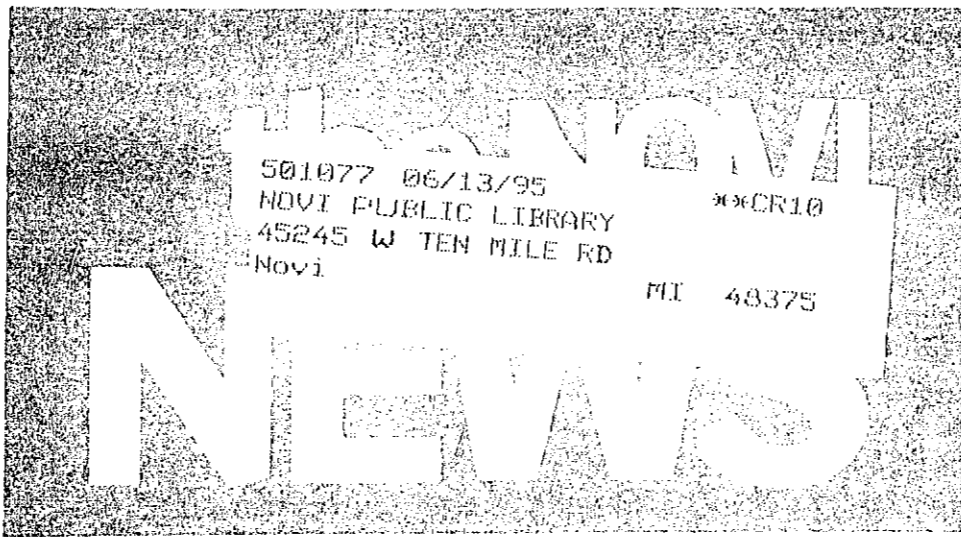


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ELECTION RESULTS

The following are results of the election balloting in Novi Tuesday. Boldface type denotes the overall winner in the race. Numbers included in the chart are vote totals in the City of Novi only.

U.S. Senate
Republican
Spencer Abraham8,784
Democrat
Bob Carr3,844

11th district U.S. Congress
Republican
Joe Knollenberg9,942
Democrat
Michael Breshgold3,062

Governor and Lieutenant Governor
Republican
John Engler and
Connie Binsfield10,213
Democrat
Howard Wolpe and
Debbie Stabenow3,451

Attorney General
Republican
John Smietanka7,008
Democrat
Frank Kelley6,516

Secretary of State
Republican
Cardace Miller6,516
Democrat
Richard Austin4,134

15th district state senate
Republican
David Honigman8,860
Democrat
Vicki Barnett3,766

38th District state house
Republican
Willis Bullard9,342
Democrat
Bob Havay3,401

17th district county board of commissioners
Republican
Kay Schmid8,508
Democrat
Michael Meyer3,957

Oakland County circuit court
(Four seats, regular terms)
David Breck (I)6,136
Francis O'Brien (I)5,149
Edward Sosnick (I)6,362
Denise Langford-Morris (I) 6,324
Leslie Anne Logan4,621

Oakland County circuit court
(New judgeship, regular term)
Alicia Gilbert5,401
Brian Levy3,409

Proposal A
To call a Constitutional Convention
Yes3,241
No9,564

Proposal B
To eliminate automatic appeals for criminal defendants who plead guilty
Yes10,795
No2,368

Proposal C
To reform no-fault auto insurance law
Yes8,275
No5,179

Proposal P
To create and protect endowment fund for state parks
Yes10,099
No2,821

State follows Novi voting pattern

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Surprise? Surprise? Hardly. Tuesday, the Republicans swept Novi, as they usually do, with 54.1 percent of the voters turning out to have their say. Over 74 percent of the city's voters were satisfied with Gov. John Engler, who's been in town so often over the past few weeks he almost seems like a Novi home boy. Sixty-eight percent wanted their 15th District state Senator to be Republican incumbent David Honigman of West

Bloomfield, while 73 percent agreed to keep Republican Willis Bullard of Milford as their state Representative for the 38th District.

On a national level, 11th District Congressman Joe Knollenberg heads back to Washington for a second term, helped there by a whopping 75 percent of Novi voters, while 64 percent supported newcomer Spencer Abraham for the U.S. Senate.

Closer to home, 68 percent of Novi voters chose Summit Drive resident Kay Schmid

for another term as 17th District Oakland County Commissioner. Almost 32 percent threw their weight behind Democrat Dr. Michael Meyer, a Willowbrook resident and Novi school board member.

Novi's new state senator, busy analyzing the impact of the election on Lansing politics, said he feels the "ponderous weight" of returning to a job he also loves.

"It's very gratifying," Honigman said. "Earlier, my life almost passed away from me. Now, not only to be very much alive but to have the support of 250,000 people,

it's very exhilarating and very humbling. I'll do my very best to be the best state senator the people of Novi ever had."

While Bullard wasn't sure of the final results Wednesday morning, it was clear he'd won.

"I'm just pleased I have an opportunity to represent the 38th District because I think under John Engler we're going to continue his agenda of tax cuts, welfare reform, education reform and downsizing state

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New Novi eatery closed by fire Sunday

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Cooker Bar and Grill was really cooking in the wee hours of Sunday morning.

Towels dirty with grease and then soaked in chlorine bleach to clean them apparently ignited while in the clothes dryer, starting the most expensive blaze Novi has seen since November 1992, Fire Chief Art Lenaghan said. No one was in the restaurant when the fire broke out.

