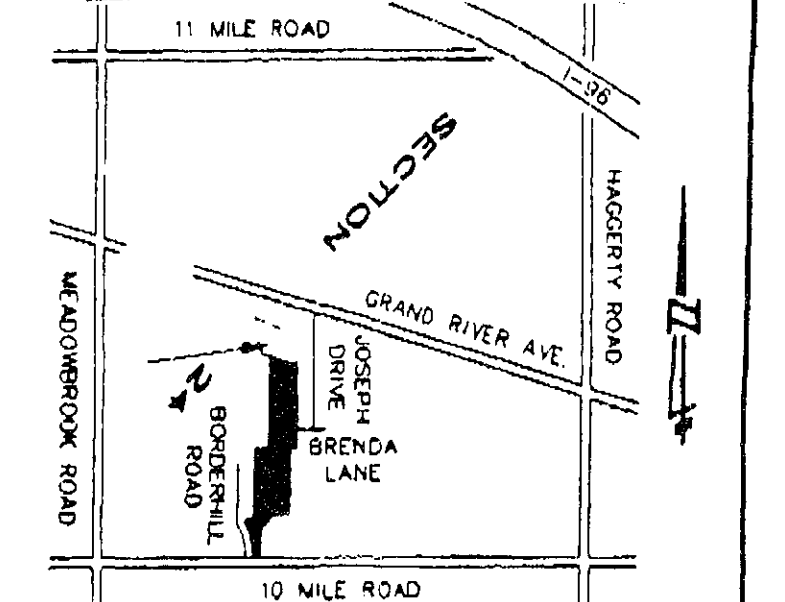
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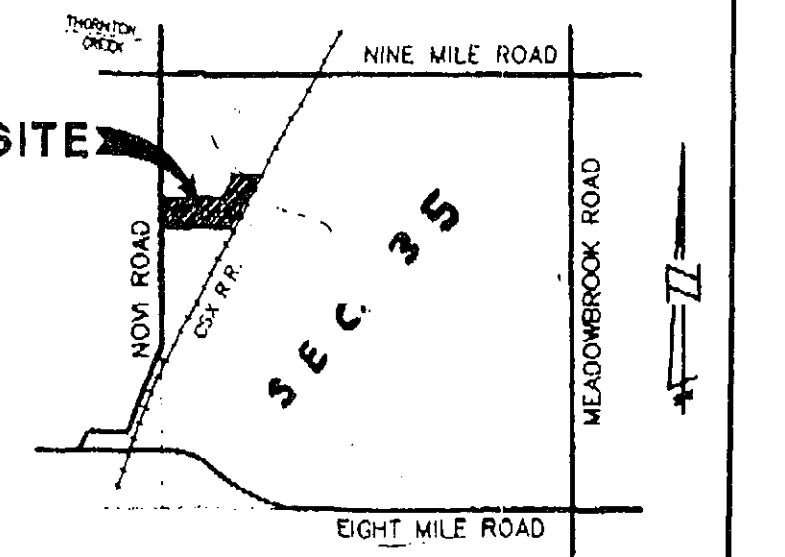


All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Department of Community Development, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48075 until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 15, 1995.

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Big Bucks needed to fix road problems

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Most public officials boast that the public likes their work. Not Michigan's road officials. They're using bitter letters of complaint from non-residents and former residents saying the roads "are the worst I have ever seen... absolutely ridiculous."

"They're bad, and they're getting worse," agreed Brent O. Bair, managing director of the Oakland County Road Commission, during a Channel 7 *Spotlight* program last Sunday. "They're some of the worst in the nation."

Bair and the County Road Association of Michigan (CRAM) are asking an \$800 million per year transfusion of new money into state, county and municipal roads and bridges that they say are hindering job growth and wrecking cars.

Since the last month, CRAM has been on the muscle with legislators and this week many cable TV stations will carry a 22-minute video entitled "What is Wrong with Michigan?" The title comes from a complaint letter from an Auburn Hills woman who has lived in Florida and Kansas.

Politically, however, the job isn't as easy as adopting CRAM's tax program: raising the 15-cents a gallon fuel tax by 12 cents, raising the 15-cents diesel tax by 15 cents, eliminating the six-cents "discount" for trucks and commercial vehicles using diesel fuel, and jacking up license fees.

Currently those taxes and fees are yielding about \$1.2 billion. CRAM's proposal, if adopted intact, would raise the take to about \$2 billion.

But the so-called Headlee amendment to the state constitution limits total tax collections to about 9.46 percent of total incomes. Already, Treasury officials are saying the state is exceeding that limit. Politicians are scrambling to cut taxes. Little legislative action is likely this fiscal year, which ends Sept. 30.

Even then, John Engler, the most politically potent governor Michigan has seen in at least two generations, is saying he'll support a five or six cents increase — not 12, or 15.

"Five or six cents won't allow us to do much," said Bair. "If we'd increased the gas tax a penny a



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Dedicated (?) golfers

The Polar Golf Classic held on Walled Lake Sunday was a sell-out. Sponsored by the Key Largo restaurant, the tourney featured nine holes of golf in which four-person teams played in a scramble format, driving with whiffle balls and putting with reg-

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TAKE NOTICE that the purpose of the special election is to vote on the following proposition: Shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in the Oakland Community College District, County of Oakland, be increased for calendar year 1995 and in perpetuity by 1.0 mill on every dollar (being \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation, as fully equalized) of all property in said Community College District which millage increase would provide estimated revenue to the Community College of \$29,900,000.00 during the 1995 calendar year, if approved and levied, (resulting in an approximate increase of \$51,000 for each household owning a home with a true cash value of \$102,000.00) to be used for general operating purposes.

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Council supports academy, but questions the costs

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

As far as the Novi City Council was concerned Monday, the future of the Lakes Area Police Academy will be determined in its spring budget meetings.

Meanwhile, a troop of citizen graduates turned out to roof for the academy.

"We've all heard of criminals wreaking havoc in the streets while ordinary citizens stand back and watch. Novi could be a role model for a real crime control solution ... \$7,000 per year is nothing compared to the dividends this program is going to pay the community," second session alumnus Chris Shultz said.

Most council members agreed the program was good, where they parted ways on the price tag.

The two 1994 academy sessions cost up to \$7,228, Police Chief Douglas Shaffer said, or \$344 per each of 21 students.

"These figures are to me extremely high, extremely costly. For us to do it for everybody in the city would cost \$14 million. Quite frankly, we don't have the mandate ... to spend that money on public relations," Council Member Joseph Toth said.

"The real serious problem I have is that this program went on for about a year and nobody knew what these costs were until I called."

Shaffer came to the council with a series of proposed cuts

which would bring down the per student rate to anywhere from \$86 to \$158 per student. The costs of the academy are split by Novi, Walled Lake and Wixom, with Novi's biggest expense coming from overtime costs to the police personnel conducting the academy.

Council Members Carol Mason and Rob Mitzel suggested that perhaps some fee could be assessed the individuals who enroll in the academy, which had a waiting list for its March term.

Council Member Robert Schmid wondered if the academy sessions could be shortened to five weeks, to get more residents enrolled.

"A 10-week academy is pretty intensive. You could almost have a mini-officer when you get done with that," he said.

Toth agreed that the academy is a "great" concept. But he's not likely to vote in favor of it during the upcoming budget hearings.

"I cannot support this program. The only thing we missed on this program is having limousine service to pick everybody up," he added.

Shaffer told the council he could reduce the price tag of the academy by \$4,000 to \$5,300. Cut out would be items such as uniforms and T-shirts. In addition, the \$1,000 graduation banquet would be eliminated.

Furthermore, Shaffer said the class coordinator, Lt. David Butler, would not attend sessions held in

Walled Lake or Wixom, which would pare expenses by \$2,000. An assistant participating when the class met in Novi has been eliminated, cutting costs by \$448.

Shaffer said he had asked Butler to use flex time on days when the academy meets, which would have pared program costs by \$3,244. However, the lieutenant filed a grievance with his union and that grievance has been settled in Butler's favor, meaning he will be paid overtime for the time he spends facilitating the program.

But without spending from \$1,900 to \$3,160 per year, Shaffer

said it would not be feasible for Novi to participate in the academy.

Shultz was joined by three other Lakes Area Police Academy alumni who pleaded with the council to fund the program.

"The knowledge and insight that I gained from the academy is invaluable ... There is a demand for this type of activity and people are willing to make a 10-week commitment to attend, which is amazing with the variety of other activities people have available to them," Keith Ann Jirasak said.

"One cannot put a price tag on the value that comes from a communi-

ty that has faith in their police department. In maintaining confidence and open lines of communication, all factions of the community will benefit. One of the best means of this continued communication is the Lakes Area Citizens Police Academy."

Father Leslie Harding, another alumnus, questioned why the city council discussed the issue in a public session and lauded the Novi Police Department as "forward-thinking."

"Besides, I will miss the coffee cup if you take it away from me. I didn't take a class that cost thousands of dollars."

But not all citizens agree. Rosemarie Denton, after watching the debate on television, raved down to city hall in support of Toth.

"As I tell my 4-year-old, there's no free lunch ... If you pulled the group, you're not likely to find citizens headed for jail," Denton said.

"I lived in Novi for three years and at no time felt uncomfortable dealing with the police. The cops were there when I needed them. When I called them they came and I didn't take a class that cost thousands of dollars."

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Chief will proceed with Academy in March

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Initially, Novi police figured the academy cost the city about \$7,228. That estimate was issued Jan. 9 to the city council from the police department. But Shaffer said he believes once the projected costs are cross-referenced with actual invoices, the academy costs will be lower than the initial projections.

Novi Lieutenant David Butler is pulling paid invoices to determine exactly what the academy costs in terms of labor and supplies for Novi and for the three communities. He has also requested invoices from Walled Lake and Wixom to determine the total cost and Novi's share which was supposed to be one-third.

Butler said the three departments agreed at the outset to divide and share the expense of the academy evenly between themselves. Personnel costs were left out of the shared equation because they are dictated by individual contracts, the chief said. But in Novi, administrative overtime ate up most of the expense, about \$5,151. Butler earned approximately \$3,244 off the two academies and 16 officers were paid an estimated \$1,459 for teaching portions of the class. Evie Lewis, the chief's administrative assistant earned \$448 for preparing the textbooks and helping to host the academy when it came to Novi.

Butler's Jan. 9 estimate included a \$114 overtime bill for a dispatcher he now says didn't claim the time spent in the academy as overtime.

The lieutenant is working on comparing his overtime projections with the actual approved overtime requests from his staff. He should have those firm figures in hand by week's end, he said.

That leaves the tangible costs of running the program to the supplies, materials, refreshments and catered graduation dinners which were to have been split three ways.

But the lieutenant said the three departments have not split each of the invoices three ways and have instead taken turns paying invoices as they filtered into the various departments.

The problem with some invoices is that they weren't for the same amounts.

"That accounting system has

caused problems, Butler said, and that the departments are scrambling to figure out their individual share of the academy expenditures.

The Novi News attempted to obtain the costs of the academy by requesting receipts for costs relating to the Lakes Area Citizens Police Academy from the Walled Lake and Wixom police departments.

Walled Lake responded to the freedom of information request and submitted \$1,468 worth of receipts that covered printing costs for class textbooks, binders, T-shirts and the department's share of the logo designed for the academy. A fourth receipt totaled \$1,590 but shows Walled Lake paid only \$530, or their share of the second graduation dinner.

Wixom Police Chief Larry Holland has requested a 10-day extension, allowed for under the FOI act, of the request to compile his department's receipts.

Butler tried but was unable to match his estimates with the receipts provided by Walled Lake. He did however manage to pull paid invoices from city files that indicate Novi paid \$1,465 in total for its share of the logo, academy stationery, binders, two catered graduation dinners and refreshments when Novi hosted the academy.

