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Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

## Burning confiscated drugs

On Monday, Novi Police Sergeant Herb Harbin and Lt. David Butler destroyed approximately \$150,000 worth of narcotics they've seized from drug dealers in Novi and Oakland County since 1974. Among the stash Harbin and Lt. David Butler took to a local disposal site was two pounds of cocaine, three to four pounds of marijuana, assorted pills and an unspecified amount of heroin and crack cocaine. The drugs, once stored in the police department's property room, were taken to

an unidentified location to be destroyed. Police said the narcotics were confiscated by officers on the street and those working undercover with Oakland County's Narcotics Enforcement Team, NET. Cash proceeds seized in the drug raids or busts where these drugs were confiscated were put in a forfeiture account and used to purchase a new DARE mini-van.

## Schools to query public on bonding

By SHARON CONDRON  
Staff Writer

Novi School officials will be surveying focal groups in the district before they start surveying residents about failed and future bond proposals.

The school district has hired an independent consultant to come into the district and determine why the Dec. 13 \$33 million bond issue failed and what voters may or may not support in the future.

The first step in the lengthy survey process will be for consultant Kathy Feaster to meet with local focal groups.

Those initial meetings will take place throughout the day Monday, Feb. 27.

Feaster, a former Lansing Public School Board member, is a consultant who specializes in school surveys. Her work is not isolated to bond or millage proposals but she has performed several for districts across the state.

Superintendent Emmett Lippe said Tuesday Feaster will meet with representatives from each facet of the community and school district. Senior citizens, business leaders, parents, elementary, middle and high school teachers, school board members and the district's administrative group have all been scheduled to be interviewed by the school con-

sultant. Residents at large have also been asked to meet with Feaster.

"The focal groups will hone in on questions that people feel are appropriate ones to ask the community," Lippe said.

Interviews with focal groups will lead to the questions the consultant will include on the telephone survey the district is preparing for the community. The actual survey questions will be presented to the school board and community at a March 6 meeting.

Lippe said between March 6 and April 24 Feaster will conduct, conclude and compile the results of the telephone poll of 400 residents. Her findings will be presented to the board on April 24, Lippe said.

Those surveyed will be selected from a random sampling of registered voters and those who voted in the Dec. 13 election.

Lippe said the purpose of surveying focal groups is to determine which questions should be included on the survey. Eventually by the survey will quiz residents about the district's growth and ask voters to respond to specific questions about future facility use and the best way to handle Novi's growth.

The survey is aimed at getting the community's input and direc-

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## Police will move ahead with trimmed academy

By SHARON CONDRON  
Staff Writer

Novi, Walled Lake and Wixom police departments will be putting on a third - but cheaper - Lakes Area Citizens Police Academy now that attention has been called to the costs of previous academies.

The third academy will go on March 2 as planned. But cost cutting measures will keep the price tag of the 10-week citizens police class contained in Novi.

Police department officials say they'll do away with all of the extras including the souvenir coffee mugs, T-shirts and the graduation dinner, which alone cost Novi \$1,000 for the first two classes. However, those items have reportedly already been purchased by the other police departments in preparation for the third academy. The dinner was penciled in at the Country Epicure in Novi but reservations for that have been canceled.

"I won't be paid for it, but you can't go half way on a program like this and expect it to be as successful."

Lt. Dave Butler,  
Novi Police

"Novi is not contributing any money at all," said Novi Lieutenant David Butler, the city's facilitator for the program.

Butler added that his department will share the bare bones costs of putting the academy on including the preparation costs of the students' textbooks, firing range and ammunition costs and refreshments. That will save about \$613, Novi Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer said. Anything beyond that will have to come from the other two departments, Butler added.

The lieutenant said Novi Police have spent considerable time finding ways to cut the program's costs after the Novi City Council questioned the expenditure two weeks ago. Council's concerns

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## Assessments up 2 to 7 percent

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

Oakland County's Equalization Division says Novi's residential property has crept up in value an average of two percent.

City Assessor Jim Klausmeyer disagrees, he puts that figure at from five to seven percent.

"We're always over the county. They do their subdivision sales study differently than we do, they don't do it by home models they just average them all out," Klausmeyer said.

"We work from recorded documents." If the city's found your SEV has gone up, you'll be getting a notice in the mail in late February. Although this increase no longer impacts your taxes, homeowners still have the option of appealing the figures at the Board of Review from March 13-24.

Not that it matters much in terms of how much more taxes you'll pay. Proposal A locks in tax assessment increases to the lowest of three figures: the market value; the rate of inflation, now 2.6 percent; or five percent. However, when that home is sold the SEV will jump from the level frozen at 1993's rate to the market value of the current year.

"Primarily because of the confusion," Klausmeyer said the city is expecting a healthy turnout at the Board of Review in March, even though most homeowners will pay a tax rate of 2.6 percent or less.

Sometimes, Klausmeyer said, a householder will be upset because the SEV on their home

has gone down, which is happening with some models in some neighborhoods. "Everybody's coming to our window. Nobody likes to see the values of their home fall. The upside is that we're recognizing that," he said. In other cases, the SEV has soared as high as 30 percent more. Novi's assessing department calculates the SEV for a neighborhood based on each type of home, some of which may have gone up, others down, depending on sales figures from the previous year. Of course, even with Proposal A cutting back the share each property owner pays, the city's tax base is still growing. Novi property is now valued at a whopping \$2.8 billion, with

an SEV at 50 percent, or \$1.4 billion.

Industrial and commercial property has gone up an average of 2 percent in worth, while farm land, which is 13 acres or more regardless if crops are planted, has a stunning average SEV hike of 20 percent.

Since 1988, Klausmeyer has seen a complete turnaround in the composition of Novi. That year, residential property made up 45 percent of the tax base, with industrial, commercial and farm accounting for the rest. With new houses sprouting like toadstools around town, the residential component of the tax base has now soared to 55 percent.

So let's say you've got a \$200,000 home, with a five percent increase in SEV. Reduce that to the 2.6 percent increase freeze and your SEV is \$102,600. If you live in the Novi school district, your total tax increase is \$79.50, based on the 1994 millage rate.

Klausmeyer said regulations mandated by the state in late December to comply with Proposal A has meant a reprogramming of the computers in the assessing department, which is delaying the mailing of the notices.

The Board of Review will be held in the Novi City Council Chambers. Dates are:

- Monday, March 13: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 14: 12 noon to 9 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 15: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Thursday, March 16: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Friday, March 17: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Additional days will be scheduled if needed.

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A special section ...

## Weddings

## City launches search as Stipp retires

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

How do you replace an institution?

Which is what Gerry Stipp has become to the City of Novi. She started working for the local government when it was only a village, 35 years ago.

Now, Stipp is looking forward to her retirement on July 17. Monday the Novi City Council gave the city administration the go-ahead to start placing help wanted ads, especially in professional journals.

The council may have been guilty of dragging its heels ever so slightly on this, Mayor Kathleen McLallen confessed.

"Part of that is denial. We wanted to deny that she's leaving. We know she's not forsaking us but taking another well-earned track in her life," McLallen said.

"It's hard to come to grips that someone who knows where everything is and how everything is



GERRY STIPP

done is going."

Stipp, however, made it perfectly clear to the city council that she's got plans. Among them is

her retirement party, already scheduled for July 13 at the Sheraton Oaks Hotel.

On March 6, three council members will be appointed to a committee, along with Stipp and City Manager Ed Kriewall, to form a transition policy, one which will they'll be able to use when other charter employees retire or move on.

Stipp has been asked to write her own job description, based on the charter.

After the resumes come fluttering in, the full council will interview the most promising candidates before appointing Stipp's successor.

However, just because they're advertising doesn't mean the council's not open to the idea of promoting from within city hall, McLallen said.

The city clerk's position, as well as that of city manager, treasurer, assessor and attorney, are the only staff positions outlined by

the city charter. As defined by the charter, the city clerk is the clerk of the city council and general accountant of the city. He or she must attend all council meetings, keep a record of all ordinances and resolutions and administer all oaths.

The clerk is the custodian of the city seal, affixing it to official documents. In addition, the clerk is the custodian of all city papers, documents and records and must make them available to the public. Other duties include keeping city officials apprised of the expiration of any official bonds, franchises or contracts.

She is in charge of tracking the city's revenues, expenditures and liabilities and must audit the treasurer's books monthly.

"This is going to be so hard to replace someone who knows as much as she does. I don't know if you could write a job description that tells you what Gerry Stipp

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## Community Calendar

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

Thursday, February 16

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

**Michigan Smokers**  
The Michigan Smokers will hold a joint 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.

### 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.

### Toastmasters

The Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters Club meets from 7-9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile. For more information call Tom LaHiff at 348-6019 (evenings). Visitors are welcome.

Tuesday, February 21

**Novi Chamber of Commerce**  
The Novi Chamber of Commerce general membership luncheon will be

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held at the Sheraton Oaks Hotel, 27000 Sheraton Dr. at noon. Dr. Emmett Lappe, Superintendent of Community Schools, will present the Partnership of the Year Award. Advance reservations are necessary. Cost is \$14 for members and \$18 for non-members. For additional information call 349-3743.

### Garden Club

The Novi Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

### Parkview PTO

The Parkview PTO will meet at 7 p.m. at Parkview School.

### 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.

### Novi Newcomers and Neighbors

Novi Newcomers and Neighbors will hold a general meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. The Novi Police Department will demonstrate the art of self-defense.

### 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.

Wednesday, February 22

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

### Seniors business

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## Business Network International

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Thursday, February 23

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

### Novi Board of Education

The Novi Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Middle School, 25299 Taft Rd. At 6:45 p.m. there will be a board candidate information session.

Saturday, February 25

**Novi Coop Nursery**  
Novi Coop Nursery School is having an open house from noon to 3 p.m. at 41671 Ten Mile Rd. Nursery programs for ages three and four are offered. For more information call 349-3223.

Monday, February 27

**City Council**  
The Novi City Council is scheduled to meet in regular session at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

### Health tests

Community EMS will sponsor blood pressure testing and cholesterol testing in the Novi Civic Center from 7:30-9 p.m. in conjunction with the Novi City Council meeting.

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## Kidnapping nets 1 year in jail

By SHARON CONDRON Staff Writer

This punishment fit the crime according to the state penal code. But ask Emil Rataeu or Oakland County Circuit Court Judge David Breck and they'll tell you David Marcus Tomassi deserved more than just having the book thrown at him.

"He only got one year," Rataeu told reporters outside the courtroom after her ex-husband was sentenced Thursday to one year in jail for kidnapping her two sons for more than 11 years.

Breck sentenced the 41-year-old to a year in jail, the maximum sentence Tomassi could get on the two counts of parental kidnapping he pleaded guilty to last month. He was ordered to pay \$3,000 in restitution and is expected to pay for any counseling his sons may need to recover from what he's done to them. Upon his release, Breck told Tomassi he could not leave the state without his approval.

"One year doesn't seem like enough," Breck said the day after the sentencing. "But the public has to realize that judges' hands are tied. We can't sentence them to anything more than a year in jail."

Tomassi was arrested in October 1983 when he was 4 and 5 years old. The three eluded police in an 11 and a half year, three state runs from the law.

It is the second time Tomassi violated the custody agreement. He took the boys in 1979 when they were six months and a year-and-a-half old. He returned them in February of 1983 but took them again in December of that same year. The latter incident came to an end when Tomassi was arrested in New York on a stalking complaint. The boys were found in California and flown back to Novi in October.

The day after they were reunited with their mom, the family moved to Indiana.

Today, they are 17 and 15, and both testified in the judge's chambers last week and in court at Thursday's hearing.

"They cried in my chambers and again in court," Judge Breck said. "They didn't want their father in jail."

Breck said the boys told him their father did nothing wrong and treated them well while they were in his care. They said they were home schooled and well-cared for during the 11 years spent with their non-custodial father.

