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## Communities that Care gets city go-ahead

By JAN JEFFRES  
 Staff Writer

It will take a city to raise children - at least for the next year.

A municipally-sponsored, after-school activities center for middle-school students and an expansion of the D.A.R.E. program to three years will be given a trial run, the Novi City Council decided Monday.

"One year, I'll give you one year," warned Council Member Bob Schmid, one of the most outspoken critics of the plan.

The council agreed to accept a \$232,000 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act federal grant, with the understanding that the city must chip in \$70,000 of local money. The federal grant was won by the Community That Cares Coalition, a group of educators, police officers, clergy and members of the local business community.

CTC leaders say the program will seek to keep kids busy, thereby thwarting substance abuse and other destructive behavior.

"We have very expensive new housing in Novi. We have a very good look, but what's behind the look? We have problems in the home," said CTC member Father Leslie Harding, of Holy Cross Episcopal Church.

"The coalition has got some of the answers - some. There is no perfect answer."

What concerned some council members was that the grant will begin to shrink after the second year, leaving the city by the fifth year with underwriting the annual \$375,000 costs of the program.

"This closely resembles to me what I would call drug dealer approach to the program. The first year, you're free, the second year, you're free, until they get you hooked," Council Member Craig DeRoche said.

DeRoche and Schmid questioned the potential effectiveness of the after-school activities and wondered if the children least at risk would be the ones frequenting the center, rather than potential and actual drug users.

"All of them are at risk and all of them are equally insulated by the protective factors in our community," Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer said.

A Western Michigan University survey of Novi school children in 1996 found drug and alcohol abuse levels here somewhat above the national average.

D.A.R.E. (Drug Awareness Resistance Education) is currently offered at the sixth grade level in Novi schools. That will now be extended to the eighth grade and tenth

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

## Not your parents' prom

As if stepping from the pages of a fashion magazine, Alan Lyskawa and Brooke Albright get ready for the Novi High Prom Fashion Show Thursday. The story and more photos appear on page 9.

## Atkins pleads insanity in murder trial

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
 Staff Writer

Was the obsessive love for a woman he barely knew enough for a man to storm through her place of employment with an AR-15 assault rifle, shoot repeatedly at management and police officers, and kill a man?

That's what the jury in the Gerald Atkins murder trial will have to decide in the next few weeks.

Opening arguments began Thursday, April 2, in Judge David Bree's Oakland County Circuit Court room in Pontiac. Charged with one count of first degree murder and 24 other counts including assault with intent to

### THE ATKINS TRIAL

murder, the man accused of the crimes faces the possibility of life in prison.

Atkins, now 32, was arrested Nov. 14, 1996 after allegedly going on a shooting rampage through the Ford Wixom Plant. He is accused of shooting through the security gate starting at 11:20 a.m.; killing Darrell Izzard, a

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Court pool photo by The Detroit Free Press

Nancy Izzard tells the court about her husband, Darrell.

## Novi area churches get set for Easter

Churches in the area have planned special services and events to celebrate Easter.

The following is a list of area churches and the days and times of their services:

11 a.m. Grammy nominated guest vocalist Karen Taylor-Good has been invited to perform.

For more information, call (248) 449-8900 or check out the website at [www.cotwest.com](http://www.cotwest.com).

**CHURCH OF TODAY WEST IN NOVI**, which meets at the Meadowbrook Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook Road in Walled Lake, will have as its lesson "New Beginnings" given by Barbara Clevenger, Minister on Easter Sunday, April 12, at 9 and

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY**, 24505 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, will have a Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m.; a Good Friday service at 1:30 p.m.; an Easter Vigil begins on Holy Saturday at 8:30 p.m.

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### A REPRESENTATIVE DAY

## Cruising with Cassis

Follow a State Representative through a typical day in Lansing

By JAN JEFFRES  
 Staff Writer

At a luncheon last week in Lansing, the speaker, a high-ranking, 40-something University of Michigan official talked about how life was full of possibilities for 18-year-old college students, in a way it wasn't for the diners in the banquet room.

The speaker said she saw her own "tunnel closing in."

Yet, sitting the room eating a Greek chicken lunch was Novi resident Nancy Cassis.

Cassis, a Republican, in 1996 was the first state representative from the City of Novi and the first female elected from the 38th District, winning just under 70 percent of the votes. She was 52 at the time, pretty much refuting the theory that seizing opportunities is a sport for the chronologically young.

Cassis became involved in the Novi political scene in 1983 as a spokesperson for residents upset about the downsizing of homes in platted subdivisions during an economic slump. Two years later, she was elected to the Novi City Council.

She was on the council until 1993, when she made a bid for the mayor's job and lost out.

In 1995, Novi voters put her back on the council, but when Rep. Willis Bullard, R-Milford, moved onto the state senate, Cassis saw a chance and went for it. In taking the \$53,192 a year job at the capitol, she took a pay cut.

Last week, The Novi News spent a full day with Cassis, as she went

on her rounds in Lansing.

After 16 months in office, Cassis, who serves her party as the Assistant Minority Whip, knows the ropes, but she has a new experience ahead - running as an incumbent in 1998, an election year.

Cassis said she definitely will seek a second, two-year term.

Meanwhile, in the month of March alone, her daily work calendar listed 110 appointments - a full schedule by anyone's standards.

(The filing deadline for local state elected offices is May 12 at 4 p.m. at the Oakland County Elections Division.)

7:30 A.M.

State Rep. Nancy Cassis, R- Novi, dressed in an olive green pantsuit and her trademark gold elephant bracelet, heads for the first of two breakfasts she is scheduled to attend on Wednesday, March 25.

This one, at the Lansing Center, a brisk walk from her office at the George W. Romney Building, is part of the Michigan Municipal League Legislative Conference.

Cassis says 13- to 14-hour days are typical for her; she works a 75-hour week, both in Lansing and back home in the 38th District, which includes Novi, Novi Township, the Oakland County portion of Northville, Milford, South Lyon, Lyon Township, Wixom and Walled Lake.

8 A.M.

Breakfast Number Two, with bagels and cream cheese up for

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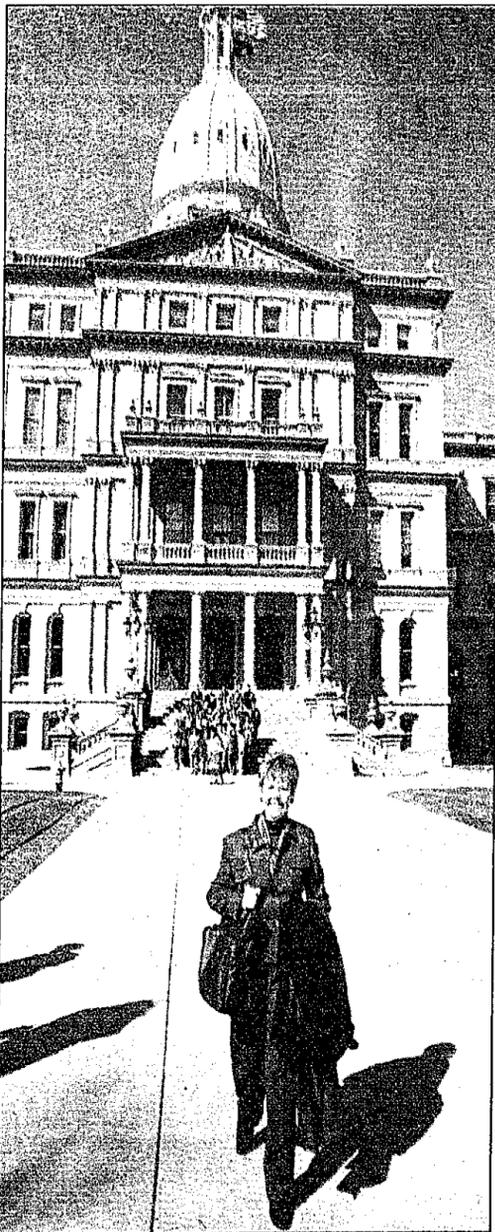


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

State Representative Nancy Cassis walks from the Capitol building back to her office after a Tax Policy hearing.

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### Thursday, April 9

**Novi Rotary**  
The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Lambright at 380-6500.

### Monday, April 13

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

### Tuesday, April 14

**Civil Air Patrol**  
The Sixgate Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Novi Middle School, 25299 Tah Rd., from 7:30-9 p.m. Adults and youths who have finished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information call 349-2669.

**Beautification Commission**  
The Novi Beautification Commission meets at 7:15 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Audience participation is welcome. For additional information contact Ernie Aruffa at 348-9136.

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

**Chess Club**  
The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tim Swanniler, 344-4269 evenings after 6 p.m.

**Optimist Club**  
The Novi Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Big Boy Restaurant on Novi Road, across from the Novi Town Center.

### Wednesday, April 15

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

### Thursday, April 16

**Novi Rotary**  
The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Lambright at 380-6500.

**ABWA**  
The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association meets at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, at 42100 Crescent Blvd. Social hour is set at 6 p.m. and dinner is served at 7 p.m. Meetings are open to all working women. For reservations, call Carol Emsley at (313) 462-0588. For membership information, call Bette Johnson at (248) 960-9559.

**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 free. For more information call 477-6100.

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

**TOPS**  
Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Meadows Clubhouse on Napier Road. For more information, call after 6 p.m. (810) 344-2167.

**Motor City Speak Easy 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 Lahoff at 348-6019 (evenings). Visitors are welcome.

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**ZONTA**  
The ZONTA Club of Farmington/Novi meets at 6 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel between Seven and Eight Mile roads., off I-275. ZONTA International is a worldwide classified service organization of executives in business and the professions, working to improve the legal, political, economic and professional status of women. For information and reservations, call (313) 538-8043.

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**Bereavement Support Group**  
A bereavement support group meets at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., from 7:30-9 p.m. The meeting will be facilitated by Dr. M. Meyer. There will be a brief prayerful reflection during the meeting by a clergy from the area.

**Optimist Club**  
The Novi Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Big Boy Restaurant on Novi Road, across from the Novi Town Center.

**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**  
The Novi Senior Social Club will meet at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center for its regular monthly business meeting.

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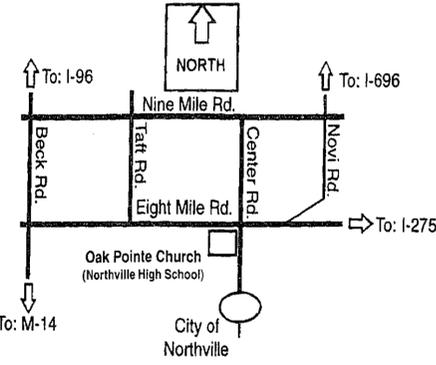
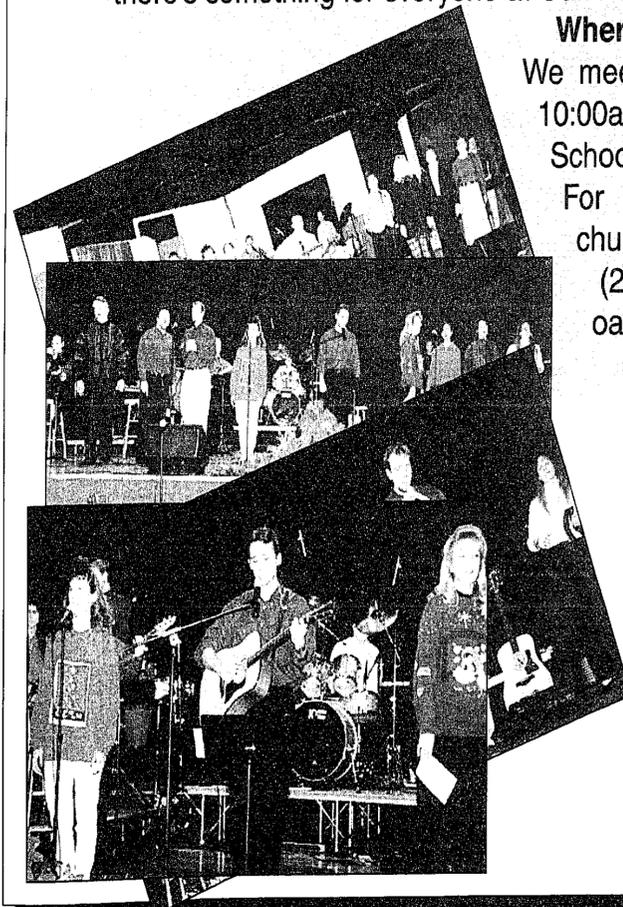
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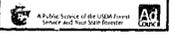
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# Gunman robs West Oaks K mart

A lone gunman brandishing a silver-barreled revolver apparently robbed the K mart store located in the West Oaks Plaza April 6 at 10:22 p.m.

The gunman is believed to have hid in the store until closing. Store employees said they were forced into the back cash office shortly after closing. The employees were then forced to put an unknown amount of money from the safe and money tubs into a duffle bag.

The gunman forced the employees out a rear exit and then escaped in an unknown direction by unknown means.

Though shaken and scared, the employees were not hurt.

The gunman is described as a white male in his mid-20s to 30s, 5-foot-6 to 6-foot tall with a medium build and light brown or blond hair. He was last seen wearing a blue or black ski mask, a jean jacket, a blue and white flannel shirt, faded jeans and tennis shoes.

A search in and around the store by Novi police officers as well as a canine unit from the VanBuren Township Police Department did not turn up the gunman. The Novi Detective Bureau, with the assistance of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department and the Michigan State Police, is continuing the investigation.

A press release issued by the Detective Bureau stated that there

## Police News

have been similar robberies in other cities.

Anyone with information regarding this robbery should contact the Novi police department.

**IRATE OVER I.D.**  
A police officer was called to the Speedway gas station at Novi Road and Ten Mile April 1 after two males became irate with an attendant who refused to sell them cigarettes.

Neither of the two men could produce I.D. proving they were over 18. The attendant said one of the men was drunk. The men left in a white Ford Tempo before a police officer arrived.

**PORTABLE COMPUTER**  
A resident of Beachwalk Apartments called Novi police after observing two young males standing near a car March 31. As the man watched, the two broke out the front passenger window and removed what appeared to be a laptop computer.

When they noticed the man, they dropped the stolen property and fled the area on bikes.

The owner of the car was contacted by police, retrieved his property and reported nothing else

missing.

**HOME BURGLAR**  
A home on Huntington Cross was burglarized April 1.

The homeowner returned home from work to find the garage door open as well as a door leading from the garage into the house. Once inside, he noticed several items missing as well as open drawers and closet doors. The responding officer noted that nothing was

stolen about, and it appears as if the suspect(s) knew where to look for the "good" stuff. Two possible latent prints were lifted off a mirrored closet door. There are no suspects.

**INDECENT EXPOSURE**  
A white male described as being 5-600-8, age 35 to 40, with brown hair and wearing a hat, a white mini Dolphins shirt and a pair of stretch pants, exposed himself to five young girls April 4 at the Twelve Oaks mall. The girls were shopping at Contempo Casuals when they noticed the man watching them. The man then flashed his private parts while smiling at the girls.

He then followed them to the Hallmark store and once again

exposed himself.

The girls left the store to report the incident to mall security. The man was said to have gone into Sears, but he could not be found. It was the second time in the past week that a man fitting the description pulled his pants down at the mall.

**CAR BREAK-INS**  
A high number of car break-ins have been reported to the Novi police department in the past week. Many of the break-ins share similarities and often have occurred in the same location during a short period of time.

On March 31, the front passenger side windows of three cars on Sagebrush in Saddle Creek were broken. In two of the incidents, the thief or thieves appeared to have crawled through the windows after clearing away the loose glass. One wallet was reported missing. All three cars had their stereos ripped from the dashboard. All three cars were parked in the same car port.

Three vehicles, two Jeep Cherokees and a Plymouth Voyager, parked at the Novi Bowl on April 1 had their front passenger windows busted out. On April 1 at the Novi Hilton, a Dodge Caravan and a Chrysler Town and Country had passenger side windows smashed.

Citizens with information are urged to call 348-7100.

**Trailer fire**  
A tractor generator fire in a trailer at Michigan Tractor led to a loss estimated at \$25,000.

The fire department was called to the Novi Road scene on April 2 at 9:19 a.m. "It did quite a bit of damage," Fire Chief Ari Lenaghan said.

## Novi Briefs

### Puppy tales

Mayor Kathy McLallen reported Monday that the newest addition of her household is doing "very well." At the Novi Chamber Auction last month, she was the high-bidder on a mixed black Labrador Retriever and Bouvier des Flandres pup, then seven weeks old.

After an executive session with members of the McLallen family, the decision was made to name the little fellow Baron.

"He is twice the size he was that night," McLallen added. "He's semi-housebroken. We're not getting new carpeting this year."

### Where there's smoke

There isn't always a fire. Fire Chief Ari Lenaghan said the department received several calls last week about a huge pile of wood chips near the Twelve Mile Road entrance of Twelve Oaks Mall.

While smoke was rising from the wet and steaming pile, no fire was present, he added.

Landscapers were trimming trees and grinding the wood into chips.

**Party planning**  
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# 'Thin air suffocated their judgment'

## Mt. Everest survivor Lou Kasischke says he wouldn't go again

By JIAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

Unbridled ambition. Obsession overriding common sense. A broken promise.

And a series of mistakes in a place where even one misstep can prove fatal.

That's what led to the death of five climbers on Mount Everest on May 10, 1996, survivor Lou Kasischke told members of the Novi and Northville Rotary Clubs at a recent meeting at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, Kasischke, a highly-experienced mountaineer then 53, headed back before reaching the summit and tried to return to his Bluebird Hills home.

Today, he questions his own motivations in making the attempt.

"I have no need to try again. I think it's insane to climb Mount Everest. I don't feel too good about myself for having chased a very selfish art. I had a mother with Alzheimer's, a wife, kids ..." he said.

"For me to be risking my life in the Death Zone is not a very responsible thing to do."

Publicity has ching to the ill-fated climb. Kasischke was a customer of the firm Adventure Consultants Guided Expeditions.

led by his owner Rob Hall, one of three guides who perished on the mountainside. The two others who died were clients.

Journalist Jan Krakauer, who was on the Hall trip, wrote the bestselling book "Into Thin Air." That was made into an \$5 million TV movie that Kasischke called "a piece of trash." Due out later this year is "The Death Zone," a Universal Studios version of the story filmed with a \$100 million budget.

"Jon Krakauer wrote 'Into Thin Air' and made himself look good. Krakauer said good things about me, so I always say his book is a good book," he said.

Kasischke is working on his own book about the incident, which he said will be a more reflective account of what he calls "a nightmare that led to a journey of self-discovery."

As he described it, the Everest expedition was a lesson in personal responsibility aired out on a stage ranging from 26,000 to 29,000 feet above sea level.

"I could see how ambition, as well as sheer will to succeed if pushed to extremes could kill you. This is what killed my friends," he told the Rotary members.

"Thin air just suffocated their

"Not a day goes by that I don't wish this experience never happened. I have this overwhelming need to conduct my life in a way that may justify my survival."

Lou Kasischke

good judgment ... The storm came after all the mistakes were made."

Kasischke, a lawyer, trained one full year - the last three months of it full-time - before traveling to Nepal for the climb. He ran, cross-country skied and trekked in snowshoes.

Scaling Mount Everest is a two and a half month, \$65,000 per person prospect. Mountaineering at that level, Kasischke said, is a sport that demands absolute perfectionism. Yet on that May 10

almost two years ago, experienced professional made mistakes that led to tragedy.

The Hall team headed toward the summit from their fourth camp, 26,000 feet up, at 11:30 p.m. Oxygen at that altitude is one-third of that at sea level and temperatures ranged as low as 40 degrees below zero, not factoring in wind

chill. For every five people to reach the top, one will die, Kasischke said.

"The reason it's known as the Death Zone is because your body is dying minute by minute," he explained.

"At this altitude, no one has the physical strength to help anybody else. What matters most here is individually. You can't make a mistake, even a small one."