In addition, Butler said his department paid the \$75 range fee when the academy went to the firing range in Farmington and about \$220 in ammunition for students to fire weapons in both sessions.

The other departments paid their share for the ammunition they used because officers in the different communities carry different weapons.

"We don't have equal amounts paid out at this time," Butler said without seeing the receipts Wixom may have paid. "That's because when things came in, one of us just paid it."

"We were trying to split it equally but we just didn't keep track of it."

Obituaries

JACK B. ANGLIN
Jack B. Anglin of Novi died Monday, Feb. 6, 1995, at Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn. He was 76.

DAVID WILLIAM SCHOFIELD
David William Schofield of Novi died Friday, Feb. 3, 1995, at his home. He was born on Sept. 12, 1905, at Iowa Springs, Iowa.

Mr. Anglin was owner of Jack B. Anglin Construction Company of Novi. Founded in 1956, and to date, was actively involved in his company. He was a World War Two Navy veteran.

Mr. Schofield was a retired fireman from the Detroit Fire Department.

Survivors include his wife, Betty; sons, Jack Jr. and Doug; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Survivors include his daughter, Eleanor McDonough; his step-daughters, Jennie Boehm and Nancy Nelson; son, Edward; sister, Edith Barber; brother, Walter; 15 grandchildren, and many great-grandchildren.

Service will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 9, 1995, at O'Brien Chapel, 1111 C. Sullivan Funeral Home, 4155 Grand River Avenue, Novi. Interment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

Services were held on Feb. 7, 1995, at Heney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington. Rev. R. Vernon Boyd, Oakland Church of Christ of Southfield, officiated at the services.

Irwin doing well after Mexican treatments

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Kevin's decided to write a book about his experiences. He'll also lecture about his search for an alternative cure, one that he feels is less disabling than a conventional bone marrow transplant.

Jaundiced before he left, Kevin, 31, has regained a healthy color. He's gained five pounds on a special low-fat diet of organically-grown fruit, vegetables and grains, although at 120 pounds he's a long way from his original weight of 145 pounds.

Back in Novi, Kevin underwent a series of tests run by his local family doctor, who found no organ damage. His cancer is no longer active, no malignant cells were discovered in his blood, Kevin said.

"They were looking for something wrong with me. They wanted to say they messed you up. They didn't find anything wrong with me," he explained.

"His exact words were 'it's remarkable.' They were very, very surprised at how good my condition was."

Kevin was diagnosed with chronic myelogenous leukemia in July. His Michigan doctors told him he had a 45 percent chance of survival if he underwent a \$300,000 bone marrow transplant. Instead, after his own research, he opted for the Mexican treatment, which includes techniques not permitted in the U.S.

But his HMO, SelectCare, would not pay for these alternative remedies, which will cost from \$30,000 to \$40,000.

The Irwins' friends immediately swung into action. Along with a fund raising dinner in November, there was an auction last month at the Decker Elementary School. Kids have been collecting pop cans to bring in more money. Another friend is giving the Irwins a percentage of the Tupperware she sells. Heather's school, Wixom Church School, scheduled fund raisers. And the parishioners of the Lakes Baptist Church, which the Irwins attend, are paying for Heather's tuition at her private school.

A retired woman who prefers to remain anonymous emptied out her savings account for the Irwins, saying they needed the cash more than she did.

In addition, the newly-formed "Friends of Kevin Irwin" has

launched a letter writing campaign to SelectCare, his health insurance company, protesting their decision not to pay for his medical treatment. The insurers have scheduled a March grievance hearing.

"I have to think to myself someday I'll be able to help other people in the same situation. Some day it's going to be paid back not to the people who are going to be in need. It's kind of like a loan from God," Kevin said last week.

"You just can't believe somebody would care about you. You don't know how to react, it's so exciting."

Kevin will fly to Mexico for a follow-up trip on Feb. 22, the first of a series of visits he will need to make for five years. On his initial trip there, he received low doses of chemotherapy and radiation, as well as a vaccine made of his own malignant cells. Other vaccines included shark cartilage, because sharks don't get cancer.

Both Irwins are full of praise for the warm, friendly treatment they experienced at the Tijuana hospital.

"The most exciting thing was the people (patients) down there. Almost every single one of them was a terminal case where the doctor said you can go home and die," Kevin said.

"The sad thing is a lot of them have gone through hell to get rid of the cancer because nothing worked. Then they go to Mexico and they were down there getting better."

The Irwins' phone has been ringing off the hook with inquiries from people who have cancer, or their relatives, and want more information about Kevin's choice. He's far from advocating that everybody go to Mexico, but to him, the option seems right.

"It's your body. It's your sickness. It's your health. It's your responsibility to make your decisions," he said.

"When I say I'm wonderful, I don't mean I'm running around the block but I've got hope now. I've got serious hope for a good life."

So many people have rallied around the Irwins that Kevin can't name them all. But here's a start. His sister, Terisa Tengler. His boss, Bob Blackmer. And friends Cindy Baranski, Pam Berry, Gord and Pam Vasseur, Bill and Donna Pulicen, Donna Schroeder, Bob Lee and Cindy Rose.

Interested in helping out? Call Bill Pulicen at 363-3008.



Voters turned out in large numbers of Walled Lake schools' unusual Saturday election. Above, the Fine family — Mark, Marji and their daughter Kailee — were among those crowding into the polls at Novi's precinct one.

Bond fails despite higher turnout

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

Voters in the Walled Lake School District said no to both Bond Proposal I and Proposal II on Feb. 4. Twenty-three percent of the voters went to the polls on Saturday, Feb. 4 to vote on the \$116 million worth of bonds which had been revised from those set before them on Sept. 27, 1994 by splitting the bond into two propositions. Proposal I included space and technology and Proposal II was considered the enhancement package whose passage was dependent upon the voters approving Proposal I.

There were 6,257 no votes compared to 6,086

yes votes for Proposition I. Voters rejecting Proposal II were 6,722 compared to 5,567 in favor. All those who turned out, or 12,343, voted on Proposal I while only 12,289 voters chose to vote on Proposal II. Proposal I failed by a very narrow margin, 1.38 percent, while Proposal II failed by 10 percent.

Precinct No. 1, which includes all the Novi residents who attend the Walled Lake schools, voted 56 percent against Proposal I and 60 percent against Proposal II.

Both Proposals passed in three precincts — No. 2, Keith Elementary, No. 5, Oakley Park Elementary and No. 9, Maple Elementary. Precinct 6, Twin Beach Elementary, was the

only precinct to vote in favor of Proposal I, but vote no on Proposal II. All other precincts voted no on both proposals.

The decision to move the voting day from a Tuesday to a Saturday did result in a better turnout. "We were of the belief that it would be easier for people to vote on Saturday and we would see an increase in the numbers," said Lois Lange, director of personnel and community relations. Turn out on Saturday was 12,343 voters, considerably higher than the 8,954 voters who came to the polls on Tuesday, Sept. 27.

"It is too early to have plans," said Lange about the future of the bond.

Clients don't mind the regulations

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Center, recently unsuccessfully petitioned the city to waive several of these requirements, saying that customers would not sign up for massages under these circumstances.

At present, Novi's city attorney's office is checking out massage parlor ordinances in other cities. City Attorney David Fried said a report

will be made in late February at an ordinance review committee meeting.

Visions Salon was issued a massage parlor license in April, which was renewed Monday by the Novi City Council.

The masseuses employed by the

salon are registered with the American Massage Association, as required by Novi. Along with the therapeutic rub-downs, the salon offers hair styling and other cosmetic services.

Clients don't mind drooping in the unlocked rooms, because other

people knock first before entering and the windows are high enough to deter accidental peeping, Bond explained.

"It's not like all the kids are going to jump up and look in. It's not that big of a deal," she added.

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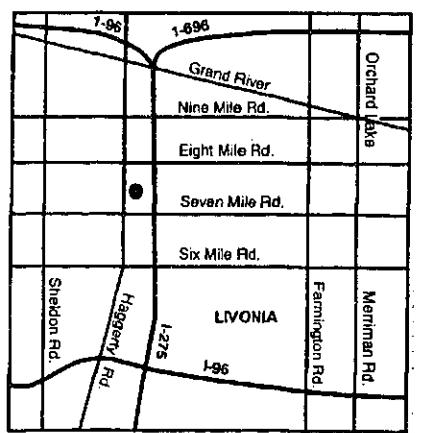
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As We See It

Fairness demands adjustment in rules

Massage parlors have been notorious fronts for prostitution rings. It's been 15 years since the book *Thy Neighbor's Wife* by Gay Talese brought to public light what really goes on behind closed doors in these parlors. In the Detroit area, police busts of such parlors have made headlines from time to time.



Government

So Novi's ordinance setting down tight regulations of massage businesses is completely understandable. No one wants a prostitution ring operating in Novi. Certainly, no wants the clientele such a business would attract to its town.

However, now legitimate massage therapy operations are running afoul of Novi's regulations.

The latest is the Salone Nadwa, an upscale "day spa." The massage therapists to be employed there are stated licensed and the operation clearly is an above board. Owners say provisions of the city ordinance will obviously discourage its customers. One requirement for a small window in the message room allowing the city ordinance enforcement officer to look in an check out the activities going on in there. Of course, everybody else can look in, too. The Salone Nadwa is looking for an exception to the city's requirements.

Another obviously legitimate day spa is the Visions Salon, which has been in operation in Novi without a problem since last April. The owners there are less concerned with the requirements for a window, but they say their clients

do not like the regulation which requires the massage therapist be the same sex as the client. Obviously, that's a problem. For legitimate therapists, that rule cuts their customer base by 50 percent.

Keep in mind that only last year, Novi had to take a look at its ordinance because plans for a massage therapy program at the Novi Senior Center ran afoul of the city's ban on "out-call" massage services.

Some have expressed little sympathy for Salone Nadwa, contending that the owners should have checked the Novi ordinance before they opened their doors. Nonetheless, the point of the ordinance isn't to curtail legitimate massage therapy or operations like Salone Nadwa and the Visions Spa. It is simply to keep the illegal operations out of the area.

If the council can take up an amendment to its ordinance because of a government program, it should lend that same courtesy to private business. Fairness demands it.

The journalist-client relationship



Michael Maiott

There is a great debate raging in the halls of journalism these days—should we in the press be "reader responsive" or should we publish what we believe meets some more objective criteria of what is to be considered news? I heard the issue debated at the Winter Convention of the Michigan Press Association in Grand Rapids recently, and I'm glad the question is finally getting some attention because, frankly, the press traditionally hasn't been very good at being reader responsive. With an entire seminar dedicated to the topic, the convention featured speakers who labeled themselves "reader obsessed." And they did so with pride.

Reader responsiveness is a trendy new catch phrase in the journalism field for the idea that journalists should rethink what we are doing in order to find out what information readers really want to get from their newspapers and try to give it to them.

Everybody in the business, it seems, wants to climb on the bandwagon. We in the press have operated by the more objective definition of news for years, proponents of responsiveness argue, and what did it get us? Declining circulation figures.

The journalists gathered at the Amway Grand a week and a half ago didn't reach a conclusion on the question, but I'll bet you can guess from the tone of what I've told you so far which way they were leaning.

Still, I went through J-school in the '70s and, back then, the same concept was known by a different title. It was called "pandering to the public."

Giving readers exactly what they want has its dark side too and it produced some of the worst sins of the Yellow Journalism era. It gave us the supermarket tabloids. Folks, the *National Enquirer* is the most reader driven paper in the USA. Rupert Murdoch got rich giving readers what they want. On TV, it gave us *Hard Copy* and *A Current Affair*.

These are not the kinds of media I want *The Novi News*.

So I'm going to suggest here a new philosophy by which community journalists should operate. A new school of thought, as it were, to serve as a guiding principle. I'd er and start referring to the 6,000 or so people who buy our paper each week as "our clients."