Breck said the boys were allowed to visit with Tomassi in his jail cell Thursday before they left the court after sentencing.

"They did talk to him," Breck said. "But later on they were seen hugging their mother, laughing and having a good time."

"They seem to be adjusting."

## Places to go ... RVs to see

The University of Michigan Survey Research Center recently finished a study in which it concluded the '90s will be the decade of the recreational vehicle, since one in four households has an interest in owning one. Most

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Novi Town Center, Novi (810) 349-8090  
Oakland Mall, Troy (810) 589-1433

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**SALE 27.99**

Just Clothes cotton denim trouser skirt. Reg. 38.00.

**SAVE 25%**

Entire stock of women's regular-price sleepwear. Reg. 27.00-85.00, sale 20.25-63.75.

**SAVE 25%**

Selected jewelry and watches. Reg. 10.00-150.00, sale 7.50-112.50.

**SALE 29.99**

Women's famous-maker cotton denim jeans. Reg. 46.00.

**SAVE 25%**

on a large selection of Petites' and Parisian Woman career dresses. Reg. 90.00-160.00, sale 67.50-120.00.

**SAVE 25%**

Selected Parisian Signature linen/viscose women's career separates. Reg. 68.00-128.00, sale 51.00-96.00.

**SAVE 25%**

Selected leather and vinyl handbags. Reg. 40.00-150.00, sale 30.00-112.50.

**SAVE 25%**

on your first pair of women's shoes.

**SAVE 30%**

on your second and each additional pair.

- Unisa "Easton" canvas espadrilles. Reg. 30.00.
- Enzo "Legacy" leather sling-backs. Reg. 62.00.
- Pappagallo "Babylon" leather dress flats. Reg. 60.00.
- Joyce "Palma" leather pumps. Reg. 42.00.

**SALE 21.99**

Women's Bill Blass cotton denim jeans. Reg. 30.00.

**SALE 13.99 EACH**

Entire stock of Olga, Maidenform, and Vanity Fair bras. Reg. 17.00-28.00 each.

**SAVE 25%**

Women's Parisian Signature cotton/rayon knit career top. Reg. 26.00, sale 19.50.

**SAVE 25%**

on a large selection of career dresses. From Dani Max, Jessica Howard, Donna Ricco, and others. Reg. 90.00-160.00, sale 67.50-120.00.

**SAVE 25%**

Women's selected career collections from Barry Bricken and others. Reg. 68.00-188.00, sale 51.00-141.00.

**SAVE 25%**

Large selection of women's blouses. Reg. 26.00-68.00, sale 19.50-51.00.

Sale ends Monday, February 20.

## men

**SALE 31.99**

Men's Savane cotton twill pants. Reg. 36.00.

**SAVE 225.00**

on two men's suits priced from 400.00; save 100.00 on your first suit, save 125.00 on your second and each additional suit. Reg. 400.00-610.00. Does not include value-price, Tommy Hilfiger, or Micron 2000™ suits.

**SAVE 175.00**

on two men's suits priced from 295.00 to 395.00; save 75.00 on your first suit, save 100.00 on your second and each additional suit. Reg. 295.00-395.00. Does not include value-price, Tommy Hilfiger, or Micron 2000™ suits.

**SAVE 25%**

Men's Levi's® Dockers® wrinkle-resistant cotton/twill pants. Reg. 42.00-44.00, sale 31.50-33.00.

**SAVE 25%**

on your first men's Preswick & Moore dress shirt or tie, **SAVE 30%** on your second and each additional dress shirt or tie. Selected dress shirts, reg. 39.50-45.00. Selected ties, reg. 25.00-37.50.

**SAVE 25%**

on your first pair of men's dress shoes.

**SAVE 30%**

on your second and each additional pair.

- Entire stock of Johnston & Murphy dress shoes. Reg. 170.00.
- Entire stock of Bostonian dress shoes. Reg. 105.00-140.00.

**SAVE 30%**

A large selection of Juniors' cotton knit tops. Reg. 14.00-24.00, sale 9.80-16.80.

**SAVE 30%**

A large selection of Juniors' sportswear and dresses. Reg. 26.00-70.00, sale 18.20-49.00.

**SALE 29.99**

Juniors' Levi's® 550™ and 512™ cotton denim jeans. Reg. 35.00.

## young men

**SAVE 25%**

on your first men's sport coat.

**SAVE 30%**

on your second and each additional sport coat. Reg. 195.00-395.00.

Does not include value-price, Tommy Hilfiger, or Micron 2000™ sport coats.

**SALE 29.99**

Young Men's Levi's® 550™ and 505™ cotton denim jeans in blue or black. Reg. 35.00.

**SAVE 25%**

Young Men's Umbro T-shirts and shorts. Reg. 17.00-24.00, sale 12.75-18.00.

## children

**SAVE 25%**

Boys' 4-20 Umbro T-shirts and shorts. Reg. 13.00-20.00, sale 9.75-15.00.

**SAVE 40%**

Entire stock of infants' bibs and blankets. Reg. 5.50-22.00, sale 3.30-13.20.

**SALE 19.99-21.99**

Boys' 8-20 Levi's® 550™ and 505™ cotton denim jeans in blue, black, or white. Reg. 25.00-27.00, sale 19.99-21.99.

**SAVE 25%**

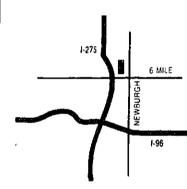
Large selection of infants' and toddlers' dresses, playwear, swimsuits, sleepwear, layette items, and hosiery. Reg. 4.50-96.00, sale 3.38-72.00.

**SAVE 25%**

Girls' Levi's® cotton denim shorts. Reg. 20.00-26.00, sale 14.99-19.99.

**SAVE 30%**

Juniors' selected skirts and pants. Reg. 22.00-34.00, sale 15.40-23.80.



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### Local hot rodders enter cars in Autorama

Some like it hot. Especially when it comes to cars. That's why Novi residents David Brewer and Robert Webster have entered their own custom built machines in the upcoming Detroit Autorama this weekend at Cobo Hall. Billing itself as America's Greatest Hot Rod Show, the Detroit Autorama offers showgoers a look at more than 500 dazzling, chopped and channeled, tangerine-flaked and gleaming, chrome custom cars. Webster's is the 1987 Chevy Monte Carlo, Detroit Tiger Cecil Felder will show three of his own custom buggies. This year's Autorama also features such special attractions as the fabulous Flaminio from The Flintstones movie; Eagle One's "Cool" '50 Merc Custom Car, thought by some to be one of the finest custom cars ever built; and Harley Davidson-An American

Legend," a display of 100 of the Midwest's most exciting Harley's, including custom bikes belonging to heavy-weight champ George Foreman, rock star Eddie Van Halen and wrestler Hulk Hogan. Baby boomers and their offspring will also get to meet one of the older generation's childhood heroes, the real Buffalo Bob and his sidekick Howdy Doodly, who will preside over the Toyrama Section. More in line with the taste of today's youngsters, Austin St. John, formerly "The Red Ranger" from the Mighty Morphin Power Rangers will be there, too. The fastest legal street cars in the world will be on display courtesy of the Detroit-area firm CARS. Seven of the 10 fastest street car drivers, including racer Andre Summer, and their record-breaking vehicles will be strutting their stuff. Show hours at Cobo Hall are Friday from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. At the gate, tickets are \$10.50 for adults, \$3.50 for under 12 and free for tots under three. Or at all Metro 25 locations, advance tickets are \$8 for adults and \$2 for the under 12 set. Saturday, all seniors and handicapped persons are admitted at no charge. For information on Autorama, call (810) 373-4414.

## Pleading poverty

### Get your paperwork in order to make case for exemption

By JAN JEFFRIES Staff Writer  
If you expect to apply for a hardship exemption from your property taxes, now's the time to start getting your paperwork together and preparing your case. Last week, the Novi City Council approved new guidelines for poverty exemptions. The regulations aren't much different from those used by the city in the past, the council merely approved standards set by the state legislature in December. "We just complied with the law," City Assessor James Klausmeyer explained. "The City of Novi recognizes that a need exists to provide temporary relief to those who, by reason of poverty, are not able to contribute to the public charge," the local resolution reads. Last year, 150 property owners applied for the exemptions. The board granted about 90. Exemptions can range from a reduction in the amount of taxes paid to completely removing a person's home from the tax rolls for a year. The term poverty exemption is a

harsh word for what in some cases is a temporary situation. Homeowners who apply for the exemption may have been hit by a catastrophic illness or prolonged unemployment. Or an applicant might be a senior citizen on a slim fixed income trying to hang on to a long-time home. Act 390 of Public Acts of 1994 requires local governments to make these guidelines, as well as the policy followed by the review board, available to the public. The forms are available at the city assessor's office at the Novi Civic Center. Applications must be filed prior to the last day of this year's Board of Review hearings. The board hopes to wind down on March 17 but will continue to March 24 if necessary. To be eligible for an exemption, a property owner must each year: • Own and occupy the home; • File a claim with the board of review and include the federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the household,

as well as data on any property tax credit returns from the previous year or the current year. • If required by the board of review, produce a valid driver's license or other form of identification. • Produce a deed, land contract or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested. • Meet the income standards set by Novi provided they are not less strict than the federal standards for poverty determined by the U.S. Dept. of Management and Budget. Applicants are asked to include information such as how long they've had a disability or health problem, or have been unemployed. They'll be queried about current assets such as cash, bank accounts, stocks and bonds and any major or unusual expenses. There's a long list of definitions for income, which includes wages, profits from self-employment after business expenses are met, farming income, alimony, child support, Social Security benefits, unemployment compensation, welfare payments, pensions, lottery

winnings, grants, scholarships, trust funds and gambling winnings. Income does not include money from the sale of property such as stocks, bonds, a house or car, withdrawal of bank deposits, tax refunds, gifts, loans or lump-sum inheritances, as well as federal non-cash benefits such as Medicaid and food stamps. So what if someone who's been struggling along on a \$12,000 a year income to suddenly comes into a lump sum inheritance of \$1 million? Will the board of review ignore the windfall, not considered as income, and reduce his or her property taxes? "That's not likely. They still have their discretion. These are just guidelines," Klausmeyer said. The review board is permitted to evaluate each request without the claimant being present, but applicants are cautioned that they may be called in on short notice for further explanation. If a home is removed from the city's tax roll and is sold within the year, it will be placed back on the roll.

## Novi city council race off to slow start

By JAN JEFFRIES Staff Writer

The race isn't on yet. Up for reelection in November are Mayor Kathleen McLaughlin and Council Members Joseph Toth, Carol Mason and Robert Schmid. No interested office seeker has yet picked up petitions to get on the ballot, Novi City Clerk Gerry Stipp said. What's the rush, they've got until 4 p.m. on June 20 to do so. "It's a little early. By next month, we should be getting some," Stipp added. Still, candidates are slower to jump into the ring this year than they've been in the past. By late February 1994, when the three council members were elected, seven candidates had either pulled petitions or officially announced. In February 1993, while no one had taken out a petition yet, one candidate had formally declared he was in the running for city council and five more non-members let it be known publicly they were most definitely interested. Even a campaign to limit council

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Carol Mason  
Novi Council Member

members to two terms has been stalled for awhile because the leader of the effort, Dave Ruyle, has been recovering from knee replacement surgery. Ruyle said he expects to get a petition drive up and running within the next few weeks. So, all's been quiet on the election front. Even the incumbents are coy; no one's willing to give a yes or no in the field. In fact, they were surprised to be asked about their intentions at this early date. Mayor Kathleen McLaughlin was brief and to the point: "It's not June yet. I'm not ready to say anything." Toth Toledo, Schmid said when asked if he was running again. "I've given this a lot of thought off and on. The best I could tell you today is probably I'll be running for council again Novi. That could change, obviously. I still have an interest in the

City of Novi. I believe there are things I could get done before I give it up," he said. Mason's keeping it under her hat. "I don't know yet. It always depends on where your life is at and if you've got time to do this. It's a lot of work with a little bit of progress," she said. "I haven't really given a lot of thought to it."