The eatery is expected to reopen in 60 days, said Bridgette Turner, who is in insurance risk management in the firm's corporate offices.

"We've got a lot of cooked chicken," she added.

The estimated loss ranges from \$500,000 to \$750,000. Structural damage to the Twelve Mile Road restaurant was so severe that Lenaghan, fearing a possible collapse of the building, briefly withdrew the firefighters when flames



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

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Seniors bridge cultural barriers

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Menus for the hot lunches are the Novi Senior Center are planned six months in advance and trucked into city hall from Farmington Hills.

So Kathy Crawford, the City of Novi's special recreation coordinator for seniors, was surprised when plates of chop suey and rice were dished up Oct. 24, when the center hosted its first of a series of programs for Asian senior citizens.

"It was like a message from God. They said, 'We like your food.' Usually, we have meat loaf," Crawford said.

The 30 or so seniors from Korea, China and Japan who turned out for the event for the most part had limited knowledge of English.

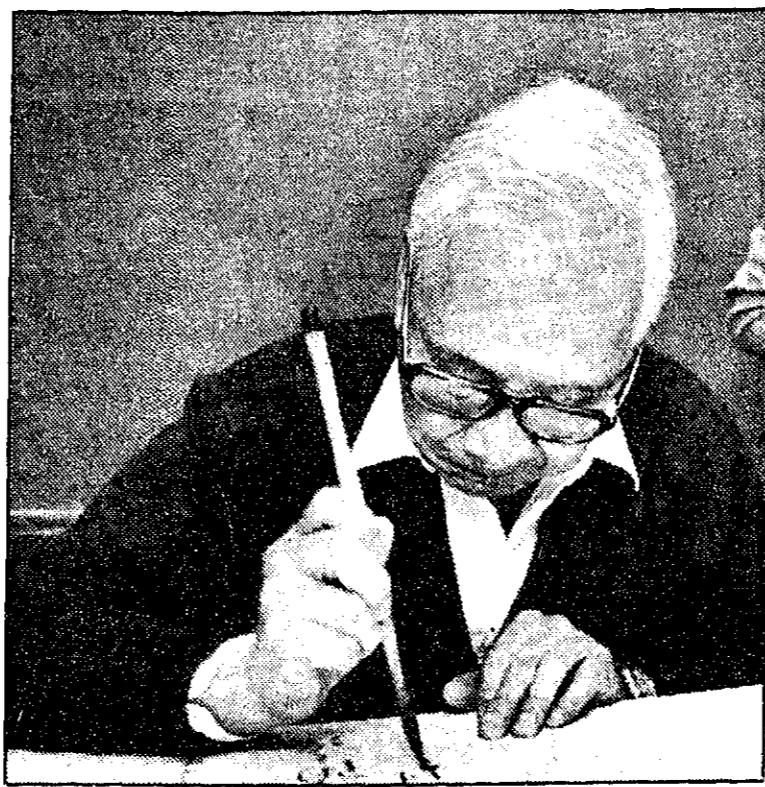


Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Zhi Yang signs an Oriental brush painting at the Novi Civic Center.

Asian elderly who accompany their working children to this country are often isolated from one another and unfamiliar with the culture here, Crawford

explained. They can feel intimidated about joining in on the regular activities at the Novi Senior

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Officials say bond money won't go for school land

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

Novi school administrators said Thursday they have no plans to use a dime of bond money to purchase land or new computer equipment if voters pass the \$33 million bond issue on the Dec. 13 ballot.

But bond language which was passed by the Board of Education Thursday night - without the benefit of an oral reading - says differently.

The language was approved Thursday evening, but was published in this newspaper in last Thursday's edition, well before the board approved it. The legal notification posted in *The Novi News* was approved by the district's attorney as long as the ad appeared the day of the board vote, and not before. Lippe said.

The language which was approved as part of the consent

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Residents don't want daycare nearby

By SHARON CONDRON
Staff Writer

Location, location, location. Nisha Nagar thought she'd found the perfect location for her in-home daycare.

A 3.02 acre rustic site situated on the northwest corner of Meadowbrook and Nine Mile roads. With access to Nine Mile, the site offers enough room for a paved parking lot in the front and a playground in the back.

It should have been an easy sell to city planners and neighboring residents. It was to all three of the city consultants. But not to the

commission nor to the adjacent property owners.

"Common sense tells me when you have an existing residential area, granting a special land use is a very bad idea," said Commissioner Glen Bonaventura before he moved to deny the permit. "It's wrong. Just plain wrong. It's just not fair to the existing residents."

The majority of commissioners sided with Bonaventura. A 5-2 commission vote nixed Nagar's request for the special land use permit which would have permitted the center in a residential

area. The permit would have been issued to the property owner. If the land ever changed hands, planners said it would revert back to a residential use. The addition of the front parking lot and back playground would make it difficult to redevelop as residential in the business failed, commissioners said.

"There is already a gridlocked situation on Nine Mile," said Commissioner Robert Taub after seconding the motion. "There are other locations in Novi where this project could go ... We have to

guard against erosion of our quality residential subdivisions."

And guard against the additional traffic, noise and nuisance neighboring homeowners said the center would to the neighborhood.

"I find this proposal only slightly more desirable than having a 7-11 there," said Kenneth Anderson, a 20-year resident of the city who lives two doors west of the proposal development.