That's what's really going on here, isn't it? When you plunk down your 50 cents or send in your subscription renewal, you are in essence hiring us to go out into the community, gather up information on what's going on, and submit it all to you in written form, i.e. in the newspaper. It's kind of like having your own little team of news and information private-eyes.

Now, the journalist-client relationship would demand a pretty high degree of reader responsiveness, wouldn't it? Hey, that feature about grandma knitting doilies or the first grade class recycling program might not fit neatly into some journalist's definition of "real news," but if that's what readers here in Novi want to know about, that's what they should have.

On the other hand, the journalist-client relationship occasionally compels me to tell you about some things I think you need to know, even when you didn't think to ask, and even when you don't want to hear about it. It compels the journalist to steer away from pandering.

Let me draw a few parallels. If you go to a physician complaining of a hang nail, I think we'll all agree it's the doctor's responsibility to point it out if he or she finds some thing more serious, like a tumor.

And if you walked into an attorney's office all revved up to sue somebody, and the attorney concluded your case was really frivolous or just plain harassment, it would be that attorney's obligation to dissuade you from filing. The good attorneys do just that.

And it is the journalist's job to tell you the truth even when it might be uncomfortable. Hey, you wouldn't hire a private-eye to follow your spouse around and expect him to report back with an all-clear if there really was some cheating going on...

OK, maybe that's not a good example, but you get my point.

Michael Maiott is the Managing Editor of *The Novi News*.

Saturday ballot worked

The folks in the Walled Lake school district who pushed for the passage of the bond proposals which appeared on the ballot Saturday are probably pretty disappointed right now ... and that's easy to understand.

But we hope no one overlooks the success of Saturday's polling - an excellent voter turnout.

Critics who accused the district of trying to run a "stealth" election will now have to admit it must have been the worst kept secret in town, because electors crowded the polls much of the day. In fact, the final numbers showed 38 percent more voters made it to the polls that day compared to the previous election, held on a Tuesday.

We have to admit, we were skeptical when we first heard of the Walled Lake district's plans to hold its bond election on a Saturday. It was new; it was different. We'd never heard of anything like it before.

But Superintendent James Geisler explained the purpose of the date selection was to increase voter turnout. And it did. And if you think about it, it only makes sense that it would. In residential, suburban communi-

ties such as those included in the Walled Lake district, Tuesdays - the traditional day for elections - are typically very busy days for most of the residents. They work. And many work out of town.

So Tuesday elections end up competing with other day-to-day pressures and interests. It is easy to get too distracted to vote, or to count it as a lower priority than some of the other activities that must get accomplished that day.

A Saturday election alleviates that to some degree. It's less busy for most of us. Fewer have to commute out of town to be on the job.

It's an idea we would encourage Walled Lake to use again in the future, whenever it needs to schedule a special election. It's an idea we'd encourage others to pick up for their special elections.

Regardless of the how an election turns out, whenever there is higher voter participation, it should at least be a comfort that the results are a more accurate gauge of voter and taxpayer sentiment.

Cooler heads prevailed

Thank goodness cooler heads usually do prevail.

They prevailed Monday night when council did not decide to kill off the Lakes Area Citizens Police Academy, instead asking only that it be put on a budget. And they prevailed after the meeting when it appeared the police department would bow out of the upcoming March session of the academy.

Needless to say, there was a good deal of speculation around town over the past week that the cost overruns and the resulting publicity would surely cause council to shut the academy down, or at least the Novi portion of it. Of course the implication was that the blame for the demise of the program would rest with *The Novi News*'s and others who criticized the cost excesses.

Some may feel better if they can point a finger, but it won't be much consolation if an innovative program like the academy meets its demise.

As we said on this page last week, we

didn't want the program cut, just the costs. And that was pretty much the same thing council said Monday night. No one on council was negative toward the program itself, but there was general concern about the costs. And of course, police chief Doug Shaeffer already had a list of possible cuts in hand, which he presented to council.

It is perhaps an uncomfortable part of local government - no, make that life in general - that all programs have to start with and operate on a budget. That simple fact appears to have gotten overlooked by the police department as it rush to implement this exciting program. The problem appear to have been compounded because the program and costs were shared, with no individual put in charge of keeping books on the academy.

The result - \$7,228 in costs. That's too much. But frankly, its pretty small in the entire scheme of things. And if that is the biggest financial error a Novi city employee ever makes, Novi taxpayers can rest easy.

In Passing By Hal Gould



A Novi Meadows student makes use of the winter weather

The friendly skies

Bring back old time radio shows



Carol Workens

One morning my son, Patrick, came down to breakfast and was very anxious to share a story with me. He began telling me the story which he said he had heard after I put him to bed the night before. Shortly after he began, I realized it sounded too familiar, that I too had heard the same story but couldn't immediately put my finger on where or when.

I tried to put the puzzle together. He was upstairs and I had been downstairs watching television. I wondered if I had the television up to loud or if he had crawled downstairs and overheard it and so I asked him about it. The answer was no on both counts. Still perplexed, I asked him to tell me more about the story, thinking maybe that would help, which he did. There was no doubt about it, it was the same story.

I told him that I was watching that show on television and couldn't understand how he could have known about it if he was upstairs.

The mystery was soon solved. The answer was so simple I wondered how I could have missed it. Patrick had received a new short wave radio. For some reason, it had not occurred to me or him that along with radio programs, he could also pick up television shows. The show I had watched on the television the night before was the same program he had listened to on his new radio.

He was fascinated with the idea of listening to a show on the radio. Not exactly a new idea, but something that has become a lot of fun for him. He likes trying to imagine what the action is, he said. Because it was written for television, and not radio, it had long passes where there would be action on the screen with no dia-

logue, which he didn't like. Since he has seen the show on television, he can picture the actors. Now he reads the television guide to find out what he can listen to on the radio. He has also heard radio programs in other languages including French, Spanish, and German.

This story reminds me of something Dick Clark recently said. Clark said that television viewers' music videos are being robbed of the imagination that comes from viewing music videos instead of listening to music.

Which brings me to one more recollection of listening to a show on the radio. While driving on a vacation, and as so often happens when traveling from town to town, it's necessary to keep switching radio stations trying to get one with good reception, we happened upon a radio station airing a story being read by former first lady Barbara Bush. I remember the car became very quiet. No one was yelling over the music on the radio. All were listening to Mrs. Bush telling the story.

It seemed so refreshing to listen to the radio with a fresh sense of wonderment. I sometimes wonder if not only do we miss out on the imagination that comes with listening to a story because we have become so visually oriented, but that the constant drone of music becomes a backdrop and we hear the noise but are not really listening to the music anyway.

We stop reading to our children when they begin to learn to read themselves. When children are very young, they enjoy listening to stories told by teachers, adults, parents, and grandparents. How many times have we heard, tell me a story. As they listen to a story, they have the time to imagine the characters, setting and action.

Wouldn't it be wonderful to bring back the old radio show concept so that those who missed out the first time could listen and imagine.

Carol Workens is a Staff Writer for *The Novi News* and *The Northville Record*.

Revolution in schools underway



Phil Power

Back in 1970, the voters of Michigan spoke loud and clear on "parochial" public aid to private and religious schools.

By a 57 to 43 percent margin, they approved an amendment to the state constitution prohibiting state support for non-public schools.

How times change! A poll published a couple of weeks ago in the *Detroit Free Press* indicated that Michigan voters, by a 61-31 margin, now favor state-funded vouchers that would let children attend public or private schools of their choice. A narrower margin (53-40 percent) wanted vouchers to include religious schools.

That's a fundamental shift in public attitude on a gut-level issue. How come? Easy. An overwhelming majority of those polled said they felt local public schools were not challenging enough, and they wanted a choice of where to send their kids for a quality education.

According to Ed Saropolus, who con-

ducted the poll: "We're finding that baby boomers are very concerned about how their children are growing up. They have this big need to provide their children with lessons in right and wrong, teaching them values. They don't see that happening in the public school system. If they can't get that in the public school system, they believe they'll get it in the private school system."

So are we about to see a revolution in Michigan education, with public money going to fund religious schools? Michigan's top school official, Dr. Robert Schiller, thinks so. "We'll see religious schools funded by the end of this century," he told me in an interview. "The only question is how it comes and where."

How's it going to happen? Are the votes really there for a frontal assault to repeal the constitutional ban on aid to parochial schools?

I doubt it. There is still a lot of raw emotion on the subject, even though the public schools and teachers unions have savored a lot of support since the 1970 vote. And I suspect the Engler Administration is too smart to get caught in a polarizing fight that could split baby boomers from the Religious Right.

They'll do it another way. You already can see the writing on the wall.

First, pass a law authorizing charter schools with state support on a per-pupil basis. That happened last year.

Second, repeal the School Code, which Gov. Engler called for in this year's state-of-the-state speech. Doing away with the School Code eliminates, at a stroke, things like required curriculum standards, proficiency tests and state-endorsed diplomas. It also lifts the rule prohibiting schools from hiring non-certified teachers.

If you do away with state standards about what kids are supposed to learn, a school can teach "creativism" instead of evolution and still qualify for full state aid.

If anybody - a parent, a priest, a college graduate, a holder of a teaching certificate - can be a teacher, any school employing such teachers can get state funds.

And if that happens, you get the substance of parochialism without having to vote on it.

This is the revolution in education now being plotted in Lansing. It may be good or it may be ill. But it deserves to be debated for what it is, now, loudly and in public.

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His *Touch-Tone* voice mail number is (313) 953-2047 ext. 1880.

Inaccurate headline was unfortunate

To the Editor:

The Novi News published an article regarding Preservation Novi's presentation to the Novi City Council. Although the article accurately discussed our proposal and the opinions of others who spoke both in favor of and opposed to our proposal, the article headline, "City funds research on ways to save Fuerst Farm," was completely inaccurate.

The City of Novi is not funding the assessment that Preservation Novi plans to conduct on the Fuerst Farm. That assessment is being funded entirely by Preservation Novi, which is a private, non-profit corporation. It is unfortunate that the headline didn't reflect the contents of the article, because those who read only the headline would be misled into believing that the city is funding this effort.

It is also important for Novi residents to understand why Preservation Novi has become involved in this project. The Fuerst Farm is an asset of the community that is now at risk. It represents a link to Novi's history that should be maintained for the use and enjoyment of current and future Novi residents.

For that reason, Preservation Novi is willing to expend its own resources to conduct an assessment of the Farm buildings, to seek funding mechanisms for renovation and restoration, and to identify sustaining community uses for the Farm following restoration.

Preservation Novi has committed to take these first steps. It is our hope that we can demonstrate the value of the Fuerst Farm to the community and that the city will then take whatever steps it believes are appropriate to acquire the property.

We encourage Novi residents to follow this process and support preservation of the Fuerst Farm when we present our assessment to city council in two to three months. For those who are willing to financially support our efforts, contributions can be sent to Preservation Novi, P.O. Box 751, Novi, Michigan, 48376.

James Antosiak
President
Preservation Novi

Demolishing farm is abhorrent

To the Editor:

Prior to purchasing our home in Novi, my husband and I resided within the City of Northville. As you know, Northville effectively combines its Victorian charm with the demands and operations of the current day. In other words, the City of Northville has refused to lose its history while progressing into the future.

Of course, I realize that the City

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of Novi does not have some of the geographical and architectural advantages that Northville has, and I understand that a brand new "downtown" district is being conceived to be a progressive in itself. However, it is conflictive that while the City of Novi is willing to approve the construction of a new "downtown" district, it is confused about the preservation of one of the only legitimate historical markers in Novi, i.e., the Fuerst Farm.

To demolish this historical marker in order to build even more parking lots for the Novi School district is abhorrent. Obviously, our city Planning Commission and city government were too caught up in the heady frenzy of real estate development to sit back and think about the point in time when those developments would be filled with families. In addition, please look to the City of Livonia as an example, in that they also experienced a rapid growth period, built facilities left and right, only to regret to close them down and leave them unused because their population has decreased. Wouldn't it be a shame to tear down a farm to make use of the land for something which might be used for only a fraction of the time that that farm has been in existence?