Also still mulling is Toth. "I'm thinking about it right now. I have to see how it goes. I'll have to see what happens," he said. The term of office for a council member is four years, while the mayor wields the gavel for only two years. It's a high-paying job... if you calculate income based on the standards of the pre-industrial age. The mayor gets \$20 a meeting. A council member, \$15.

## High schoolers prep to perform musical Kismet

Novi High School's Performing Arts Department will be presenting the musical Kismet, March 2-5. More than 100 students and 50 parents will participate in the creation and presentation of this "musical Arabian night." Kismet takes place in Baghdad in the year 1059. It is a story about one day in Baghdad and how lives can be turned around and upside down in a 24-hour period. The main characters in the show are the Caliph (Chad Darling), The Wazir (Aaron Vermeulen), Lulame (Betsy Becker), Marshim (Becky Pyar), The Poet (Dan Smoliga) and Omar Khayyam (Tyler Harris). Other characters include street beggars, bandits and Wazir's harem, townspeople, shoppers, merchants and Wazir's Police, led by the Chief Policeman (Mark Vanderhoff). The music is based on themes from Alexander Borodin and includes such beautiful songs as "Stranger in Paradise," "Night of My Night" and "This Is My Beloved." Other selections include: "Was I Wazir," "Fate" and "Rahad-bakum." Student performers will be seen on stage, in the pit, backstage and will also run a host of committees including programs, publicity, costumes, set building and set painting. The musical is produced and directed by Paula Joyner-Clinard. The orchestra is conducted by Scott Doerna and technical directions is by Norm Norgren. All of whom are staff at Novi High School. All shows begin at 8 p.m. at Novi High School. Tickets are now on sale. Seats are reserved.

## Chamber sets the date for third annual fundraising auction

The Novi Chamber of Commerce will sponsor "A Night To Remember," its third annual charity auction to benefit Big Brothers/Big Sisters on Saturday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Novi Hilton. Over 400 people are expected to attend this year's auction. The event will feature a live auction and a silent auction as well as a raffle. The major sponsors of this

year's event are IBM and the Novi Hilton. The ticket price is \$35 per person, which will include a sit-down dinner and dancing to the Jerry McKenize Sound Crew. "Join us for an enchanting evening in a festive Mardi Gras setting," said Connie Mallett, President of the Novi Chamber of Commerce. "Volunteers have success-

fully gathered an exciting collection of auction items including a beautiful two-carat diamond tennis bracelet from The Diamond Castle in Novi, a three-night stay in an ocean front room at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel, and from WYCD Young Country Radio, a Brooks and Dunn autographed guitar. Mallett added,

Tickets are available at the chamber office or can be purchased by mail at 43700 Expo Center Dr., Suite 100, Novi 48377. "Our goal is to raise \$30,000," said Event Chairperson Jill Kozma. "The funds we raise will not only help continue chamber sponsored community programs, but a sizable portion of the

ceeds will be given to the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Metro Detroit, whose mission is to involve supportive volunteer adults as role models for children in need from single parent families. We are always looking for unique auction

and raffle items; anyone wishing to donate items for this event should contact the Novi Chamber of Commerce office at (810) 349-3743. A portion of your donation can be tax deductible as either a charitable or business expense."

**CITY OF NOVI NOTICE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there are upcoming vacancies on the Beautification Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Economic Development Corporation Board, Housing and Community Development Advisory Committee, Computer Advisory Committee and Town Center Steering Committee. Applications may be obtained by calling the Clerk's Office at 347-0485. The deadline for receiving applications is Tuesday, February 21, 1995. If you are unable to meet the deadline, please contact the Clerk's office for further instructions. GERALDINE STIPP, CITY CLERK

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**NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT TUP95-003**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bruce Wayne, representing Beachwalk Apartments, is requesting a temporary use permit to allow placement of a construction and rental trailer at Beachwalk Apartments, 31100 Beachwalk Drive, for a period of six (6) months. A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit. This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m., on Wednesday, February 22, 1995, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to February 22, 1995. (2-16-95 NR, NN)

**NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS SOFTBALL BIDS**  
The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Softball Bids according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bids will be received until 3:00 p.m., prevailing eastern time, Monday, March 6, 1995, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:  
**CITY OF NOVI**  
CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR  
45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.  
Novi, MI 48375-3024  
All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED "SOFTBALL BIDS" AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER. The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informalities or both; to reject any or all proposals; and in general to make the award of the contract in any manner deemed by the City, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the City of Novi. CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR 347-0446 (2-16-95 NR, NN)

**NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS STREET TREE PLANTING - NINE MILE SAD**  
The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Street Tree Planting - Nine Mile SAD according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bids will be received until 3:00 p.m., prevailing eastern time, Thursday, March 9, 1995, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:  
**CITY OF NOVI**  
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**CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF MEETINGS OF BOARD OF REVIEW**  
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review shall convene in its first session at 8:00 a.m. EST, Tuesday, March 7, 1995 in the Novi Assessor's conference room at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment roll. Notice is further given that the second session of the Board of Review will meet for the purpose of hearing and considering assessment protests in the Novi City Council chambers at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road on March 14, 15, 16, and 17, 1995. This year all appearances will be by appointment only. If you or your representative want to appear in person, the appointment must be made on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Friday, March 10, 1995. Appearances before the Board of Review are limited to five (5) minutes or less. Petitions are available at the Assessor's Office. NO APPOINTMENTS WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL A PETITION IS RECEIVED BY THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE. Written protests will be accepted on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Friday, March 17, 1995. Postmarks will not be considered. When submitting a written petition for the Board of Review's consideration, you must attach the formal petition (available at the Assessor's Office), fully executed along with any supporting information. All agents protesting values on property, other than their own, MUST HAVE written authorization from each property owner they are representing. **BOARD OF REVIEW SCHEDULE:** Monday, March 13, 1995 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, 1995 - 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, 1995 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Thursday, March 16, 1995 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Friday, March 17, 1995 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. \* Thursday and Friday appointments given only if Monday through Wednesday appointments schedules are filled. Any questions should be directed to the Assessor's Office at (810) 347-0485. GERALDINE STIPP, CITY CLERK (2-9/16/22-95 NR, NN)

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Community launches fundraiser for cancer victim

By YVONNE BEEBE
Staff Writer
In an effort that can only be characterized as altruistic, the Northville and Novi communities have joined hands to help one woman in her personal battle with cancer.

They did not even know how she sent me checks. It's unbelievable," said Karney, who lives in Dunbarville Pines with her husband, Vie, and her three children Chris, 17, Meagan, 12, and Lauren, 10.

What started two weeks ago as an effort by a group of friends and neighbors to raise funds for Karney's bone marrow transplant — a claim her insurance company has rejected — has rapidly mushroomed into a community-wide crusade to help ease a financial burden that is expected to cost about \$160,000.

Lyndia Baca, Karney's neighbor and good friend who is coordinating the fundraiser, said she hopes to raise about \$30,000. "It's amazing," Baca said. "The community has really pulled together."

Despite the emotional strain, Karney remains optimistic about her condition. "My husband, Vie, keeps saying, 'Don't worry about it, it will all work out,'" she said. "I think it probably will work out. I'm a positive person. Plus I'm stubborn."

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# Police file for binding arbitration 19 months after contract expires

By SHARON CONDRON Staff Writer

Novi's patrol and command officers' unions have filed for arbitration 19 months after their contracts expired.

Contracts for the 33 patrol officers and nine command officers expired June 30, 1993.

City of Novi negotiators and union representatives have reached impasses at their own tables and at those of state appointed mediators.

Wages and pension improvements are the key issues that spurred both labor unions to file for arbitration, according to both sides.

Craig Klaver, assistant city manager and personnel director, said mediators met an impasse with both bargaining last summer.

Arbitration hearings for the patrol officers' union have already concluded. A decision, which will settle and bind the terms of the contract is forthcoming in early April, Klaver said.

Hearings between the arbitrator, city and command union have yet to take place. Klaver said they may be contingent on the settlement of the patrol officers' contract.

"Until we get a decision on the patrol officers' contract, we may not get one on the command contract," Klaver said.

The issues are essentially the same for both unions. Patrol officers want to continue working seven, 12-hour shifts rather than revert back to five eight hour shifts.

"It's a little bit like rolling dice," Klaver said. "You never know what you'll get. And if you get a bad decision, you can't appeal it unless you take it to court and prove that the arbitrator acted inappropriately."

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The officers' union, which includes the department's detectives, is also seeking an increase in the pay awarded for years of service in the new three-year pact.

"They want an increase in the multiplier, we want it to stay status quo," Klaver said.

The maximum pay for patrol officers and detectives in the expired contract was \$42,162.

A decision from the patrol officers' arbitrator will have an effect on the command officers who are seeking to tack a percentage increase on the differential between officers, sergeants and lieutenants pay.

Currently Klaver said the department's seven sergeants' pay is 11 percent higher than officers pay. The two lieutenants make 16 percent more than officers.

Both sergeants and lieutenants want to increase that gap.

Sergeant Herb Harbin, vice president of Novi's chapter of the Command Officers Association of Michigan, said union members are seeking an increase in their differential.

Under the expired contract, lieutenants' pay maxed out at \$48,908, sergeants at \$46,800.

Klaver said despite the length of time both union groups have been working without a contract, the mood at the bargaining table is cordial.

"Everyone is professional," he said. "No one is yelling or screaming."

Arbitration is a costly alternative to having settled the contracts between the city and union representatives, Klaver said. In addition to the cost of the arbitrator, the city and union will both have to cover the cost of their own legal counsel.

Legal bills for each side could grow as high as \$10,000 depending on the time spent settling the contract, Klaver said. But the bigger drawback is that the decision of the arbitrator is final and it can't be appealed. Both sides lose leverage.

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# DARE officer to get his own minivan

By SHARON CONDRON Staff Writer

Novi Police Officer Todd Anger will be parking his patrol car and jumping behind the wheel of a 1995 five-seater Chevrolet minivan.

The \$15,231 minivan purchased recently by the Novi Police Department will be Anger's to use to promote the Drug Awareness Resistance Education he facilitates as Novi's only certified DARE officer.

The black exterior of the Chevrolet Lumina will be splashed with the DARE logo when the department takes delivery of it hopefully by Memorial Day. It will be decked out with emergency lights and sirens and be used to transport the DARE officers to and from schools.

Detective Anger will take it along with him when he travels to area schools to teach fifth graders how to say no to drugs and make smarter choices about their futures.

"It will show support for the program and help us spread the message," Anger said. "It's a great asset to the program and a great asset to make a great program better."

In addition, the van will be used to promote the program at special events including the '50s Festival and holiday parades.

Novi Police have no one else to thank for the van than local drug dealers themselves. The van, a budgeted item, was purchased entirely from drug forfeiture money police have confiscated from local dealers in the past.

A portion of the forfeiture account came from drug busts Novi Police officers have made in the company of Oakland County's Narcotics Enforcement Team, NET.

State forfeiture laws allow police to confiscate any money involved in drug sales, drug deals or drug trafficking.

Anger said officers can keep the money if they can prove it was used in some form in a drug deal. That means cash confiscated at the scene can be turned over to police if officers can trace a narcotics scent on it. The department's two canine dogs have been instrumental in the execution of drug forfeitures, police said.

There is however a glitch in state and federal drug forfeiture laws. All eight purchases totaling \$134,570 were budgeted items in the 1994-95 budget and have won the approval of the Novi City Council.

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# Program will proceed on leaner budget

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Personnel costs varied by department because of contractual obligations, Shaefter said. Novi's labor costs amounted to \$5,386, Butler said.