Meadowbrook Lake residents

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In today's issue

A special section ...

DREAM HOMES

Trick or treaters robbed of candy

Three young trick or treaters were the victims of strong arm robbery Halloween evening on Dunbarton Drive. The trio were trick or treating when four older boys approached and demanded their bags of candy. One actually got away with the goods, two others struggled to keep their candy until the bags broke and spilled candy across the pavement.

The four boys, thought to be in their early teens, fled the scene. One of the three victims recognized his attacker, who was dressed as a court jester, and identified him for his parents and police.

Officers interviewed each of the three victims and then traveled to the identified suspect's home. There the teenager admitted to the crime and named his three accomplices. Officer interviewed the others who each admitted what they had done.

Parents of the victims told police they didn't want to prosecute, instead, they asked that the older boys to write letters of apology to the younger boys and return the candy.

A similar but unrelated incident happened to a young boy on the city's north end. The boy and his father came to the police station the day after Halloween to report that an older boy had stolen his son's pillow case of candy on Eubank the night before. The victim in this case, however, was unable to identify his attacker.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT: A Highland woman was arrested for disorderly conduct after she shouted profanities at police officers in the

Police News

Twelve Oaks parking lot on Oct. 27.

The woman, who was accompanied by a Northville teenager, approached officers seated in a parked squad car near Denny's Restaurant. The pair said they were looking for an automatic teller machine.

Police said they pointed the pair in the right direction but the female got verbally abusive and insisted on police taking her to the bank. When police refused the woman began shouting obscenities. Police tried to handcuff her but she resisted.

She was arrested and reportedly remained uncooperative during the booking process. She also threatened to kill officers while they were attempting to book her. The Northville teen was released to his parents. The woman will face charges in 52-1 District Court on Nov. 9.

MISSING ADULT: A 29-year-old Novi man was reported missing by his wife on Oct. 26. The man turned up a day later in Redford when police there found him locked in the trunk of his Ford Thunderbird.

His wife told police the man left work abruptly on Oct. 25 without notifying his boss and was reportedly carrying \$800 when he disappeared. A computer check of his car showed an inquiry on the computer system from Detroit Police

on Oct. 26.

Novi police contacted the Detroit department, and officers there said they had a report of his car from residents living nearby a crack house.

The residents phoned police after realizing the car was being driven by someone who didn't own the car. The next day, Redford police called to say they had located the man in the trunk of his car. He was alive and unharmed. Novi police contacted the man's wife, who had told them she suspected he was feeding a crack cocaine addiction.

NEIGHBOR TROUBLE: A woman said a neighbor threatened to kill her and her two dogs after one left her yard and wandered into the neighbor's on Oct. 28. The woman told police she and the neighbor engaged in a verbal confrontation after the man found the dog near his yard and young children. She said he threatened her and the dogs.

He said he did threaten the dogs but meant no harm to the woman. Police are still investigating the incident and had forwarded the case to the detective bureau for review.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY: A Pizza Hut employee was beaten by two white males in construction clothes who knocked on the back door of the Novi Road restaurant

Novi Briefs

Correction: The correct spelling of the volunteer featured in the Nov. 3 edition of the newspaper is Michele Kelly.

Free air time: A recent "Engler for Governor" television ad includes a close-up shot of County Commission Kay Schmid, R-Nowi, who is also campaigning to keep her job. Schmid is running against Democrat Michael Meyer, who's on the Novi school board.

Schmid is at least the second Novi citizen to be shown in Engler's television commercials. Novi resident Bill Rice had a featured role as an Engler supporter in an earlier TV spot.

How Republican is Schmid? Well, she collects elephant figurines.

Accepting applications: The Novi Goodfellows are accepting applications from low-income families who would like to receive holiday presents from the charitable organization. Just call the Novi Fire Department at 349-2162.

"It's for the needy of Novi. I guess they're out there. Usually we get 20 families," Charles Hughes, a firefighter and Goodfellow said.

The Goodfellows will raise money by selling *The Novi News* on Nov. 26.

Routine check-up: If you see a fire engine linking up to the hydrant near your home, in most cases, not to worry. The Novi Fire Department is conducting its annual routine check and winterization of hydrants citywide. Chief Arthur Lenaghan said. The work will continue through the end of November.

"Just so people know that we're out there," Lenaghan said.

"Of course, if you also see smoke..."

Date changed: Mark your calendars, but with pencil. The Novi City Council meeting originally scheduled for Nov. 14 was rescheduled to Nov. 7, but not everyone could make that date.

So the new date is tonight (Thursday, Nov. 10) at 8 p.m. in the Novi City Council Chambers ... we think.

Optimist Club fundraisers: The Novi Optimist Club is currently involved in two fund raising activities. The first is the sale of Entertainment '95 passbooks. These books feature discount coupons for a wide variety of businesses in the Novi area. The cost is \$40.

The club is also conducting a Super Bowl raffle. A maximum of 1,000 tickets will be sold. The lucky winner will receive two tickets to the Super Bowl in Miami in January 1995, airfare and hotel accommodations for four days and three nights. Raffle tickets are \$10 each.

The tickets and passbooks are available through the Novi parks and recreation office at the civic center. All proceeds will be used to support the Optimist Club's charitable activities in the Novi area, such as sponsorship of youth soccer and baseball teams and college scholarships for local students.

Citizens with information about the above incidents are urged to call the Novi Police Department at 348-7100.