Prior to leaving camp, Hall made each climber vow to turn around and head back down by 1 p.m., regardless if the others had however the promise they made about the turn-around time, they would have

breed, he said.

"If I said yes, I would be right there forever, entombed on Everest's ice and snow, but what I see right now are my friends on the flanks of Mount Everest. They're

five or six breaths, shift your weight and take another step. It felt like running as fast as you can and then trying to breathe through a small straw," Kasischke said.

By 11:30 a.m., he said he realized that at 400 feet from the summit, he'd never make it to the top and safely back again. Already, the weather was changing, the wind was getting stronger and snow was falling.

"One voice, the voice of unbridled ambition said just do it, go for it, just tough it out, others are going, it must be okay," Kasischke said.

"That inner voice of personal responsibility spoke even louder and yelled out, you'll get to the top, but you'll die going down and you may very well risk others lives."

He also couldn't forget that he had promised his wife, Sandy, to come home.

So Kasischke headed back to camp, sheding a dream he'd cherished through a year of physical training. If the others had however the promise they made about the turn-around time, they would have

breed, he said.

"I have this overwhelming need to conduct my life in a way that may justify my survival."

here for eternity with the wind and the snow and the ice," he added.

"I've often wondered today if Bob was behind me and I said, 'I'm considering turning around,' if he would have talked me into going."

Following the tracks left in the snow by climbers, he made it back to the camp by 4:30 p.m. By then, he was snowed-out, frustrated in most fingers and a toe.

He spent a hellish night in a tent as hurricane-strength winds blew at the canvas, before forcing himself to climb down to the base camp.

In five days, he was on a plane heading home.

Kasischke remains in touch with other survivors of the expedition. Not long ago, he recalled Hall's widow in New Zealand.

"I asked her about the turn-around. I could just see her in New Zealand giving me a shoulder shrug when she said, 'I don't know,'" he said.

Kasischke said he feels good about his decision.

"Not a day goes by that I don't wish this experience never happened," he added.

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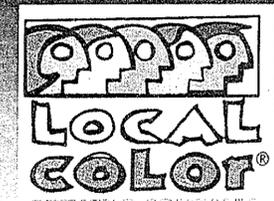
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## Beanie Babies stopped at the border

By CHRIS C. DAVIS  
Staff Writer

When Kim Haynes' van approached the U.S. Customs border on the Canadian side of the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel last week, she was relatively certain she'd be on her way back to Novl in a matter of moments.

Thirty minutes later, customs officers completed the sweep of her vehicle and found the items they'd been searching for — Beanie Babies — and they confiscated the popular stuffed animals.

How did a bus full of Girl Scouts returning from a weekend in Toronto get caught up in a sea of importation laws? That's what Haynes was wondering.

The trade story actually began a few months back. After doing a number of fund raisers, Haynes and the Girl Scouts had earned ample money to travel to Toronto to watch "Phantom of the Opera" at the Pantages Theater.

The girls, packed into six vehicles, left for the Ontario metropolis March 27. When they arrived in Toronto, they discovered they had a small window of opportunity between dinner and the show time to do some shopping at the nearby Eaton Centre. At the mall, the girls purchased 12 of the highly-prized collectible stuffed dolls.

"We didn't think anything of it," Haynes said. "No one at the store made any mention to us about it."

The girls played with their dolls and some even took them to bed with them that evening, Haynes said.

When the van full of girls was stopped at American customs at the Windsor Tunnel, however, they were informed by the agent on duty



These Girl Scouts had Beanie Babies confiscated by Customs at the U.S.-Canada border.

that trademark restrictions put in place by the manufacturer required that all but one of the Beanie Babies needed to be either returned to the store or surrendered at the spot.

The confiscation of the dolls caused a stir among the girls and chaperones. Haynes said Erin, her daughter, wound up feeling sick to her stomach for the remainder of the trip home.

Ironically, the agent didn't ask if items such as drugs, firearms or alcohol were in the vehicle. Furthermore, she said another car in the troop's caravan of vehicles proceeded through the booth with relative ease, despite carrying a comparable number of Beanie Babies.

Customs agents are not required to ask the same questions to every person traveling across the border.

"I thought it was an April Fool's joke," Haynes said.

Because Beanie Babies are manufactured in both the U.S. and Canada under trademark, executives on both side of the border are looking after their wallets, Kruczek said.

"It's absolutely capitalism at its best," he said. "The store owner in Canada won't tell you about these rules. He wants to make money from you."

And as for the frequency of Beanie Baby seizures? Kruczek pointed and sighed.

"We've been inundated with these things," he said. "It's unbelievable."

Though it appeared Friday as if a release of the captive toys had been brokered, Haynes said it was a bitter-sweet victory.

"If we had known about the policy, we wouldn't have bought them," Haynes said. "I'm concerned about other people who may go over there and not know about this."

Haynes took up her concerns in a two-page letter to Ty management.

"The entire troop is both saddened and outraged that Ty has established the trademark import policy without making arrangements to let U.S. citizens know about this trademark limit of one Beanie Baby per person," she wrote. "If we parents had been informed, we would have explained this to our children and limited our purchases accordingly."

Ty, Inc. did not return calls.

And from AAA's Tourbook devoted to Ontario:

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## Rules for bringing products back?

Talk about confusing — depending on what publication you look at, tourists could get in a real mess bringing goods back from other countries, including Beanie Babies. Here's an excerpt from the U.S. Customs' Official brochure "Know Before You Go."

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## Tastebud's Cafe opens in Pheasant Run mall

By CAROL DIPPLE  
Feature Editor

Tastebud's Cafe has brought a change of pace to the palates of former Sam's Cafe patrons and others who live nearby the new Pheasant Run Plaza restaurant in Novi. Co-owned by long-time friends Dennis and Kathy Behren, and Laurie and Danny Kort, the opening of Tastebud's Cafe on Saturday, March 21, ended an eight-month search for a restaurant business to purchase.

Dennis has had the name Tastebud's in his mind for a couple of decades.

"Whenever I got a restaurant, that was what I was going to name it," Dennis said. "Because we want to please everybody's tastes."

Big sellers so far include the Penobscot Mushroom Sandwich on an onion roll and the Apple Smoked Tenderloin Sandwich, according to Laurie and Danny. Sandwiches range in price from \$4.95 to \$6.95.

The restaurant seats 84 with room for 35 to 40 more on the patio during warm weather.

Open 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. six days a week and 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Sunday, the new eatery is already assembling regular customers.

"When the weather breaks we will open the patio and stay open till dark," Laurie said.

Beginning Wednesday, April 8, Tastebud's will open for diners Wednesday through Saturday until 8 p.m.

Early diners will be able to choose from a catch of the day and fresh pastas from 4 to 6 p.m.

Appetizers starting at \$4.95, soups, half a dozen different salads from the \$2.50 house salad to the \$6.95 Tastebud's Special Salad, sandwiches and burgers at \$4.95 to \$6.95, a children's menu, lunch entrees, pastas as well as breakfast offerings which are served until 10:30 a.m. on weekdays and all day on Sunday, make the menu completely different than that offered as part of the full-service Gourmet Express Catering business which the Korts also own.

During the two-week renovation after the couples purchased Sam's Cafe, family and friends painted, sewed curtains to separate the booths, hung wallpaper and pictures, and had booths reupholstered where necessary.

"The decor, which was either



Tastebud's Cafe chefs Don Morgan, Danny Kort, and Dennis Behren show some of the new Novi eateries' creations.

dressed up to go in is great."

Laurie, a 1981 graduate of Northville High School and Danny, a 1976 graduate of Walled Lake Western High School, have five children ages 3 to 13 and live in New Hudson. The Behrens, whose children are grown, live in

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# Ice Cats will rule at Novi Ice Arena

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

Danny Meyers is just three years old and he already has something to put on his resume.

He's named the official hockey team of the new Novi Ice Arena — the Novi Ice Cats.

And Jeffrey Russell, 9, won the contest to design the team's logo — a bright red wheel with a black and white cat's head on a jersey in red, white, blue and gray.

As their reward, the boys will be attending a Detroit Red Wings game tonight. Presumably each with a companion old enough to drive him to the event.

Jeffrey Russell, a trustee with Community Clubs of Novi, which is overseeing the ice arena, announced the winners at Monday's Novi City Council meeting.

The contest drew 287 entries,

but Ice Cats prevailed, because it's a spin-off of the Novi High School's moniker, the Wildcats.

"It wasn't easy, getting through all them," Russell said.

The Novi Ice Arena is expected to open in August at the Novi/Ten Mile Road site, according to Novi Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis. Some 1,200 children have signed up to play with either the house teams or the travel teams.

Danny had some help from his dad, his winning entry form notes. But he's clearly a hockey fan already. He was wearing a Steve Yzerman jersey when he showed up to collect his Red Wings tickets.

Jeffrey's jerseys will stand out at that brand-new arena.

"It's really sharp looking. We're looking forward to seeing it on the ice," Russell said.



# More teachers may leave school district

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
Staff Writer

Novi Community Schools is offering certain teachers an early exit with a newly adopted Severance Incentive Plan.

Approved by the Novi Board of Education last month, the plan allows teachers to get additional pay to leave the district without filing for retirement. The idea, according to officials, is to weed out the highly paid senior staff and replace them with newer teachers who fall lower on the pay scale.

"Given the projected cost savings over time we thought it was prudent thing to offer at this time," said Ray Byers, president of the board. "And it allows for a refreshing of staff in a timely manner."

Under the requirements, 67 staffers would be eligible to take advantage of the plan if they so choose.

While the district can't cite specific cost savings, Robert Schram, executive director of personnel, said it's significant enough to make worthwhile. It is designed so the costs of the incentive are recouped within one year's period of time.

During the last union contract negotiations, the district agreed to offer one incentive program in a three year period, said Robert Schram, executive director of personnel.

Novi Community School District or with 15 years in Novi and 30 years experience in education is eligible to receive a payment of 35 percent of their base salary plus \$200 for each year in Novi schools. Paid out within one year, the plan financially supports itself, said Schram.

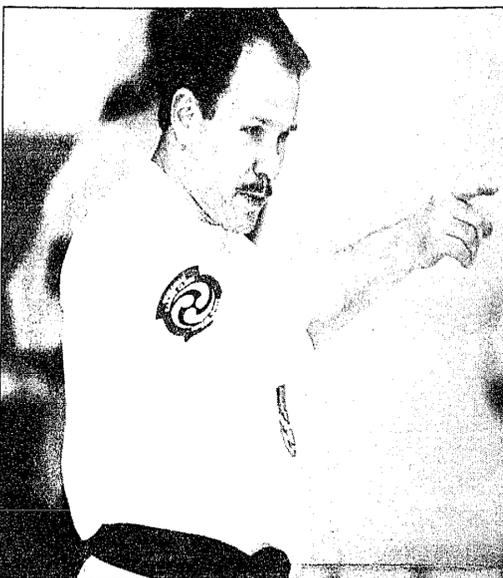
For instance, a teacher making \$60,000 a year with 20 years of experience will earn several payments totaling \$26,000 in the first year they leave the district. The benefit is they don't have to file for retirement status under that state and can work in other capacities if they choose without any restrictions. At any time, they can file for retirement status and earn a pension.

In 1996, ten teachers retired early from the district in exchange for one year's salary spread out over ten years in addition to the Michigan retirement package.

The board negotiated the deal in previous months in closed session and approved the consent agenda, which gets passed without discussion.

"It's a matter of timing," said Schram. "We need to get it accomplished to determine the staffing needs for next year."

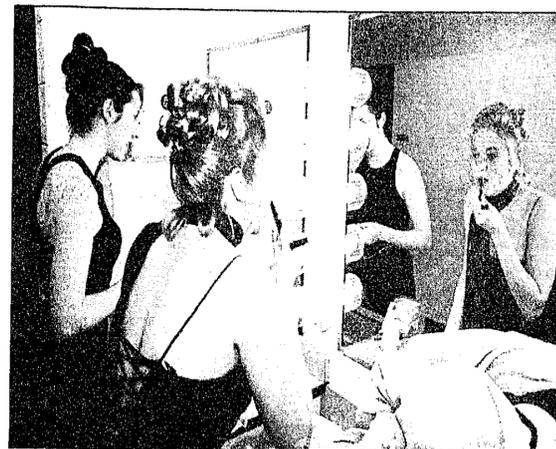
Schram said the teachers must have 45 days to consider the offer and seven days after accepting to change their minds according to the law. He noted the district cannot discriminate by age.



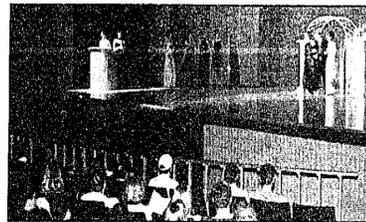
## Put to the test

A line of Okinawan Karate Club students are put through a test by instructor Ron Carter during Friday evening's Karate Family Shiai at the Novi Middle School. Carter put the youngsters through their paces Friday evening at the Novi Middle School. The kids were being tested for their 2nd and 3rd level belts.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER



Seniors Katie McClatchure and Jennifer Rowell, above, apply makeup moments before the school's Prom Fashion Show. At right, the spotlight hits the stage and 1998 Prom Fashion Show gets underway last Thursday. Below, all dressed to the nines, one lucky guy escorts a couple of young ladies down the runway.



# Fashion High Novi students put on the ritz

By ERIC DOBSON  
Staff Writer

They swayed and strutted. They grooved and glided. Once or twice they even stumbled down the short catwalk. But they did it with style ... and attitude.

They looked good, the tight feeling of bunched nerves in their chests 'lost to the lights, the music, the cheering from the crowd, and they knew it.

All dressed up and the Novi High School Prom Fashion show was the only place to go.

The girls were glammed, dresses flowing and classic for some, for others short and to a Hollywood point. The Oscars, or some big A movie premiere would be lucky to have these ladies flashing their smiles for the fans.

The guys were guys. This wasn't their fathers' fashion show. Gone were the powder blue polyester tuxedos with the ruffled shirts and cumbersome cummerbunds. Sunglasses and sleek tuxedos, a blinding white number crowned with a top hat for guy, and confident strides filled with young swagger and enthusiasm.

Over 260 parents, teachers and students came to see the 60 some juniors and seniors that modeled the fashions for the fifth annual event that lasted an hour and a half, but took three months to plan. The planning, which included arranging for local merchants to donate the dresses and tuxedos, flowers and raffle prizes that were given out during the shows breaks, also included entertainment by the students.

Two dance numbers, which included a Waltz and the Cha Cha, by Matt and Rachel Eastham were the big crowd pleasers. Sophomore John Kohl performed magic, and a quartet made up of Brandon Bear, Brent Cavarella, Matt Hoy and Clayton Perry covered Boyz To Men in two musical numbers.

Masters of Ceremonies were 1999 class president Alaina Chipponeri and vice president Jessica Cash. The two were largely responsible for the success of the show.

"We worked on this for so long," said Chipponeri. "I'm really happy with how it turned out."



Checking their makeup, hair and ties, Novi High students, above, prepare for the Prom Fashion Show. Below, senior Adam Stricker poses at the end of the runway in a tuxedoed three-piece suit with vest.

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## Novi students hear from dad who lost son to drunk driver

By ERIC DOBSON Staff Writer

The music that rolls through the high school auditorium is soft, smooth and rolling, almost lulling with the lights dimmed, white brightness coming from the huge screen hanging over the stage. The students are quiet, and the whir of the slide projector can be heard as the first picture slides into place, beams onto the screen. A handsome young man in a tuxedo, boutonniere pinned to his lapel, smiles out at the camera, at the high school students watching from their seats.

More pictures. The same young man with similarly dressed friends, their dates on their arms. They're all smiling, eyes capturing the memories as the camera captures them. A sleek white limousine stretches through the next picture, the young man and his date waving from an open door. The whir of the projector and then the boy stands with his father who's helping with the bow tie.

Another click and time slips by. Hours, days, weeks and the young man is gone, his smile on a roll of film and his family and friends' memories are all that remain. And the car of course. The rear end pushed forward, shattered glass, metal ripped and jagged from the crash, later from the jaws of life that pried at the its seams in hopes of rescuing the six friends trapped inside.

Five of them were injured. One died. His name was, is, Jeremy St. Cry. On May 24, 1997 he was killed by a drunk driver. As the pictures keep sliding by they show his casket being carried from a church, mourners at graveside.

The music stops, the lights come up and the silence hangs.

Jeremy St. Cry's father, Richard St. Cry, spent the morning with the students of Novi High School on April 7. He told the story of his son who was killed nearly a year ago by

a drunk driver. St. Cry, along with family members of other young people who have been killed because of drunk drivers, started up Broken Dreams. Their mission is to eliminate drunk driving. Since his son's death, St. Cry has spoken at schools and with students about what they can do to help solve this problem.

"There's been a very good response," said St. Cry. "A lot of kids who haven't thought about it are now joining SADD, or other organizations that they can get involved in."

St. Cry stressed that the main emphasis of his presentation is to show the students that the effort that they give is lasting one in the community. What young people do has a positive effect and they make a difference as well as change the views of their communities. He said students should get involved, that even the little things can make a big difference.

Kids and parents need to have an agreement, a dialog, that if they have been drinking, that it's all right to be able to call home and ask for help. St. Cry said. Or if they have been with someone who is drinking that should be able to know they can call their parents without worrying about punishment.

"I'm not advocating drinking for minors," said St. Cry. "But I know there are situations they may get into where they shouldn't drive. That's the kind of deal I had with Jeremy. In those situations you just want to get them home."

Novi police officer Jarrod Hart, who for the past three years has been working with Novi High School's SADD chapter, said that there are more deaths caused by alcohol-related traffic accidents than from guns, but with the help of young adults and programs such as SADD and MADD, something

can be done.

"We put on several different programs through out the year," said Hart. "This is something that is going to pull at their hearts. They're going to see here and think that this could be my dad, or mom my up there talking about me."

Novi High School's SADD chapter has about 60 members and has been operating for some 15 years, said class sponsor Gail Graves. Once a month the students get together to plan upcoming events and programs.

"When we get back from spring break, we're going to be doing the Prom Promise," said Graves. "When the students buy their prom tickets, there will be a form that they fill out. They promise that they won't drink and drive. Also each person that attends the prom will receive money for a phone call so that in case they do drink they can call their parents with no questions asked."

Nikki Hart, Novi High School's SADD president, said she was pleased with the assembly and was grateful that St. Cry spoke about the loss of his son.

"I made it my goal at the beginning of the year to get SADD's message out to the students in school," said Hart. "And to have a speaker who lost someone so recently, I think that has more of an impact than if it happened ten years ago. The message is still the same, but it has more of an effect on us." In 1996, the United States saw an increase in alcohol-related deaths with more than 17,000 fatalities. Of those deaths, some 2,315 were youngsters between the ages of 15 and 20. In Oakland County, nearly 7,000 drivers were arrested for driving under the influence in 1996, and there were some 1,300 car accidents that involved drinking and driving.

## Novi has openings for summer jobs

By ERIC DOBSON Staff Writer

The hot, lazy days of summer are fast approaching. But for many Novi teens, summer will hardly be filled with idle days watching too much television or hanging out at Twelve Oaks Mall.

Novi High School's SADD chapter has about 60 members and has been operating for some 15 years, said class sponsor Gail Graves. Once a month the students get together to plan upcoming events and programs.

"There's a philosophy, then there's a need," said Marilyn Troshak, Deputy Director for Novi Parks and Recreation. "Number one, the need is to fill the jobs. Without scorekeepers and park attendants and people like that, we'd never be able to have facilities open."

Troshak said that there are certain jobs available through the city that are best suited for teenagers. Such jobs include scorekeepers and day camp junior leaders. While that don't pay as much as other jobs offered through the city, the minimum age is only 14 and they give the teens a chance to work

outside in a fun environment.

There's a lot competition with McDonald's and companies that can afford to pay more for employees. Troshak pointed out that while these jobs pay more, working for the Parks and Recreation Department often can turn into a long-term experience for the teens.