I've been watching this situation, peripherally, since we moved to Novi last year. I have always had the same opinion, but have only felt the need to voice it since I watched the Novi City Council meeting of Jan. 23 and attended a Monday, 24 Lakes Area Residents Association meeting, where the subject was presented again.

I understand that a proposal has been made wherein funds reserved for the Parks and Recreation Department would be diverted to the preservation of the Fuerst Farm. I understand how this may not be the correct solution, but I also strongly urge everyone concerned to search every possible avenue to a compromise. It is fine to pride ourselves in the "newness" of Novi, but it is just as important to pride ourselves in our ability to maintain the few historical properties that Novi has left.

Linda Hamilton

After reading your editorial today, I must comment. This association was established as a result of new Mayor Kathleen McAllen's get-together with officers of all Novi homeowners associations. First question: although LARA is not a homeowners association, why were we not invited?

Now, you say it has brought together city residents as a group so they can speak to the city government with a united voice. This is wrong; it has brought together some city residents. You say it has organized and coordinated waste hauling for Novi's neighborhoods. Again, you are wrong; it has done so for some neighborhoods.

The CNHA took the contract and information compiled over one-and-a-half years of work by the council appointed citizens committee, and negotiated a hauling contract with a firm that was, in fact, higher (in the bid process) than the deal the committee put together, had the ballot proposal for municipal waste hauling been passed.

And, it was most specifically the southeast quadrant of the city that overwhelmingly defeated this ballot proposal. It would be appropriate for Ms. Jirasek and the CNHA to give credit where it is due.

CNHA was lucky enough to have Ordinance Officer Steve Babinchak appear recently to discuss enforcement at an upcoming LARA meeting. Please consider this an open invitation, sir. We'd love to

James E. Korte

know why ordinances in this area are either not enforced or selectively enforced? I trust you'll have an answer when you appear at our meeting.

But the bottom line is this ... we shouldn't have to "discuss enforcement." Ordinances are on the books for a reason. They should be uniformly enforced. If an RV is illegal in a drive or front yard, then they are illegal in all the covenants and restrictions of a subdivision address this issue. Let alone the city, then issue a ticket, after the appropriate 10-day warning. It's simple: you either enforce the ordinance for all, or you enforce them for none.

This city cannot legislate on neighborhood, any more than it can on taste (good or bad), or courtesy, or stupidity. It's a two-way street: treat your neighbors as you expect to be treated. We all learned that grade days ago!

As the CNHA - I hope one day we will truly have a representative group to speak for us all.

Ruthie Hamilton

Farm is a good use for money

To the Editor:

Re: Park money for Fuerst Farm. This is a proposal for using these funds that I can fully support. I don't recall reading any language that said "this money will be used

for his fine video productions." Perhaps it was the visually stunning program he produced called *The Great Escape* where he took his camera with him as he sat Northern Michigan from Grand Traverse Bay and back to Caselleville with stops along the way that I may have commended him on. It could have also

been his series "I Remember" - a real life story about a hobo who rode freight throughout the country during the Depression and took odd jobs wherever he could find them that sparked my interest. Come to think of it, even when Robertson helps out shooting footage for South-west Oakland Cable Commission production specialist, Donnell Corway's program *Business and Residential News*, he's got that Midas touch.

Now, Channel 12 viewers, prepare yourself for "A Culinary Adventure." Climb aboard the Star Clipper Dinner Train where Chef Chris Dewart prepares vegetable strudel with carrot ginger sauce, spinach and strawberry salad with flaming orange dressing. Salmon en Papillote and blueberry and kiwi crepes with honey pecan sauce. Chef Dean George from DaVinci's (located in the Novi Hillton) will dazzle you with insalata mista salad,

scampi and chocolate marquise. Whet your appetite at Wing Hong where Chef Kwong Sang Ho prepares a specialty of the house called "Farming Crab Delight." There's much much more in this series including the historic Botsford Inn, Periwinkles and The Timbers.

Robertson has Victor Smalls and Joseph Robichaud to thank for the excellent camera work. Shirley Cash handles the public relations involved in producing the show.

Catch "A Culinary Adventure" on Channel 12 every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. You too will join me in the ranks of being one of Robertson's fans.

Mary Linda Calderone is the Community Outreach Coordinator for the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission which oversees the operations of MetroVision cable services.

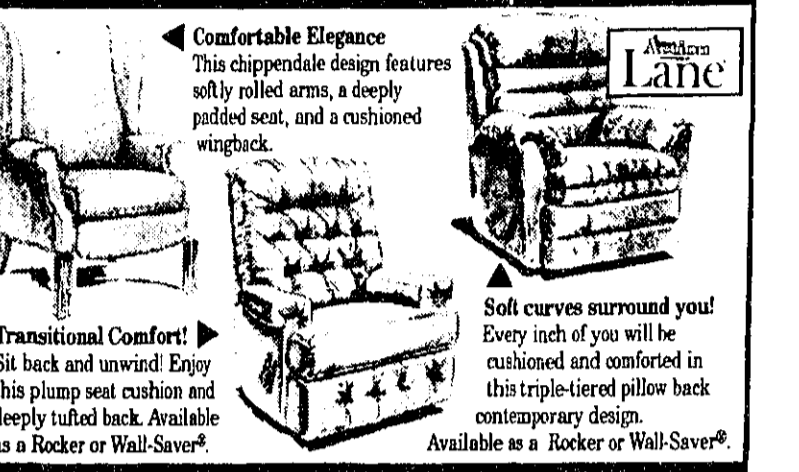
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City balks at costs for trip to Japanese sister city

By JAN JEFFREYS
Staff Writer

When it comes to visiting Novi's sister city Owani, Japan, some City Council members are wondering, "Oh, why spend money?"

The Novi school district is planning to fly a contingent to Owani this summer. Two years ago, Mayor Matthew Quinn accompanied the group, at the city's expense.

Monday, the council balked when asked to OK a budget amendment which would have set aside \$2,400 to send one among them to Japan, in part because they'd never had a chance to discuss the issue in full.

"It's a long way to go every couple of years. I frankly have seen nothing to back from those who attended (previously) on

what was learned," Council Member Robert Schmid said. "I don't know what the importance of this is. It's a lot of money."

Left to a future discussion was whether or not the yen for Owani was worth the taxpayers' dollars.

The council did OK setting aside another \$5,600 for their own attendance at conferences and workshops such as the National League of Cities.

However, Council Member Tim Pope asked that a policy be drafted to govern what percentage of the conference funds can be used by each member, as some have only dipped into about two percent, while others have had a 35 percent share.

The issue is expected to be thrashed out during the city's budget sessions this spring.

Board hosts candidate info night

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

Potential Novi Board of Education candidates take note — there are two seats up for grabs in the June 12 election and the current board members want to hear from you.

Forty-five minutes before the Feb. 23 Board of Education meeting, anyone interested in pursuing a seat on the board is encouraged to attend a board candidate information night.

Board President Craig Foreback said the intent of the informational meeting is to stir interest in the open seats and make sure candidates know what lies ahead.

"We want people to know what it means to be a board member," Foreback said. "We want to make sure candidates know the duties, responsibilities and are aware of the relationships between the board, administration and the staff."

Candidates will also be prepped about the time commitment.

"It's more than just going to meetings twice a month," Foreback said. "We want to give them an honest assessment of what they are getting into."

That means candidates need to do their homework and be ready to read the reams of paperwork that will come to them.

"We want to give them a realistic expectation of what it takes to be a good board member," he added.

At 6:45 p.m. that evening existing board members and school

administrators will be on hand to inform potential candidates about what the job entails and the time commitment it takes.

Outgoing board members Michael Meyer and Stephen Hitchcock were encouraged to make their announcements that they were not interested in seeking reelection as soon as possible. It gives potential candidates more time to think, get involved and start attending meetings to see what's going on.

And since candidates won't be vying for the seats against incum-

bents, newcomers' chances are better this election than in years past when contenders faced incumbents.

"We want to start generating some interest in the election now," Foreback said. "We are starting to talk about it now so people will start thinking about it now."

Those interested in the two, four-year seats are encouraged to come to the Feb. 23 meeting at which the details of the job will be spelled out, Foreback said.

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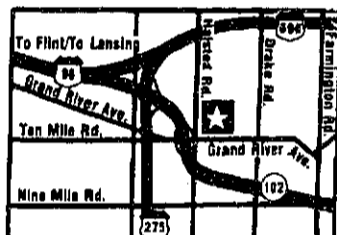
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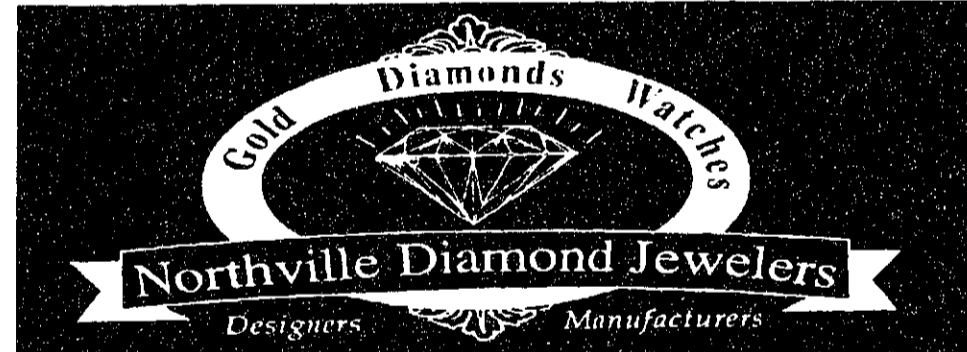
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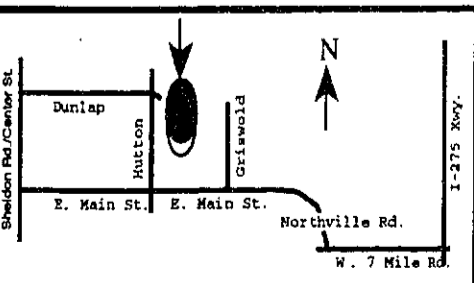
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Americana Concert features soloists — 5B

The Makings of **EVERLASTING LOVE**

Love, sex, and romance are the topics of movies, television shows and books, many addressing the time-honored question: Is it a realistic goal to find the compatible mate and live happily ever after?

"Opposites do not make good mates," said Keller. Sharing goals and activities and having common lifestyle elements are very important during this stage, according to Keller.

If all is still going well, the couple will enter the friendship stage where it is time for closer involvement. Sharing vulnerabilities, looking for support, honesty, and trust in the other person will occur during this phase of a relationship, according to Keller.

"Only after this stage should one consider marriage," said Keller. "The last leg of the trip is the romance stage. This is where the couple will make the decision of commitment."

"Similarities wear well," said Richard Todd, Ph.D., of the Orchard Hills Psychiatric Center in Novi. "The more similar two people are, the less changes they will have to make."

During the second and third stages of a relationship it is important to check out compatibilities either formally or

informally.

"They need to really compare likes and dislikes about values and have a sense that their lifestyles are not so far apart that they can't find a common ground," said Todd. "Choose people with like values."

Both individuals must be emotionally ready for a relationship and be honest with themselves about their qualities.

"Both need to be whole and complete when they enter it," said Todd. "We cannot hope that the other person will fill the gaps, which are the seeds of destruction."

So if you're both ready, what do you look for?

Good qualities to have are a commit-

ment to personal growth, emotional openness, integrity, maturity and responsibility, high self-esteem and a positive attitude toward life.

"Personality is a surface thing, both people need to be well-rounded and have solid character," said Todd. "For a good relationship to exist both people have to have a depth of understanding of themselves and others which relates to their character."