Not everything is cast in stone but what is clear is that Novi Police will not be going above and beyond the call of duty to pay for future academies. Council's concerns were initially prompted when Butler released his preliminary figures. Since then supplies and labor costs have been trimmed to fend off the council and accommodate the lieutenant's work schedule to accommodate the academy and avoid the hefty overtime Butler had racked up. The grievance was settled in Butler's favor but he has agreed to collect overtime only for those academies.

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# Developer wants homes, not industrial

By JIAN JEFFRIES Staff Writer

While the Planning Commission favored the rezoning, the City Council majority said no.

Council Member Carol Mason, who favored the rezoning, suggested that Tri-Mount's president, Ray Cousineau, "should see his attorney."

This was the first vote Mason has cast on an issue relevant to Tri-Mount since a protracted debate over whether she should abstain when the firm comes before the council.

City Attorney David Fried has said Mason's votes on Tri-Mount are in conflict of interest. Mason says she has no interest in Tri-Mount. However, her business partner in Carol Mason Red Carpet Keim, Mark Dembs, is also a partner in Tri-Mount.

The state Attorney General has declined to address the issue.

Planning Consultant Brandon Rogers suggested that the city follow its master plan for the area.

Existing businesses on Lanny's Road include Subway, Rent-It Company, EDM Specialties and Engine Supply of Nov. Four older single family-homes are already standing on land categorized as industrial.

Cousineau said the plans were to build two 2,200 square foot residences. Across the road for the property, another developer is proposing to build a small warehouse-office facility.

"I can't see us coming by and saying to a developer, put a factory there. I would rather see a home," Council Member Joseph Toth said, voting in favor of the rezoning.

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Getting legal. Bosco (the dog on the left) and Willy got their licenses last week from the Novi city treasurer's office, Judge Brian Mackenzie; his wife, Novi Youth Assistance Caseworker Karen Mackenzie; and Mayor Kathy McLallen. McLallen and the Mackenzies brought their bowsers to city hall for the photo opp as a reminder to city residents to get their dog licenses renewed by May 31. Prices - \$7.50 for spayed or neutered dogs and \$15 for male or female dogs - double as of June 1. And pet owners needn't actually bring their animals to city hall to get the licenses, just proof of up-to-date vaccinations.

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# District to survey public about bond

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The district should take, the superintendent said. "I would like to find out which direction the school district ought to take," Lippe said. "It will give us some sense of what community residents feel about different kinds of options."

School board president Craig Foreback said he's convinced the survey is a necessary tool in getting an accurate reading of the community.

"We are essentially trying to get back to the beginning and start ground zero," he said Tuesday. "Obviously what we put forth in December wasn't acceptable. Now we just want to ask what do people want."

The school district's \$33 million bond proposal for a new middle school and renovations to two existing schools died for a lack of support when voters defeated it 2 to 1 on Dec. 13. Before they got back to the polls, school officials have said they want more feedback and input from the community.

Foreback said he may have been skeptical of the survey before but after seeing Walled Lake school district suffer a third bond issue defeat at the polls, he's convinced it's the best way to go.

"I think it will be a good idea to find what people want," he said. "I am more convinced than ever with Walled Lake's third defeat that we need to get a handle on what people think."

# City gets ready for Stipp's departure

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Stipp started on the payroll of the Village of Novi in 1960 as a police dispatcher. She was a local girl who was 13 when she began her working life in Novi, at a summer day camp at Twelve Mile and Beck roads; at 16 she took a job in the concessions stand at the Walled Lake Amusement Park.

Her next step up the city ladder was as the building department clerk, also taking the minutes for the board of appeals and the planning board.

"I did whatever else they wanted me to do since there was only a couple of us," Stipp recalled. "She spent a stint as secretary to the village manager, then on to deputy clerk. In 1968, when Novi became a city, Stipp was appointed treasurer. She became city clerk in 1973 when the late Mabel Ash retired."

Back then, Stipp had a staff of three people. Novi that Novi has more than doubled in size, she commands a staff of four.

"We run things pretty lean and mean," she said. "Stipp has plenty of ideas for how she'll spend her time after July. Topping the list is seeing more of her five grandchildren. She'll volunteer more at her church, First Baptist of Novi."

Best of all, she'll do "exactly what I want to do at any given moment of the day." Thursday mornings, instead of working on the city council's agenda packets, she'll be out scouting antiques.

"This is something I've always wanted to do, to go to the garage sales on Thursday because by Saturday they're picked over," she said.

"Thirty-five years is enough. I'm looking forward to not having to be in at 8 a.m. each morning and staying to work until 2 a.m. on Mondays."

# Library Notes

Book Talk Maybe the Moon, by Armistead Maupin, will be the subject at the next Novi Public Library Adult Book Discussion Group, Monday, March 6 at 7 p.m.

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## As We See It

### It is up to Novi to be fair with gun dealers

Anyone who was surprised by the revelation that there are 27 residents in Novi dealing guns from their homes ought not be. They are after all licensed to sell through the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

And by all indications so far, they are the type who hold licenses only to support their hobbies - gun collectors, sportsmen, target shooters, etc. Ordinance enforcement officer Steve Babinchak has made contact with a number of these licensed gun dealers and so far found them all to be law-abiding citizens, not at all the types of dealers congress wanted to catch when it passed its new crime bill last year.

What congress was after then was the dealer who supplies weaponry to youth gangs in the inner city out of the trunk of a car, or the dealer who supplies all the necessary parts to fringe groups so they can put the pieces together to come up with some pretty heavy duty firepower.

Nonetheless, they are all getting caught up in the same wide net cast by congress. So now it is up to Novi officials to make sure local gun dealers get fair treatment.

The City of Novi wasn't even aware of its local gun dealers until recently. The only storefront in Novi which holds an ATF license to sell is K mart. The remaining 27 operate out of their homes.

These are not major arms suppliers. Collectors often get ATF licenses so they can buy, sell and trade their particular kind of collectibles. Baseball card enthusiasts probably do so as much selling and trading, but card transactions don't require an ATF license. Sportsmen also often get such licenses so they can get their equipment at wholesale prices for themselves and their hunting buddies. Again, summer softball players probably band together to get the cheapest prices on their equipment too, but bats and gloves aren't federally regulated.

Nonetheless, congress's passage of the crime bill last year put new requirements on those licensed through the ATF to deal guns. No longer will it be the individual gun dealer who is licensed, the "premises" will also be licensed. That means whenever a license holder sells a weapon, the buyer will have to pick it up at the seller's place of business, in the case of 27 Novi residents, that means at their homes.

The idea behind this change was to eliminate "drop shipments." No more "we deliver in 30 minutes or less" style gun sales.

To assure compliance with this provision, the ATF is requiring license holders to submit



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a "certificate of compliance" with their license renews this year. And that's where things get complicated for Novi dealers - the city does have a "certificate of compliance" to hand out.

Babinchak and city attorneys have looked into the matter and concluded that what these dealers will need to show the ATF is a city business registration form. But when they go to get the registration, they'll be turned down. Babinchak has explained, because Novi city ordinances strictly prohibit retail sales in residential neighborhoods. Then they'll have to apply to the city Zoning Board of Appeals to get their registration. So far, the ZBA has yet to hear any such appeals, so it is not clear how they'll rule.

It is clear to us how they should rule. Just as these hobbyists weren't the intended target of congress's crime bill, they also weren't the intended target of Novi's retail sales ban. We find it hard to believe such a dealer could or would generate more than a few extra cars a year in the local subdivisions. If they went unnoticed before, and thus generated no complaints, we have to believe they'll continue to go unnoticed in the future.

And it would not do for the ZBA to try to use this as some method of gun control or to use this as an excuse to try to clean gun dealers out of town.

At the same time, we can appreciate a desire on the part of the city to take a good long look at our local dealers - to make sure they are indeed hobbyists. God forbid we should have gun runner in town who is supplying heavy weapons to street criminals. Background checks by the police and scrutiny of just how many guns these dealers sold in the past year or so would be pertinent.

We believe most responsible gun dealer license holders would be cooperative toward such an effort. And we would urge them to be so.

The situation calls for fairness and reasonableness on the part of the city, and for cooperation and patience on the part of local dealers.

### Community shows its heart to Kevin and Cindy Irwin

You can't argue with success... unless of course you are a big health insurance company with actuarial tables and statistics and the opinion of the medical community to back you up. Then you can argue with anything.

Kevin Irwin, a Novi resident who was diagnosed with "chronic myelogenous leukemia" last July, has just returned from a trip to Mexico where he underwent treatments not approved in the United States.

The treatments seem to have worked. After spending six weeks at the St. Joseph Hospital of Tijuana, Irwin returned home and was examined by his local doctor. The doctor reportedly found no organ damage from the treatments and, more impressive, no active cancer cells in his blood stream.

Despite the apparent cure, Irwin's health insurance company, SelectCare, won't pay for the treatments. When Irwin was diagnosed with leukemia, his U.S. doctors gave him a 45 percent chance of survival if he had a bone marrow transplant here. That procedure costs \$300,000.

Kevin, with the support of his wife Cindy, opted instead for the cheaper treatments in Mexico, which run between \$30,000 and \$40,000. He also believed those treatments would be less debilitating.

The Mexican treatments sound odd and they are labeled as experimental here in the U.S. They include low levels of chemotherapy, injection of a vaccine made from Irwin's own cancer cells and the injection of shark cart-

lage. Sharks don't get cancer. He will of course have to make follow up visits to Mexico for the next five years.

What is also odd is Irwin's report back from Tijuana. He said he met a number of patients pronounced as terminal in the U.S. who were getting well there.

Regardless of the medical debate over the treatment, which we are not qualified to comment on, what is clear is that when the chips were down, it was the community - not the insurance company - that stood behind the Irwins.

Friends and neighbors got together to raise money to pay for the medical expenses he incurred based on his choice of which treatment was right for him. Schools and school children raises funds for him. His church held a fundraiser for him. And many personal donations were made. So far, they've come up with \$26,500 to defray medical expenses.

Now they've even launched a letter writing campaign to convince SelectCare to pay the bill in Mexico. A hearing will be held by the company in March.

Many of us think of our insurance policies as our security blanket, our ultimate protection against disaster. But in the end, it was the community that stood behind the Irwins.

We think that may say something about the importance of communities, but we're sure it says a lot about the nature of this community in particular.

## They are already growing up



Michael Malott

"They're pack animals. They travel in herds," said the gentleman to my right.

He was talking about my 6-year-old daughter. I didn't take offense. He was talking about his two youngsters too as they were all taking part in their fifth or sixth "locomotion" dance of the evening, forming into great trains of elementary aged little girls winding their way across the dance floor.

But there was another, more deeply felt reason. It was special for the dads too. You couldn't look out across that dance floor full of little girls without realizing that they are growing up already... and growing away. Only a few short years ago, I was carrying my daughter around with her cooing and babbling at me. Only a few short years ago, I was teaching her how to walk and how to talk.

Friday night, the little girls were dressed in evening gowns, wearing corsages and "cuttin' a rug" on the dance floor.

You couldn't help but think that in another few years, they'll be going to dances, not with dad, but with some guy dad probably disapproves of. And a little further on, they'll marry some guy, probably one even worse than the jerk that took her to that dance.

Either way, they'll move out and dad's days of being a father to that special little girl will be over.

My own childhood seemed to go on forever. My daughter's childhood seems to be passing in a blink. Friday night was a memory I'll when the blink is over.

Michael Malott is the Managing Editor of The Novi News and The Northville Record.

## In Passing

By Hal Gould



The Northville High School Pom Squad was joined recently by several friends during a performance.

### 'The Poms'

It's a safe bet that by now you've read about what a Northville Township woman claims happened to her last week: a horrific collection of allegations of physical abuse, psychological humiliation and outright torture. The woman maintains that her boyfriend of the past three years did these things to her because he believed she was seeing another man.

Her account isn't a fun story to read. Believe me, writing it was even less so, though I'll be honest enough to admit that a part of me is proud of the job I did.