"Depending on what they want to do, like working in the day camps or at one of the recreation stations, that's a life-long learning experience for them," she said. "If they go into education, or recreation, if they go into any kind of 'people business,' this is really good experience for them."

Marilyn Troshak

Recreation Department is more flexible with the hours that younger teens are scheduled to work.

While many of the positions have been filled for the upcoming summer, applications will be accepted until all positions are filled. An information table with job postings, hours and pay, as well as application forms, is located in the Novi Civic Center.

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## CTC gets go-ahead from city

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grade. If the D.A.R.E. program is not expanded from one year, Sheriff said the city should consider abolishing it altogether. Law enforcement studies have shown reduction in drug use by children who are in the program for three years, he explained, but figures aren't impressive for a one-year program. City Manager Ed Fiewel suggested that in the fifth year, a ballot question on continuing the project should be put before voters.

The council also cautioned Sheriff and CTC coordinator Beth Belter that it will review the program annually. "If we see after a year or two that it's something that is not working for us, we don't want to see money going into a program that's not working," Belter said.

Some 70 percent of middle-school children living within Novi but attending four school districts (Novi, Northville, South Lyon and Walled Lake) are expected to attend the activities centers. Transportation will be provided by Novi schools buses.

## NOVI DRUG USE

A 1996 survey of the Novi Community School District by Western Michigan University researchers found that lifetime use of drugs and alcohol was somewhat higher among Novi teens than in the national average. When broken down by types of illicit drugs, Novi teens significantly surpassed the national average in use of hallucinogens, inhalants and marijuana. While 326 eighth graders and 291 tenth graders were surveyed, the only national scores offered were for 12th graders. In Novi, 245 12th graders were interviewed for the study.

Drugs used	Novi 12th Graders	National Average
Any illicit drug	50.6%	45.6%
Illicit drug, other than marijuana	35.1%	27.6%
Non-cocaine		
Inhalants	25.7%	17.7%
Hallucinogens	20.4%	11.4%
Alcohol	78.1%	80.4%
Cigarettes	63.5%	62%
Smokeless tobacco	27%	30.7%
Steroids	1.6%	2.4%

For Council Member Kathy Mutch, CTC's efforts with middle-schoolers will benefit the community as a whole.

"We live in a community where shoplifters who are 12 to 13 years old increase the prices of the goods we buy," Mutch said.

Still, DeRoche and Schmid questioned how much the city should intervene in children's lives.

"Many times, use of drugs and alcohol arise out of families putting their children at risk by the way they raise their kids. It's the parents' responsibility, not the village's or the city's to raise a kid," DeRoche said.

## Tornado drill

As Novi Woods Elementary School art teacher Cinda Riley looks on, her classroom takes cover in a school hallway last Thursday during

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# 'We had no idea how serious the situation was' - Deb Myers

**By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer**

Debra Myers seems none too happy she is "fired as the reason accused murderer Gerald Atkins was over the edge, allegedly shooting his way through the Ford Wixom Assembly Plant Nov. 14, 1996, killing Darrell Izzard and injuring three others.

Myers testified Friday, April 3, that despite Atkins' assertion his love for her was reciprocal on her part, she was not at all snitten.

They first met, she told the jury, on Oct. 6, 1996. She was at a Wixom bar, the type where everybody knows your name. She and many of her fellow co-workers at the Ford Plant down the road came often to hang out.

Atkins sat down next to her and a friend and began to tell his life story. He told her he was in the army and was about to be court-martialed.

She listened politely but also gave him the "cold shoulder."

"I really didn't care to know about this," she said. "I really didn't care for it."

Atkins was polite and intelligent, not rude or bizzare. After a while, he "kind of got the hint and just moved down" the bar, Myers said.

The next Monday she saw him again. He was at another part of the bar, causing a disturbance. She said he appeared to be harassing a co-worker's wife, trying to pick her up.

"If you're not going to hang her," she overheard Atkins tell the husband. "I will."

Myers said she intervened. "I think it would be a good idea if you left the bar right now," she told him. And he did.

About a week after that he came into the bar

and sat down at her table.

"What am I, your mission or something?" she asked him, telling the jury the word mission caught his attention.

"You're a pest," she continued. "You're not going to get any."

They then moved from the table.

Yet another time, Atkins was in the bar hanging from his table.

"He was howling, being obnoxious. Trying to be a pest," she said. People were getting annoyed. She took his beer and moved it.

"It's time for you to go," she told him. "You're not wanted here." And again he left at her request.

The next time she was at the bar, employees told her Atkins had been calling and asking for her. Everyone considered it a joke.

"We had no idea how serious the situation was," she said.

Another time she learned someone had called to ask her ring size. It seemed a mystery man wanted to buy her a wedding ring. She couldn't think of who it was, she said.

Then the phone rang, and it was Atkins.

Enough was enough, she said.

"You're wasting your time. The answer is 'no,'" he told her. "Don't call me 'no,' she told the courtroom.

Yet, once more, he appeared at the bar. Only this time he was outside looking in the windows because he had been told not to come back.

Thinking the direct approach was the best approach, she said she went outside.

"Don't ask for me anymore. I'm thinking about getting a restraining order on you," she



Court pool photo by the Detroit Free Press

**Debra Myers testified Friday.**

That was the last time she heard from him.

During the Myers' testimony, Atkins glanced her way. But she rarely looked at him.

After she exited the witness stand, Myers went to where Darrell Izzard's widow, Nancy Izzard, sat and squeezed her hand.

# Friends comfort, support widow of slain supervisor

**By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer**

The wife of the man murdered in the Nov. 14 1996 Wixom Plant shootings is not alone in the Pontiac Circuit Court courtroom as she faces the man accused of the crime.

Stocked with seat cushions, candy and crossword puzzles, nearly a dozen men and women each day take their places in the seats behind Nancy Izzard and her adult children.

"We're just here to support her physically and emotionally," said Northville resident Tina Fresco, a friend of the Izzard family since 1980. "A nice back rub or neck rub helps."

A victim's advocate also joins the family each day, explaining the court proceedings.

Words of encouragement and gentle hugs help Nancy, her daughter and two sons get through the trial of Gerald Atkins for the murder of Darrell Izzard, expected to last two to three weeks.

Before she testified last Thursday afternoon, friends squeezed her hand, and rubbed her shoulders.

"We're praying for you," someone whispered. "You're not alone up there."

Nancy took the stand to show the jurors the murder victim as a husband of 23 years, a father of three and a hard worker at the Wixom Ford Plant where he was a supervisor.

She smiled as prosecutor Cheryl Matthews passed around an 8X10 color photo of Darrell Izzard. She smiled out of nervousness and pride, she later said.

"To see a picture of him makes me smile," she said.

"You can't look at a picture of him without smiling," her daughter Kim said, referring to her dad's sense of humor.

While her friends are support to her, Nancy is inspiration to them.

"She's a witness to her faith," said Fresco. "It's quite amazing how the family puts it in a way that's not negative. It's not vengeful or hateful. They are full of wisdom and gentleness and this is a horrible time in their life."

Many of the women talk about Nancy and Darrell's kindness.

Pearl Papazian lives in the Millard neighborhood where the Izzards lived until they recently moved to Brighton.

"When I first moved in, everyday (Nancy) called to see how things were going. Her husband was the same. They would do anything for you," Papazian said.

"She's got a lot of faith," she said. "I don't know how she does it."

# 'Not one expert is going to tell you he's insane' - Cheryl Matthews

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Supervisor he never met; and shooting numerous management personnel and police officers until he was captured in a drainage ditch trying to escape. The incident stopped traffic on I-96 freeway for hours.

The trial is not so much about whether Atkins committed the crimes, but whether he should be found not guilty by reason of insanity.

Atkins' attorney, Herb Larson, claims Atkins was delusional, but during opening arguments Assistant Prosecutor Cheryl Matthews told the jury of eight men and six women that by the end of the trial they would not agree.

"You're going to think he's a real weird guy with some strange beliefs, but not insane," she said.

Although she has 100 names on the witness list, Matthews plans to call only a handful to prove the "mayhem" and terror he reigned on

# THE ATKINS TRIAL

asked for her around the Wixom plant where she worked and even thought a wedding ring for her.

He was upset he couldn't get in touch with her and thought management in the plant was behind it. He came "irate" when he came upon Ford political literature one day.

His boss, James Iaquinto, told the jury that Atkins told him he would have to go in to the plant to save her and could get past the security gate with a diversion, maybe a smoke bomb.

"I have a bullet for anyone who tries to stop me," Iaquinto said Atkins told him.

"This was not a sane man who

did these actions," Larson told the jury. "Based on the evidence, only a delusional man would commit an act of this magnitude for the attention of a woman - the object of his obsession."

His mission, said Larson, was not to kill Izzard, but "to rescue Debra in some maniacal way."

But Matthews told the jury that Atkins held a skilled machinist's job and had a history of threatening to hurt people.

Iaquinto testified that Atkins had threatened to beat up his brother because he had no respect for him. And one night at a local bar, Iaquinto said, Atkins wanted to "have some fun" with bouncers who made him leave on account of his poor behavior.

He thought they were involved in a drug conspiracy and "he would put a bullet in every one of those mother f---ers if it were up to him," Iaquinto said.

"Jerry was always talking like that, about military tactics, threat-

ening-wise. I never saw him make good on those threats," Iaquinto said.

Matthews also asked Iaquinto if he had heard Atkins talk about other women.

Yes, he said, Atkins spoke about a married woman he slept with and spoke to in the weeks before the incident. He also spoke of having a son by another woman.

Larson had asked the jury to reduce the first degree murder charge to second degree, but Matthews said in her argument that the killing was premeditated.

Atkins had 300 rounds for his semi-automatic rifle strung around his waist and had left a backpack with clothing, a canteen, a gas mask and rations in a field.

Matthews told the jury that Atkins said in a video statement his goal was "to take out the communist bastards managing the place."

She said the defendant looked for management, and would identify them by the white shirts and ties they would wear, and that they'd carry a two-way radio.

"If you had a two-way radio you were a mark," Matthews said.

Several hourly employees, security and management personnel were repeatedly asked by Matthews if his targets could be identified as management by their dress and son by another woman.

Matthews asked jurors to use common sense when considering the insanity plea.

"Not one single expert is going to tell you he's insane," she said.

Matthews said he is cool and calculating in his two-hour videotaped confession, which will be shown in court, probably Thursday, she said.

She said he is describing the proudest moment of his life the day he got the whole world's attention.

"Give him what he wants," she said. "Give him what he deserves - find him guilty on all counts."

# Area churches get ready for Easter celebrations

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and on Easter Sunday the regular Mass schedule of 7:30, 8:45, and 10:30 a.m., and 12:15 p.m. will be observed.

For more information, call the church at 349-8847.

**WARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.** Six Mile Road West of Haggerty. Maundy Thursday Service of the Shroud at 7:30 p.m.; Good Friday, April 10, a Good Friday Community Service from noon until 3 p.m. with short messages so you can come when you can and leave when you must. On Easter Sunday a Sunrise Service will be held in the chapel at 7 a.m., an Easter Service in the sanctuary at 8:30, 10 and 11:30 a.m. and an Evening Service and Commert of Prayer in the Chapel at 7 p.m.

For more information, call the church at (248) 374-7400.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE.** 200 E. Main in Northville, will have a Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 7:30 p.m. on April 9. On Good Friday, April 10, there will be a combined service at First United Methodist Church of Northville at 7:30 p.m. On Easter Sunday, April 12, regular services will be held at 9:30 and 11 a.m.

For more information, call First Presbyterian Church at 349-0911.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE.** 777 West Eight Mile Road, will have a Maundy Thursday Holy Communion service at 7:30 p.m. on April 9. On Good Friday, April 10, there will be a community service at 7:30 p.m. Easter Sunday begins with a Sunrise Service at 7:30 a.m. A breakfast will be served at 8 a.m. Two more services are scheduled on Easter Sunday - at 9:15 and 11 a.m.

For more information, call the church at 349-1144.

**OUR LADY OF VICTORY CHURCH.** 770 Thayer Boulevard in Northville, will have a morning Mass on Holy Thursday, but

there will be a 7:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration until midnight. The schedule for Good Friday is no morning Mass, noon Stations of the Cross, 1 p.m. Liturgy of Good Friday, and a 7 p.m. Tenebrae Service. The Blessing of Food begins at 1 p.m. on Holy Saturday with the Easter Vigil Liturgy beginning at 8 p.m. On Easter Sunday, Masses have been scheduled for 7:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. in the church, and 9 and 11 a.m. in both the church and in the social hall.

For more information, call the church at 349-2621.

**THE MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.** 21355 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, will have a catered dinner at 6 p.m. on Maundy Thursday, April 9, followed by a Communion and Confirming of Confirmands, on April 10. Good Friday, Meadowbrook will participate with the Novi clergy at the ecumenical service at Holy Family Church at noon. There will be two services on Easter Sunday - 9 and 11 a.m.

For more information, call 348-7757.

**ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.** 201 Elm Street in Northville, will have a Maundy Thursday worship at 7:30 p.m. On Good Friday, there will be a Holy Communion Service at 1 p.m. with a worship service at 7:30 p.m. On Easter Sunday, there will be a 7 a.m. Sunrise Service, an 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service; a 9:45 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m. Adult Bible Studies; and 11 a.m. Holy Communion Service.

For more information, call the church at 349-3140.

**NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH.** which meets temporarily in the chapel of Our Lady of Providence, 16115 Beck Road between Five and Six Mile roads, will have a Maundy Thursday Holy Communion service at 7 p.m. at the church's parsonage, 13220 Andover Drive, south of North

Terrestrial Road between Napier Road and M-14. An edited video of Northville residents Don and Shirley Hlokkenga's trip to The Holy Land will be mediated Word for the evening. Call (734) 459-8181 for details and directions.

On Good Friday, New Life will worship with St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon Road in Plymouth in a liturgy of solemn collects. Pastor Ken Roberts will preach at the 7:30 p.m. service.

Easter will feature a 10 a.m. communion service with special vocal music and brass ensemble. From 8:30 until 9:30 a.m. an Easter breakfast is offered with a 9 a.m. egg hunt for children ages 2 to 12. A gift for each child will be the egg hunt and during worship will be part of this day of celebration at the Our Lady of Providence Chapel in Northville Township.

For more information, call the church at (248) 348-9030.

**NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.** 41671 West Ten Mile Road in Novi, will have a sit-down dinner for Maundy Thursday, participate in the ecumenical community service at noon at Holy Family Catholic Church in Novi; an Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at 7:30 a.m.; Easter breakfast at 8:15 a.m. and Festival Worship at 10:30 a.m.

For more information, call the church at 349-7778.

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH.** Nine Mile and Meadowbrook, in Novi, will have as its topic for the Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m. with Lord's Supper "Jesus Gave His Last Will and Testament." On Friday, April 10, the 7 p.m. Tenebrae Worship Service focus will be "Jesus Died at Calvary." Easter Sunday Sunrise Service will focus on "Jesus Rose from the Dead" and will be held at 7:30 a.m. An Easter breakfast fol-

Enchirist service will be held at Holy Cross; a 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist service will be held at St. Anne's; and a 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist service will be held at Holy Cross. St. Anne's is located at 430 Nicolet in Walled Lake.

For more information, call Holy Cross at 349-1175.

**SPIRIT OF CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.** 40700 West Ten Mile between Haggerty and Meadowbrook roads, will have the washing of the feet and sharing of the Holy Meal at 7:30 p.m. on Maundy Thursday, April 9.

The congregation will gather on Good Friday at Holy Family at noon for the community Ecumenical service. At 7:30 p.m. they will commemorate our Lord's death solemnly with a 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service of Darkness.

The Easter Vigil (at Antioch Lutheran Church) begins at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 11.

On Easter Day, the Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord, the Early Service of Celebration will be held at 7:30 a.m. followed by the Easter Breakfast. The Resurrection Festival Service will be held at 10:30 a.m.

For more information, call the church at (248) 477-6296.

Celebrate with a thousand is the theme at **FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**, 21260 Haggerty Road north of Eight Mile Road in Northville, for Easter morning worship. An Early Easter Baptism and Communion Service is scheduled at 8 a.m., a free Easter Fellowship Breakfast at 9 a.m. and the celebrate with a thousand Easter Celebration service at 10:30 a.m. when 1,000 people will enjoy music, a life orchestra, a drama, and an Easter message. A Children's Worship Service is available, along with free child care, and a gift for guests. A special invitation is extended to the community to "Be One of a Thousand" and celebrate this great day with 999 other Easter worshippers.

For more information, call the church at (248) 348-7600.

The congregation will gather at 7:30 p.m. at **HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH**, 39200 West Twelve Mile Road in Farmington Hills, for a Maundy Thursday service on April 9. There will be two services on Good Friday, April 10, one at noon and the other at 7:30 p.m. On Easter Sunday, there will be a 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service with Eucharist; a 9 a.m. Easter Celebration with Eucharist; and an 11 a.m. Easter Celebration with Baptism and Eucharist. Both the 9 and 11 a.m. services will include a children's message. An Easter breakfast will be served at 10 a.m. The proceeds from the breakfast will go towards the cost of Confirmation Camp for the junior high youth. Nursery service will be provided on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday at 7:30 p.m. and on Easter Sunday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, call the church at (248) 553-7170.

**NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH.** meets in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi, will have a special Easter Eve service at the Novi Township Hall next to the Novi Public Library on Thursday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m. A Sunday service is held at 10 a.m.

For more information, call Pastor Mike Heusel at (248) 344-1775.

**PLYMOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH.** 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth, will present an Easter Concert/Drama entitled "Who Do You Say I Am?" on Thursday, April 9, and Good Friday, April 10, at 7 p.m. The biblical characters come to life in this presentation of the Passion Week. There is no admission charge for this concert. Children under age 5 will not be admitted to the auditorium. Full nursery and preschool care will be provided. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

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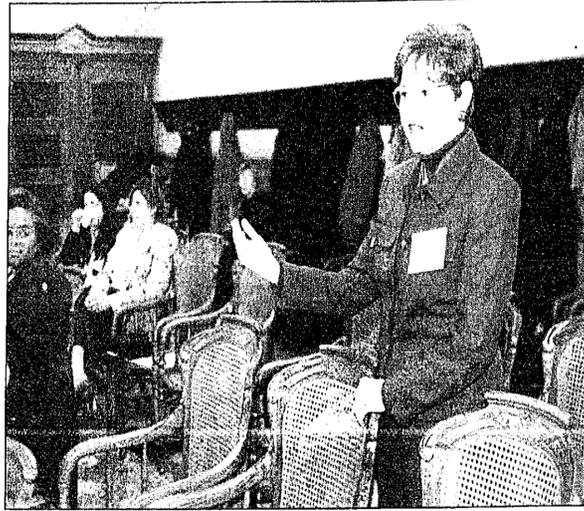
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A REPRESENTATIVE DAY



At right, Rep. Cassis takes notes about 9:15 a.m. during a Legislative Breakfast forum on childhood development in the Capitol. At far right, Cassis stands to ask a question on the topic.



## Cruising with Cassis

### Chasing Novi's state lawmaker through a typical day in Lansing

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The object is to inform legislators about research into the development of the human brain, indicating that careful nurturing of children from birth to age three sets the stage for their future learning. Government spending doesn't focus on these critical years, the speakers contend.

Cassis finds the seminar fascinating. "The fact that I was involved with child psychology as an educator, they felt I ought to be able to have impact on legislators as we discuss the young child," she explained.

"... We know we have to reach the little kids sooner."

On her way to her next appointment, a Tax Policy Committee Hearing, Cassis bumps into Chuck Perronne, R-Kalamazoo.

"We're looking forward to her being the next Tax chair when we take the House back. She's doing very well," Perronne says.

"Taking the House back" is a phrase much heard among the Republican minority at the Capitol, where they are outnumbered 58 to 52 by the Democrats.

Cassis's legislative aid, Megan McCormack, has a screensaver on her computer that states "House Republicans Marching Back" in magenta letters.