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The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the last week. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the engine and station number which responded to the call.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31
 Medical, 11:07 a.m., Squad 2.
 Medical, 45182 West Road, 11:50 a.m., Squad 2.
 Medical, 1-96 Rest Area, 11:54 a.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, Beck and Ten Mile Road, 9:25 p.m., Squad 4.
 Investigation, 23410 Little Rapids, 9:54 p.m., Engine 3.
 Wires down, Ten Mile and Novi Road, 10:03 p.m., Engine 3.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Medical, Twelve and a Half Mile and Novi Rd., 7:02 a.m., Squad 2.
 Medical, 39877 Grand River, 10:07 a.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 220 Endwell, 2:01 p.m., Squad 2.
 Medical, 40111 Buckingham, 3:17 p.m., Squad 3.
 Fire Alarm, 1127 South Lake, 8:39 p.m., Engines 2 and 1.
 Car Fire, 43420 Twelve Mile, 9:51 p.m., Engine 2.
 Medical, 220 Endwell, 10:54 p.m., Squad 2.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2
 Medical, Ten Mile and Taft Road, 7:11 a.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, 220 Endwell, 9:17 a.m., Squad 2.
 Medical, 45138 West Road, 9:58 a.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 43000 Twelve Oaks Crescent, 10:31 a.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 220 Endwell, 11:57 a.m., Squad 2.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3
 Injury Accident, Ten Mile and Meadowbrook, 9:25 a.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, 24320 Fairway Hills, 12:15 p.m., Squad 4.
 Medical, Fire Station No. 1, 1:50 a.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 22608 Deerfield, 2:32 p.m., Squad 2.
 Medical, 31075 Beachwalk, 5:22 p.m., Squad 2.
 Medical, 42434 Park Ridge, 6:26 p.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 27520 Novi Road, 10:28 p.m., Squad 1.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Medical, 1127 South Lake, 2:19 p.m., Squad 2.
 Medical, Pontiac Trail and Beck Road, 3:15 p.m., Squad 2.
 Medical, 21300 Novi Road, 3:41 p.m., Squad 3.
 Injury Accident, Eleven Mile and Taft Road, 4:21 p.m., squad not given.

Medical, Grand River and Swoley Road, 5:31 p.m., Squad 1.
 Injury Accident, 1-96 and Meadowbrook Road, 6:04 p.m., Squad 1.
 Mutual Aid to Walled Lake Fire Dept., 8:54 p.m., Engine 2.
 Medical, 43224 Eleven Mile Road, 8:18 a.m., Squad 1.
 Medical, 2300 Novi Road, 10:35 p.m., Squad 2.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Medical, 31120 Westgate, 12:32 a.m., Squad 2.
 Car Fire, 1-96 and Novi Road, 12:37 a.m., Squad 2.
 Injury Accident, 1-96 and Meadowbrook Road, 12:42 p.m., Squad 1, Engine 1.
 Medical, 22967 Sagebrush, 12:26 p.m., Medical, Squad 3.
 Injury Accident, 1-96 and Beck Road, 1:28 p.m., Squad 1, Engine 1.
 Injury Accident, 1-96 and Novi Road, 3:31 p.m., Squad 1, Engine 1.

Medical, 40450 Eleven Mile Road, 7:37 p.m., Squad 1.
 Injury Accident, 1-96 and Novi Road, 11:54 p.m., Squad 1, Engine 1.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 12:05 a.m., Squad 3.
 Building Fire, 40135 Buckingham, 2:09 a.m., Engine 3.
 Building Fire, 39581 Twelve Mile Road, 5:41 a.m., Engines 1, 2 and 3.
 Scene overhaul, 39581 Twelve Mile Road, 10:11 a.m., Engines 1 and 2.
 Medical, 21111 Haggerty, 10:12 a.m., Squad 3.
 Medical, 22096 Edgewater, 4:28 p.m., Squad 3.
 Rubbish fire, Taft Road and Nine Mile Road, 8:21 p.m., Engine 3.
 Rubbish fire, 30133 Joliet, 8:49 p.m., Squad 2.