Making a compatibility list is a formal way to determine what you're really looking for in a partner. That way you can make sure you've touched all the bases. You may even learn some things about yourself at the same time. Things to have on the list are physical style, emotional style, social style, intellectual style, sexual style, communication style, professional and financial styles, personal growth styles and spiritual style and interests and hobbies.

"Some relationships are built on obligation and guilt," said Todd. "They extend themselves too fast into a relationship, emotionally, physically,

and financially and it gets too costly to leave so they endure."

Todd recommends couples date each other for at least a year before advancing to the commitment stage.

"Each person will be on their good behavior for at least nine months, not deliberately," said Todd, "but they won't let everything just hang out."

Premarital counseling is good for people. "A good deal of things people need to hear, they need to hear before they have stars in their eyes," said Todd. "Once emotionally committed they don't want to hear the problems."

"One of the biggest problems that can create divorce is the choosing of an inappropriate person as a mate," said Todd. "The first time we are pretty young. We are not as mature as we think we are. We think we know what we want. We think they will change after marriage and they don't always change. We may find after marriage they have different values about life."

By CAROL WORKENS

FOUR STAGES OF A RELATIONSHIP

There are four stages to the typical relationship, according to Arnold Keller, the executive director of Psychotherapy and Counseling Service in Northville.

1. Acquaintanceship
2. Companionship
3. Friendship
4. Romance



Volunteer



Mary Gyorke

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Gyorke helping kids manage their money

By DOROTHY NASH
Special Writer

Teaching children the value of money — and that saving it can make it grow — is the volunteer challenge that Mary Gyorke has taken on.

Gyorke is branch manager of Community Federal Credit Union. Four years ago Jan Purtell, the coordinator of Partners for Education, the program that provides a bridge between schools and the business community, asked her whether she could run a credit union at Amerman Elementary School from November through May.

So she started to work on the project. But the idea of a credit union was not feasible, and instead a savings bank was started for third, fourth, and fifth graders.

With the help of her bank assistant — "I couldn't do it by myself," Gyorke said — and parent volunteers the school bank operates every other Tuesday, from 9 to 11 a.m., the bank is open for busi-

ness in the school "health room." Fifth graders are officers — computer operators, bank managers, and four tellers for each hour.

Students who have opened accounts, each with its own account number, get dividends as recorded in their monthly statements. And at the end of the year, Gyorke said, "they are paid what they've deposited plus dividends in the form of cashier's checks."

The student officers take in the money, and sometimes if somebody wants to deposit only part of what he or she is holding, the officers make change. "They know denominations," Gyorke said, adding that "in five years they've never been out of balance."

But about the officers — how are they determined? By references, Gyorke answered. "When a student applies for a job, he (or she) provides references — from friends, relatives, anyone who can write a recommendation."

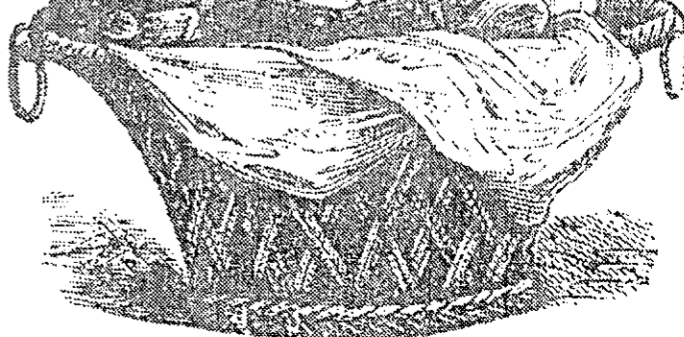
"It's a very rewarding partnership," she commented.

It's A Fact

Novi Senior Center

During January, the top four activities at the Novi Senior Center were:

- 1380 Homebound Meals were delivered.
- 407 Congregate meals served to seniors at the center.
- 241 seniors played Bridge
- 225 seniors played Bingo



Detective Todd Anger to speak at Newcomers meeting

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

The next Novi Newcomers and Neighbors meeting has been changed from the regular Thursday to Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 7:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Det. Todd Anger of the Novi Police Department. The topic for the evening will be self-defense for women. Bring a friend, meet new friends, learn more about Novi Newcomers and Neighbors, and self-defense. More information will be given at the meeting regarding local groups dedicated to helping young people in the area.

Saturday, March 18, is the annual Youth Assistance Bowl-a-thon. Participation is free with food and prizes provided. Those bowling need to pick up a pledge sheet as soon as possible.

The group is planning a trip on the Michigan Star Clipper dinner train. They will be having a three-hour excursion, including a five-course dinner, with musical cabaret for entertainment. Whirlyball is also planned for Feb. 18, from 8-11 p.m.

On Friday, March 10, will be a night out at Northville Downs. The evening will include a buffet dinner and attendance at the race. More information available at the general meeting.

The Book Club will not be meeting this month. They will meet on Tuesday, March 28, at 7:30, at the

Novi Highlights

Veterans Hospital in January with eight legionnaires attending. They served sandwiches and cookies to the patients and played bingo - about 75 residents participating. Anyone able to contribute three hours to a project like this is asked to call Post Commander Ed Sysma, 474-6928, for more information.

Presently the Post has 81 members and is looking for more eligible members. In addition to the Post, there is an Auxiliary for the ladies to join. The Auxiliary was also presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for their outstanding support for the boys-for-toys program.

A reminder that February is Americanism month and is a good time to check your flag. Post No. 19 has replacement flags if needed. Everyone is encouraged to contact senators regarding the Citizen Flag Alliance - promoting the constitutional amendment for the protection of the American flag.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

New hours for the Clothes Closet every Monday 9 a.m.-noon and 6:30-8:30 p.m.; the first and second Thursday of the month, 9

a.m.-noon; the last two Saturdays of the month, 9 a.m.-noon. The Clothes Closet is available to anyone in the community in need of clothing. For more information, call the Christian Service Department at 349-8553.

NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The next general membership luncheon will be Tuesday, Feb. 21, at noon, at the Sheraton Oaks Hotel. Advance reservations are requested by calling the Chamber office, 349-3473.

The theme for the meeting is Partnerships in Education by Dr. Emmet Lipp, Supt. of Novi Community Schools. Also included in the program will be the presentation of Partnership-of-the-Year award.

At last month's meeting, over 100 people were in attendance at the Hotel Baronette and heard the State of the City address delivered by Mayor Kathleen McEllen. The mayor spoke regarding the new court building, road improvements, and the continued growth of the city.

In February, there will be another hours business mixer. The Novi Chamber, West Bloomfield Chamber and the Lakes Area

Speaker's focus is on local women's issues

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

The Michigan Women's Hall of Fame was the topic of Winifred Fraser's speech to the Northville Woman's Club on Jan. 20. Fraser also touched on a local cause called "Remember the Ladies," a campaign to get more biographies about women into the elementary school libraries.

Fraser began with a brief history of the Hall of Fame, which was founded by five women who were on the faculty of Michigan State University in 1973. The women were teaching a course on Women in American Society and realized that a 10-week course was not enough to educate people about women's contributions in history.

From this spring a woman's study major which is now offered either as a minor or as a co-major at most universities. The group also started the Michigan Women's Studies Association, the first academic association of women of its kind in the country.

In 1981, the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame opened as a place to record women's history. In 1984, 10 historical and contemporary women were honored at the first dinner.

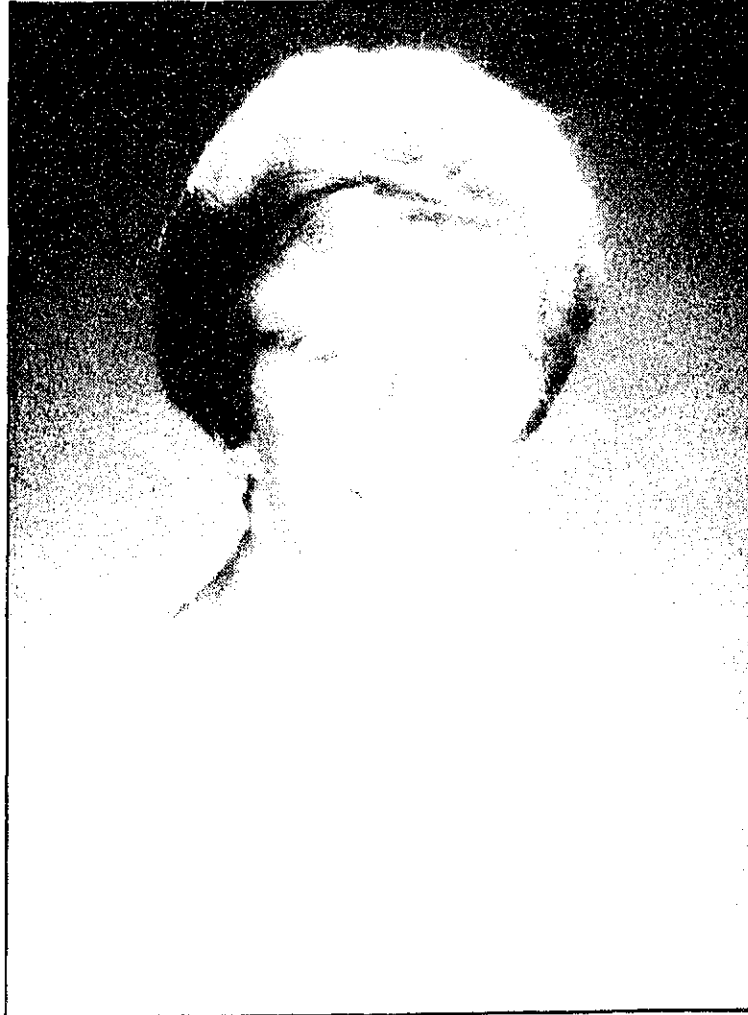
Taking it one step further, the group acquired the Cooley Hayes House in Lansing in order to house the Hall of Fame. Built in 1893, the home is now registered as a historic site. G. Mennen Williams also resided here when it was the governor's mansion.

The Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame was dedicated in June 1987. There are now close to 100 inductees.

Candidates for admission to the Hall of Fame have to meet certain criteria. Women candidates must have a Michigan connection either through birth or residency, or they must have achieved prominence within the state. Anyone can nominate a woman for either a historical or contemporary category. A panel does the judging and results are tabulated by an accounting firm.

Nominees are honored each fall at a fund-raising dinner. Contemporary honorees receive a silver medallion and a memorial plaque is given to a member of the family of a historical honoree.

Many of these women lived into their 80s and 90s, she said. "To live a long time you must be active and adopt a cause. You have to have some reason that keeps you going, that motivates you," said Fraser.



Submitted photo

Winifred Fraser
understanding and support of women's issues and concerns, and contributed to the advancement of women's rights either in Michigan or on the national scene.

Fraser's husband, former UAW president Doug Fraser, is one of the award recipients. The first floor of the two-story house is devoted entirely to women's history and women's activity. Inductees are displayed on panels, along with a picture of each woman and an abbreviated history of why she was inducted into Hall of Fame.

Just a few of the slides of women Fraser showed to the group along with a brief history of those relating to Bertha Van Hoosen, Mary Anne Mayo, Marion Isabel Barnhart, Lucy Stone, Genevieve Gillette, Pearl Kendrick and Grace Eldering.

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Church Notes

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A Reconciliation Day for Women is being sponsored by Family of Metropolitan Detroit, Church of the Holy Spirit, 3700 Harvey Lake Road in Highland. The day will provide Mass, Reconciliation, and talks on "Mary as Mother," "Activities in the Home to Promote the Catholic Family," and "Husbands & Wives Dealing with Differences." Lunch will be provided. Registration is \$8 and \$10 at the door. To register call Jan Tighe at (810) 887-0027.

A religious article sale will be held Feb. 11 and 12 after all Masses.

For more information, call 349-8847.