While the insiders are focused on the election in November, a visitor to the state capitol may be struck by something less political. The crest of popcorn or sweeps through the historic halls of state power.

"It's what those of us who don't have time for lunch eat," Cassis explains.

**10 A.M.**

Cassis has one hour of free time, to dash to her office where she will check on phone messages and do research on an upcoming committee meeting.

About ten constituents a week call her office, seeking anything from information on state government to help in fighting a proposed zoning for a trailer park within the South Lyon School District.

On the frontlines are her aids, McCormack and Jon Kreger.

Running back and forth between the Capitol and the Romney Building across the street keeps the state representative from Novi in shape. Cassis estimates she walks about five miles a day in Lansing.

As a senior freshman, she recently

moved from her eighth floor office to one she chose on the sixth floor, vacated by a departing legislator. The new digs feature a striking view of the Capitol from a large window and assorted framed photos: Cassis with husband, Victor Cassis and Barbara Bush, Cassis with the Detroit Redwings, and Cassis with a delegation of kids from Novi Meadows.

Prominently displayed is a framed copy of Novi's 1993 Master Plan, her farewell gift when she resigned from the city council in 1996 to head for Lansing.

"It's never difficult to come up with gift ideas for a GOP politician. The decor includes a collection of elephants, including a statue from Novi Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford, two stuffed elephants and a crystal elephant from Novi resident Pauline Berry.

If reelected, Cassis predicts that due to term limitation, she may have enough seniority in 1999 to should the Republicans "take back" the house to negotiate her way into a more prestigious office in the Capitol building.

As a member of the minority, she's had to learn how to build bridges to the majority.

"We really need to work together in our committees to have some of our bills taken up in the House. You gain respect from your colleagues by showing your knowledge, that you have a willingness to work with people whose ideas are different from your own, but not by compromising, but allowing your ideas to work together," she says.

Cassis's first piece of legislation, House Bill 4186, passed in the House, but is now languishing in the Senate. If the bill becomes law, it would eliminate sales and use taxes on fine collectible coins and gold bullion. Similar regulations are in effect in other states, including Ohio.

Michigan would lose about \$300,000 per year in taxes, but Cassis argues that the removal of the tax would stimulate the economy by encouraging coin shows at places like the Novi Expo Center.

**11:00 A.M.**

Cassis heads back across the street for a Tax Policy Committee Hearing.

"This is very much like a city council. This is where bills really get debated," she says.

On her way there, and back, she chats briefly with almost everyone she meets, from state senators, representatives and lobbyists prowling the Capitol to secretaries and the custodian at a storage closet.

After taking her place at the committee table, Cassis, as do the other

Republicans, vote "pass" on a resolution for a guaranteed increase for state school aid and state revenue sharing if economy spins downward. Pass is neutral, not designating either yes or no.

The problem, Cassis said, is that the issue is "tie-hard" to a proposal that would eliminate the personal property tax now assessed businesses, thereby taking away a key revenue source for local governments and schools. State businesses are lobbying for the tax reduction.

In Wixom, for example, one-third of the city's revenue stream comes from the personal property tax.

"You can't just take the rug out from under local governments or schools by phasing out the personal property tax without a guarantee," Cassis says.

Also at issue is how the state will distribute the revenues. A per capita basis would benefit growing communities, Cassis says, like "my growing district."

The corridors of the Capitol building clearly function as Schmooze Central.

Leaving the committee, Cassis meets up with State Rep. Ted Wallace, D-Detroit, Chair of House Judiciary Committee, who backed her first bill.

"What happened is she charmed me into supporting that bill," Wallace explains.

Trotting back across to her office, again, Cassis talks over the afternoon ahead with McCormack. The aid is a lawyer who formerly held a similar job in the Maryland House of Representatives.

"This is a pretty typical day," McCormack says.

Michigan state representatives are able to request committee assignments and Cassis scored two out of her three, Tax Policy and Public Utilities. She didn't get Transportation, but is on Mental Health and is vice chair in the minority for Urban Policy and Economic Development.

Her choices are not the obvious ones for a woman who has spent most of her career in education.

"I knew I would have plenty of opportunity to talk about and deal with educational issues with my colleagues in a variety of ways. I wanted to get into areas that I thought were very important for my district," Cassis says.

What she finds most fascinating about her job, she adds, is the wide range of topics she deals with. A legislator becomes a specialist.

The diversity of bills especially and concepts we take up in any given day, not to mention a whole

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Beneath the recently restored dome, above, of the Capitol Building, Rep. Nancy Cassis takes a moment to talk to Novi News reporter Jan Jeffres after her Legislative Breakfast forum meeting. At right, Cassis chats with Sen. Bill Bullard outside of the Senate just before noon.

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year, is really mind boggling. You tend to become especially good in certain areas," Cassis explains.

"You learn enough to ask good questions of your colleagues, to inform you on their bills so you can make an informed vote."

**NOON**

Cassis strolls to a Wolverine Canteen Luncheon at Parthenon Restaurant. The alumni function features University of Michigan officials defending their policy on diversity and affirmative action, now facing a legal challenge.

Cassis is served a fixed plate lunch of baked chicken and rice pilaf, but must leave early. Visitors are expected at her office.

**1 P.M.**

Cassis's next meeting is like a Novi reunion. She's invited Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall, Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford and Council Member Bob Schmidt to meet with Michigan Department of Transportation's legislative liaison Theresa Horsfall and Myron Frieson, division administrator of the Real Estate Division.

Novi officials are miffed that after years of promising the city first dibs on 26 acres owned by the state near the Twelve Oaks water tower, MDOT is selling the land to the Tuohiman Company. While local governments get first right of refusal when the property has road access, that doesn't kick in when the acreage, as in this case, is landlocked.

Kriewall argues that with the possibility of land condemnation, no property is without road access for a local government. Novi wanted the land for a museum, city building or performing arts center.

Cassis is considering introducing a bill to require this additional notification.

The negotiations start out tense, but appear to end with a consensus, although the MDOT officials are concerned about the workload of the additional notification.

The department owns 2,000 acres statewide ranging from a few feet to many acres.

"I don't want to create mounds of paperwork but a written form letter will do the trick," Cassis says.

**2 P.M.**

Cassis explains the difference between "legislative time" and real time. The State House of Representatives convenes today at 2 p.m.

"It doesn't really start until 2:30 p.m., but you don't want to miss roll call," she says.

While the representative sitting next to Cassis, State Rep. Ron Jelinek, R-Three Oaks, has a stash of empty diet pop cans in his storage area and other representatives seem to be constantly munching on snacks, all Cassis has hidden in her space is an orange lollipop and a Whitman Sampler presented to her by a colleague.

The House has a full agenda ahead, ranging from the third reading of a bill requiring banks to disclose fees for automatic teller machines to a second reading on a bill that would create an official State of Michigan fungus, the morel

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NOVI'S REPS

While Nancy Cassis is the first state representative elected from the City of Novi, she's not the first Novi resident to serve in that post. Three local men were sent to Lansing in the 1800s from then-Nowi Township, local historian Kathy Mutch reports. They were state representatives: Daniel S. Lee, elected in 1843; William Yerkes elected in 1837, 1857 and 1858 and George Yerkes, elected in 1879.

Back to the Lansing Center again. As Cassis strolls into the Michigan Municipal League Legislative Conference cocktail party, she is announced over the loudspeaker system. Cassis, ignoring the snack table, begins to work the crowd, searching out the delegations of city officials from the 38th District.

"You have to get over your shyness," she says.

Cassis chats with the Millard people, the South Lyon crowd, the Farmington Hills contingent and the Walled Lake leaders, as well as SEMCOG Community Development Director Bob McMahon, who's on the Northville school board.

But she's keeping an eye out for the Novi people. Kriewall, Crawford, Schmidt and Council Members Ed Kramer, Kathy Mutch and Craig DeRoche, who are hovering not too far from the food and drinks.

"That was a productive meeting today," Crawford tells Cassis, referring to the discussion with MDOT.

**6:30 P.M.**

A surf and turf dinner is served upstairs at the Lansing Center.

"This is what we do every Tuesday and Wednesday night," State Senator Bill Bullard, R-Millard, says.

"It's not the Michigan Municipal League, it's a convention of ethnographers or auto dealers."

After dinner, Cassis, Bullard and State Rep. Barbara Dobb, R-Commerce Township, and State Rep. Andrew Kaczowski, R-Farmington Hills, field a series of questions from the local officials, on issues such as state shared revenues, gas and oil drilling and the SMART bus system.

For Cassis, the dinner brings back memories.

"I remember very distinctly the years I came up to the MML as a city council member. This has been a most meaningful meeting," she says afterwards.

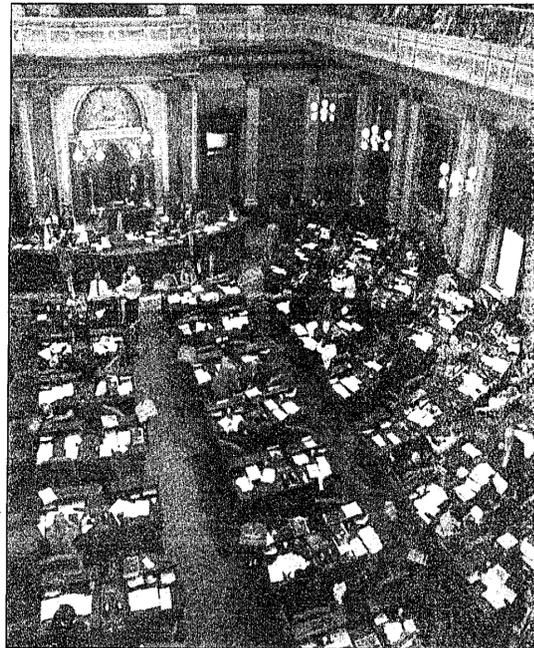
**9:10 P.M.**

Cassis heads to the hotel in Lansing that offers the cheapest legislator's rates. She'll spend the night. Driving back home to Novi is impractical. She has a 7:30 a.m. breakfast meeting the next morning.

Before she goes to sleep, Cassis typically carts to bed with her some of the background material on state government issues she'll face the next day.

"The amount of reading is really intense," she says.

At left, Rep. Nancy Cassis confers with one of her colleagues in the House chambers during session Wednesday afternoon around 2:30 p.m. Below, a view of the House from the gallery as members meet in session around 3 p.m.



Cassis gets some pointers on how to use her new laptop computer from Legislator Aide Jon Kreger around 10:30 a.m. A graduate of Northern Michigan University, Kreger has been with Cassis for about two months.



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## As We See It

### Care Coalition is worth at least a trial period

Skepticism was the order of the day when Novi's Community That Cares Coalition brought its program before city council for approval - at that's not bad.

But if it is true, as research has apparently found, that drug use here in our community exceeds national averages, then action is warranted.

How much should the city intervene in the lives of its youngsters? Quite a bit, if necessary, we believe.

Novi city council agreed to accept a \$232,000 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act federal grant, with the understanding that the city must chip in \$70,000 of local money. The federal grant was won by the Community That Cares Coalition, a group of educators, police officers, clergy and members of the local business community.

CTC leaders say the program will seek to keep kids busy, thereby thwarting substance abuse and other destructive behavior. An after-school activities center for middle-school students and an expansion of the D.A.R.E. program to three years will be given a trial run, the Novi City Council decided Monday.

But several council members issued warnings that their support could wane shortly.

"One year, I'll give you one year," said



### Government

Member Bob Schmidt.

Council members were concerned that after the second year, the city will be left with the cost of the program and by the fifth year the annual cost could be \$375,000.

But it seems to us that if drug use here is indeed high, and a Western Michigan University survey of Novi school children in 1996 found drug and alcohol abuse levels here somewhat above the national average, then the effort is worth making.

Yes, the responsibility for raising kids rests with their parents. But all of us in society have an interest in seeing kids grow up well and turning into responsible adults. The alternative is generation of lawless young adults.

Skepticism may well be warranted. The coalition should be expected to show results, and soon. But a trial run makes good sense for the Novi Community and its children.

## At the long delayed trial



Wendy P. Mitzel

Because it's been more than a year, it's difficult for me to reconcile the action-packed drama of Nov. 14, 1996 with the almost television-like drama in the courtroom I've sat in for days now.

That long Thursday began with sounds of distress heard over the police scanner in the newsroom. John Heider, the staff photographer, and I weren't sure what was happening at the Ford Wixom Assembly Plant but we

hopped in a car and took off. The freeway was being closed down so we took back roads to get to the scene. At that time, there were only two or three other reporters on the scene, but that quickly changed.

The rest of the day was filled with employees spilling out of the plant, recounting what they had seen. Tales of a canonized gunman on a rampage through the plant soon emerged.

It took a year's worth of pretrial motions and hearings for Gerald Atkins, accused of killing one man and injuring three others, to be tried before a jury.

The trial began last week in Oakland Circuit Court. The dynamics of the court proceedings are worth noting. Because he is a high-flight risk extra security is posted in the courtroom. Courtroom guests are examined with a metal detector and their bags are checked outside the doors.

One of the jurors was excused from duty Monday afternoon because of personal issues. But despite that small glitch, the trial can only last one other juror and continues on. The proceedings are moving swiftly along.

Newspaper reporters sit inside the courtroom taking notes, while television reporters watch the trial from another room where videotape is available. Only one TV camera and photographer are allowed in the courtroom.

The most interesting part of the trial is yet to come. I'll be intrigued to see how defense attorney will try to prove his client had "delusionalomania," or a false sense of reality.

To be sure, no one with a conscious would commit such a cold-blooded attack. But I'm not sure that delusional is the right word. I'm just not sure what that right word is.

Wendy Perham Mitzel is a Staff Writer for The Novi News and The Northville Record.

## In Focus

By John Heider



Students in Meads Middle School teacher Kris Nedami's classroom show off some of the intricate Henna designs they put on their hands Monday afternoon.

### Hand signs

## Quackery was hard to resist



Barbara Louie

"Looky, looky, looky. Step right up." Those were the irresistible words that could lure many an unsuspecting onlooker to pay good money for simple concoctions of sometimes nothing more than sugar and colored water. Medicine shows, con men, and phony medical cures all went hand-in-hand throughout most of America's history, up to the early days of the 20th century.

Medicines from the Far East had a particularly healthful sound to them, and Chinese herbal remedies were extremely popular.

One notably devious scam involving Chinese herbs had a Detroit connection.

In 1891, George Cooper was listed in the Detroit City Directory as the manager of "Herb Growers and Vendors" for the Gun Wa Herb Remedy Co., located on Miami Street in Detroit.

Advertisements that claimed "Weak men made strong, old men made young" enticed hundreds of takers, and the company's success soared.

Near the end of 1891, however, the jig was up, and the creator of the Gun Wa Herbal Remedy, William H. Hale of Denver, was arrested for mail fraud. Each of the branches, located throughout the country - including that managed by Cooper in Detroit - was fined \$500.

Gun Wa was not the only scam to hit the Detroit market. In 1912, a medical clinic known as "Drs. K&K" was closed down for illicit medical practice.

Dr. James Kennedy had an outstanding-enough background. A native of Hamilton, Ontario, he received his M.D. degree in 1887, and came to Detroit to practice his craft.

The original "Drs. K&K" clinic included Kennedy and Dr. John Kergan, a surgeon. It was a legitimate

medical clinic located in downtown Detroit, but lasted just a few years before Dr. Kergan left the partnership to practice on his own.

By 1912, Kennedy had reestablished "Drs. K&K," calling it "Drs. Kennedy & Kennedy" (with his brother Dr. Charles Kennedy), but their institute was not quite as professional as it should have been.

A scandal arose when the medical clinic, in examining a soon-to-be-married young man, prescribed a costly treatment for what was diagnosed as a fatal disease.

Distraught, the young man went home and shot himself. An autopsy showed that the man had been in perfect health, and the fatal diagnosis a deliberate scam.

This event triggered an immediate reaction from the public, and a Detroit newspaper headline of 1912 read, "Drs. K&K and two other 'medical' offices are raided."

Dr. Charles Kennedy was conveniently out of town at the time, but his unlucky brother James was arrested. By the next year, Dr. James Kennedy was convicted of distributing obscene literature and advertising, but fled the country for his home in Canada.

Though further facts of the case are not known, Dr. Kennedy was somehow exonerated of his crime and returned to the United States in 1914. He, wisely, left the medical profession to join his brother Charles - also no longer a practicing physician - in the real estate business.

When James Kennedy died in 1927, a respected member of the Detroit Board of Commerce, he was worth over \$1 million.

The age of quackery, medicine shows and scams is, thankfully, at an end. But even today, when a product promises fuller hair, whiter teeth or stronger bones - it is still hard to resist.

Barbara Louie is a local historian of the Novi and Northville area and is author of the book No. VI on the Trail.

## Attempts to restrict admissions unfortunate



Phil Power

Responding to an aggressive national campaign against affirmative action, California voters in 1996 passed Proposition 209, a law that banned use of race, sex, color or ethnicity as factors in university admissions.

Since then, the concern has been over just what kind of impact the new law would have on minorities seeking access to the state's fine public university system. According to data released last week, the impact is devastating.

The number of African Americans, Hispanics and Native Americans offered places in this year's freshman class at the University of California's flagship campus at Berkeley dropped 61 percent compared to a year ago. Placers offered minorities at UCLA fell 36 percent, and similar declines were reported at other campuses in the UC system.

University officials expect further declines this fall, when those few minority students actually accepted may need to go to college out of state or at private universities that are unaffected by Prop 209.

The evidence from California is important to us here in Michigan, where the debate over affirmative action in university admissions is proceeding hot and heavy.

A conservative Washington-based legal advocacy outfit, Center for Individual Rights, alleges the University of Michigan is using unconstitutional race-based weighting in its admissions practices and has brought suit. A petition drive is under way to get a Prop 209-type affirmative action ban onto the ballot. Bills to the same effect have been introduced in the legislature.

Should courts or the voters ban use of race, sex, color or ethnicity in university admissions decisions, I can see only two outcomes: As in California, the first almost certain would be to re-segregate the campuses of public universities in Michigan. What a sad and perverse outcome for our public higher education system that is among the finest in the nation and where over the years much progress has been made in eliminating segregation on campuses!

The second, oddly, would be to eliminate the use of any academically-based factor (such as high school grade point average or standardized test results) in university admissions decisions. Already, some people in California are arguing that ACT or SAT tests are intrinsically unfair to minority students and that, therefore, a fairer system would be to admit kids to college by random lottery. What an equally sad outcome for a wonderful university like the U of M, which has gained its international stature precisely by being highly selective in admissions!

One of the reasons I cherish serving on the U of M Board of Regents is my conviction that when the historians get around to writing up the history of 20th century America, they will conclude that the signature contribution of our society has been the creation and support of seriously excellent public universities.

The ultimate purpose and special claim to moral distinction of these great public universities has always been to provide the widest possible access to higher education for the greatest diversity of students - rich and poor, urban and rural, majority and minority - but all capable of meeting high academic standards.

That is why attempts to restrict great public universities from taking into consideration in their admissions practices factors such as race or ethnicity are so unfortunate. Wouldn't it be odd if the job of making the world a better place for all people was limited to the hands of the same private universities that not so

long ago were citadels of bias against blacks, quotas against Jews and snobism against folks who didn't live on the East Coast?

There will be a lot of argumentation about all of this, most of it probably couched in legalisms.

I find more compelling examples like that of Donald R. Deskins Jr., a professor of urban geography and sociology at the University of Michigan and an African-American. Raised in Brooklyn, Don was drafted after high school and served in the infantry in the Korean War. After his discharge in 1957, Gil Bill in hand, Don had to decide where he was going to go to college.

He chose Michigan. Why? I always saw Michigan as a place offering unlimited opportunity for all kinds of kids - blacks, middle class whites, poor whites, Jews, immigrants. Michigan was known as a place that was open all kinds to bright people from all over, a place where kids got a chance to show what they would do on their own.