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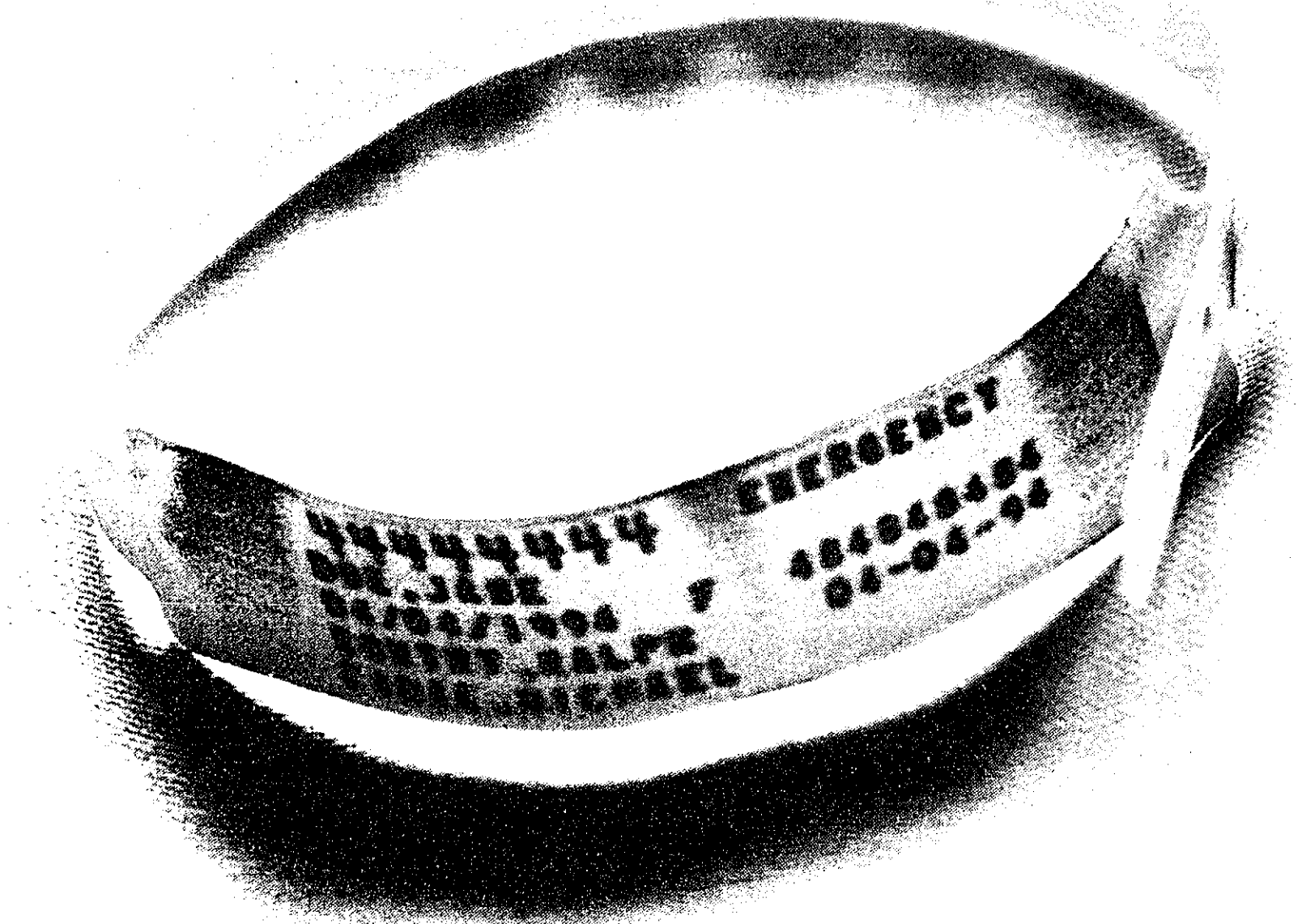
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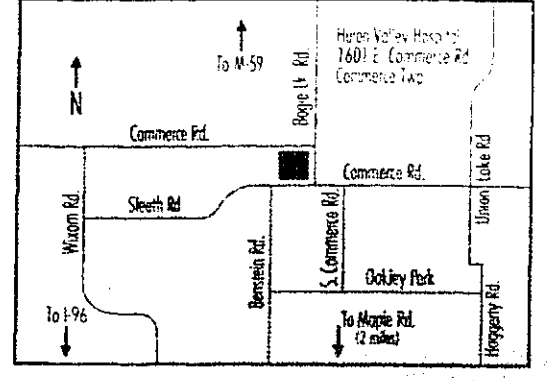
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First Focus on Health achieves its goals

By CAROL WORKENS Staff Writer
The first full fledged Focus on Health Work in Novi ended Monday. "I think we achieved what we intended," said co-chair Debby Orloff. "We hope it will grow."
Orloff estimated that several hundred people attended the activities over the course of a week. "On the whole, there was a variety of activities for all age groups," she said. From the Novi Seniors to the Novi Newcomers and various schools, Orloff said they tried to hit all facets of the community.
"The key is that all segments of Novi were gathered together to

healthy teeth talk; two dietitians went to Novi Woods school to talk about "Fishing for Healthy Foods," and students at Novi Meadows made "Don't Smoke" posters.
Major sponsors were The University of Michigan Health Center, Charter House of Novi, Providence Hospital and Medical Center and Botsford General Hospital.
The Little Gym offered an "Exercise with your 3 to 6 year old" and Portable Spas, Inc. presented a Stress and Leisure Presentation followed by a business breakfast in the morning and a business mixer in the evening.
Co-chair with Orloff, who is director of health development network at Botsford General Hospital, was Sharon Ford of J.P.F. Travel. All events were free of charge.

City pillars spent time behind bars

Mayor Kathy McLallen was late for her sentencing on Nov. 4 and spent time in jail. A number of other Novi area residents, business leaders and city officials also spent Friday in an unusual place—jail.
Although there were real bars on the jail and these people were actual prisoners, the situation was staged by the American Heart Association of Michigan as its Cardiac Arrest fund raising event.
These "prisoners" surrendered to the American Heart Association and were charged with "committing crimes against the heart." In order to win release from the "jail," Zimmerman and Hayman stepped in to serve as public defenders and prosecuting attorneys.
Jailbirds who were sentenced included: Victor Cassis, Dr. Bob Hill, Tom Marcus, Bob Schmid, Ruth Ann Jirasek, Mayor Kathy McLallen, Bruce Jerome, Gil Henderson, Oliver Hayman, Rhonda Gage, Dr. Emmett Lippe, Bill Thele, Mike White, Garry Borin, Joanne Zimmerman, Darren McGreechay, Gerry Stipp, Ed Krcival, Dan Grady, Mike Gabriel, Carol Workens, Pat Webb, Duane Bell, Skip Tuck, and Alexander Spiro.
Some participated without mug shots and fingerprinting. Sponsors for the event included Cellular One, Tubby's (Ten Mile and Novi Road), Subway (Ten Mile and Meadowbrook), Mike Gabriel State Farm Insurance, Novi Rotary Club and Sam's Club (Farmington Hills).