This is the kind of story that causes mild schizophrenia in a reporter. I had a very human reaction as I read police reports describing the incident. At the same time, the journalist in me got the adrenaline pumping because I knew that people would read every word of the story, re-read it and remember it, because of the graphic nature of the woman's allegations. As human beings, we're morbidly fascinated by such things. That's especially true in this community, where this kind of thing just isn't supposed to happen.

Whether the story should have included all of the graphic descriptions that did was the subject of an interesting philosophical go-around in our offices, however.

My job is to tell them that. When I picked up the paper Thursday morning I was satisfied that I'd done it right.

Randy Coble is a staff writer for The Novi News.

But none of us exhausted dads left early, at least not because I could see. And yes, it was in large part because it was "her night," a little girl's evening out with her father. The dads there were determined to make it special for them.

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Once again, thank you for helping Gleaners provide food for the hungry and poor in southeast Michigan.

John Kastler  
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To the Editor:  
I enjoyed your article, Mike, on "Your ultimate responsibility is to report the news: accurately, fairly and objectively; it is not to make the news."

Remember - in your position, you answer to a higher standard. Your ultimate responsibility is to report the news: accurately, fairly and objectively; it is not to make the news.

Sarah Gray

## Must be better way to run railroad



Phil Power

First, some facts. Over the past 15 years, in good times and bad, under both Democratic and Republican administrations, Michigan's spending on prisons has increased faster by far than any other item in the state budget.

Swollen to nearly \$1.3 billion in Gov. John Engler's fiscal 1996 budget proposal, the Department of Corrections has ballooned a whopping 790 percent from 1980, when it spent a mere \$150 million.

To house a prison population that leaped from 13,000 in the early 1980s to 40,000 today, the department has grown from 11 prisons to 39 and from 11 camps to 16. The number of state employees in Corrections has increased from 4,318 in 1979 to 16,134 today - more than 200 percent.

No wonder former state Sen. Jack Welborn, who chaired the Senate Corrections Committee and was the Legislature's leading expert on prison policy, warned in his December farewell speech: "We are still moving with alarming speed toward the day when every Michigan adult is either incarcerated or working for the Department of Corrections."

On top of all this, Corrections Director Kenneth McGinnis wants to spend an extra \$200 million this year to build four new prisons and expand seven others.

Prisons are expensive to build and operate. Welborn estimates that new prisons cost about \$50 million each to build and about \$20 million a year to operate.

An analysis of Michigan's prisons and camps indicates an average annual cost per inmate of nearly \$18,000, but maximum security prisons cost nearly \$40,000 per year for each prisoner.

By Michigan's cost, a Michigan family about \$10,000 a year for tuition, board and room, books and spending money to support a child at the University of Michigan. The state spends \$4,500 per pupil in state aid to schools.

Next, there, some questions. Just what are we getting with our money?

Phil Power is a columnist for the Novi News.

Not much. The Senate Fiscal Agency, hardly a bunch of criminal codgers, concluded in a report released this February: "While all of these efforts (to build new prisons) have attempted to reduce the amount of crime in this state, data supporting the success of these policies have been reducing crime are somewhat inconclusive."

Sen. Welborn's farewell address put it more bluntly. Calling the idea that building new prisons alone will reduce crime "misguided," he added, "Many legislators are still behaving as though longer sentences will lead to less crime... We don't need longer sentences for non-violent offenders, we need more effective sentences and sentences that fit the crime."

Corrections policy in Michigan seems today to be more insane than criminal. We keep spending and spending and spending, willfully ignoring all the while that we're not getting much for our money.

There must be a better way to run a railroad. Next week, some suggestions.

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

## Ten Mile upgrade will cause fatalities

To the Editor:

In response to several recent letters on the widening of Ten Mile between Haggerty and Novi Road: I live on Ten Mile and have seen too many accidents that were a direct result of people driving too fast and not paying attention to turn signals.

If Ten Mile is widened to the proposed five lanes, the speed limit will raise and we will start seeing fatal accidents. If people can't stop going 45 miles per hour, how will they stop for people turning if they are going 55-60 mph.

There are better alternatives for all Novi residents, and we will be sharing them at upcoming council meetings.

Dianne Osgood

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## Some thoughts on state board of ed.



Tim Richard

Some thoughts on Engler, Durant and the State Board of Education. Without seeing the agenda, I can't say for sure, but I'm promised to throw out the school code and deregulate public schools.

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after individual talks with board members. He handed out copies to board members after the Jan. 19 meeting began, a radical break with the board's usual practice of giving members several days to study documents and (2) placing copies at the door for the public. Most unethical, considering the importance of the statement, and (3) impolite.

Durant unveiled his plan at a point on the agenda where comment from the public was impossible. "A person shall be permitted to address a meeting of a public body under rules established and recorded by the public body," says the Open Meetings Act, Sec. 3 (5). Durant was candid about his tactics: "Pass it out first, then allow a wonderful opportunity for much public comment."

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The Constitution. Durant picked out phrases in the Michigan Constitution referring to God and religion - totally uncontroversial among board members. He carefully omitted the State Board's constitutional duties: "Leadership and general supervision over all public education, including adult education and instructional programs in state institutions (except universities)... the general planning and coordinating body for all public education, including higher education..." (Art. VIII, sec. 3).

What's that - "bureaucratic red tape?" Durant also omitted "Every school district shall provide for the education of its pupils without discrimination as to religion, creed, race, color or national origin."

The second half. Asked if he supported either parochial or a voucher system to give state aid to private and sectarian schools, the second half of the Religious Right's agenda, Durant wouldn't say no. Engler has said no, but since the end of the campaign, he has given us many solid reasons for doubt.

Tim Richard reports regularly on the local implications of state and regional events. His Touch-Tone voice mailbox is (313) 953-2047 Ext. 1881.

## If you love job, you don't work



Mary Linda Calderone

If I found this saying on a tote bag: "If you love your job, you will never have to work a day in your life."

Well, I think there's a lot of truth to that statement. This week I had so much fun at work combining my hobby of belly dancing with my love of TV production.

Donnell Zeldman, SWOCC Production Specialist, was on hand to offer me her technical expertise. My intention was to create a holiday promo for INFO TV-12. I knew I wanted an elaborate Christmas set surrounded by bells. When they worked in a Native American program, Todd was standing right next to a buffalo. A recent intro to a show on Chinese cuisine was Chroma Keyed in the background with an enlarged Chinese menu.

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Caren Collins, Executive Director of the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission wants you to make that New Year's resolution today to come on in and see what we have to offer. She has some great ideas herself that you may want to pursue about combining hobbies and TV production.

Caren says, "Don't wait for the first snowfall. If you're a ski addict, come on in and do some skiing in state institutions (except universities)... the general planning and coordinating body for all public education, including higher education..." (Art. VIII, sec. 3).

Carpe Diem! That means "seize the day." Better yet, seize the "moment." Call this very "minute" and talk to me, Mary Linda, I'll get you started. 1995 is the year to stop just passively watching TV, but to begin making it on INFO TV-12.

P.S. - If you think you can do cool things with Chroma Key, stay tuned for an upcoming column on the "toaster" that's available to you at MetroVision. You don't put sliced bread in it either!

Mary Linda Calderone is the outreach coordinator for the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission.

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# DOGS BRUSHING

By CAROL WORKENS  
Staff Writer

There's some debate over whether you can teach an old dog new tricks, but one thing's for certain, you cannot teach a dog to brush its teeth.

Dogs can do a lot of things - fetch, catch, sit, roll over, come. You name it and someone, somewhere has tried to teach their dog to do it. Nonetheless, man's best friend relies on its owners for dental check ups.

Tartar, plaque, gingivitis and periodontal disease are words drilled into everyone to educate them to the need for good dental health care.

Humans and dogs share the same afflictions when it comes to dental disease. The same terminology used on man applies to man's best friend. February is 1995 National Pet Dental Health Month.

To find out what a doggie dental exam is like, we went to Meadowbrook Veterinary Clinic where Joseph P. Osbourne, DVM was scheduled to do a routine dental cleaning on Casey, an 11-year-old miniature Schnauzer.

Casey underwent a blood work up before beginning to minimize the risk of anesthesia. The blood sample checks kidney and liver function. "We have caught some problems in the past by doing the screening," said Osbourne. "With older patients we'll give them a lower dose of anesthesia. With anesthesia there's always a risk."

Casey was anesthetized and a tube was placed in her airway to keep it open. An ointment was used in Casey's eyes to keep them moist.

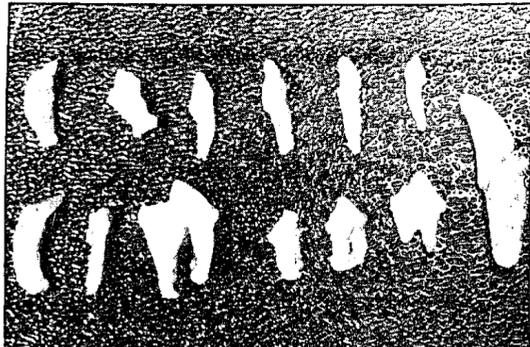
Smaller breeds, like Schnauzers, and dogs with a genetic predisposition for dental problems, will need to see their veterinarian more frequently. Larger breeds or dogs with good dental genes could be seen by a veterinarian every couple of years.

"We see dental problems more in certain dogs, toy breeds especially," said Osbourne. "Just like with people, there are a lot of variables." Variables are genetics, diet and breed.

"In toy breeds, their mouths are so much smaller. They need to get the same 42 teeth in there and it crowds their mouths."

To remove the tartar, an ultrasonic scaler which has little vibrators with water is used. The scaler helps to break the tartar down so that it falls right off the tooth. "Tartar is like a little rock," said Osbourne.

Plaque is made up of bacteria and when left to harden, turns into tartar. Left to accumulate it turns brown and gives off toxins that lead to gum recession and destruction of the ligaments around the tooth. When this tartar is left on the tooth, infection gets up around the bone and behind the gum line. "The tooth will have to be pulled, because



Photos by HAL GOULD

(Top) Clamps hold Casey's mouth open during the routine dental cleaning. (Right) Dr. Osbourne works quickly to clean the tartar build-up off Casey's teeth. (Above) Thirteen teeth were extracted during the cleaning procedure.

their is no instrument that will reach up that far," said Osbourne. "Every bite is probably a little painful."

Bacteria will spread from the mouth to the rest of the body and cause infections in the organs such as the heart, kidneys and liver. "When you're taking care of a dog's mouth you are taking care of its overall health as well," said

Osbourne. "She will be sore initially, but will be better off in the long run," said Osbourne. "It's probably more of a relief for her to have the teeth extracted."

Any loose teeth are pulled during the cleaning. If Osbourne has to exert any effort, he leaves the tooth in. Only loose teeth are extracted.

## DENTAL HYGIENE FOR YOUR DOG

### SIGNS OF POOR HYGIENE

- Bad breath
- Brown build up on teeth
- Blood caused by an infection or an abscess
- Red gums that look sensitive

### HOME CARE

- Brushing
- Flushing solutions
- Chew type toys
- Rawhides that have a special enzyme
- Diet - hard foods are better than soft

Dental patients are usually sent home the same day. "We try to go with as light a dose as possible," said Osbourne. Casey had her cleaning at 3 p.m. and was ready to go home after dinner. "Most dogs go right back to their regular diet," said Osbourne. "They don't need a special diet after a cleaning."

In severe cases, a dog is put on antibiotics because of the extractions and severity of the tartar, because it infects the whole mouth, according to Osbourne.

A dental cleaning can take 15 to 30 minutes. For a general dental cleaning you can expect to pay around \$40. Pre-surgery blood screening and extractions are extra.