Don did pretty well in Ann Arbor. Played starting tackle on the football team; graduated with honors; eventually became a full professor; married and had three girls, respectively a physician, a lawyer and an electrical engineer.

Don Deskins is a living example of what public universities are all about in providing opportunity to the full diversity of our people and why they are so enormously precious if our society is to truly offer opportunity to all.

Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He also serves as a member of the Board of Regents of the University of Michigan. This column expresses his individual opinion, and not that of the university or its Board of Regents. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppower@eoonline.com.

## Taxpayers shouldn't fund rezonings

To the Editor:

I find it hard to believe that Novi residents vote to approve a bond issue that will increase their property taxes while the city Planning Commission is voting to give away tax dollars. The rezoning commission on April 1 voted to rezone 70 acres at Twelve Mile and

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Meadowbrook roads to OST for St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. This will pay virtually no property taxes, will use city services, and will add approximately 500 more vehicles to the commission that this organization an over burdened system while

adding no new jobs. I keep hearing how Novi needs to broaden the tax base with more industry, that is why we have the new OST zoning. I find it ironic that the first parcels to be rezoned OST will be at taxpayers expense.

Steve Reed

## People who make things happen



Mary Linda Calderone

Who is Jonathan Brateman? He is the owner of Jonathan Brateman Properties. He serves on the Novi Chamber of Commerce Board as chairman of the Legislative Affairs Committee. He sits on the City of Novi's Future 20/20 Committee. You could do with full knowledge by the City of Novi, guess again. Brateman chairs with Farmington Hills Mayor Aldo Vagozzi some millage issues on the ballot and Farmington City Manager Frank Lauboff about redevelopment in downtown Farmington.

One of Brateman's motivations in producing "People Who Make Things Happen" is his desire to educate his viewers on issues they may have had little exposure to, like the program on career opportunities in the banking industry. Read Dunn of Franklin Bank talks with Brateman about the processing of commercial loans and what it's like to be a commercial loan officer for small businesses. Have you ever wondered about the business aspects of the entertainment industry? Jack Zwick, a prominent

accountant with Zwick & Solomon in Southfield, discusses the professional sports industry from valuation of a team to today's high salaries for athletes. Then there are the shows Brateman hosts and produces just for pure entertainment value. Are you a fan of Abraham Lincoln? You won't want to miss Brateman's show with Dr. Welton Petz. Dr. Petz is an authority on Lincoln and a collector of his memorabilia. Tune in to see what he brings with him. Award winning actress Henrietta (Hermelin) Weinberg comes to "People Who Make Things Happen." You'll hear all about her theatrical career and listen to a dramatic reading from "Lost in Yonkers." Are you a circus fan? Meet Shrine Circus member Tino Wallenda of the Flying Wallendas and hear how he recreated the seven-person pyramid high wire act. The act last performed in Detroit in 1962 ended in tragedy killing some of the members. Through the face of adversity, Tino tells his story of how he persevered to recreate the act.

There are some special surprises in store for viewers as Brateman prepares for his 25th show soon to premiere on INFO TV-12. Talk about making things happen! Mary Linda Calderone is the Media Relations Coordinator for the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission.

## Latest bad news about charter schools



Tim Richards

The latest bad report about charter schools was to have been released at the April 1 State Board of Education meeting, but a Detroit paper pried it out two days early and scooped the rest of us.

It seems that someone challenged the certification credentials of 132 teachers

(one of every seven) in public school academies (alias "charter schools") chartered by Central Michigan University. That is one in seven without full certification.

Of the 132, the Department of Education found 33 had emergency permits, 22 had full-year permits, 16 had elementary provisional permits, 14 were no longer employed, and 13 had "permits pending." Such numbers generate an awful lot of suspicion of charter schools.

Let's put the latest horror story into context: CMU refused to turn over 34 documents to the state auditor general during the 1997 checkup of its procedures and finances. Said one member of the House Education Committee: "I'm totally baffled how a state institution (CMU) with public dollars can hire lawyers to deny the auditor general documents on how the money is spent. It casts a shadow over the univer-

sity and the public school academy chartering process."

The infamous audit showed CMU, besides slipping up on requiring certified teachers, failed to catch these facts: Some schools weren't doing criminal records checks on applicants they hired, failed to supply special education as required by law, had board members with conflicts of interest, didn't conduct proper lotteries for admissions and failed to post notices required under the Open Meetings Act. And so on.

Charter schools generally reported lower MEAP test scores than the true public school districts in which they were located.

Again, let us not condemn all 107 charter schools or all 45 chartered by CMU. But you would have to be blind or a demented ideologue from the Mackinac Center not to notice very bad patterns in the charter school movement. Many should be shut down.

So what is to be done? First, Gov. John Engler, Sens. Dick Posthumus, R-Alto, and Bill Schuette, R-Midland, were dead wrong when they urged lifting the cap on the number of charter schools. We should have moved much more slowly, perhaps chartering just 10 a year, researching and copying the methods of the good ones.

Second, the free market - to which charter advocates give lip service - didn't work. There weren't enough certified teachers looking for jobs. The charter academies

couldn't offer enough to lure many good public school teachers from their jobs. Ditto with administrators.

Third, charter granting should have been confined to the elected State Board of Education, which has a competent and experienced staff in the department to supervise charter schools. Universities like Central, with politically appointed boards, are under a cloud of suspicion.

Certification of teachers is important. It has been part of the Michigan system since 1837. Franklin K. Sawyer, the second state superintendent, remarked in 1841: "The [state] inspector must be satisfied, not only that the candidate has a good moral character, and sufficient learning, but that he is versed in the art of teaching ... The annals of school keeping everywhere show that the purest minds and profoundest scholars do not always, nor indeed often, understand the art of teaching."

Sawyer went on to note that in Holland and Prussia, "the art of teaching is taught like any other art ... to teach the principles of communicating instruction ..."

Certification is not a 1960s conception of the unions. The charter school advocates who deplore "bureaucratic red tape" may win applause from the political rabble, but they do kids a lot of harm.

Tim Richards reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His voice mail number is (734) 953-2047 ext. 1881.

## Proud of police effort

Call it zero tolerance. Or call it a small battle in the War on Drugs.

Whatever you call it, the effort to keep our communities safe from substance abuse came full-circle this week with both the execution of a search warrant of a suspected drug house and a presentation to Meads Middle School students regarding the legal ramifications of involvement with drugs.

Combined with the ongoing Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program, township law enforcement has made a concerted effort to drive the message home: drugs won't be tolerated in our community. By design or otherwise, this is what we call attacking the issue on both fronts.

For that, we believe a salute to our police officers and detectives is in order. They helped get drugs and weapons out of our community by starting bright and early on a Saturday morning, both for their own protection and for the sake of those inside the house. We think that's just plain smart and considerate thinking. Then they turned around and addressed persons only a few years younger than those arrested in the bust and made them aware of the dangers of becoming involved with drugs.

We're proud of their effort. But even more important than the arrest of a dealer or a presentation to a group of young minds is the necessity

that parents speak to their children about the dangers of drugs. Furthermore, parents need to be certain their actions are reflective of their words.

A drug bust puts a dent in the supply and a lecture drives the message home, but the deeds and words of concerned parents have the potential to have greater effect than just about anything.

Northville Township detective Paul Sumner said between 50 and 75 percent of the Meads Mill students he informally polled said they had first-hand knowledge of someone involved with drugs. Whether the students were talking about themselves or their peers we don't know, but it's troubling, nonetheless. Detective Sumner agreed.

That's why drug education needs to start at home. Like it or not, the reality is that drugs are out there. Anyone who thinks there's such a thing as "innocent" drug use should have seen the guns and knives confiscated in the bust. We highly doubt these items were being stored for deer hunting season.

Drugs are part of a dangerous, perhaps deadly world. Moms and dad should be the guiding force in steering our young residents away from them.

Just the same, this is a time to be thankful for our township police department for a job well done both in the streets and in the classroom. They helped underline the "serve" part of "To Serve and Protect."

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# OST rezonings head to planning

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
Staff Writer

The Novi Planning Commission will hold a public hearing Wednesday, April 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers on a city-initiated rezoning process to implement the newly adopted Office Service Technology zoning ordinance.

Four areas are targeted for study along northern Haggerty Road and Twelve Mile and Meadowbrook and Grand River Avenue.

The high tech ordinance was created in response to property owners and developers concerns about bringing research and development

firms to Novi and the city's desire to bring a variety of tax base to the area. The ordinance will make it easier for the firms to choose Novi over competing cities, staff planners hope.

On April 1, the Planning Commission approved a change to the city's Master Plan for Land Use for the property west of Haggerty Road and east of M-5. Because there is no master plan designation for OST, the property was changed from residential to office.

Several nearby property owners stopped by the meeting to put in their two cents.

Councilman Bob Schmid told the

commission the area should be left residential so it can be developed as large lot expensive homes. Grand River is a better place for high tech, he said.

Schmid cautioned the commission on the upcoming rezonings and said it shouldn't feel pressure from developers who will make a profit off of the changes. "If I owned it I'd be in here trying to rezone it too," he said.

The city is not suffering from what the Chamber of Commerce has called a lack of diversity in the tax base. Novi is still rating high in bond categories, he pointed out. "Novi is not heading for a crisis as

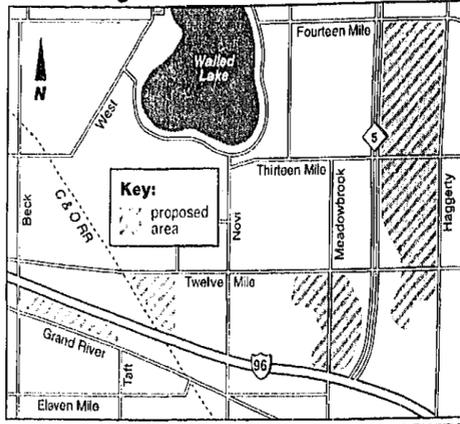
some would like to tell you," he said.

But Art Cervi lives along Haggerty and applauded a change to office. The area is separated from the city by M-5 and this is the perfect place to put OST, he said.

Novi resident Andrew Mutch suggested the city should allow no commercial in the area and pay close attention to details. The city should take the opportunity to bring amenities like landscaping to create an identity for the area.

"If you miss on the details you are heading for disaster, he said.

Areas targeted for rezoning to OST



Map by JUANTA LITTLE

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• **Save 50%** on selected famous-maker styles, including bracelets, earrings and necklaces. Reg. 20.00-60.00, **sale 10.00-30.00**. Selection varies by store. In Accessories 033

• **Save 25%** on selected straw, leather, vinyl and microfiber handbags. Reg. 12.00-68.00, **sale 9.00-51.00**. In Handbags 031

Men:

• **Sale 149.99-204.99** Spring sport coats from Bill Blass and Daniel Hechter. Two- and three-button styles made of wool, silk/wool or silk/linen. Reg. 225.00-295.00. In Men's 06

• **Save 25%-50%** on Preswick & Moore dress shirts. Solid colors, patterns and denim. Reg. 39.50-55.00, **sale 19.75-33.75**. In Men's 06. Selection varies by store.

• **Save 25%** Calvin Klein underwear, loungewear and socks. Reg. 9.00-19.00, **sale 6.75-14.25**. In Men's 01

Kids:

• **Save 25-40%** on Easter clothes for infants, toddlers, girls and boys. From House of Hatten, Goodlad, Jonathan Martin and more. Reg. 36.00-52.00, **sale 21.60-39.00**. In Children's 016,19,02,03,64,67,68,218. all stores except Downtown Birmingham, AL

• **Save 50%** on Best Friends plush ducks and bunnies in adorable Easter costumes. Reg. 8.00-40.00, **sale 4.00-20.00**. In Children's 0660. all stores except Downtown Birmingham (Alabama), The Summit, and North Point Mall

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• **Sale 49.99** Women's selected dress shoes from Enzo, Nina, J. Renee, Van Eli, Nine West and more. Reg. 65.00-79.00. In Women's Shoes 025,27,423,424

• **Sale 49.99** Men's Bass bucs. Reg. 72.00. In Men's Shoes 029

• **Sale 17.99-33.75** A great selection of kids' dress shoes from Little Capezio, Nina, Stride Rite, Bass and more. Reg. 30.00-45.00. In Children's Shoes 020. all stores except Downtown Birmingham (Alabama) and North Point Mall. Selection varies by store

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## the art of

# PYSANKY

### Traditional Ukrainian craft utilizes eggs, wax and dye for the creation of delicate treasures

Story by Annette Jaworski • Photos by Hal Gould

**F**or most of us, decorating eggs comes once a year along with the Easter bunny. It's a pretty simple affair, boiled eggs and cups of dye. To Northville resident, Jan Paver, decorating Ukrainian eggs, also called "pysanky," is a year-round hobby. Her eggs are like works of art - a far cry from the simple ones that often decorate an Easter table.

"Ukrainian eggs have always fascinated me," said Paver who learned the craft at a community education class in 1978.

The art is steeped with tradition and requires a tremendous amount of patience and attention to detail.

"A lot of times I'll spend days on it, just a few minutes at a time. A lot of these eggs take hours and hours because they're so detailed," Paver said.

Although the designs on the eggs are very intricate, the basic philosophy of Ukrainian egg decorating is quite simple. Wax is used to prevent the dye from coloring the egg, which is dipped in several colors of dyes.

To begin, Paver selects a fresh unboiled large or medium egg without flaws. She then draws a design on the egg using melted beeswax on a heated stylus. The combination of the carbon in the flame and the wax will make the design appear black.

Paver then dips her egg in her lightest color dye, it's usually yellow. The part that is covered in wax will remain the color it was before the wax was applied.

For eggs with more than one color and a more complex design, the steps are repeated over and over for each color of dye.

The dyes use a powder made from a chemical called aniline that's very concentrated.

"You have to be careful with the dye, even little specks make streaks on the counter that you'll be wiping up days later," she said.

Another reason to be careful with the dyes - they're non-edible.

Eggs are always dyed from the lightest color to darkest.

The order of progression usually begins with yellow, then orange or light red, dark red, then black, says Jennifer Riopelle of Plymouth, who's been decorating Ukrainian eggs for 35 years.

After the patterns are drawn and dyes are complete, it's time to remove the wax. Traditionally the wax was melted in the candle flame. Paver doesn't recommend that, though, suggesting cleaning fluid, paint thinner or lighter fluid instead. First, be sure the flame on the candle is out, since the solvents are flammable. Put the cleaning fluid you have selected to use on a tissue and gently wipe the wax off the egg. Once all the wax is removed, the colors underneath come through.

The final step is to apply a coat of polyurethane.

Paver often sticks with the traditional colors of yellow, red and black, though occasionally she'll make one in pastels. She prefers designs with straight lines, although some patterns have rounded curves.

Riopelle began making the eggs under



Jan Paver decorates eggs using beeswax and dyes.

the tutelage of an Ukrainian woman when she was just 5 years old.

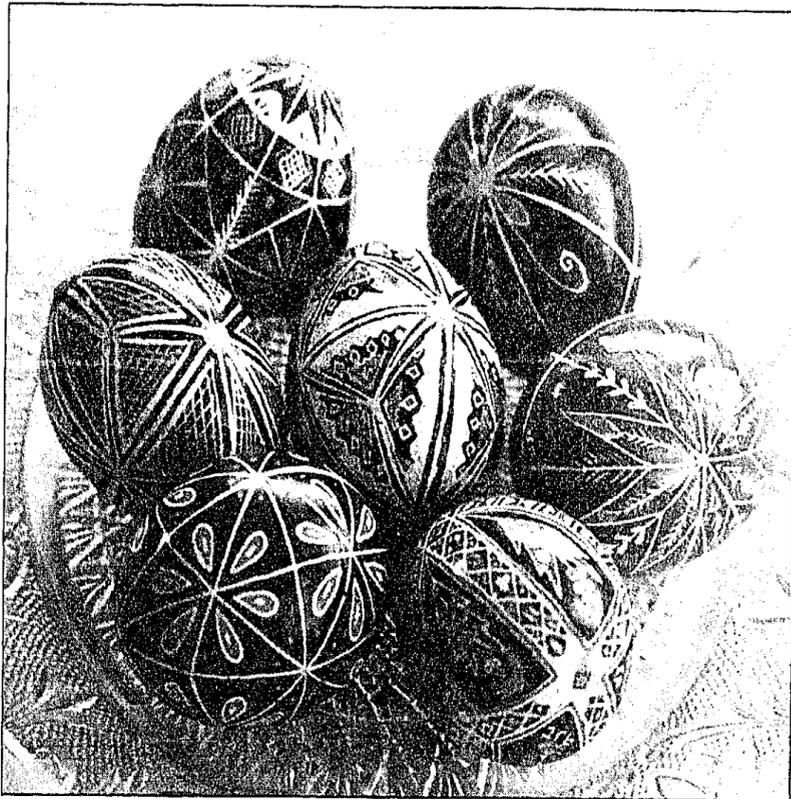
Some of the designs she learned have been made the same way for hundreds of years. Each district of the Ukraine had it's own designs and favorite color combinations.

"I've gone away from that and pretty much make my own designs," Riopelle said.

Designs can be as intricate and lacy, or simple and bold. Riopelle favors designs with stars, reindeers and trees.

Some Ukrainian eggs are made with egg left inside. Paver recommends you blow out the insides of the egg which is something she has been doing for the past few years so they don't crack and leak.

"You have to be careful they don't get too hot or too cold or when moving or turning. If they burst, you don't want to be



Symbols on finished eggs have a variety of meanings including a triangle which signifies the Trinity, dots which depict stars and Mary's tears, and designs circling the egg with no beginning or end which signify eternity.

### Pysanky symbolism

Many pagan as well as Christian traditions include the "pysanky" (pronounced PIH-SAHN-KIH) or singular, pysanka - also known as Ukrainian Eggs.

Each design is symbolic. A triangle represents the Holy Trinity; a fish - Christ; a fir tree - health; reindeer - prosperity; never-ending curlicues - eternity.

The symbols were often combined to make a message and the eggs are often exchanged as gifts.

#### Pagan Beliefs

It is believed that the universe suddenly burst forth into human activity and life. In like manner, the life bursts forth from the egg. Because of this symbolism, it was honored and decorated to celebrate the renewal of nature and life.

Eggs were mainly decorated in spring to honor the sun, which brought forth warmth to the soil so that wheat and other foods can grow.

An egg was thought to bring forth a bountiful harvest, since it was believed that it protected the land and crops from harm. Some farmers placed an egg with a wheat design at the beginning of the first furrow when plowing began and placed another at the last furrow, thereby the opening and closing of the season was blessed. If a farmer kept bees, he would place an egg beneath a hive.

It was believed eggs have great powers. For example, a barren woman would be presented with eggs decorated with the designs of chickens, the symbol of fertility. To help a man conceive children, he was given an egg with the pattern of roosters. To assist an older man, whose vigor was waning, an egg was given decorated with oak leaves. Both roosters and oak leaves were signs of fertility.

Some believe that you could contain a fire by walking around it with decorated eggs. Or a dish of eggs on the table will keep a family healthy or render evil spirits powerless to do their mischief.

#### Christian Beliefs

The "Sun" became the "Son" and ancient customs were absorbed into the Christian celebration of the resurrection.

The triangle design, which once meant air, fire and water, now symbolizes the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

## Volunteer



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Duke demonstrates how he accepts change for Ann Fay Johnson from Donna Piirala.

## Johnson gives back to group

By CAROL DIPPLE  
Feature Editor

If it wasn't for Canine Companions for Independence (CCI) fund raisers, Ann Fay Johnson would not have Duke.

One of two annual CCI fund raisers is being held in conjunction with the 15th Annual Special Olympics Bowl-A-Thon at the Novi Bowl on Saturday, April 18.

A former occupation therapist, the 1974 Novi High School graduate was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 1991 and became homebound four years ago.

Duke, now four and a half years old, is a product of the CCI breeding program and a graduate of its training program. A CCI dog costs about \$10,000. They live with volunteer puppy raisers for a year and a half to learn socialization and basic obedience training. During the following eight months they are returned to one of CCI's regional centers for advanced training where they will learn up to 50 additional commands.