between 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. last year \$12,300 was raised.
The bail will be used to support the research, education and community service programs of the American Heart Association. Cardiovascular disease is the No. 1 killer in Michigan and in Oakland County.
The committee of volunteers who coordinated the event were: Co-chairs Joanne Zimmerman and Lee BeCole; committee members Mike Gabriel, Peggy Hayman, and Kathy Crawford. Former Novi Mayor Matt Quinn and Begole served as "judges," and Gabriel, Zimmerman, and Hayman stepped in to serve as public defenders and prosecuting attorneys.
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New center opens for recycling

If you're looking for an alternative place to get rid of your recyclables besides the Novi center, try the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County (RRRASOC).
The authority opened its new Citizen's Drop-off center at its equally new Recycle America—Metro Detroit/Material Recovery Facility (MRF) on Oct. 31. It's at 2000 W. Eight Mile Road, at the northwest corner of Eight Mile and Evergreen Road.
Novi is one of eight member communities of RRRASOC, which was formerly headquartered in this city.
The 53,000-square-foot MRF is

designed to process 250 tons of recycled material per day collected from residential curbside collections and commercial recycling pick-ups, as well as the Citizen Drop-off.
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For more information, call RRRASOC at 810-208-2270. You may also set up a tour of the MRF or request a presentation.

Obituaries

Florence D. Slentz of Webberville died Nov. 5, 1994, at Botsford General Hospital.
She was 75.
Mrs. Slentz was born in Milwaukee, Wis., on May 13, 1919, to Harlan and Anne (Klein) Slentz. She was married to Edward J. Slentz, who died in 1985. The couple lived most of their lives in Novi and nearby communities.
Mrs. Slentz is survived by a son, Robert Slentz of Colorado, and a daughter, Marion Trotter of Webberville. Also surviving is a brother, Frances Lewis of Dearborn Heights.
Mrs. Slentz was affiliated with the United Methodist Church.
A service was held Tuesday, Nov. 8, at Casterline Funeral Home, the Rev. Dr. Douglas Vernon of the First United Methodist Church of Northville presiding.
Interment took place at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi.
The family would appreciate memorial contributions to the American Cancer Foundation.

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Candidate Meyer hit by car while mowing lawn

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Dr. Michael Meyer has been having low lately, but not because he hasn't been a vigorous contender for the Oakland County Board of Commissioners' 2-4th District.

He's just found out that although he mowed his lawn, yard work can be even rougher.

Meyer was out mowing his lawn in the Willowbrook subdivision on Oct. 29, during the late afternoon. He was at the edge of his property, with his back to the street and turning when he was hit in the small of the back by the rear view mirror of a small truck passing down the street. Meyer sustained no damage to his spine or kidney, but did have to spend three days resting.

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Court affirms VanSickle's sentence

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Mark VanSickle will serve the rest of his 13-year prison sentence for second-degree murder now that a state Court of Appeals panel has affirmed his guilty verdict.

VanSickle, now 35, formerly of Novi, was convicted by a jury of the murder charge after he pleaded guilty to charges of third-degree drunk driving and driving on a suspended license in the 1991 death of Alexander Fies, 4.

The collision occurred when VanSickle's truck, which he knew had faulty brakes, went through a red light on Fontaine Trail and struck the rear passenger side of a southbound car on Haggerty Road in which the boy was riding.

Oakland Circuit Judge Deborah Tyler sentenced VanSickle to 13 years and eight months to 20 years in prison — which VanSickle's attorney appealed as disproportionate. Appellate Judges William B. Murphy and Harold Hood, joined by Detroit Recorder Judge Prentis Edwards, upheld the sentence, saying,

"Defendant's sentence was within the sentencing guidelines of 10 to 25 years and is therefore presumptively proportionate. We have reviewed the record and conclude that, in light of the seriousness of the circumstances surrounding the offense and defendant's history of offenses associated with con-

suming alcohol and driving, the sentence was proportionate."

VanSickle paid for the truck in mid-1991 knowing it had no rear brakes. As the appeals court recited the facts:

"On Sept. 30, 1991, defendant consumed about six beers between approximately 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. After consuming the beer, defendant got into the truck and drove it even though he knew the truck's brakes did not work."

The collision occurred about 4:30 p.m. Two blood tests revealed his blood alcohol level at 0.23 and 0.25 percent, more than twice the legal drunk level. His trial attorney asked Judge Tyler for a directed verdict of acquittal on the second-

degree murder charge on the ground there was no malice.

But the appeals judges said the verdict was warranted because VanSickle "knowingly created a very high risk of great bodily harm to the victim."

Defendant had knowledge that the master cylinder was out and that the truck had no brakes. He admitted that he had done nothing to repair the brakes in the month he had owned the truck.

Furthermore, he acknowledged that his consumption of alcohol contributed to his inability to make a correct decision at the intersection. (Defendant was driving on a well-traveled road at a busy time of day.)

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Firearm deer hunting season to start Nov. 15

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Michigan's firearm deer season opens Tuesday.