An Inner Healing Retreat will be available at Marianhill Retreat Center on Ann Arbor Trail just east of Telegraph Road in Dearborn Heights. The weekend begins with registration on Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. and ends on Sunday at noon. The retreat will address unresolved childhood emotional traumas. The weekend includes conferences, healing prayer, reconciliation service and Mass.

For more information, call the Marianhill Retreat Center at (313) 278-9461.

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 21235 Meadowbrook Road, in Novi will have a potluck Fellowship Dinner on Ash Wednesday, March 11 at 6 p.m. for all parishioners. For more information, call 348-7757.

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Engagements

Erin Barry/Mark Lasceski

Ms. Lynn Barry of Walled Lake, formerly a resident of Novi, announces the engagement of her daughter, Erin Straw Barry, to Mark Edward Lasceski, son of David and Genevieve Lasceski of Kilde, Mich.

The bride-elect is a 1986 Novi High School graduate and graduated from Central Michigan University in 1990. She was a member of Sigma Sigma Sorority and is now a secondary Spanish teacher as well as the varsity volleyball coach at St. Johns High School in St. Johns.

The bridegroom-elect graduated from North Haven High School in 1988, and from Michigan State University in 1992. He teaches mathematics at St. Johns High School as well as coaching the junior varsity basketball team.

A June 10, 1995 wedding at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church in Frankenmuth is being planned.

On Campus

Michigan Technological University's Board of Control has announced the following degree recipients for spring quarter 1994. Among the graduates for the Lower Peninsula were:

ANDREW RICHARD BEAL and **JEFFERY MICHAEL PARK** of Novi, each receiving a degree in mechanical design engineering technology.

ANYA E. GURSKI, JOANNE M. SILL and **MEGHAN E. PERRY**, all from Novi, are listed among those students named to the Dean's List at Hope College for the first semester of the 1994-95 school year.

Hope College is a four-year, co-educational, liberal arts college with an enrollment of 2,825 men and women and is affiliated with the Reformed Church in America. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

NASHA VIDA of Novi, made the Dean's List for the Fall Semester, 1994, of the James Madison College/Michigan State University. Those who appear on the Dean's List must carry a full credit load and earn a 3.5 or better grade point average.

Appearing on the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 1994-95 academic year at Western Michigan University were the following Novi students:

MATTHEW DAVID BUTLER, music performance; **JENNIFER E. CHINN**, advertising and promotion; **STACEY ANNE HIRVELA**, English; **SANDRA A. KESSLER**, music education; **HEATHER ELAINE KURTZ**, social work; and **REBECCA SHEPARD**, university curriculum.

To be eligible, students must have completed at least a 3.5 grade point average (on a scale of 4.0 being all A's) in at least 14 hours of graded class work.

Recently initiated into Sigma Xi, Madonna University's chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, were Novi residents Jeanne M. Holmes and Mary L. Najjar.

Kappa Delta Pi is an international honor society in education that elects those to membership who exhibit the ideals of scholarship, high personal standards and promise in teaching and allied professions.

Madonna University is Michigan's most affordable independent liberal arts university for men and women, located at 1-96 and Levan Road in Livonia.

Among the students receiving recognition for their placement on the Dean's List at the end of Fall quarter at the Detroit College of Business are: **RUSSELL HARRINGTON EDWARDS** and **MARY C. MUNOZ**, both from Novi.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average (a grade average of B plus or better) at the end of a quarter.

The following is a list of MSU students from Novi who appeared on the Dean's List for students who earned a 3.5 or better grade point average for Fall semester, 1994: **ALYSE KERI CLANCY, HEATHER ANN DINSER, NICOLE M. DINSER, MANDY K. HUSSEY, JEFFREY SCOTT SAMARZITA, BRIANNA ARTHUR SICKS, STEVEN JOSEPH SWANEMA, MASANORI YAMATO, SARAH ELIZABETH ALLEN, ALEN G. BARBARICH, JEANNA R. BIGGS, KEVIN TIMOTHY BLANCK, RACHELLE R. CAMPEAU, CARYN M. CHAMPINE, COLLEEN MARIE FITZPATRICK, DAVID K. GREYVALL, JENNIFER MARQUARDT, BART E. MASER, LINDA MARIE MORTZ, TRACY L. PAHL, ANTHONY WILLIAM FANTUSO, KRISTEN LEIGH PATEE, PAUL SINGH SANDHU, SANDRA C. STINE, BRADY M. SUTTON, MICHELLE L. TIMRECK, NASHA VIDA, KEVIN R. WITTMER and ANGELA J. WALLACE.**

A total of 4,550 MSU students earned a 3.5 or better grade point average.

Novi student recites shlokas

Suraj Reddy will be participating in a special program at the Bharatya Temple in Troy on Sunday, Feb. 12 at 10:30 a.m. The program is called Shatha Shloke Geetha, a recital of 100 verses or shlokas from the Srimad Bhagavad Geetha (a bible).

Reddy is a fourth grade student at Village Oaks Elementary School in Novi. He is fluent in three languages - English, his mother tongue of Telugu and Hindi, the Indian national language. His favorite subjects are math and science. He also likes to play soccer.

Reddy placed second at the Regional Bhagavad Geetha Chanting Competition in May 1994 which was held at the Chicago Chinmaya Mission Center.

Reddy's parents are Novi residents Sudhakar and Vanita Reddy, both chemists. He works for the University of Michigan and she is employed at Kemron Environmental Services, Inc. in Novi.

The Bhagavad Geetha, also known as Geetha, was preached by Lord Krishna to Arjuna in the midst of a battle field, Kurukshetra, to exhort him to perform his duty in a spirit of detachment and dedication. Geetha, the scripture of mankind is a part of Hindu religion's epic, Mahabharata. It has 18 chapters and 701 verses and has been translated to almost all of the world's existing languages from Sanskrit, its original language.



SURAJ REDDY

Anniversaries



Submitted photo

Susan and Kirk Patee

Kirk and Susan Patee will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary with a cruise to the Caribbean Islands.

The couple were married on Feb. 21, 1970 at Northwestern Baptist Church in Southfield and honeymooned in Miami, Fla.

Kirk and Susan met while both were attending Western Michigan University. He was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity and received a business degree. She was a member of Sigma Kappa and received a degree in elementary education.

A year before they graduated, they were pinned and became engaged the summer of 1969.

Kirk is employed as a sales representative for Cabinet Clinic. Susan has been employed with the Farmington School District for 25 years and currently teaches 5th grade at Hillside Elementary School in Farmington Hills.

The couple have two children, Laura, a senior at Central Michigan University and Kristen, a sophomore at Michigan State University.

JASON L. HABICH, a student at Novi High School, and the son of Diane and Kenneth Habich of Novi, enlisted in the United States Army's delayed entry program for a three-year tour of duty as a light wheel vehicle mechanic.

He is scheduled to report for active duty in June, 1995.

In Service

PETE H. FLORES, JR., a 1993 graduate of Ann Arbor High School, Dearborn, and son of MariAnne Kostler of Dearborn Heights, and Pete Flores, Sr. of Novi, enlisted in the United States Army for a three-year tour of duty as a water craft engineer.

He is scheduled to report for active duty in March, 1995.

Singles are raising money for AIDS

Singles in the metropolitan Detroit area will be getting together to raise money for the Midwest AIDS Prevention Project, and have a little fun at the same time.

The Singles Coalition Benefit Dance will be held Friday, Feb. 10 from 7:30 to 1 a.m. at the Troy Marriott Hotel in the Ballroom. Farmington Singles Professionals, First Society of Detroit, Ford Singles, Selective Singles, Metropolitan Single Professionals, Active Singles and Windsor Singles will be participating.

Attire is dressy and a coat and tie for men is required. Admission is \$12 by Feb. 7 and \$15 at the door. Fee includes hors d'oeuvres from 8 to 9 p.m. There will be a DJ and a cash bar.

Call the information line at (810) 478-9181.

OCC symphony band has positions open

Victor Bordo, Oakland Community College band director, has announced openings in the OCC Symphony Band. Positions are available for the following: bassoon, b-flat clarinet, bass clarinet, French horn, baritone, tuba, trombone and percussion.

The symphony band is comprised of OCC students plus adults from 42 communities in the area. The 50-member ensemble rehearses regularly at the Student Center on the Highland Lakes Campus, located at 7350 Cooley Lake Road in Waterford.

Prior playing experience is necessary but individuals who have not played for a while will receive instruction to help get back in shape. The band plays a wide variety of music and will present three concerts this spring. Call (810) 360-6218 for more information.

Diversions

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Americana Concert will feature soloists

Kristy Meretta and Jean Moorehead Libs will be the featured soloists in Copland's Quiet City

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra will feature Jean Moorehead Libs, principal trumpet, and Kristy Meretta, principal English horn, as the soloists in Aaron Copland's *Quiet City*, part of the Americana Concert to be held Friday, Feb. 17, at 8 p.m. in the Plymouth-Salem High School Auditorium.

Quiet City was composed in 1939 as incidental music for a play written by Irwin Shaw. The piece depicts the thoughts of people in a great city at night.

Copeland reset his work for solo trumpet, solo English horn and a string ensemble. The work combines the solitary musings of the jazz trumpet with the questioning, plaintive cries of the English horn.

Alternately subdued and passionate, *Quiet City* is written as a short, continuous suite, ending as it begins with the stillness of the



KRISTY MERETTA



JEAN MOOREHEAD LIBS

ciate professor of music at Eastern Michigan University. She also maintains a private studio.

Libs is a graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School, where she played trumpet. She has been with the ISO for four years and holds degrees in music education, pedagogy and performance from the University of Michigan School of Music.

She was principal trumpet with the Singapore Symphony Orchestra, has held positions on several university faculties and is currently the pedagogical topics editor for the *International Trumpet Guild Journal*. She also maintains a private studio.

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for college students and senior citizens, and \$3 for K-12. For tickets or more information, call the Plymouth Symphony office at (313) 451-2112.

Entertainment listing

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

HOPE COLLEGE: Classic Carriage has hooked up with Crawfords to offer a carriage ride and dinner package. For more information and reservations, call Classic Carriage at 390-3961 or Jim at Crawfords Restaurant at 349-2900.

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.

RIFLES: Fridays and Saturdays at 10 p.m. Rifles of Northville becomes a live rhythm and blues cafe.

Rifles is located at 18730 Northville Road. For information, call 348-9480.

SHERATON OAKS: It's live entertainment on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Eli & Denny's from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

The grill is located on the corner of Thirteen Mile and Novi roads. For more information, call (810) 624-8475.

TOO CHEZ: Too Chez, located across from Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, offers live jazz entertainment from 6 to 10 p.m. Mondays and 7 to 11 p.m. Fridays.

ART

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 owners, 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.

PAINTER'S PLACE: Northville artist Caroline Dunphy has scenes of Northville ranging from small prints of the duck crossing on Maple Street to large prints of Main Street looking east. Other scenes include the well, Mill Race Village and even children prepared for the Victorian Festival.

Gallery hours are noon to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays through Thursdays, or by appointment. Call 348-9544 for more information.

FRIGATES INN: Frigates offers live music every Tuesday at 8 p.m. featuring 2XL Band. Dance with The Globe at 9 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Frigates Inn is located at the corner of Fourteen Mile and East Lake Drive in Novi.

NEARBY

BARBER SHOP QUARTET: The Detroit-Oakland chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc. presents *That Old Gang of Mine* on Friday, Feb. 17 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Schmidt Auditorium at Clareville High School, 21055 Middlebelt in Livonia.

The show features barber shop harmony by the Gentlemen Songsters chorus and two quartets. The Riz, 1991 International Champions and Hallsbalo, a premier comedy quartet from Ontario, Canada.

Ticket prices for reserved seating only are \$11 on Friday and \$12 on Saturday. For tickets call Fred Peedle at (810) 258-9601.

LAS VEGAS NIGHT: The Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge No. 128, present a Las Vegas Night on Saturday, Feb. 11 from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Fraternal Order of Eagles, 1721 Glengary Road in Wolverine Lake.