During Team Training, an intensive two to three week training session, "students" like Johnson are matched with canine companions. They learn the skills necessary to command the dogs. Graduating the program is one of the requirements to qualify for a canine companion.

"It still amazes me how much they taught us in those two weeks," Johnson said. "I learned more

about myself, canines, team work and leadership qualities."

CCI trains four types of dogs - service dogs, hearing dogs, assisted service dogs and facility dogs.

A service dog, like Duke, increases the physical disabled's independence by performing practical tasks while providing companionship.

"I will always thank God for my companion," Johnson said. "He was an answered prayer and has changed my life for the better in many ways. I am more confident and have my independence back. I have this feeling of freedom that I have not had in a long time."

Duke is able to get the phone when it rings for Johnson to answer. If Johnson should fall out of her wheelchair, Duke will also either get the phone or hit the panic button which is a direct line to the police.

"If I am too exhausted to get out of bed, he will get the pop out of the refrigerator," she said. "He likes to learn new things."

While in public, Duke will pull Johnson's wheelchair and can carry her purse. In fact, Johnson said Duke gets upset when someone else carries her purse.

Duke can also give a cashier her change purse and retrieve change for Johnson to put in her purse. If Johnson should drop a glove, keys, or

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# Grand Court residents prepare for egg hunt

By JEANNE CLARKE  
Special Writer

This time of year is very special for the residents of The Grand Court as they raise 2000 eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt on the Court's premises. An invitation is extended to children ages 10 and under and who are from the Novi area. This hunt will be held on Saturday, April 11, at 1:30 p.m. In addition, the children can have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny. Refreshments will be served to those attending. Grand Court is located at 45182 West Road near Pontiac Trail. For more information, call 609-5330.

Another Easter special for the residents will be brunch from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with Chef Bodie, who also has a special chef's brunch planned for Friday, April 24, at 10 a.m. New staff member Activities Director Marilyn Crenshaw has initiated several new programs including a Poetry Club which meets at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays; the program, Bird Lovers, allows residents to share their experiences with birds and to learn more about a variety of species. The residents are also busy during the craft hour by decorating Styrofoam wreaths with traditional Easter grass and eggs. In last month's class, they made clay pot Angels and in the "Wallflowers" class, they made corsages for birthday honorees at the monthly birthday party.

Other special programs include current events presented by Sue Negoff; an art class by Annette Fisher; and special events by Georgia Grovesen. Van rides are provided for gro-

very shopping, doctor visits, errands and shopping at Target, Meijer or Kmart, in addition to shopping at Twelve Oaks Mall. Also included at various times is "Out to Lunch" at a local restaurant like Mr. Bill's, Denny's, etc. Thursdays, April 30 at 6 p.m., the Parlor Theater group from Northville will present "Driving Miss Daisy."

## NOVI NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS

The many interest groups sponsored by this club are just one of the benefits offered to newcomers and community members who would like to meet and make new friends.

The Play Group has planned an Easter party and in the near future, a trip to the Farmington Hills Library. Their next meeting will be held Monday, April 27, with special speaker Mayor Kathleen McLellan. A potluck dinner will be held at 6 p.m. Anyone wishing more information about the club can call Lynn Scheib, president, at 449-1358.

Added to the list of interest groups is the latest, "Ladies Night at the Movies," which met this month at a local restaurant with dessert following their evening at the movies. The New Book Club has started and their first book read was "At Home in Myself."

Also planning meals with a western European theme is the newly formed Dinner Club. They have had dinner parties with a flavor of various dishes from England, Germany and Spain. In a future gathering, the group will serve dinner using the theme of regional America. Evening Cafe is planning a dinner at Ah-Wok and the Out-to-Lunch group will dine at Baker's of Milford. Following their dinner, they will visit the shops in town.

For those interested in bowling, the bowling league meets at the Novi Bowl once a week. If you wish to be a sub, join the league or form a new team. Let them know. There is a Saturday evening couples

## Novi Highlights

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**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Palm Sunday was celebrated with the Procession of the Palms, the message "Celebration and Certainty," and a musical message by the choir with a solo by Barb Chappel titled, "Worthy is the Lamb."

Tonight, April 9, will be a Seder Supper and Communion at 6:30, which will also include a church family dinner. A community service presented by the Novi Ministers Association will be held at Holy Family

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duation about the relationship between a girl and her pig, which was held at the Marquis Theater, Northville. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all with refreshments provided by the dads. The event was organized by Mary Gregory and Sharon Skowronski.

A combined leaders meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 22, from 7:30 p.m. at the Village Oaks Clubhouse, followed by the Leader/Volunteer Appreciation recognition. This is an annual event when acknowledgements and special thank you's are given for jobs well done. Plans for the neighborhood entertainment to be held Oct. 9-11 at Camp Metamora will also be discussed.

The road rally is scheduled for April 25, from 1-6 p.m. Winners of last year's race, leader Natalie Jewell and her Troop No. 2355, will be organizing the event.

*Novi Highlights is written by Jeanne Clarke. Should you wish to contact her with information for this column, call 624-0173.*

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<b>NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY</b> 41355 Six Mile Road - Northville (248) 349-9231 Sunday School 9:45 & 10:45 am Sunday Worship 9 am, 10:45 am Worship 12:30 am (Sun Service) Pastor: Chris Buchanan, Sr. Pastor Pastor: Dennis Christensen Pastor: Bob & K.S. (248) 349-9231	<b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE</b> 3491 14th & Tall Rods Worship Services 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m. Sunday School 9:45-11:00 Nursery & Children's Activities Summer Worship 8:30 & 10:00 (July thru Labor Day) Dr. Douglas W. Nelson, New Horizons Mt. Zion Rev. Richard L. Scofield, Pastor
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<b>ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI</b> 45325 10 Mile Rd Novi, MI 48244 Sundays 8:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. Reverend James F. Conroy, Pastor Parish Office: 347-3778	<b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE</b> 217 N. Wing Rev. Stephen Sparks, Pastor Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. Pastor: Roger Service Bible Study 7 p.m., Pioneer Gate 1 p.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
<b>CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY</b> 26525 Meadowbrook Rd. Novi, MI 48375 Masses: Sat 5:30, Sun 7:30, 10:30, 12:15 Holy Days 7 am, 9:30 am, 12:30 pm Father: Dennis Thibault, Assoc. Pastor Pastor: Omer 349-8547	<b>FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b> 21260 Haggerty, Northville 349-7600 (between 8 & 9 Mile Rd. near 10th Hill) Sunday School 9:45 am Morning Worship 11:00 am Discipleship Service 6:00 pm (nursery provided) Dr. Carl M. Lott, Pastor
<b>VICTORY LUTHERAN CHURCH (MISSOURI SYNOD) NOVI MEADOWS SCHOOL</b> On Tall Rods, near 11 Mile Road 349-2649 Sunday Worship & School 10 am to 11:15 am	<b>SPIRIT OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH E.L.C.A.</b> 1st Mile between Haggerty and Meadowbrook Worship Sat 5:30 pm, Sun 10:30 am Sabbath School 9:30 am to 10:30 am Pastor: Schaefer 349-7157
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## Singles

**SINGLE PLACE**, an adult ministry for single people at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, meets Thursday evenings in Fellowship Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Every Sunday, the group worships at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary followed by brunch at the Northville Crossing Restaurant, 18900 Northville Road, at 12:30 p.m.

On Thursday, April 9, the group will meet in the sanctuary for a special Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion at 7:30 p.m., followed by a gathering in the library/lounge at 8:30 p.m.

On Thursday, April 16, Single Place will present "The Lighter Side of Success: Humor in the Workplace" with speaker Walt Stasinski, M.Ed., M.P.H. at 7:30 p.m.

The cost for each is \$4. Following the presentations, the group will meet at Mulligan's of Northville at 9:30 p.m.

Upcoming events include a dinner and movie at Diamond Jim Brady's on Saturday, April 11, at 5:30 p.m.; "Cabaret" at the Boushelle Theatre and Traffic Jam on Saturday, April 25, and "Arsenic and Old Lace" at Plymouth Theatre Guild and Rocky's for dinner on Saturday, May 2.

On Sunday evenings, Single Place meets for coffee and cards at 6 p.m. at Tuscany Cafe, 150 N. Center Street in Northville.

On Fridays, the group meets at 5:30 p.m. at Tremor's, 17123 N. Laurel Park in Livonia.

A Walk in the Park is scheduled every Saturday at 10 a.m. in Heritage Park between Ten and Eleven Mile in Farmington Hills.

A workshop on "Seeking Relationship: a Three-Fold Path to Understanding" will be held on three Sunday evenings, April 19 and 26, and May 3, beginning at 7 p.m. The speaker is Roy Lessing, M.A., L.L.P. The cost is \$24 in advance and \$27 at the door.

A Divorce Recovery Workshop is scheduled for May 14 through June 25. A Growth Workshop on "Living Beyond Divorce - Phase II" with Pam Jacobs will be held on six Thursday evenings from May 7 through June 11 from 7 until 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$40.

For more information about any of the Single Place programs or to register, call (248) 349-0911.

**SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES** of Ward Presbyterian Church, Six Mile Road west of Haggerty in Northville Township, invites you to join over 450 single adults every Sunday morning at 11:30 a.m. for fellowship and encouragement.

Rev. Paul Clough delivers messages to help singles in their life struggles. Coffee, donuts, conversation and Christ are always present.

SPM has a program and activity for every age group and life situation. All programs meet at the new location, even though the room names may be the same as before the move.

Single Parents meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m. in room C317/C319. The group offers support, fun, fellowship, vacations and other activities. Free child care is available.

The Uniquely Single Group for those who have never been married meets the fourth Tuesday from 7-9 p.m.

New Start for widows and widowers meets every other Thursday in Room A-15 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Indoor volleyball meets Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m. in Knox Hall. A \$1 donation is suggested.

Talk Talk Talk it Over will be held at 7:30 p.m. in room C317/C319. On April 24 Single Point's own Dick Bort will speak about "Where Do We Go from Here?" Topics covered will be "Who am I? What is your Social Style?"

Every Monday night the group meets at the Maples of Novi on Fourteen Mile for euchre, pinocle and dinner at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$7 for members and \$8 for non-members. Cash bar and munchies are available.

Upcoming activities include volleyball every Tuesday.

For details on upcoming activities and information about Farmington Single Professionals call the FSP hot line at (248) 851-9909 or www.fsp.org.

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

For more information, call Church of the Holy Family in Novi at (248) 349-8847.

The **CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB OF DETROIT** is for single Catholics 21 and older who have bachelors degrees and are free to marry in the Catholic Church.

CACD offers a large number and variety of activities each month, including cultural, social, religious, athletic and intellectual events.

Upcoming events held locally include Easter Vigil Mass at St. James Parish on Saturday, April 11, at 8 p.m., with reservations required by April 10; and the "God Squad" at the Holiday Inn West-Laurel Park on Monday, April 20, at 11 a.m. with reservations for the \$25 tickets due now.

For details call (248) 588-1091.

**CHRISTIAN SINGLES TODAY**, an outreach ministry of Anchor Bay Fellowship at 35526 Grand River, Suite 344 in Farmington Hills, is a full-Gospel, spirit-filled, born-again, faith-filled fellowship, offering a program for singles and those who are single again.

Bring a friend and let's have fun. A donation is suggested.

Call Christian Singles Today for (248) 615-1280 for additional information.

## Culinary students compete in Singapore

Eight culinary arts students from Schoolcraft College will depart April 9 to Singapore.

The students along with co-managers Master Pastry Chef Joe Decker, Master Chef Jeffrey Gabriel, Executive Chef Shawn Gavranski will compete in the Salon Culinaire '98, a world-class culinary competition.

The Salon Culinaire is the third largest culinary competition in the world, with more than 600 individual competitors from 25 countries vying in 20 categories.

Gavranski said the entire experience is exhilarating, from the recognition that you are indeed in a foreign country with elements of Indian, Malaysian, Chinese, British and Arabian cultures, to the smell and feel of the air, to the camaraderie in the kitchen during the competition.

"You are working in the kitchen with four other countries," he said. "The last time we competed, there was lots of exchange with the other teams (Taiwan, France and Canada). Students also learn about their individual characters. Sometimes they are up for 36 hours straight before the competition, and they will be together in the four walls of the kitchen for a long time."

Gavranski said his apprentice team has a chance of going to the Olympics and are winners just because they have the opportunity to attend the competition. "We'll come back in glory whatever happens," he said.

Students on the dessert team include Jennifer Todd, Amy Machnak and Rita Decker. The apprentice competition members are Aaron Cook, Robert Hurd, Eric Schilbe, Jason Weaver and alternate James Bologna.

Competition is set for April 12 through the 15. The Schoolcraft group will return to Livonia April 20.

## Pet of the Week



This shepherd was left on Critter Connection's doorstep.

This week's featured dog is a 5-year-old, 120 pound, black ARC German Shepherd which will be at PetSmart on Saturday, April 11. He was dropped off for showing and never reclaimed by his owner. Easter pet pictures will be taken at PetSmart from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Last week's featured dog, Sneakers, a year-and-a-half-old male Golden Retriever, was adopted.

Critter Connection has a variety of other adult dogs and puppies which it shows every Saturday at the Pet Supplies Plus store at 42660 Ten Mile Road in Novi, at

Pet Smart Pets & Supplies, 37569 West Twelve Mile near Hubbard in Farmington Hills, and at PetSmart, 385 Haggerty Road in Commerce Township, from 11:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

Adoption fees are \$125 for puppies and \$100 for adult dogs which includes shots, neutering, worming and heartworm check. The fee is refundable if for some reason the adoption does not work out and the dog needs to be returned to Critter Connection.

For more information, or the location on where a specific breed will be shown, call (248) 855-4136 or (313) 563-1823.

## Library hosts photographer

A local photographer known for her award-winning work will speak at the Northville District Library on Thursday, April 23, in a continuation of the Voices and Visions series sponsored by the Friends of the Northville District Library.

Kathleen Thompson, a Northville resident, will illustrate with slides work that has won her acclaim throughout the state. She took first prize in a competition that drew 5,000 entries for the cover of "Michigan Magazine," then published by "The Detroit News."

A photograph of tulips entitled "Early Spring" was used by the Detroit Institute of Arts for its poster for the ten-annual Arts and Flowers exhibit. The DIA also published note cards featuring the work.

Thompson also took firsts in competitions in Macomb County and Waterford in addition to placing in many other shows. Six of her pieces were used in the 1996 calendar produced by Marianne Williamson, author of "Illumina."

Thompson is a photographer/writer/producer for Madonna University. She is a graduate of Oakland University.

In June, Thompson will teach a course "Where Soul and Imagination Reside - A Woman's Discovery" at Schoolcraft College.

The talk and slide show at the library, 212 W. Carly, will start at 2 p.m. in the Cardy Meeting Room. There is no admission charge but reservations are required at (248) 349-3020.



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## Kudos

**DAN COLLIGAN**, a senior at Novi High School, has received one of the most prestigious awards given by the national Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

Colligan and his parents, Dennis and Joanne Colligan of Northville, were honored at a luncheon Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Farmington Hills Public Library by members of the John Sackett Chapter DAR.

Acting Good Citizen Award chairman, Susan Hartwig, presented the Good Citizen Award certificate, \$50 and a Good Citizen pin to winners of the Good Citizen Award. The pin is rimmed with 13 gold stars representing the 13 original colonies in America.

The DAR Good Citizen Award winners were chosen by their high school for possessing outstanding qualities of dependability, community service, leadership and patriotism. In addition, each student composed an original essay on the theme, "Our American Heritage and Our Responsibility to Preserve It," using no reference material in a room monitored by either a teacher or DAR member.

Dan will automatically qualify for winner of the state award. That winner will qualify for the East Central Division contest. The national winner will be presented with a \$3,000 scholarship to the school of their choice.

The John Sackett Chapter DAR is one of 56 Michigan chapters that sponsor the Good Citizen Award contest. Founded in 1890, the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution promotes the objectives of education, historic preservation and patriotic endeavor.

Dan has received several awards among which are varsity football co-captain, varsity basketball co-captain, representative of Student Council, all-conference honorable mention-football, school Football Teamwork award, Honor Roll member, Academic Letter, recreation basketball official, academi-



Dan Colligan



Izumi Suzuki (right) received a briefing book from Walter Bacak, executive director of the American Translators Association upon her election to its board in San Francisco.

all-conference, Spirit and Hustle award, letter in varsity football, and an invitation to attend Young Leader's Conference in Washington, D.C.

He was voted by his peers as "Most Dependable Male" in his graduating class and serves his community as a parks and recreation basketball official.

He plans to attend a university and major in liberal arts. Dan enjoys history and hopes to be involved in a career of service to others.

Suzuki was named Innovator of the Year by the Greater Detroit Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners. She was also noted for creation of the annual Japan Adventure award, an expense-paid guided tour from Hokkaido to Hiroshima.

Suzuki's teenage son and daughter are quadrilingual son Ren speaks English, Japanese, Spanish and Korean; daughter Jim speaks English, Japanese, French and Chinese.

Suzuki is a 1972 graduate of the Kanagawa Prefectural College for Foreign Studies; she attended Futaba High School in Yokohama and Aquinas College, Michigan.

"Golden Apple Awards" were presented to **MARY STEVENS**, a custodial coordinator at Hickory Woods Elementary, and **MARY GENE BRANCIC**, paraprofessional

at Glangary Elementary.

Stevens was nominated by office parapro, Joanne Crandall, and former principal's secretary, Jeanne Davis, for setting an example for students and staff in taking pride in one's school and in one's work.

Stevens' pride stems from the love she has for the students, she said.

As an example, she spearheaded a community-wide fund-raiser which sent a student and her mother to Disney World.

Brancic was nominated because she is a positive role model for all, a self-motivated person who is always seeking new ideas, awarding to nominator, Karen James. She helps new employees, is always happy and friendly, has a sense of humor, is very patient with all students, and is a team player.

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## On Campus

**MELISSA STRIKULIS**, daughter of Dennis and Martha Strikulis of Novi, has recently been elected as Parliamentarian for Gamma Phi Beta sorority for the 1998 calendar year. As a sophomore at Alma College, Melissa holds a major in exercise and health science and a minor in psychology.

Novi students **NICHOLE BORASHKO**, **JEANNA M. STEWART** and **ERIN C. VOGEL** have been named to the Dean's List for winter term at Northwestern University. To achieve Dean's List recognition, students must earn a 3.0 or better grade point average.

Borashko, a senior, is the daughter of Donald and Kathleen Borashko. Both Stewart and Vogel are sophomores. Stewart is the daughter of Thomas and Debra Stewart and Vogel is the daughter of Richard and Shannon Vogel.

Named to the Dean's Honor List for fall term '97 at the University of Michigan College of Engineering were the following Novi students: **NICHOLAS J. ANGELOCCI**, **LAURA N. CARTER**, **STEVEN CHANG**, **MICHELLE L. HAHN**, **ALIA HAMADE**, **CHARLES S. INNES**, **TIMOTHY B. KUSHMAN**, **DESMOND L. LIANG**, **JANETTE M. NUNN**, **KATHRYN C. SHAW**, **HANFEI M. SHEN**, and **MUTSUMI YOSHIDA**.

**KRISTEN A. WASALASKI**, a 1996 graduate of Northville High School, has been named to the Dean's List at Central Michigan University for fall semester '97. This is the third consecutive semester she has been named to the Dean's List.

Wasalaski, a sophomore majoring in biology, is the daughter of Larry and Elizabeth Wasalaski of Novi.

Named to the Dean's List for winter quarter at Michigan Technological University were Novi students **SARA ELIZABETH BLUMER**, junior, chemical engineering; **CHRISTY LEIGH CARMICHAEL**, senior, mechanical engineering; **JENNIFER LYNN FOX**, senior, mechanical engineering; and **ROBERT MATTHEW POPOVCAK**, freshman, mechanical engineering.