Nearly 750,000 hunters are expected to trod through the woods in search of whitetails. According to DNR Big Game Specialist Ed Langenau, the deer herd is a little bit larger than what the state would like.

Most of the excess whitetails are to be found in the Upper Peninsula. Below the bridge, Langenau said, the herd is "just under what we'd like."

Firearm season runs through Nov. 30. Bow and arrow season started Oct. 1 and runs to Jan. 1.

Langenau expects about 345,000 deer to be taken by hunters this season. Well over 200,000 of those will be bucks and the rest antlerless whitetails.

The DNR official said it's important that the state herd is trimmed. About 80,000 animals starved to death last year. Langenau added,

"If we have an average winter," he said, "we'll have severe problems."

Getting a whitetail in the area isn't an easy task. Hunting in Novi and Northville is almost non-existent.

Firearm hunting isn't allowed at all in the City of Northville or in Northville Township. Township Director of Public Safety Chip Snyder said, Bow and arrow hunting is permitted in the township, however.

In Novi, some hunting has been allowed on private property in the northern end and southwest corner of the city, but the police department has been cracking down on the issuance of permits

to hunt in the city due to safety concerns. Novi Police Chief Doug Shaeffer was unavailable by press time Tuesday to clarify which, if any, areas are still open to hunting.

Jim Beamish, a dispatcher with the Northville Township Police Department, said the best places to go hunting are up north.

"I usually go up the middle of the state to Clare County," he said. The state divides Michigan into 13 hunting districts. District 10 covers Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair and Wayne counties.

Northern Oakland county, near Holly Recreation area, offers some of the best local hunting. Langenau said only bucks are allowed to be taken in Oakland and Wayne counties.

Staff Writer Randy Coble contributed to this report.

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LOCATION MAP

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Department of Community Development, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 16, 1994.

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State follows Novi voting

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government," he said from his Milford office.

"As far as the legislative race, the governor didn't seem to have the coattails we thought he would have. I don't believe a single incumbent in the state has been beaten," he said.

Meyer called Schmid Tuesday night to offer his congrats. Schmid is chair of the commission's Republican caucus, which dominates the board.

Both contenders agreed this local election kept to "the high road."

"It was a clean race. He did absolutely no banging on my hand and I did absolutely no banging on his head," Schmid said. "I am very, very happy."

Meyer said Wednesday he knew he was fighting an uphill battle by taking on the incumbent in a Republican district.

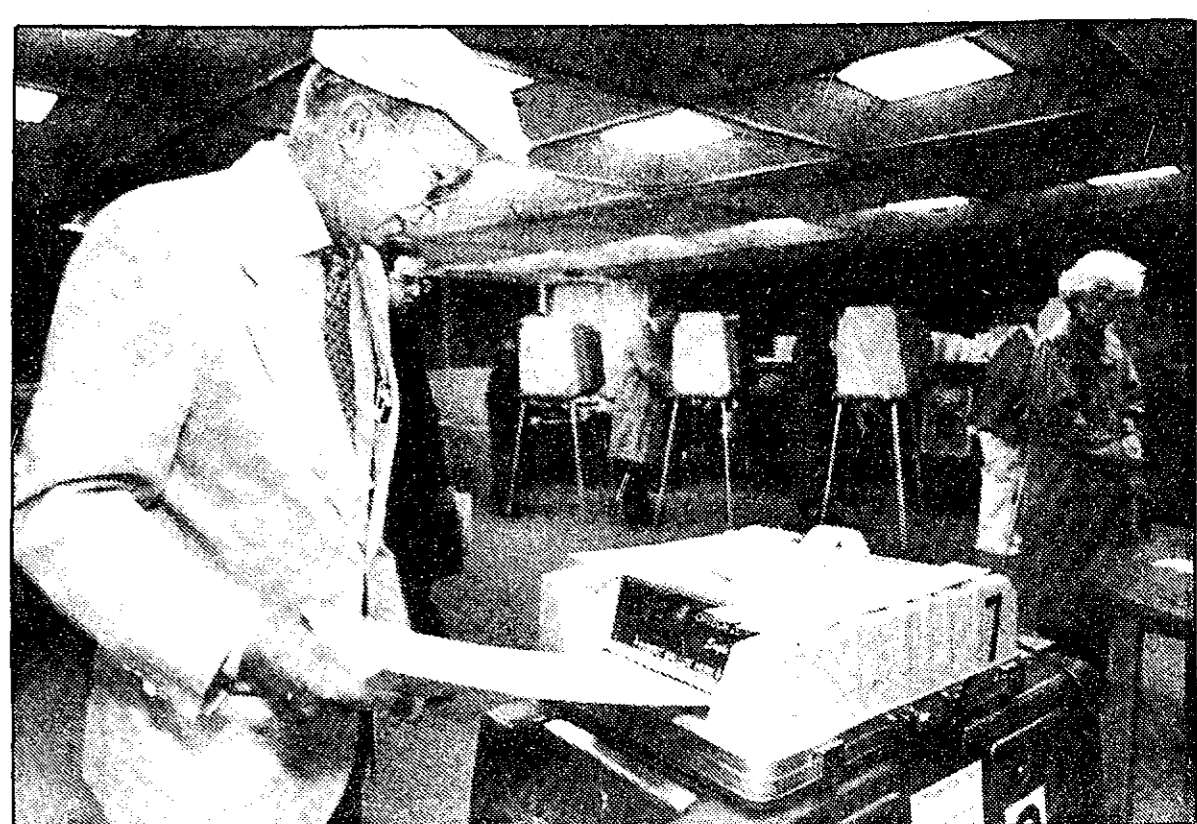
"I have to admit I got caught up in the wave of a huge landslide. I thought it would be easier. I really gave it my best shot," Meyer said Wednesday.