Since a dog can't brush its own teeth, products are on the market that enable the owners to assist in the dental care of their pet. A special dog toothpaste which comes in chicken and beef flavor can be used a few times a week either by putting toothpaste on a finger wrapped in gauze or using a soft human toothbrush or a special brush designed for pets and rubbing against the teeth. Most dogs will put a fight up during a home tooth brushing, according to Osbourne.

"Human toothpaste is not good for dogs because the foaming action tends to upset a dog's stomach," he said.

There are also flushing solutions such as Nolvadent which owners can use at home. New rawhides are now available which contain a special enzyme to help prevent tartar.

"Some dogs have a cleaning every six months and they'll still have a problem," he said. "Other dogs can go every couple of years."

A new treatment which is applied at six months of age is a fluoride treatment. Treatments work the same as they do in children, by strengthening the enamel, but are given only once.

## Volunteer



JAMES J. HARRINGTON III

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

## Harrington bends the regulations just a bit

By DOROTHY NASH  
Special Writer

Maybe you can't beat city hall, but sometimes, according to James J. Harrington III, a lawyer and member of the Novi Zoning Board of Appeals, you can get a variance in regulation for business or residential property.

You make application to the board, describing what you want. Maybe it has to do with a setback - front, rear, or side - so that you can build a residence or add to one already in existence; or you want to use land for a use other than that for which it is zoned; or you want more than one sign in front of your business - or a larger one than is usually allowed.

Whatever the request, the Zoning Board of Appeals schedules it to be difficult, and each member comes to the meeting having visited the site and ready to hear the arguments expressed by the owner or the developer.

The board also listens to complaints that the neighbors might

have. The neighbors receive written notification of the appeal, and if they are interested enough to comment they attend or send their opinions in ahead of time.

"We try to come up with something fair or reasonable," he said. And it isn't done in a quick, hurry-it-through fashion. "The evenings are apt to be long," he said, "sometimes finishing at midnight."

About the board itself, he said, "It's an exciting board - very active and cohesive. We don't always agree, but we listen carefully."

How did Harrington get into this line of volunteering? He said he applied because he was concerned over the Sunoco drilling controversy several years ago when property owners were finding their backyards being dug up and oil wells put in.

If this type of volunteer work is something you might like, you may either attend a meeting on the first Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., or watch it on community cable.

## It's A Fact

### What we watch

The blue glow seen radiating from many Northville homes during January may have been caused by the following top three videos as reported by Northville Video:

- Clear and Present Danger
- The Mask
- True Lies



## Engagements



**Lisa VanCamp/Christopher Bolla**

Peter and Barbara VanCamp of Milford, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Marie, to Christopher Michael Bolla, son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Bolla of Northville.

The bride-elect is a 1985 graduate of Mercy High School and a 1989 graduate of Michigan State University. She is currently employed as a journalist at Midwest Publishing, Inc. in Northville.

## Church Notes

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.** 46200 West Ten Mile Road in Novi, will be visited by The Rt. Rev. R. Stewart Wood Jr., Bishop of Michigan, on Sunday, Feb. 19. A special service will be held at 11:30 a.m. The early 7:45 a.m. service has been cancelled. Everyone will have an opportunity in sharing worship and fellowship with the Bishop on this day. The Bishop will be the celebrant and the preacher. To add to this special day two children will be received into Christ's Holy Catholic Church through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Makoto Sasaki will be received by the Bishop into the full life of the church through the sacrament of Confirmation. Sasaki is a member of and was baptized in the Church of the Nippon Csekokai, which in translation means the Holy Catholic Church in Japan. Both churches are part of the world wide Anglican Communion.

The Bishop's last visit was in 1993.

**THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY.** 24505 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, is presenting Accent on Women for parish women on Feb. 23 at 8 p.m. in the Family Center with Sr. Joan Lovell, HIM, Sr. Lowell, an art therapist, will talk on "Drowning Out the Creativeness Within." Seating is limited to 35. For more information, call Helen at (810) 960-1253.

Accent is an informal gathering for women in the parish to meet other women for entertainment or enrichment. There is no structure, officers, dues or constitution.

**MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.** 21355 Meadowbrook Road, in Novi will have a potluck Fellowship Dinner on Ash Wednesday, March 1 at 6 p.m. for all parishioners. For more information, call 348-7757.

**NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH,** a mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America celebrates Holy Communion this Sunday, Feb. 19 with a visit by the adult choir from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia. The choir will assist the organist in leading the liturgy from the *Lutheran Book of Worship* and sing two anthems. The congregation worships at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall of the Masonic Temple, 720 Pentium, on the park in downtown Plymouth. Interested persons are encouraged to stop in. For more information about Sunday services or the mission, contact the Rev. Ken Roberts at (313) 420-1023 (office) or (810) 442-7243 (home).

## On Campus

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 selects those to membership who exhibit the ideals of scholarship, high personal standards and promise in teaching and allied professions.

Novi residents **LEWIS A. HERSEY**, and **DANIEL E. MILHIZER** have been named to Cleary College's President's Honor List for Fall, 1994. Students on the President's List must earn a minimum of a 3.5 grade point average while carrying at least nine credit hours per quarter. Cleary recognizes that the dedication and commitment these students how places a higher value on their education and further enhances their career opportunities.

Among the 260 students named to the Kalamazoo College Dean's List for the last academic quarter was Novi resident **JASON P. GROSS**, son of Karl W. Gross, of Novi, and Sally M. Whitty, of Lake Orion. To achieve the honor, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average, or above, on a scale of 4.0.

Founded in 1833, Kalamazoo College is among the 100 oldest colleges and universities in the United States.

## Singles

**SINGLE PLACE.** an adult ministry for single people, meets at First Presbyterian Church of Northville Sunday at 10 a.m. for a Sunday morning gathering, followed by a worship at 11 a.m. and brunch at Northville Crossing at 12:30 p.m.

A 50s and 60s Sock Hop featuring Soundmaster Disc Jockey's will be Feb. 18 from 8 to 11:30 p.m. Advance tickets are \$5 and must be purchased by Feb. 17. Tickets at the door are \$6.

"Understanding the Foreign Language" of the Opposite Sex Part 2" will be the topic of Betty Bradbury on Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m.

A Divorce Recovery Workshop is being held on Thursday evenings through Feb. 23.

A Country Western Dance class is being held on Sunday evenings through Feb. 26, 7 to 9 p.m. at the Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main Street.

Friday Night open bowling will be held Feb. 17 at 8:30 p.m. at Novi Bowl at 21700 Novi Road in Novi. The cost is \$6.50.

Opportunity for Growth Workshops will be presenting "Learning to Love Yourself" on Thursdays from Feb. 16 to March 9 at 7:30 or "Substance Abuse" on four Sunday evenings Feb. 26 through March 19.

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

**HOLY FAMILY SINGLES** is a group for separated, divorced, widowed or never-been-married persons.

For more information, call the Church of the Holy Family, 349-8847.

**SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES** offers a unique opportunity to join more than 500 persons of varied backgrounds together for a class about Jesus Christ. The group meets at 10:45 a.m. each Sunday in Knox Hall of Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Rd., on the corner of Six Mile, in Livonia. The Rev. Paul Clough will lead with scripture messages relevant to single living.

"Talk it Over" is held on the second and fourth Fridays of each month in Knox Hall.

BYOS - Bring Your Own Sneakers, Livonia Family YMCA on Stark Road near Farmington Road and I-96, the second and fourth Saturday of each month, 8 p.m. till midnight. The pool is reserved until 10 p.m. The cost is \$6. On the fourth Saturday, children are invited for an extra \$2 per child. BYOS runs through April.

Bowling - Those interested in sabbing at Fiesta Lanes in Westland on Ford Road east of I-275 can call (810) 689-2255.

For further information about Single Point Ministries call (313) 422-1854.

**FARMINGTON SINGLE PROFESSIONALS** is a non-profit group for singles ages 25-40 who share common interests and want to form new friendships. Membership is not limited to the Farmington area. The group participates in over 200 activities per year.

Upcoming events are: Ski-The-Soo pre-trip is scheduled for Feb. 17, 18, 19 and 20. For more information about Farmington Single Professionals call (810) 478-9181.

**PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS INC.** is an international, non-profit, non-sectarian educational organization devoted to the welfare and interest of single parents and their children.

For information about the West Oakland Chapter 273 Inc., write to P.O. Box 2130-48343, Pontiac, MI 48343.

**THE CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB** is a singles club for Catholics who are four-year college graduates and free to marry in the Catholic church.

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# Diversions

## Northville High grad to perform original songs at Caffe Bravo

Tony Sievert and Chris Dattilio are the duo, Sheddling Pony Moon. Sievert and Dattilio play mostly original acoustic music with some cover songs (songs others have written).

Sheddling Pony Moon will be performing at Caffe Bravo Friday, Feb. 18.

Dattilio plays acoustics and also does back-up vocals.

"I recently had a speaking role of the judge in *My Sister in This House*, the 1995 winter season opening play at EMU. It was a voice over part," he said. "It was recorded and used without me being present."

After graduation, Sievert said he would like to direct small documentaries and small independent type films.



**TONY SIEVERT**

## Entertainment Listings

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

**RESTAURANT** at 349-2900.

**THEATER**

**MARQUIS:** For general ticket information, group rates, birthdays and for teachers to arrange for special performance times and rates, call (810) 349-8110.

The Marquis Theatre is a professional theater located at 135 E. Main Street in downtown Northville.

**HOME SWEET HOME.** A dinner theater production will continue at the 1920s-era Novi mansion which houses Home Sweet Home restaurant. The murder mystery and a tenderloin and salmon dinner are \$27.95 per person.

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

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

For information and reservations, call 347-0095.

**GENITTI'S: AUDITIONS!** The Play. A zany troupe is holding auditions at Genitti's Little Theatre through the spring of 1995. After a seven course dinner, it's a crazy evening of auditions, featuring song, dance, mayhem, and a few twists. Admission to the performance and dinner is by reservation only.

The *Frog Prince*, a musical for all ages, will be presented by September Productions at Genitti's Restaurant on Feb. 18, March 4, 11, 25, April 1, 8 and 15. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. The show begins at 12:15 p.m.

Call (810) 349-0522 for reservations. Genitti's "Hole-in-the-Wall" and restaurant is located in downtown Northville at 108 E. Main St., just east of Center Street.

**NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:** "A Night to Remember" will be on Saturday, March 11 at the Novi Hilton, 2111 Haggerty Road. Doors open at 8:30 and tickets are \$35. There will be silent and live auctions, raffles, dinner and dancing until midnight. Proceeds benefit the Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Metropolitan Detroit.

For more information, call 349-3743.

**NOVI THEATRE:** Novi Theatre's Performances Plus acting group will present *The Miracle Worker* March 31, at 8 p.m., April 1 at 2 and 8 p.m., and April 2 at 3 p.m.

The Children's Annex will present E.B. White's *The Adventures of Stewart Little* May 5, 6 and 7. Both will be at the Novi Civic Center Theatre, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. Call Linda Wickert at (810) 347-0400 for more information.

**PERFORMER'S SHOWCASE:** The Novi Arts Council wishes to showcase the talents of area performers. Performances will be held in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center prior to select city council meetings. On occasion, performances may be taped by MetroVision and broadcast to residents.

Musicians, actors, poets, dancers, etc. are invited to submit application forms and audition tapes, if available, to the Novi Arts Council. For further information, contact the arts council, 347-0400.

**CARRIAGE RIDES:** Classic Carriage of Northville offers carriage rides throughout the year. At this time of year, it's Sleigh Rides in the Snow in Hines Park. For Valentine's Day, Classic Carriage has hooked up with Crawfords' to offer a carriage ride and dinner package.

For more information and reservations, call Classic Carriage at 380-3961 or Jim at Crawfords'.

**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.

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

His desire to direct came from high school and video production classes. "EMU has one of the better programs for that in the state," said Sievert of his decision to attend EMU.

Sievert is the son of Northville residents Dolan and Nancy Sievert.

While at NIIS, Sievert participated in band, choir and was on the National Honor Society.