Admission is \$5 per person and includes \$2 worth of playing chips. The proceeds from this event will go to support local youth groups, other charities and the general fund. Maximum winnings of \$250 allowed.

LEMBERG GALLERY: Detroit artists Holly Branstner and Douglas Bulka will exhibit new works along with New Yorkers Jonathan Bonner, Lesley Dill, Jane Hammond, Suzanne McClelland and Todd Watts through Feb. 25 at the Lemberg Gallery.

Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment. The gallery is located at 538 N. Woodward. For more information call (810) 642-6623.

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD: Performances of *The King and I* will be Feb. 24 and 25, March 3, 4, 10 and 11 at 8 p.m. Sunday performances on Feb. 26 and March 5 at 2 p.m. The guild is located on the corner of Thirteen Mile and Novi roads. For more information, call (810) 624-8475.

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.

SUNSET GRILL: The Grill hosts a blues "jam" every Tuesday by the Sunset Blues Band, beginning at 9 p.m. Every Thursday an unplugged blues jam begins at 9 p.m. Performing will be Wild Orchid on Feb. 17 and 24.

The grill is located on the corner of Thirteen Mile and Novi roads. For more information, call (810) 624-8475.

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'Boys on the Side' explores the development of a different kind of 'family'

"Boys on the Side" is a film about life in the '90s and how three women bring strength, humor, hope and richness to one another's lives as, in the process, they create a family of their own. The film is directed by Herbert Ross, whose acclaimed career includes such explorations of friendship and other pivotal relationships as "The Turning Point," "Steel Magnolias" and "The Goodbye Girl."

"Boys on the Side" is a film about the creation, evolution and resolution of a family unit," said Ross. "The conventional family — mother, father and their biological offspring — is no longer the only option for everyone, yet an innate human need to band together in small supportive units remains universally intact. This film reflects a world which is multi-ethnic, a world brimming with variations of race and creed, a world with diverse sexual preferences. It is a world where the need for community is strong enough to overcome the pressures of society."

Free-wheeling, cynical club singer Jane DeLuca (Whoppi Goldberg) has taken her last bite of the Big Apple. Dumped by her girlfriend a month ago and just fired from her latest East Village gig, Jane is packing up her car and woes and heading to L.A.

Despite her determinedly perky approach to life and her compulsion to improve herself daily, Robin Nickerson's (Mary-Louise Parker) career as a real-estate agent in New York City hasn't given her the satisfaction she wants out of life.

Now, she hopes to escape the grim realities of New York City life and make a nostalgic return to San Diego via the cross-country route she took with her mother and brother as a kid.

Robin places a classified ad offering a ride share to the West Coast. The first person to answer the ad? Jane DeLuca.

The mismatched duo makes a stop in Pittsburgh to visit Jane's outrageously irresponsible friend, Holly (Drew Barrymore), and soon



Whoppi Goldberg, Mary-Louise Parker and Drew Barrymore sform their own 'family' in "Boys on the Side" from Warner Bros.

find themselves a trio, as Holly impulsively joins them on their way West. Soon after, they learn that Holly has two surprises for them: she's pregnant and, without intending to, she's also become a fugitive from justice.

But Holly's not the only one with surprises. Jane's sexual orientation takes Robin unawares; soon after, Jane and Holly learn that

Robin is facing the effects of terminal illness, a fact she has kept secret from everyone, including her own mother.

As time goes on, Jane, Robin and Holly each shed the armor they've built up around the disappointments in their pasts. Laughing, bickering, crying and defending each other, they become friends — and then something

even more. Side by side by side, they join together to form something that's never really known before, something they've been searching for all along... a sense of belonging... a family.

For "Boys on the Side," the filmmakers cast three starring performers whose individual talents and personas are as diverse as their characters in the film.

Whoppi Goldberg, whose career has encompassed her Oscar-nominated debut in "The Color Purple," and her Oscar-winning comedic performance in "Ghost," was, according to Ross, "able to meet the needs of her character and more."

"Jane is a lonely, somewhat selfish woman who has never been able to sustain a career and who has failed on the personal level,"

said Goldberg. "She has always felt unneeded, unappreciated. That is, until she meets Robin. They never, in fact, have a sexual affair... it's more an affair of the heart. Through Robin, Jane becomes wanted, loved and, perhaps most importantly, she becomes a necessary entity in someone else's life."

Mary-Louise Parker brings to life the complex role of Robin, a woman she calls "very conservative, very white, bordering on repressed."

"Through the breakdown of Robin's health due to AIDS," said Ross, "and through the companionship and friendship of Jane and Holly, Robin really begins to live for the first time. The irony is that she has so little time left."

Drew Barrymore portrays Holly, the adventurous and flighty young woman who, having never had protection and support from her own family, finds comfort, strength, encouragement and stability in the triangle of deep affection formed with Jane and Robin.

In addition to the serious issues considered in "Boys on the Side," there is much wit and humor in the story. Each character is a collection of qualities and contradictions.

Robin mixes a take-charge assertiveness in others' crises with her own, hopeless outlook on her own life. Jane is a strong, loyal friend even as she fights self-doubt and loneliness. And Holly's brash trajectory through her past sexual encounters contrasts sharply with her romantic intensity when she finally falls in love.

"No one is exactly the person you'd expect; not the good-hearted, not the vulnerable and generous bartender, not Robin's mother, and certainly not any of the people we play," explained Parker.

"We saw this as a story about real people and their hearts and souls — not about stereotypes or demographics or images. But about quirky, unpredictable, multi-dimensional human beings," she continued.

"That's where the richness lies in it for me."

'Pulp Fiction' combines violence with black humor

PULP FICTION
By Mike Kapucky
Northville

Is that the same guy who was in that "Saturday Night Fever" and "Grease" movie? Who knew?

John Travolta and Larry Fishburne are just two of the characters that viewers meet in "Pulp Fiction." This is a powerful movie built on the foundations of terrible violence and extremely funny black humor in the most unusual situations. It deals

around the adventures and misadventures of "the man," his girlfriend, his thugs and his foes stacked together in a unique display of plots.

The sex, drugs and violence may turn off most, but the die-hard fans who ignore the pseudo-grotesque visions and think of "Pulp Fiction" as only fiction will have their funny bones tickled with dark humor. The creative plot, unique characters and inventive atmosphere set this one apart from the rest.

"Pulp Fiction" tangles with a promising

four stars, (based on a five-star system with five the highest). If you do not expect it to happen, it probably will happen.

BIG
By Helaine Binstock
Novi

There's a message in this 1988 fantasy/comedy which features Tom Hanks as the short, 12-year-old Josh who wishes he were "big."
His body magically transforms into that

of a man, while his attitude continues functioning as a child. Everyone regards him "missing," except his best friend, who alone knows the truth.

A computer whiz before his metamorphosis, the 30-year-old "man" fortuitously falls into a job with a toy company. He swiftly becomes a vice president, and why not? He identifies with things kids enjoy. His enthusiasm for the toys gets noticed by top brass.

While his competitive colleagues fight among themselves, Josh has a ball and flourishes. He immediately recognizes weaknesses with company products, those only a kid would understand.

"Big" also stars Robert Loggia who is great as Josh's boss. He is totally convincing. You accept his admiration for Josh's attitude and his high appraisal of his newest employee.

The "innocence" that wins Josh a female paramour and has him swiftly climbing the corporate ladder conveys to the viewer — no matter how old you are, it's good to retain a little bit of the child.



Uma Thurman and John Travolta are just one of the 'fun couples' in Quentin Tarantino's 'Pulp Fiction.'

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'Cat attack

Spikers make Northville Invitational finals, fall to Chelsea



By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Saturday's Northville Invitational was just what the doctor ordered for the Wildcat volleyball team — namely a solid performance.

After two tough weeks and too many setbacks, Novi High rebounded to take second place in the tournament.

"It was a real boost for us," coach Julie Fisette said.

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JULIE FISETTE
Volleyball coach

another team couldn't make the tournament on time.

"We were not ready to play," Fisette said.

The Wildcats swept through the rest of play. Novi beat the Northville "B" team 15-2, 15-3.

Pool play closed with 15-7, 15-6 wins over Dearborn Edsel Ford.

Ursula Place returned to the lineup Saturday. She responded with nine kills in the Edsel Ford match.

Fisette said Novi was solid all day with its fundamentals.

"We seemed to pass well the whole tournament," she said. "We didn't miss too many serves, either."

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Cagers rip Lions 44-33 for KVC win

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Novi High kept the heat up by turning it down in Friday night's 44-33 win over South Lyon at home.

Ahead 29-27 at the start of the fourth quarter, the Wildcats stalled. No, make that they sat on the basketball for four minutes.

"I did it because I wanted to change the momentum," coach Pat Schluter said of the strategy.

He had another reason, too. South Lyon was in the bonus to start the fourth, which meant a trip to the free throw line on every foul.

"I figured if they had it they'd get fouled," Schluter said.

South Lyon was content to sit back in its zone defense and let Novi hold the ball.

Finally with four minutes to go, Wildcat guard Jim Rose drove to the basket. He tried to pass but the ball was deflected out of bounds.

Novi got it back and senior guard Jason Fannon found center Peter Kronsbein open for an easy basket. That was all she wrote for the Lions.

South Lyon, apparently, went cold offensively after standing around. Defensively, the visitors had to foul the Wildcats.

Novi took advantage and made nine of 11 free throws in the quarter.

"That's what won it," said Schluter. "That was pretty much the game."

Fannon made his share from the line, five of seven. He led Novi with 18 points.

"He played a really good game," said Schluter.

The Wildcats improved to 7-1 in the Kensington Valley Conference

and 8-5 overall. Novi sits in second place a half-game behind Howell.

"We've got to keep winning," Schluter said, "and hopefully they'll get knocked off."

The 'Cats were off Tuesday but will play at Richmond tomorrow.

As for Friday's game with the Lions, Novi led all the way.

A slow first quarter saw the Wildcats build an 8-4 lead. South Lyon cut the margin to three by halftime, 20-17.

Jeff Katstra helped keep Novi ahead in that second quarter. He scored all seven of his points in the frame.

NOVI 51, HARTLAND 40

The Jan. 31 home game was over almost before it started.

After taking a 12-8 advantage by the end of the first quarter, Novi blew it open in the second.

The Wildcats outscored Hartland 13-6 as Fannon tossed in five points and Chad Dicken added four.

"We played everybody in the first half," Schluter said. "We pretty much controlled the game."

Novi was coming off a tough loss to league-leader Howell. Schluter said he had no trouble getting his team up for the Eagles.

"The kids knew they should've won (the Howell game)," he said, "so I think they were still confident."

Fannon scored 12 to lead the way. Jason Witherspoon and Dicken each added 10.

Schluter said he's pleased with the balanced scoring.

"It has been like that all year," he commented. "We're playing really well as a team."

Wrestlers close league season

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

A loss is a loss is a loss. But Wildcat wrestling coach Brad Huss saw some rays of hope from Friday's tri-meet losses to Lakeland and Milford. Seniors James Cini and Mark McBride returned to the lineup after nearly season-long injuries.

Coupled with the development of other wrestlers, the duo's return should help Novi's standing at the Kensington Valley Conference meet Saturday at South Lyon.

"I think we can beat both these teams at the league meet," Huss said.

The Wildcats finished 0-6 in the dual meet portion of the KVC campaign. But Novi's performance Friday lifted Huss' spirits.

"They showed improvement," he said. "That's the key. The kids did what they could."

Host Lakeland edged Novi 36-34 in the opener.

The Eagles jumped out to a 21-0 to start the match. But Novi began fighting back at the 126-pound weight division.

Tim Hopkins moved up from jayvee to beat Brandon Wayne on a pin at 2:29. Taka Watanabe, who normally wrestles at 134 pounds, moved up to 142 and pinned Kevin Larush in 1:49.