Students earning a grade point average of 3.5 or better receive this recognition.

Novi students earning degrees from Western Michigan University for the fall term '97 were: **DAVID MICHAEL KERR**, bachelor's, computer science; **JEANNINE M. LA PORTE**, bachelor's in fine arts; **MAJD ASSAF NOUAIM**, master's, computer science; and **DERRICK SMITH**, bachelor's in marketing.

**JEFF ZIMMERMAN** of Novi was named to the Honor Roll for the fourth rank marking at St. Mary's Preparatory, Orchard Lake. Students who earn an average of 3.7 or better are awarded this recognition. Zimmerman is a junior at St. Mary's.

**SHANNON COLLIGAN** was initiated into Aurum et Argentum Chapter at Central Michigan University on March 22. She was certified by the Mortar Board National College Senior Honor Society in recognition of her distinguished ability and achievement in scholarship, leadership and service.

Colligan, a 1995 graduate of Novi High School, is the daughter of Dennis and Joanne Colligan of Northville.

**DANIEL C. GULLEDGE** of Novi has been named to the Dean's Honor List for fall term at Cedarville College, Ohio.

Gulledge, a graduate of Plymouth Christian Academy, is a sophomore majoring in mechanical engineering.

**JULIE FAHRNER** has been named to the Dean's List for fall quarter at Midwestern University, Downers Grove, Ill. Students who earn a grade point average of 3.5 and higher receive this recognition.

Fahrner is enrolled in the Physician Assistant Program, College of Allied Health Professions at Midwestern. She is the daughter of Joan and Jim Fahrner of Novi and a 1994 graduate of Novi High School.

Earning a 3.5 or better grade point average for first semester 1997-98 at Miami University-Ohio were Novi students **JENNY L. CARMICHAEL**, **JILL C. CRAWFORD**, **KELLY A. ODOHERTY**, **JENNIFER A. RUDDY** and **JAMIE A. VanderMASS**.

## Reunions

**NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL:** Class of 1978, 20-year reunion, Aug. 1, Holiday Inn in Livonia. For more information, call (248) 348-4282.

**NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL:** Class of 1993, 5-year reunion, Saturday, June 6, Genitt's Hole-in-the-Wall in Northville. Call Stacey at (410) 415-4863 or snick@juno.com.

**SOUTH LYON HIGH SCHOOL:** Class of 1978, 20-year reunion, June 20, Baker's of Milford. Call Norven (Byrniekewicz) Samples at (248) 380-8906.

**ANN ARBOR PIONEER HIGH SCHOOL:** Class of 1978, 20-year reunion, July 18, Crowne Plaza. Call (810) 465-2277.

**CHIPPEWA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL:** Class of 1978, 20-year reunion, July 24, Zucveros in Chesterfield. Call (810) 465-2277.

**LAKE ORION HIGH SCHOOL:** Class of 1988, 10-year reunion, July 31, Northfield Hilton in Troy. Call (810) 465-2277.

**FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL:** Class of 1968, 30-year reunion, Aug. 7, Novi Hilton. Call (810) 465-2277.

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**MT. CLEMENS ST. MARY HIGH SCHOOL:** Multi-class reunion, Classes of 1964 through 1970, Aug. 21, Zucvero Banquet House in Chesterfield. Call (810) 465-2277.

**FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL:** Class of 1968, 30-year reunion, Aug. 7, Novi Hilton. Call (810) 465-2277.

**DETROIT CHADSEY HIGH SCHOOL:** Classes of 1948 and 1949, 50-year reunion, Oct. 3, St. Clement Hall, 19609 Ford Road in Dearborn. Call - 1948 - (313) 266-4129; 1949 - (313) 273-1589.

**FORDSON HIGH SCHOOL:** Class of 1968, 30-year reunion, Saturday, Aug. 8, at Burton Manor in Livonia. Call (248) 477-0965.

**ST. ANTHONY HIGH SCHOOL:** Class of 1948, 50-year reunion, Sept. 27, Mirage in Clinton Township. Call Loraine at (313) 981-4540 or Rosemarie at (810) 777-0026.

**LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL-FERNDALE:** Class of 1953, 45-year reunion, Oct. 3, Wyndham Garden Hotel in Novi. Call (734) 397-8766.

**WESTERN HIGH SCHOOL:** Class of 1988, 10-year reunion, Sept. 12, Crowne Plaza Pontiac/Orchard in Detroit. Call (734) 397-8766.

**GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL:** Class of 1988, 10-year reunion, Saturday, Sept. 12, at Roma's of Garden City. Call (248) 360-7004.

**NORTH FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL:** Class of 1988, 10-year reunion, Saturday, Oct. 3, at Best Western in Farmington Hills. Call (248) 366-9493.

**JOHN GLENN HIGH SCHOOL:** Class of 1973, 25-year reunion, Saturday, Oct. 10, at St. Aidan's Banquet Center in Livonia. Call (248) 360-7004.

**JOHN GLENN HIGH SCHOOL:** Class of 1978, 20-year reunion, Saturday, Oct. 24, DoubleTree Guest Suites in Southfield. Call (248) 360-7004.

**JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL:** Class of 1978, 20-year reunion on Saturday, Nov. 7, at Oak Hall in Wyandotte. Call (248) 360-7004.

**WOODHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL:** Class of 1988, 10-year reunion on Friday, Nov. 27, at Marriott Hotel in Romulus. Call (484) 366-9493.

**FERNDALE HIGH SCHOOL:** Class of 1973, 25-year reunion, Saturday, Nov. 28, at the DoubleTree Guest Suites in Southfield. Call (248) 360-7004.

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Offered on consecutive Tuesdays, April 14, 21 and 28, the two-hour classes are held 9:30-11:30 a.m., at ElderMed's Conference Room, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. The fee for the class is \$38 for ElderMed members or \$40 for nonmembers. Due to limited space, pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call (248) 471-8820.

ElderMed at Botsford, a free, lifetime membership program offering a variety of services and benefits to adults ages 50 and over, is part of the national ElderMed America network.



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## Beanie Baby drawing to benefit children

Love from Michigan, the specialty retailer in Novi's Twelve Oaks Mall, raised \$1,500 for the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute recently with a drawing for a Princess Di Beanie Baby. Participating in the check-passing ceremony were (from left) Sheila Sperti, Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute Hospice manager; Karen Orlandi, manager, Love From Michigan; and Denise Danaher,

nursing supervisor in the institute's home care and hospice programs. The proceeds will support My Treehouse, the institute's hospice program for children and young adults. The program helps young cancer patients in the last stages of life, as well as their families. For information on the institute's hospice programs, call (800) 527-6266 or visit the website at www.karmanos.org.

## Volunteers set goal for this year's CCI/Special Olympics Bowl-A-Thon

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even a single dollar. Duke has been trained to pick it up. He can even pick up a donut for Johnson without eating it.

"It's an ice breaker besides being a service dog," she said. "Johnson, like other CCI graduates, must be able to take care of Duke's daily needs such as bonding, grooming, training, play and exercise."

CCI was founded in 1975 and is funded by donations, group and service club contributions, grants and ongoing fund raising activities. They receive no government funding.

Johnson, CCI's Michigan Champions Group Leader and fund raising chairperson, held the first CCI Bowl-A-Thon at Novi Bowl last

year and raised \$5,000. Special Olympics is back at Novi Bowl for the first time in 15 years.

"I'm excited to have them back," Harris said. "We all get paid with the good feelings inside," Harris said.

The all day event will include puppy raisers from Kalamazoo as well as a karaoke host. Raffles will be held and Harris is still working on getting a celebrity or two to stop by.

When not holding one of the two major annual fund raisers, Johnson and Duke give demonstrations at area schools.

"He's my arms and my legs now," Johnson said. "He's my companion, it's not just work."

For more information about the Bowl-A-Thon on April 18, call Johnson at (313) 671-7576.

Some of the Novi Bowl employees will be donating their time, as well as volunteers who work with CCI and Special Olympics.

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Karen Taylor-Good will perform at Church of Today West.

## Church celebrates anniversary

Church of Today West in Novi, which meets at the Meadowbrook Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook Road in Walled Lake, will have as its lesson "New Beginnings" given by its founding minister Barbara Clevenger on Easter Sunday, April 12, at 9 and 11 a.m. Grammy-nominated guest vocalist Karen Taylor-Good has been invited to perform. Taylor-Good first performed at Church of Today West last year, when the church held their first service at Easter. For more information, call (248) 449-8900 or check out the website at [www.cotwest.com](http://www.cotwest.com).

## Entertainment listing

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

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**BORDERS BOOKS:** Upcoming events include *The Farm Lady*, Margaret Schmidt on Thursday, April 23; Mrs. Frizzle catches the wave with an interactive performance of sound on Saturday, April 25; Dinetek brings dinosaurs to life with real fossils and a multimedia display on Sunday, April 26; and Stellar "Stellaluna" Story time when The Organization for Bat Conservation visits with a live version of the bat Stellaluna on Tuesday, April 28.

The Novi store is located at 43075 Crescent Boulevard in Novi. For more information, call Borders at (248) 347-0780.

**PERFORMER'S SHOWCASE:** The public is invited to attend the Performer's Showcase performances held prior to select Novi City Council meetings in the Novi Civic Center at 7:30 p.m. On occasion, performances may be taped by Time Warner and cablecast to residents.

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

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### THEATER

**NOVI THEATRES:** "The Velveteen Rabbit" will be performed by "the little people players" on April 24 and 25 at 7:30 p.m. and on April 26 at 3 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi. All seats are reserved. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and children under age 12. For information, call (248) 347-0400.

**MARQUIS THEATRE:** To celebrate the upcoming spring season, the Marquis Theatre will present a musical adaptation of "Charlotte's Web" live on stage through April 26. "Charlotte's Web" is the tale of a little girl named Fern, her pet pig Wilbur, and Charlotte the spider who weaves their lives together with lasting friendship and love. Performance dates are Saturdays and Sundays, April 18, 19, 25 and 26. During spring break, performances will be held on April 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17. All shows are at 2:30 p.m. No children under the age of three will be permitted. The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main Street in Northville. Tickets are \$6.50. Special group

rates and times are available. For details, call (248) 349-8110.

**GENITTI'S:** The interactive comedy dinner theater now through April at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall is "Trial by Error!"

Audience members may not find themselves called for duty if the jury box is full, but there are always other jobs available as, say, the defendant. All dinner theater presentations include the restaurant's famous seven-course, family-style Italian dinner. For the kids there's the mini luncheon and show Beanie Baby Capers on April 18 and 25. Genitti's is located at 108 E. Main Street in Northville. For reservations or more information, call (248) 349-0522.

### MUSIC

**MR. B'S FARM:** Mr. B's Farm is located at Novi Road north of Ten Mile. For details, call 349-7038.

**OXFORD INN:** The Oxford Inn is located at 43317 Grand River in Novi. For details, call (248) 305-5856.

**LIBRARY SPORTS PUB AND GRILL:** The Library Sports Pub and Grill is located at 42100 Grand River Avenue in Novi. For details, call 349-9110.

**TUSCAN CAFE:** Tuscan Cafe presents a variety of entertainment acts nightly except Sundays. Weekly performances are from 8:30 to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday performances are from 9 until 11 p.m. Tuscan Cafe is located at 150 Center Street in Northville. For details, call 305-8629.

**BRADY'S FOOD & SPIRITS:** Live entertainment is offered from 7:30 until 11 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. Brady's Food and Spirits is located at 38123 West Ten Mile in the Holiday Inn in Farmington Hills. For details, call (248) 478-7780.

**FRIGATES INN:** Frigates offers live music every Wednesday at 9 p.m. featuring the 2XL Band. The Tim Flaherty Trio with once Dan McNeil will host an open blues Jam every Thursday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. All musicians are welcome. Dance with The Globe at 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Frigates Inn is located at the corner of Fourteen Mile and East Lake Drive in Novi. For details, call (248) 624-9607.

**SPORTS EDITION:** Enjoy live entertainment at the Sports Edition Bar, located inside the Novi Hilton Hotel, 21111 Haggerty Road. 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 Salon 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. Hours are Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. until 8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and noon until 4 p.m. on Sunday. For details, call (248) 380-0470.

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

**JAZZ NIGHT:** DePalma's Dining and Cocktails, 31735 Plymouth Road in Livonia, offers live entertainment. Larry Nozero and Friends perform intimate jazz from 8 to 11 p.m. on Mondays. Ron DePalma plays jazz piano from 7-11 p.m. every Tuesday featuring a wide variety of guest performers. Guest singers are welcome.

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**HENNESSEY'S PUB:** Tommy D Band will perform on April 17 and 18, and May 15 and 16 at 9:30 p.m. Hennessey's is located at 49110 Grand River in Novi. Call (248) 348-4404.

**CARVERS RESTAURANT:** Nikki Pearce will be appearing on Friday and Saturday evenings from 8:30 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. Carvers is located at Grand River and Ten Mile roads in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 476-5333.

**ART DANCING EYE GALLERY:** The gallery is located at 101 N. Center at Main. For more information, call (248) 449-7086.

**GATE VI GALLERY:** Works in pastel, watercolor, oil as well as prints and sketches of local landmarks by members of the Plain Air Society will be on exhibit through mid-April. Month-long exhibits of local artists are held in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile in Novi. Viewing of the exhibit is possible during the hours the Civic Center is open. Local artists interested in exhibiting at the Civic Center should call 347-0400.

**ART SOURCE:** Art Source, located at 126 Main Centre in Northville, features prints, museum reproductions, art posters, photographs, etchings and custom framing. Business hours are Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Friday until 8 p.m. or by appointment. For details, call 348-1213.

**ATRIUM CENTER GALLERY:** Atrium Center Gallery is located at 109 N. Center in downtown Northville. The museum is located at 155 South Main Street in Plymouth. Hours are Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 1-4 p.m. and Sunday from 2-5 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults and 50 cents for students ages 5 to 17. Children under 5 are admitted free. The family rate is \$5. For details, call (313) 455-8940.

**BACKDOOR GALLERY:** Farmington's Backdoor Gallery, 37220 Eight Mile Road, specializes in unusual art dolls. The gallery is in the home of co-owner Kathy Landers. She and the other owner, Kathleen Bricker, are both artists. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, and by appointment. Call (248) 474-8306 for details.

**PAINTER'S PLACE:** Owned by Caroline Dunphy, Painter's Place, located at 140 N. Center Street in downtown Northville, is featuring original paintings done on site and from sketches of watercolors of European gardens, primarily the garden and water lily pond of Monet, as well as street scenes of European cities. While the Dunphy was visiting the world-famous gardens. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Thursday from noon until 4 p.m. or by appointment. Call (248) 348-9544 for details.

**MUSEUMS**

**MOTORSPORTS:** The Motor-sports Museum and Hall of Fame features 75 racing vehicles of all types, covering a 90-year time span. Highlights include a 1965 New Holy Sare Sunday, April 26, 3-5 p.m.; Monday-Sunday, April 27-May 2, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, May 3, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is free. For details, call (248) 646-3707.

**TOYS:** The Plymouth Historical Museum has a special exhibit relating to the history of toys and other childhood memories, including antique dolls, teddy bears, push and pull toys, trains and rocking horses. The museum is located at 155 South Main Street in Plymouth. Hours are Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 1-4 p.m. and Sunday from 2-5 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults and 50 cents for students ages 5 to 17. Children under 5 are admitted free. The family rate is \$5. For details, call (313) 455-8940.

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In compliance with "Act No. 43," State of Michigan Public Acts of 1963, and "Act No. 2," State of Michigan Public Acts of 1968 ("Section 16" of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act), Schoolcraft College publishes this notification of a public hearing on the proposed 1998-99 college budget. This hearing is to take place at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22, 1998, at the Great Administration Center, 18800 Haggerty Road, Livonia, Michigan. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the above address during normal business hours.

The property tax millage proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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## 'City of Angels'

Nicholas Cage, Meg Ryan star in tale of romance and desire

How do angels spend their limitless days? Their job is to roam the Earth, listening to people's thoughts, celebrating their lives and deaths, and comforting those in need—but they can't interfere with their fates.

Angels are not, and never have been, human beings. Though they care deeply for humankind, they perceive the events, sensations and emotions of people lives with a certain compassionate wonder.

But what happens if an angel years for the most everyday mortal experiences: to taste a pear, to cry, to feel the touch of a hand, to fall in love? And what would an angel be willing to give up for those experiences?

Conversely, what would make a rational mortal woman—a no-nonsense surgeon who firmly relies on her own earthly abilities—become drawn to a spiritual man whose very existence is almost impossible for her to accept?

How would she have to change to understand him?

In "City of Angels," a story of romance and desire starring Academy Award-winner Nicolas Cage and two-time Golden Globe nominee Meg Ryan, two souls, one mortal and one celestial, must struggle with their willingness—and finally, their need—to sacrifice everything familiar for the sake of love.

Nicholas Cage plays Seth, a restless angel on duty in Los Angeles, who encounters Dr. Maggie Rice (Meg Ryan), a pragmatic heart surgeon whose sense of control is deeply shaken by losing a patient on her table for no apparent reason.

Although Seth is there to aid the dying man, he is immediately drawn to Maggie and wants to help her overcome her crisis of confidence. In the process, he falls in love with her and longs for the sensory world he has observed but cannot experience.

Finally, despite its risks, Seth takes the unusual step of becoming visible to Maggie, changing from an imperceptible spirit to a mysterious stranger.

Maggie is intrigued and captivated by Seth, but as their passion for each other deepens, she questions the sanity of loving this perfect man with no past, a man who challenges her most closely held beliefs about the place of faith in her life. Maggie becomes confused, frightened, angry and bewildered by her vulnerability to Seth—beyond all these emotions, she falls more deeply in love with him than she ever thought possible.

Meanwhile, Seth grows increasingly frustrated by his new status as a partial occupant of the human world. He is also deeply in



Nicholas Cage and Meg Ryan star in "City of Angels," Warner Bros.' romantic drama of hope and desire.

love and wants so fervently to share Maggie's life that he considers a momentous proposition—giving up his status as an angel to become a human being, trading harsh immortality for the harsh yet beautiful chaos of living.

How important, how necessary is love? Is it valuable enough to make both of these very certain individuals surrender their certainty?

The history of bringing "City of Angels" to the screen began in 1988 after producer Dawn Steel saw Wim Wenders' highly acclaimed "Wings of Desire" and obtained the rights to adapt it. Producer Charles Rovin, Steel's partner and husband says, "Dawn was intrigued by Wenders' idea of an angel faced with the choice of becoming mortal himself for the sake of love. But she didn't want to tell the story in the exact same way."

The producers saw their film as a great love story. "On one hand you have a doctor who is all about empirical evidence and facts, yet she finds herself falling in love with an angel. On the other hand, you have an angel, someone who has lived for thousands of years in the celestial realm, who's jolted out of his perfect equilibrium by this very rational, imperfect woman. For him to sacrifice immortality and the constant feeling of spiritual calm means he has to traverse an enormous distance to fulfill the romance," explains Rovin, "and for her to even allow herself to believe that Seth exists is a huge leap."

"Yet their emotions guide them toward each other no matter what they do."

Steel has always saw Meg Ryan as Dr. Maggie Rice. "Meg is a very real, believable person on the screen; she's someone audiences connect with."

Her feelings, strengths and weaknesses are ones we find in ourselves, and she presents them with sensitivity, compassion and wit," says Rovin. Ryan enthusiastically responded to the script. "It was, hands down, the only script I'd ever read that I had to do," declares Ryan.

To play Seth, an angel with a uniquely human appeal, the filmmakers cast Nicolas Cage. Cage's ability to convey tremendous depth of feeling with his expressive face and body language brought him extraordinary success in such movies as "Birdy," "Moonstruck" and, more recently, "Leaving Las Vegas," for which he received the Academy Award.

Someone portraying an angel, being accustomed to long silences and meditations, would need such dramatic gifts to bring his character to life.