While at EMU, he has been a member of AERho Broadcasting Society, band and choir. He has also played George Trueman in *Hedda Gadder* at the EMU Theatre.

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.

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

**SHERATON OAKS:** It's live entertainment on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Elly's Denny's from 3:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

The hotel is at 27000 Sheraton Drive in Novi, across from Twelve Oaks Mall. For information and reservations, call 348-5000.

**SPORTS EDITION:** Every weekend guests can enjoy live entertainment at the Sports Edition Bar, located inside the Novi Hilton Hotel, 2111 Haggerty Road, Novi.

The Sports Edition is home to intrigue and other high-powered hits groups every weekend. A cover charge begins at 8 p.m.

**STARTING GATE:** The Starting Gate Saloon offers live music every Friday and Saturday night from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. The Starting Gate is located at 135 N. Center St. in downtown Northville.

**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.

**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**

**LITTLE ART GALLERY:** The Little Art Gallery at Genitti's Samuel H. Little Theater in downtown Northville features two shows a month.

Michigan fine artists who would like to display their works are encouraged to contact gallery manager and artist Julie Giordano at 348-0282. The Little Art Gallery is at 112 E. Main St.

**PAINTER'S PLACE:** Northville artist Caroline Dunphy has scenes of Northville ranging from small prints of the duck crossing on Main 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.

**TOWN CENTER GALLERY:** The Town Center Gallery is located at the Novi Town Center at 43267 Crescent Blvd. Hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Call 380-0470.

**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 Clarendonville High School, 21055 Middlebelt in Livonia. The show features barbershop harmony by the Gentlemen Songsters chorus and two quartets. The Ritz, 1991 International Champions and Hulabalo, 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 Peelle at (810) 258-9601.

**LEMBERG GALLERY:** Detroit artists Holly Braunster 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. Woodworth. For more information call (810) 642-6823.

**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 6 p.m. The Water Tower Theatre is located on the campus of the Northville Regional Hospital, 41001 West Seven Mile Road in Northville. Tickets at the door are adults \$10, Seniors and youth \$9. Discount of \$1 if purchased in advance. For more information and ticket locations, call 349-7110.

**OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE:** The *Quilted Giraffe*, a two act play based on an original children's story by OCC faculty member James McMahon, will be presented at the Orchard Ridge Campus' Smith Theatre on Feb. 17 and 18 at 8 p.m. Admission is \$7.

The plot traces adventures of two slave children who live on a Georgia plantation in the 1850s. For more information, call (810) 471-7700.

**SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE:** A Mardi Gras dinner dance will be presented Feb. 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Waterman Center. A New Orleans cuisine dinner will be held at 8 p.m. Admission is \$7.

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## Plot twists stir action in 'Just Cause'

A brutal murder is committed in the Florida Everglades. Eight years later, a principled Harvard law professor tries to save the convicted man on Death Row who swears he is innocent of that crime.

For the small-town detective who investigated the killing, however, there's no question that he caught the right man — and no last-minute intervention is going to keep that cold-blooded killer out of the electric chair ... and all roads lead back to the site of that long-ago murder — where, this time, there are two intended victims.

That's the story outline for "Just Cause," a Warner Bros. release starring Sean Connery, Laurence Fishburne, Kate Capshaw, Blair Underwood and Ed Harris. The film is directed by Arne Glimcher.

The suspense thriller is based on the best-selling novel of the same name by John Katzenbach.

Connery plays Paul Armstrong, a respected Harvard law professor who, throughout his distinguished career, has vigorously opposed the death penalty. When he receives a request from Bobby Earl Ferguson (Underwood), a convict sitting on Death Row in Florida, for help in a last-minute appeal, Armstrong agrees under urging from his wife to investigate the details of a grisly murder that occurred eight years earlier.

As he strives to reexamine the evidence before Ferguson is executed, Armstrong becomes immersed in a small-town culture in which race, family ties, education and the convictions of local residents profoundly affect the attorney's ability to uncover what really happened.

Even worse, Armstrong finds himself in constant conflict with Detective Tanny Brown (Fishburne), the arresting officer on the case, who is absolutely certain of the personable, charismatic Ferguson's guilt.

Time is slipping away, and stunning revelations undermine Armstrong's certainty. Before long, he learns he has become entangled in an intricate web of deceptions that threaten his beliefs, his family and his life.

In 1991, producer Lee Rich optioned John Katzenbach's best-selling thriller in manuscript form. Katzenbach, a former crime reporter for the Miami Herald, had previously written three novels, including "In the Heat of the Summer," which was made into the movie, "The Heat of the Moment."

Connery, who is the executive producer in addition to the lead actor, was drawn to "Just Cause" by the characters in Katzenbach's novel, particularly the lead role of Paul Armstrong.

"It's an explosive story," said Connery, whose previous work as a principled upholder of the law in "The Untouchables" earned him an Academy Award and Golden Globe in 1987 as Best Supporting Actor.

"I play Armstrong, a renowned Harvard law professor who is anti-capital punishment — his position being that it's a cruel and capricious system that does out torture for torture," said Connery.

However, the character soon finds himself experiencing the reality that is found outside the ivory tower of Harvard. He discovers that he is capable of things



Laurence Fishburne as Tanny Brown and Sean Connery as Paul Armstrong co-star in 'Just Cause' from Warner Bros.

that he never thought possible.

For producer-director Arne Glimcher, "Just Cause" is a wonderful story with an extraordinary twist. As it develops and the characters begin to unfold, we realize that concrete perceptions dissolve into illusions. Each of the main characters is pushed to a point at which he discovers within himself resources he didn't know existed — an aspect of the story which I find very exciting.

"Sean is a definitive character," continued Glimcher. "His persona — that of enormous strength and power — makes Armstrong extremely compelling. In the course of the story, he goes from being an essentially passive man whose life is a rain of Harvard law professor who is anti-capital punishment — his position being that it's a cruel and capricious system that does out torture for torture," said Connery.

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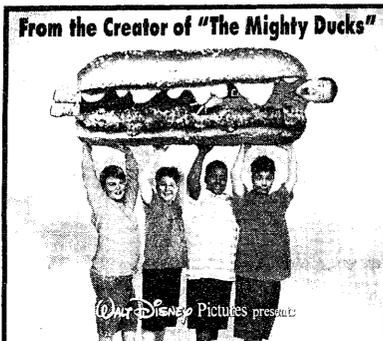
close to him.

Academy Award nominee Laurence Fishburne stars as police officer Tanny Brown, whose own passionate feelings about the murder case he had helped to investigate pervade his response to Armstrong.

"A lot of what happens in the story is totally unexpected in a way that is very attractive to an actor," said Fishburne.

"A young black man has been convicted of a heinous crime — murdering a 10-year-old girl. Tanny Brown is convinced that Bobby Earl Ferguson is guilty and should pay for his crime," he continued.

"Therefore, Ferguson's lawyer — Armstrong, an 'outsider' from the world of academia who wants to see Bobby Earl freed, represents to Tanny all that is wrong with our country's system of justice."



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## Pair of 'Cats earn wrestling league titles

By SCOTT DANIEL  
Sports Editor

It's never too late to redeem yourself, especially in wrestling. Novi High did just that Saturday. After a rough Kensington Valley Conference dual meet season (0-8), the Wildcats crowned two league champs.

Marc Lesperance won the 142-pound weight division while Mark McBride captured the 172-pound title. As a team, Novi finished fifth at the league meet ahead of Lakeland and Millard.

"It was nice to stay out of the cellar," said coach Brad Huss. "I thought we wrestled really well."

The Wildcats close the league season in sixth place.

Besides Lesperance's and McBride's championships, three other wrestlers placed.

Taka Watanabe finished second in the league at 134 pounds. Seeded No. 2, he drew a bye in round one.

Millard's Al Peabody injury defaulted to him in the second round. In the final, Watanabe faced Brighton's R.D. Diaz.

The two 134-pounders battled into overtime. Watanabe appeared to have Diaz beat with a take-down, but officials didn't make the call. Diaz then ended up getting a take-down and winning the match.

Despite the loss, Huss said Watanabe gained a lot from the match: respect.

"I think he's made a statement in the last couple of weeks," he said.

Lesperance swept through the 142-pound division. He beat Hartland's John Gabeval in the semi-final on an injury default.

The match almost cost Lesperance the title, though. He slammed the Hartland wrestler to the mat.

If Gabeval could not have continued to wrestle he would've been declared the winner. Huss said Hartland decided to send its wrestler back out so Lesperance could get the injury default and continue.

"It was a classy act on their part," said Huss.

Lesperance beat Brighton's Bill Gates in the final.

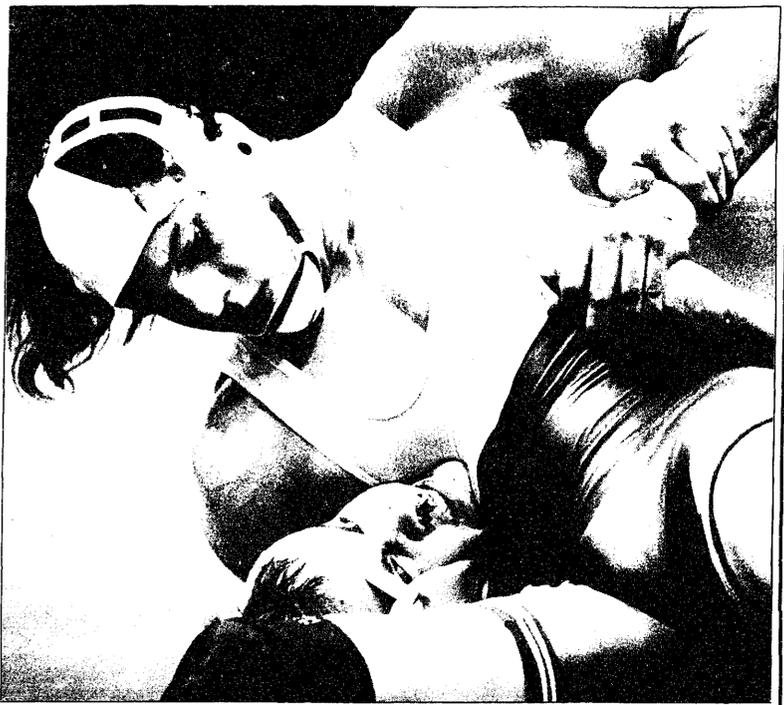
At 151 pounds, James Cini finished second. He defeated Howell's Matt Culver on a pin in round one. Cini then stopped Steve Straupe of Brighton 6-4 before falling 5-3 to Steve Richardson of South Lyon.

The senior wrestled well Huss said. But injuries that kept him out of the lineup most of the year cost Cini in terms of conditioning.

"I think it hurt him here," said Huss.

Skip Becker provided the surprise of the tournament. The 160-pounder finished third overall.

He dropped a 9-1 match to



Mark McBride muscled his way to the Kensington Valley Conference's 172-pound title Saturday at South Lyon.

## Novi cagers use overtime to edge Blue Devils 60-58

By SCOTT DANIEL  
Sports Editor

Don't tell Richmond it can't play with the big boys. The Class B Blue Devils gave Novi High all it could handle Friday night before the Cats pulled out a 60-58 win in overtime. Jason Fannon hit four clutch free throws in the final 90 seconds of the extra period to preserve the victory.

"I knew it would be a battle," said coach Pat Schluter. "They're a pretty good team."

For Novi, now 9-5 overall, it was its third straight win. The Wildcats play a key Kensington Valley Conference game tomorrow at Lakeland at 7:30 p.m.

Late in Friday's game, Novi looked like it would head into that league match up with a comfortable win.

The Wildcats led by five with about two minutes to go. But Richmond's Alan McMartin, a 6-foot-3 swingman, nailed a three-pointer to cut the deficit to two. The Blue Devils tied it at 52 with about 10 seconds left to force OT.