Mare Lesperance, Novi's normal 142-pounder, was out of the lineup this week. Huss said that caused him to alter his plans.

"I bumped everybody up (a weight class)," he added.

Cini (151) took Dan Ruesse three times before pinning him at



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J.J. Balagna (right) has shown improvement at 119 pounds.

3:15. Skip Becker then beat John Ruesse, at 160 pounds, on a pin at 2:50.

The Wildcats went into the final match with a chance to win. But

Tankers edged by Dexter 95-91

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Just one little second, just one blink of an eye, just one grain of sand in an hour glass... and the Wildcat swimming team would've beat Dexter last week.

Novi High fell to the Drednoughts Jan. 31 at home by the slimmest of margins, 95-91. Coach Bill McCord knew his team would need to get one relay win to beat Dexter.

As for the Dexter meet, the Wildcats depth shinned. Novi took lots of seconds, third and fourths.

The Drednoughts, though, won a few too many races.

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ago. McCord said his team would have to have a nearly perfect meet to win. They nearly pulled it off, he added.

"We swam well," the coach commented. "I don't think Dexter expected us to be that good. We scared the pants off of them."

Novi dropped to 5-4 overall. The squad is back in action today at home against Fenton at 7 p.m.

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By CINDY STEWART Special Writer. It looks like winter is almost over (wishful thinking) and thoughts now should be of springlike temperatures ... sunshine, flowers blooming ...

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Gymnasts take fourth at Canton

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

While state gymnastics competition doesn't get under way for almost another month, Northville/Novi may have gotten an early preview Saturday.

Almost all of Michigan's top Class A squads were on hand for the Canton Invitational. The combined Novi/Northville team, which went into the meet ranked No. 9, more than held its own.

Northville/Novi finished fourth with 135.60 points. Freeland, ranked second in Class A, won the invitational with 142.10 points. Birmingham Seaholm was second at 139.75 and Rochester Adams was third with 137.45.

"We were really consistent," coach Barb Winn said of the meet. "Everyone at the meet probably couldn't believe we were fourth. But we have eight girls that contributed. That's what did it for us."

Northville/Novi's point total represented its highest score this season.

"We still haven't hit our peak yet," Winn said.

Erica Winn was the star of the invitational for the combined team. She finished ninth in the vault and balance beam and 10th in the floor exercise.

No Novi/Northville competitor finished higher than Winn.

She scored an 8.85 on the vault. Stacey Williamson didn't place but performed well with an 8.65. Gina Spinazze scored an 8.35, Robyn Wehab and Dana Ghedotte each had an 8.0.

Northville/Novi failed to place in the uneven bars. Scores included an 8.5 for Winn, an 8.2 for Spinazze, 7.7 for Wehab and Mary Essary and Dana Ghedotte had a 6.8.

Winn and Williamson each notched 8.8 on the beam, which was good for ninth place. Spinazze had an 8.5, Wehab an 8.45 and Ghedotte an 8.1.

Spinazze was ninth in the floor exercise at 8.95 and Winn was 10th with an 8.85. Williamson and Wehab each had 8.65 and Ghedotte a 7.95.

Winn was 10th in all-around with 35 points.

NORTHVILLE/NOVI 134.5, BERKLEY 122.8

Winn juggled her lineup a bit for the Friday road meet. The combined team didn't miss a beat and won every event.

Erica Winn took first on the

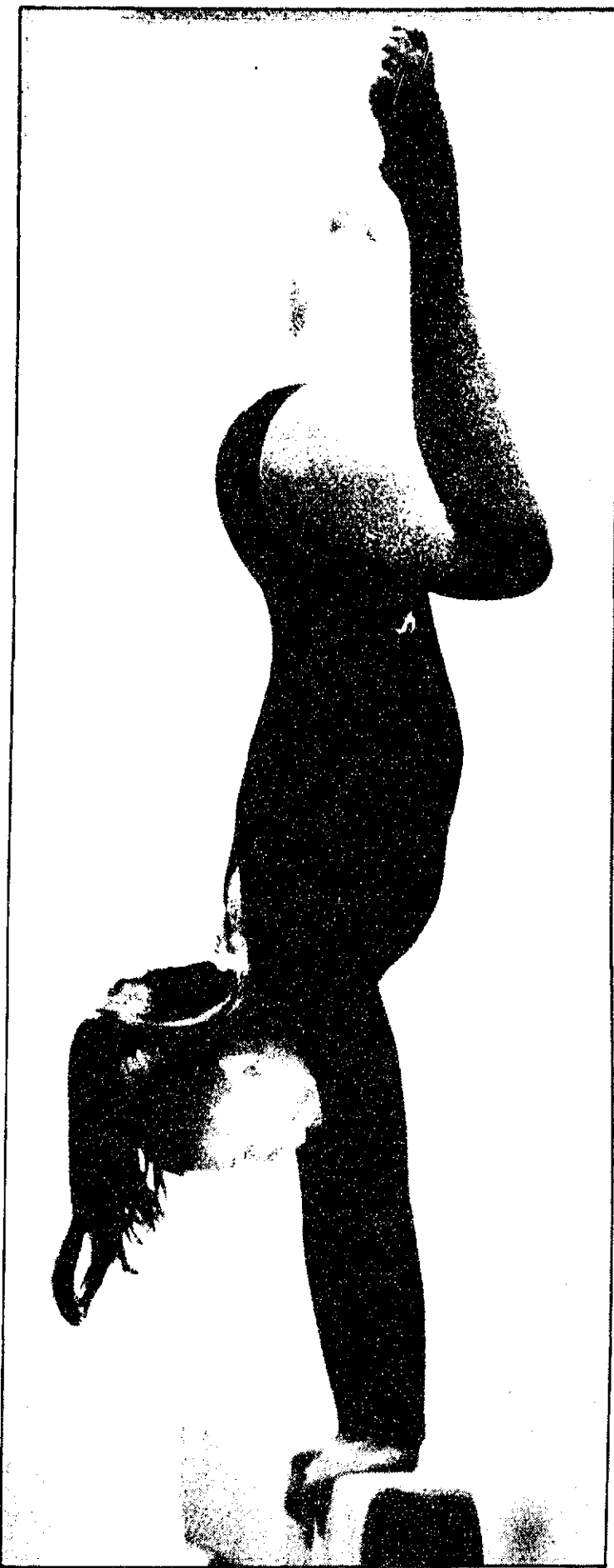


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Stacey Williamson on the balance beam.

vault with 9.0 while Williamson was second at 8.6. Spinazze had an 8.45, Wehab a 7.8, Katie Bucrek a 7.0 and Stephanie Manza a 6.8.

Novi/Northville swept the beam. Wehab was first with a 9.2. Williamson was second with an 8.6 and Winn was third with an 8.55.

On uneven bars, Winn was first with an 8.7 and Essary was third with an 8.25. Essary won the floor exercise with an 8.9, Spinazze was second with an 8.85 and Wehab was third with a 8.75.

The gymnastics team is off from competition until Feb. 23.

Spartan swimmers compete at Polar Bear Classic at WLW

A total of 60 Spartan Aquatic Club swimmers competed in the recent Polar Bear Classic held at Walled Lake Western High School.

A throng of Novi and Northville swimmers led the team, which also draws athletes from surrounding communities. The following is results of those local competitors:

GIRLS 10 & UNDER

Lauren Farris, fourth in the 200-yard freestyle; Sarah Lefler, first in the 50-yard freestyle, fourth in the 100 IM and 100 freestyle, fifth in the 50-yard backstroke and 200 IM; Megan Pierce, fourth in the 100-yard backstroke; Deidre Shwiring, first in the 200-yard freestyle, second in the 100 backstroke, third in the 100 freestyle and 200 IM, fourth in the 50 backstroke.

BOYS 10 & UNDER

Jack Tyler, first in the 100 butterfly, second in the 50-yard freestyle, 50 butterfly and 100 freestyle, third in the 50 and 100 backstroke, and 200 IM, fourth in the 100 IM; Michael Kruszewski,

first in the breaststroke, fifth in the 100 butterfly.

GIRLS 11-12

Elizabeth Kruszewski, fourth in the 50-yard breaststroke; Christina Mocerri, second in the 100-yard IM, third in the 100 butterfly and 100 freestyle, fourth in the 500-yard freestyle, fifth in the 50 and 100 backstroke; Emily Nicol, second in the 50 butterfly, third in the 500 freestyle, fourth in the 50-yard freestyle, 100 butterfly and 50 breaststroke; Leslie Nimer, second in the 500 freestyle, third in the 100 butterfly and 200 IM, fourth in the 100 freestyle and backstroke; Kris Utley, first in the 100 IM, second in the 50 freestyle, third in the 500 freestyle, Andrea Yocum, fourth in the 200-yard IM and fifth in the 500 freestyle.

BOYS 11-12

Ryan Anolick, first in the 100 butterfly, second 50 freestyle, 50 backstroke and 50 butterfly, fourth in the 100 freestyle; Anthony Serge, second in the 500-yard freestyle, third in the 100 back-

stroke and fourth in the 200 IM.

GIRLS 13-14

Katy Nicol, third in the 200-yard breaststroke and 400 IM, fourth in the 100 breaststroke and 200 butterfly; Jeane Smith, fourth in the 50 freestyle.

BOYS 13-14

Chris Sanker, first in the 1650-yard freestyle, 1500 freestyle and 200 freestyle, second 100-yard butterfly and 100 freestyle, third in the 200 IM, fourth in the 50 freestyle, 200 butterfly and 400 IM.

GIRLS OPEN

Amy Kohl, first in the 100-yard backstroke and 400 IM, second in the 50 freestyle and 200 IM, third in the 100 freestyle, fourth in the 500-yard freestyle and 200 freestyle; Jami Vandermass, second in the 200 IM, third in the 50 freestyle, fourth in the 100-yard butterfly and 100 backstroke, fifth in the 100 freestyle.

Tankers fall to Dexter by 4

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Bush 179.85. In the 100-yard butterfly, Mutch and Nate Kushman swam a 1:50.57.

Henry Newton was a winner in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2:00.79. Brian LeRoy was third in 2:06.05.

In the 50 freestyle, Kelly came away with first in 23.68, Kushman was third in 24.95 and Jason LeRoy was fourth in 26.18.

Mutch grabbed a third in the 200-yard IM with a time of 2:12.97. Novi took the top two spots in diving as Eric Brandon scored 199.15 points and Ryan

1:41.04.

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Wrestlers fall twice to close KVC dual season

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take, Novi had to absorb a 36-31 loss to Milford in the nightcap.

The Wildcats didn't get quite so far behind early on in this one. Joe Young collected a void at 112 pounds to cut the Redskin lead to 12-6.

J.J. Balagna then followed with a 14-2 decision over Russ Malone at 119 pounds.

"He's been improving," Huss said of Balagna. "He's being more aggressive and beating kids he should beat."

Art Ebert edged Hopkins 10-9 at 126 pounds. Watanabe gained yet another pin as he stopped Bill Ramsey in 4:28. Cini got a void at 151 pounds.

Becker got the upset win of the day. He whipped Brad Scheck, who went into the match with a 20-6 record, 9-2.

"Skip is really improving," Huss said. "If I had to

pick a most improved wrestler it would be Skip."

McBride pinned Eric Vihiner in 1:02 at 172 pounds. Bailey fell 6-1 Matt Williams at heavyweight.

Huss said Bailey wasn't to blame for either loss Friday. The coach said his team is simply getting pinned too much.

"It's pin or be pinned right now," he said. "It's not going to win a lot of matches for you."

Friday's matches were Novi only action of the week. The 'Cats had been at tournament nearly every Saturday this season.

Huss said it was a welcomed break.

"That's exactly what we needed," he added.

The lineup should be at full strength for Saturday's KVC meet.

"I think," Huss said, "realistically we're looking for fifth or sixth in the league."



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