Cage was interested in doing a love story after starring in "The Rock," "Con Air" and "Face/Off," a trilogy of action movies. "I was really looking forward to doing a film without violence, one that was a romance," says Cage. "I think people are a little afraid of romance movies because they're too precious."

But "City of Angels" is a unique love story because it illustrates the notion that attraction, passion and love are intangible.

## Meg Ryan's in high demand among Hollywood producers

With a starring role in "City of Angels," Meg Ryan continues to demonstrate her versatile talent in her wide-ranging choice of leading roles.

The two-time Golden Globe nominee for Best Actress most recently starred in the romantic comedy "Addicted to Love" opposite Matthew Broderick and received critical acclaim for her starring role in the 1996 box office hit "Courage Under Fire" opposite Denzel Washington.

Ryan re-teamed with Tom Hanks and director Nora Ephron, with whom she made the 1993 box-office hit "Sleepless in Seattle," to star in Warner Bros.' musical comedy "You Have Mail."

Ryan has just completed a role in Anthony Drazan's "Hurlyburly" in which she stars with Sean Penn, Chazz Palminteri, Garry Shandling and Kevin Spacey.

Since she delighted audiences with her comic portrayal of Sally Albright in "When Harry Met Sally," for which she earned her first Golden Globe nomination, Ryan has had her choice of roles as one of Hollywood's most sought-after actresses.

She received her second Golden Globe nomination for "Sleepless in Seattle" and has also starred in Lawrence Kasdan's romantic comedy "French Kiss," opposite Kevin Kline, Fred Schepesi's "I.Q.," opposite Tim Robbins and Walter



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Catholic, outgoing, SWF, 42, outgoing, cooking and much more, is seeking an attractive, family-oriented, slim, romantic SWCM, 32-36, with brown hair, for a possible relationship. Ad# 1200

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Outgoing SWF, 27, 5'11", brown hair, blue eyes, employed, enjoys fishing, hunting and computers, seeks a caring, humorous SWM, 27-31, with similar interests. Ad# 5822

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Outgoing SWF, 41, 5'4", has music, plants, walking, seeks Catholic SWM, 38-45, for friendship. Ad# 9028

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Protestant SWF, 21, 5'2", employed, participates in choir, youth ministry and Bible study, enjoys hunting, fishing, and camping, seeks a Protestant SWM, 20-25, for friendship first, possible relationship. Ad# 2121

**ALOT TO OFFER**  
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## Novi's depth shows on all-area teams

### Churella, Jilg, Talbot and Kalik make Hometown's first team

Sometimes when an area is strong in a particular sport, a few teams have to suffer with prominence exits from state tournaments. Such is the case for Hometown's 1998 all-area wrestling team.

After injury dented his consolation match, Jilg finished the season 42-4 and won the Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) championship in the process. He was a district and regional champion. Last year he placed eighth in the state at 103 pounds.

"Obviously there's not a lot of kids in the state much better than he is," Novi coach Brad Buss said. "Because he's just a sophomore, he has an opportunity to do some big things for us. He's definitely going to be a catalyst for us the next few years."

He worked real hard and I can't say enough about his record," Potter said. "I expected him to be tough, but if you'd told me he would be one match from placing at states, I don't know. When it comes down to winning, he knows what to do."

103—Matt Tarrow Northville junior  
Tarrow came through in more ways than one at a weight Northville coach Garnett Potter wasn't expecting great things from. The junior finished the year 32-9 after wrestling just six varsity matches last year.

Tarrow advanced to the individual state tournament after finishing third at the regional tournament and fourth at districts.

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112—Dan Jilg Novi sophomore  
Undeclared in dual meets he went long. Jilg was one match away from wrestling for the state championship. He finished fourth

Senior Jon Talbot finished the season 35-5 and made Hometown's all-area first-team.

the year with a 49-4 record and placed second at the state tournament.

On the way to the state finals, Anell reached the finals in every tournament the Redskins competed in. He is only the second wrestler in Milford history to ever reach the state finals.

"He's one of the hardest and most dedicated wrestlers I've had the chance to coach at Milford," Coach John Kramer said. "He just had a great year."

130—Anant Saran Northville junior  
Saran accomplished feats that no other Northville junior has ever done before. Wrestling at both 125 and 130, Saran was Mr. Versatile for the Mustangs this season. He won his first 42 matches of the year, picking up big wins in both district and regional action. He became just the third kid in school history to win a district and regional championship (Torrence and Nick Srirami in 1997) and was the highest-placing junior with his fifth-place finish at the state meet.

"I think he should have finished in the top three," Potter said. "But as a junior, I can honestly say he was the best I've ever seen. He never hid from anybody. I could have put him in at 189 pounds and he would have done it. He has no fear."

Saran finished 45-3 and had 105 take-downs while allowing just 13 against him.

140—Mark Churella Novi senior  
In the toughest weight class in the state, Churella's fifth-place finish could have spelled a state championship in most years. Churella finished 43-6 and third-place at regionals. He was runner-up at districts after winning the KVC championship at 140 pounds.

"People think that because of his name he's had a lot of experience," Huss said. "But he's only

Mark Churella placed fifth in the state at 140 pounds.

## Girls track team tops South Lyon, whips Northville

The Novi girls' track team picked up season-opening wins over Northville and South Lyon last week.

The 79-58 win over the Lions averaged last year's loss for Novi, which showed its brilliance in the distance events and depth in the sprints and field events.

Novi swept the 3,200 relay to secure the win, which was up for grabs with five events remaining.

Kristina Utley won the event in a time of 12 minutes, six seconds while Val Stanson (12:32) and Kristin Echols (12:49) were second and third.

"The two-mile is one of those races where you can make it or break it," coach Sue Tomaneck said. "Not many schools have a lot of girls who like to run it." Novi was missing its best two-mile, Brooke Albright, who had to leave the meet early.

Albright was around for the 1,600, which she won (5:39). Echols was third (5:46).

The Wildcats also cruised to a win in the 3,200 relay in a time of 10:17.11. Christy Davenport, Echols, Brittany Albright and Brooke Albright made up that team.

The 1,600 relay team of Erin Quinn, Chloe Clark, Beth Rice and Sara Elfring won that event in a time of 4:24.15.

Elfring went on to win the 300 hurdles (50.4) and finished second in the 110 hurdles. Corey Wolowicz was third in the 110 hurdles.

Davenport won the 800 (2:25.5) and Quinn and Clark were 2-3 in the 400 meter dash.

Freshman Mikie Rzepka lived up to her preseason expectations, winning three events. She won the 100 (13.0), the 200 (27.8) and the pole vault competition.

"She has been absolutely outstanding for us," Tomaneck said. "You don't often have girls scoring 15 points in a meet like Mikie and Brooke does for us."

Tonya Cobb and Rice finished first and second in the long jump and Mary McDougal finished first in the high jump.

Michelle Blumer won the discus and Julie Units finished third in the shot put.

Although Nov topped the Lions at the conference meet last year, it was still a meet Tomaneck was concerned about.

NOVI 124, N'VILLE 13

Not trying to run up the score on baseline rival Northville, Novi won every event and swept six in crushing the Mustangs at home.

Stephanie Primore won the shot put and Marcia Wilkerson finished third. Blumer took first in the discus and Christina Terrell and Primore finished second and third.

McDougal won the high jump and Novi made it a 1-2-3 sweep in the long jump with Cobb, Rice and Quinn doing the honors.

Rzepka again won the 100, 200 and pole vault events. Stacey Williamson took second in the pole vault and Kristin Leung was third.

Cobb finished runner up in the 100 while Christina Parrish finished third. Quinn and Kristin Ham were second and third in the 200.

Elfring took first in both the 110 and 300 hurdles. Erin McQuinn was second in the 300 and Wolowicz was third in the 110.

Novi won all four relay events. Brooke Albright, Davenport, Echols and Alaina Chipponeri won the 3,200 relay. Elfring, Clark, Rice and Chipponeri took the 1,600 relay and Chipponeri, Parrish, Ham and Rzepka won the 800 relay.

Finally, Cobb, Parrish, Ham and Elfring Ong won the 400 relay.

In the 400 meter dash, Quinn grabbed first and Clark was second. Chipponeri won her fourth event by winning the 800 while Davenport was second.

Novi also swept the two distance runs. Echols, Stanson and Brittany Albright finished 1-2-3 in the 3,200 and Brooke Albright, Echols and Jacqueline Teevans swept the 1,600 run.

"It was our first meet, so it makes it nice to get an easy win," Tomaneck said. "You do all that hard practicing for four weeks and it's nice to have this much success so the girls can see that their hard work is paying off."

Novi faced Hartland Tuesday (after The Novi News' deadline) and are off until April 18th when it hosts the Novi relays.

## Softball team splits three double headers to start off new season

The Novi softball team suffered from a split syndrome this past week, falling to sweep or be swept in three double headers in the first week of the season.

The Wildcats split a double-header with South Lyon Monday, two days after taking one of two from Walled Lake Central and three days after stealing one from Brighton.

Each of the three splits have one thing in common, Novi wins the opener and loses the night cap.

Joelle Franz pitched a three-hit shutout in Novi's 5-0 first game win against the Lions. The sophomore hurler struck out 10 South Lyon batters and walked none in seven innings on the mound.

"She was just outstanding," her coach Carol Diglio said. "She had great composure and kept her eye on balance all day long."

She was backed by timely Nov hitting. The Cats got three runs early as Katie Cameron opened the bottom of the first with a single. After Cameron stole second, Adrienne Farrell was hit by a pitch. A pass ball moved both runners into scoring position and Sarah Bajorek singled them both in with a single. One out later, Judy Namm singled in Bajorek to give Novi a 3-0 lead after one. That was all the support Franz would need.

Namm finished 2 for 3 at the plate and Cameron was 2 for 4 with two stolen bases.

Unfortunately for the Cats, the tide turned in the second game. South Lyon bounced back for a 5-2 win.

Cameron started the game and pitched for an inning before she was hit by a pitch in the bottom of the first and had to be relieved on the mound by RBIs. The Wildcats only had three hits in the second game.

The Lions scored four runs in the top of the fourth to overtake the Wildcats. Novi scored one run in the first and another in the third. It could only muster up four hits the entire game.

"That's not enough to pull a game off," Diglio said. "If you could just get rid of that one inning. It's just so frustrating."

NOVI 3, BRIGHTON 2  
BRIGHTON 12, NOVI 1 (5)

Once again the Cats headed a way to split this doubleheader, falling apart in the second game. Despite the loss, coach Diglio was happy to get a split with perennial powerhouse Brighton.

"It's a big win for us," she said. "It shows that we are making great strides. It shows that we're a team. We need to stay hot for the full 14 innings. That's the next level of maturity we need to come to."

Novi had just four hits, with Franz and Bajorek accounting for two hits each.

"Our bats just quieted down. That's been the big discussion every game out. We need to stay hot for the full 14 innings. That's the next level of maturity we need to come to."

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# Health

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## Health Column

### Fatigue can affect our general health

More than 100 million Americans regularly fail to get a good night's sleep. Fatigue affects our general health and feelings of well-being and the ability to concentrate. It impacts our relationships and is a contributing factor in safety issues, like traffic or work-related accidents.

There are many different types of sleep disorders but one little-talked about sleep condition, called Periodic Limb Movement Disorder (PLMD), can wreak havoc in the lives of up to 10 percent of the population, if left untreated.

PLMD is characterized by involuntary leg movements or jerking during sleep that occur at regular intervals, usually about every 30 seconds. People with periodic limb movements are usually not aware of the movements which can cause micro-arousals, or very brief awak-

enings. These continuous awakenings make the person feel as though they've had a poor night's sleep. While the person with PLMD may not be aware of the leg movements, the bed partner may complain of being kicked at night or that the bed clothes are twisted or are on the floor. Leg movement in patients with PLMD are not the same as night muscle spasms, or the occasional jerks of the body that occur when a person is just falling asleep. These movements are normal and do not cause problems of sleeplessness.

PLMD is a contributing cause in about 20 percent of insomnia cases but most people are not aware they have it. About 30 percent of PLMD cases are inherited and the syndrome primarily affects older adults.

Because PLMD patients are usually not

aware of the condition, they may need to undergo an overnight sleep study in order to ensure proper diagnosis.

While there is no cure for the disorder, treatment is usually very effective. Medications can control the abnormal muscle twitches and allow patients with PLMD to get a restful night's sleep.

If you are suffering from a chronic sleep disturbance, you don't have to live with it because help is available. See your family doctor for advice or for a referral to a sleep disorders specialist.

*This column was prepared by William T. Allen M.D., associate director, Michigan Institute of Sleep Medicine at Providence Medical Center in Novi.*

## Health Notes

### Body Fat Analysis

Have your body fat analysis done by a registered dietitian. Full printed report with recommendations for exercise and diet to promote health. Please call (248) 424-3903 for appointment and fee. The program will be held at Providence Medical Center-Farmington Hills/NW, Mission Health Medical Center-Livonia, Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi, and Providence Hospital in Southfield.

### Baby Beepers

Monthly beeper rentals available. Stay in touch with your labor partner. Call (248) 424-3332 for information and fee.

### Parish Nurse

The Parish Nurse Ministry strives to build relationships with local congregations. This service is offered to all fathers to meet the holistic health needs of your members. To learn more about the Providence Parish Nurse Ministry, please call (248) 424-2763. **Briefhead: Weight on the Run**

Conducted by an exercise physiologist and a nutritionist, this 12-week program starts with a fitness assessment and nutritional consultation, followed by three weekly monitored workouts and weekly nutritional support. Day and evening classes available. A \$300 fee includes enrollment in the class "ABC of Weight Loss." Botsford Center for Health Improvement-TRACC, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 473-5600.

### Latest news on breast cancer

Botsford physician Robert Boorstein D.O., and Botsford Health Development Network Project Manager Mary Kors R.N., B.S.N., discuss breast cancer and the latest news on treatment options. This monthly forum for women ages 40-60, presents issues and concerns dealing with mid-life changes. Meets from 7-8:30 p.m. Oct. 23. There is no charge. Botsford General Hospital's 3 West Conference Room, on Grand River in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 477-6100.

### Laurel Park Walking Club

"Walk the mall" for enjoyable, low-impact, climate-controlled exercise - and then have your blood pressure checked (available the fourth Monday of every month, 8-10 a.m.). Free. Laurel Park is opened to walkers 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday. Located on Six Mile Road in Livonia (at the corner of Six Mile and Newburgh roads). For information, call (248) 477-6100.

### Breastfeeding Basics

Workshop covers the "how to's" of breastfeeding: How to start and maintain successful breastfeeding as well as the answers to questions and concerns of women who are already breastfeeding. \$20. Classes are held at Botsford's Health Development Network in Novi. For information and registration, call (248) 477-6100.

### Circuit Training

A multi-stationed exercise and education program designed for the individual with limited experience using fitness equipment. Participants will be instructed on the proper use of weight and cardiovascular machines. Mondays and Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m. \$70. Preregistration required.

Botsford Center for Health Improvement-trace, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For registration and information, call (248) 473-5600.

### Childbirth Education

A six-week series designed to prepare the pregnant woman and her support person for the birth experience is being offered at Providence Medical Centers throughout Oakland and Wayne counties. A tour of the birthing area is included. Childbirth refresher and Cesarean birth classes are also offered.

Cost: \$65. For more information or to register, call 1-800-968-5595.

### Diabetes Education

A comprehensive program which includes self-monitoring of blood glucose, diet and meal planning, disease management with exercise, potential complications of the disease, and presentations by a pharmacist and a podiatrist.

Date: Continuously revolving six-week program held on Monday evenings. From 6-8:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Office Center in Novi, Ten Mile and Haggerty roads. Fee: \$20. To register call (248) 424-3903.

### Martial Arts for Special Children

Conducted by a black-belt martial arts instructor, a physical therapist and an exercise therapist for children ages 5-16 with special needs such as cerebral palsy, A.D.D., or sensory integration dysfunction.

Continuously revolving eight-week course held on Friday evenings from 6-8:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi.

The cost is \$100. Call 1-800-968-5595 to register.

### Surgical Preparation

Through the Sally the Surgery Star program, children scheduled for surgery are taken on a tour and familiarized with the surgical experience. A variety of educational materials and supportive teaching tools are used to help the child deal positively with the idea of a hospital stay.

Continuous program by appointment only. Providence Medical Center-Providence Park. There is no charge. Call (810) 380-4170 to register.

### Health education library

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is now making its health education library open to the public.

The library has books, video tapes, computer databases, pamphlets and anatomical models available to the public which can be used to learn about illnesses, medications, parenting skills or other health issues.

The library is located at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, 47601 Grand River, and is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call (810) 380-4110 for more information.

### Blood Pressure Checks

Providence Medical Center-Providence Park is offering free blood pressure checks Monday-Friday, 9-11 a.m.

Area residents are invited to visit Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, located at 47601 Grand River Ave., to obtain this free service. Screening will take place in Providence's Emergency Care Center located within the center.

For further information, contact (810) 380-4225.

### Well Child Clinic

Oakland County Health Division's Child Health Conferences provide free ongoing well care for children from birth to school entry. Families who do not have an HMO or Medicaid may be eligible. Clinics are held at 14 locations throughout Oakland County.

Services include: Heights and weights; head to toe physical examination; immunizations; vision, hearing and lab testing; growth and developmental screening; and counseling with referrals to physicians and area resources as needed.

Appointment is required. For more information, call: North Oakland, 858-1311 or 858-4001; South Oakland, 424-7066 or 424-7067.

### Screenings

Total cholesterol screening is conducted by the fingerstick method from 1-4 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement-Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. There is a \$5 fee. For more information, call (810) 477-6100.

### Health Risk Appraisal

Do you know what your health risks are? Botsford's health risk appraisal includes blood pressure, total cholesterol and HDL readings. There is a \$50 fee and appointment is required. Botsford Center for Health Improvement-HDN, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For registration and information, call (248) 477-6100.

### Intermediate Water Aerobics

A 50-minute water exercise class for postnatal and post physical therapy patients. Six-week course. \$35 fee and registration required. Botsford Center for Health Improvement-trace, on Grand River in Novi. For registration and information, call (248) 473-5600.

### ABC of Weight Loss

A registered dietitian will work with you individually for three months to set up a realistic weight loss plan, organize your appetite and discuss the best strategies for weight loss. A \$95 fee and appointment required. Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 477-6100.

### Low Impact Aerobics

Improve your overall fitness level through a 55-minute workout utilizing lower-impact aerobic movements. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5-5:55 p.m. \$50 fee and preregistration required. Botsford Center for Health Improvement-trace, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For information and to register, call (248) 473-5600.

### Nutrition for Two: Baby and You

Get your baby off to a healthy start. Register early in pregnancy. Classes offered monthly. \$10 fee and registration required. Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 477-6100.

### Powerstop

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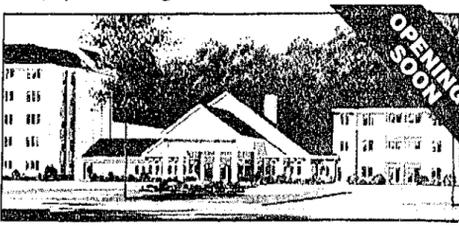
### Walking Clubs

Botsford General Hospital sponsors two free walking clubs. Laurel Park Mall (Six Mile and Newburgh roads) beginning at 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Free blood pressure provided by Botsford for walkers on the fourth Monday of every month, 8-10 a.m. Livonia Mall (Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads) beginning 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Free blood pressure checks provided by Botsford for walkers on the third Wednesday of every month from 8-10 a.m. For more information, call Botsford's Health Development Network at (248) 477-6100.

### Caregivers Program

"Caring for Dementia Patients," a free program for individuals caring for adults with Alzheimer's disease or closed-head injuries, sponsored by Botsford's Geropsychiatric Services and the Detroit Area Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Topics covered include overview of dementia, managing difficult behaviors and coping skills for caregivers. Held on Monday evenings, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Botsford General Hospital's Conference Room 2-East B, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. For information and registration, call (248) 471-8723.

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