McMartin, who led all scorers with 30 points, got his team out to a lead in the extra frame with a three-pointer.

"It was a total momentum change," Schluter said of the shot. "But we didn't panic."

Good passing got Novi back the lead — this time for good.

Jon Wroe found Jeff Katstra open for a layup. The center then put Novi in the lead as he scored on a pass from Jim Rose.

Katstra's hoops forced Richmond's hand.

"They had to foul," said Schluter.

The Blue Devils picked the wrong fella to foul. Fannon made both foul shots with 1:30 to go. Then with 13 seconds to go he put Novi up by four with two more free throws.

Richmond scored on a tip in with time winding down. Chad Dicken held the ball out of bounds to close the game.

Schluter said he was happy to get the win.

"We didn't lose our poise," he said. "I was proud of that."

Wroe led Novi with 16 points, 10 of which came in a 21-point third quarter. Dicken had 14 and Fannon 13.

## Gymnasts whip Canton, Portage as Winn stars

By SCOTT DANIEL  
Sports Editor

Ahead of expectations.

That's where the Northville/Novi gymnastics team is at this point. The combined squad scored a whopping 141.55 points Feb. 7 to stun Canton (137.15) and Portage (129.15).

It was Northville/Novi's high score of the season. Coach Barb Winn was excited about her team's performance.

"I think everybody had a good night," she said.

The coach has viewed Canton as one Northville/Novi toughest rivals in the Western Lakes conference.

"Canton had its best lineup," Winn said of the meet.

While she said her team was "hot," she added that scores may have been inflated a bit. Winn said it's not uncommon for judges to be more generous in dual and tri meets than invitationals or state competition.

"Scores do get inflated sometimes," she said.

Winn was hoping her team would be in the high 130s at this point. If the combined squad continues on its current trend there's no telling where it might end up at season's end.

"The kids keep improving," said Winn. "I don't think we'll be in the top three (in the state), but who knows?"

Erica Winn started off last week's tri-meet on a positive note. She won the vault competition with a 9.0 — a tenth of a point ahead of Canton's Kari Jackson. Stacey Williamson was fourth in vault with an 8.75.

Mary Essary, who recently joined the squad, was tops in the uneven bars with a 9.25. Winn finished fourth with an 8.8. Portage's Wendy Johnson was second with a 9.0 and Canton's Katy Gilles took third with an 8.65.

Northville/Novi got its third straight win on the beam. Rylee Wehab registered a 9.3 while Williamson took second at 9.25 and Essary was fourth with a score of 9.0.

Gina Spinazze was the combined team's highest placer on the floor exercise. She was third with a 9.05 and Winn had a 9.0.



Mike DiClaudio finished third in the 100-yard backstroke against Fenton Thursday.

## Tankers beat Fenton 111-75

By SCOTT DANIEL  
Sports Editor

Revenge is sweet.

The Wildcat swim team extracted a good measure of it Thursday in trouncing Fenton 111-75 at home. According to coach Bill McCord, the Tigers beat Novi by nearly the same score a year ago.

"That was nice," he said. "We've shown a lot of improvement over the last year."

The Wildcats also clinched a winning season. Nov. 7-4, Novi closed the dual meet portion of its season Tuesday at Pinckney.

Thursday's meet with the Tigers started off competitively.

Novi opened the meet by taking first in the 200-yard medley relay. The team of Mike DiClaudio, Eric Kelly, Rob Mutch and Tim Kushman posted a time of 1:51.18.

Fenton won the 200-yard freestyle, but Novi swept other placings. Henry Newton was second in 2:00.89. Ken Myers was third and Andy Kelly was fourth in 2:07.5.

Myers dropped eight seconds from his previous best in the event.

Mutch came away the winner in the 200-yard IM with a time of 2:13.45. James Galford was second in 2:19.09.

Kelly swam a 23.66 for first place in the 50-yard free style while Kushman was fourth in 24.79. Mike Alberty won the diving competition with 149.35 points.

In the 100-yard butterfly, Mutch was first in 54.81 and Kushman was fourth in 1:04.88. Eric Kelly took first place in the 100-yard freestyle in 51.79. DiClaudio was fourth in 56.89 and Andy Kelly had a personal best for fifth in 58.63.

Newton won the 500-yard freestyle in 5:24.31 while John Burkhardt was second in 5:33.42 and Gibbons was third in 5:44.26. The team of Jason LeRoy, Kushman, Ryan Bush and Galford were second in the 200-yard freestyle relay in 1:40.46.

DiClaudio was Novi's top finisher in the 100-yard backstroke in 1:04.39. Novi swept the 100 breaststroke with Mike Girard taking first (1:14.56), Galford second (1:14.80) and Myers third (1:15.08).

Novi closed the meet by winning the 400-yard freestyle relay in 3:36.01. The Wildcats trailed until the final leg of the race when Eric Kelly caught and passed the Fenton anchor man. Mutch, Newton and LeRoy joined Kelly in the race.

"I think we swam pretty well and they didn't," said McCord.

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Novi embarrassed the Patriots on Feb. 7 at home. The Wildcats won nearly every event.

A brother combination led to the first of those wins. Eric and Andy Kelly, Jason and Brian LeRoy teamed to take the 200-yard medley in 1:56.99.

Mutch was a winner in the 200-yard freestyle (1:57.19). Brian LeRoy won the 200-yard IM in 2:19.64.

A time of 25.98 garnered Jason LeRoy a second in the 50-yard freestyle. Alberty won diving with 147.15 points.

In the 100-yard butterfly, Kushman was the winner with a time of 1:03.45. Mutch snagged a win in the 100 freestyle in 54.19.

Novi swept the 500-yard freestyle. Eric Kelly was first in 5:09.68. Brian LeRoy second in 5:38.68 and Andy Kelly third in 5:45.64.

The team of Kushman, Emanuel Callot, LeRoy and Mutch won the 200-yard freestyle relay in 1:44.32. Kelly finished second in the 100 backstroke in 1:03.91.

Newton won the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:12.48. The Wildcats won the 400-yard freestyle relay in 3:46.93 to close the meet.



# Spikers take third at WLW

By SCOTT DANIEL  
Sports Editor

Novi High's volleyball fortunes continue on the upswing.

A week after winning two straight league matches, the Wildcats had an impressive showing at the Walled Lake Western Invitational.

The spikers advanced out of pool play and then split a pair of championship matches for third place.

"I'm pleased with our improvement this year," coach Julie Fisetite said. "We never made it out of pool play (last year)."

Novi must stay hot to remain in the Kensington Valley Conference race. The 'Cats, in fact, play three critical league matches this week.

"We've got to sweep them all," said Fisetite.

As for the tournament, KVC rival Lakeland came away champions. Host Walled Lake Western was second.

Novi faced Western in the opening round of championship play. After a long break before the match, Fisetite said her team came out lethargic.

"I don't know what happened momentum wise," she said. "My girls were just blah."

The Warriors won the opener 15-10. Novi got as close as 12-10, but couldn't quite pull it out.

The Wildcats came back to take game two 15-13. Renee Suenkonis led her team to victory with five kills while Nichole Borashko had four. Junko Matsunaga had four serving aces.

The rubber game went back and forth with Western prevailing 15-13. After trailing 10-5, Michelle Mott served for four straight points to pull Novi within one. But Walled Lake hung on to move into the finals.

"We should've beat them," said Fisetite.

The Wildcats closed the day by sweeping Milford in the consolation round.

Novi took the opener 16-14 as



photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Ursula Place is among Novi's leaders in every statistical category. For a complete look at volleyball stats, turn to 8B.

Shaunna Yelley led the way with six kills. The Wildcats got the sweep with a 15-12 win in game two. Nicole Greu and youngsters Tara McKinney and Amber Raniilovich played well.

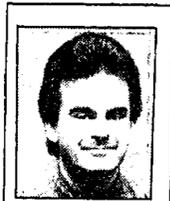
Novi opened the tournament with Redford Union. The two schools split with the Panthers

winning 15-13 and Novi taking game two 15-7.

Other pool matches included: 15-4, 15-12 wins over Walled Lake Western's "B" team and a split with Lakeland 15-6, 15-17.

"My girls went in (to the Lakeland match) really fired up," Fisetite said.

# Baseball dying a slow death



Scott Daniel

It was early morning, maybe 8:30 or so, and the sun had yet to burn off the earth's hazy sleep.

I ran out the door, glove and bat in tow, toward the end of the street. Before I could reach my destination I could hear the whine of a large mower cutting the field.

The green of the grass was muted with dew - at least where the DPW mower had missed. I stopped for a moment when I reached the other side of the bushes that separated the street from the park.

A few of my friends had beat me to the diamond. They were yelling, arguing about something and smacking softballs around the tiny infield. A water tail followed closely behind the ball.

I ran to the outfield and took my position in left. The grass clippings stuck to the top of my wet tennis shoes.

I wondered if I might play left field for the Tigers when I grew up...

Pardon me for reminiscing. You see, my sport is dying a slow death these days and I'd like to remember what it was like when it was still a game, when it was still fun.

Growing up in the '70s, baseball was, for my friends and I, a constant companion in the summer. We played twice a day, usually in the morning with the parks and recreation program and again in the afternoon on our own.

We never had enough players for two full teams when we played on our own. A pitcher, an infielder, a left fielder and a centerfielder was our normal complement.

What great games we had. We'd brag about who hit the most home runs, who got thrown out at the plate and who was the best player in the neighborhood.

I pretended I was Jim Rice when I got up to bat. I admired the Boston Red Sox left fielder for the proud and confident way he stood at the plate. He hit the hell out of the ball, too.

My buddies tried to swing like Reggie Jackson or field grounders like Alan Trammell. George Brett was god.

We followed the Tigers. When October rolled around we'd watch the World Series, no matter who was playing, then talk about it the next day in school.

And I guess that's what upsets me most about the current mess baseball is in. What does today's generation have to remember it by?

I wonder if the kids at Novi Woods Elementary or Amerman Elementary in Northville talk about the strike, or about Darryl Strawberry's legal woes, or about how badly Cecil Fielder is underpaid? I wonder if they'll be able to stay awake for any 9 p.m. World Series games when all of this is settled.

Both the players and owners are to blame for killing baseball. Sadly, it's about nothing more than the almighty dollar.

The players want salaries to continue to escalate. I guess the average player making over a million isn't enough. Who cares if families can't afford to come and see the games?

Owners want to cap what players can make. But that's not so they can keep costs down for Joe Fan. It's for their bottom line.

What a joke.

I'm not saying baseball wasn't a business when I was growing up. But you never heard players whining about money or about owners holding cities hostage for a new stadium.

All you heard about was baseball. Box scores, doubleheaders, World Series champions.

Baseball use to be our national past time. Now, it is a national disgrace.

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# Local skaters shine at nationals

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If Northville wasn't on the world's figure skating map before, it surely is now. City and former residents cleaned house at last week's U.S. nationals in Providence, R.I.

Erin Sutton, a student at St. Paul's Lutheran School, won the novice gold medal. Northville High

student John Lee took a gold in novice dance. Jerod Swallow, whose roots are in the city, and wife Elizabeth Punsalan were silver medalists in senior dance.

"I think my long program was the best," said Sutton.

The seventh grader, who trains at the Plymouth Figure Skating club, admitted to being a little nervous at her first nationals.



"I thought I was in good shape, so why did I have a heart attack?"

I've always been an active, outdoors kind of guy. I played football in high school and while in the air force. And all the time that I was a coach, I felt pretty fit. After all, I didn't want high school kids showing me up.

After I retired from coaching, I guess I wasn't quite as active. When I felt a heaviness in my chest one day, I called 911. It's a good thing I did, because I found out that I was having a heart attack. At Botsford, I got the immediate attention I needed. The doctor was really on top of things.

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In retrospect, I should have kept in better shape. I don't anticipate ever having another heart attack - and I'm working hard not to.



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