The Democrat added that he's not sure if he'll make a third attempt for a spot on the county commission: "It would be sad if after this experience if either I or someone else decided not to run again. What happens then is you don't have a democratic process. I have every intention to continue to be a voice for the ones without a voice in a society that is becoming more homogeneous, where if you don't act like everybody else, you don't belong."

Nobody said it was easy being a Democrat in Novi.

On Proposal A, Novi mirrored the statewide opinion, with almost 75 percent of the voters against setting up a constitutional convention. Eighty-two percent of Novi voters also agreed with most of Michigan in endorsing Proposal B, which takes away automatic legal appeals for those who plead guilty and are convicted.

Proposal C, which would have cut auto insurance costs but limited benefits to accident victims, failed here as it did elsewhere, with over 61 percent of Novi voters saying no. Of all the ballot issues, Proposal P won the largest local consensus: 78 percent favored setting up an endowment fund for state parks.



Leo Fanos puts his ballot in the box at the seventh precinct at Village Oaks Elementary School. Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

State splits on proposals

Michigan voters said no to auto insurance reform and a Constitutional Convention but approved limits on inmates' appeal rights and a funding plan for state parks.

Proposal C, a law to cut auto insurance costs and premiums, was rejected after a brutal advertising campaign between insurers and business groups (for) and the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association (against).

Proposal A, the every-16-years call for a state Constitutional Convention, never had strong public support.

The next chance voters will have to rewrite the state's basic legal document will be in 2010. Proposal B will amend the constitution to limit the right of convicts who plead guilty (or no contest) to appeal their convictions or sentences to the state Court of Appeals.

It's expected to reduce the Court of Appeals' caseload by 25 percent.

Proposal P, for "parks," was the most popular with voters. Proposal P will establish a "Michigan State Parks Endowment Fund."

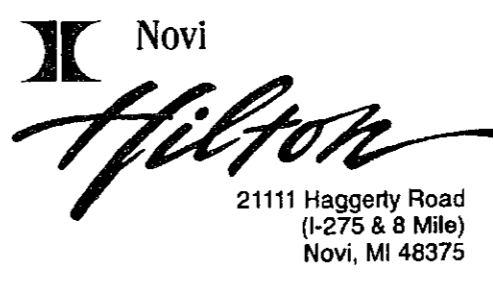
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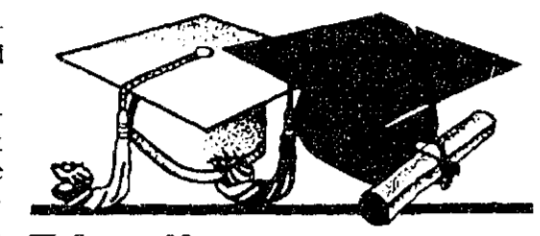
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As We See It

Read the fine print when casting ballot

Novi Schools are asking for voter support of a proposed \$33 million bond issue that will go to the ballot Dec. 13. In conjunction, Novi CARES, a residents' group is forming to ensure that voters have all the facts - "accurate facts" - in hand before the special election so voters can make an informed, educated decision.



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Contrary to what some think, we too want voters to have all the facts before casting their ballots Dec. 13. That's why we are urging them to get involved and to get informed.

This is not an endorsement or an attempt to kill the initiative before the district even makes its pitch. Instead, we like to raise the concerns and point a few missing about the process as it stands now. Perhaps the school district still has time to set things right.

First, voters should read the fine print. Read the proposal preferably before entering the voting booth. Bond language was approved by the Novi Board of Education last Thursday without the benefit of an oral reading for those in the audience or those catching the meeting on cable later. The language written in the finest legalese spells out quite clearly how the district intends to spend the \$33 million. Among those items in the pitch for the new school is money to acquire a site for the new middle school. However, school officials are telling voters they don't intend to use any of this bond money for land acquisition. They say they have the money in hand and in budget. Two years ago, voters approved a \$31.9 million bond proposal for all sorts of neat projects - including land acquisition.

Are we double bonding? If you don't need the money for that expense, why not delete it from the language? Take it

Obstructing the right to recall



Michael Malott

If you were to say something like, "Now that's a beautiful blue sky," everyone would understand what you are talking about. It's a simple comment about the weather.

But a "legal whiz bang," as Doug Erwin calls lawyers, could undoubtedly poke holes in it.

"What shade of blue are we talking about here?" the lawyer might ask. "And it isn't completely blue. There's a cloud there, and there, which are white. The sun - part of the sky, yes? - is yellow. And of course it's not blue on a rainy day, it's gray, or at night, it's black..."

It was exactly that kind of nonsense that led the Oakland County Board of Election Commissioners to conclude, at the request of one "legal whiz bang," that they couldn't understand the simple sentence Erwin had written as the "reasons for recall" on the petition by the Novi Farmers, wants recall five of the seven members of the Novi City Council over a land deal it made with Vic Ventimiglia, owner of the Vic's World Class Market, now under construction.

His wording stated: "For giving away public land to a private developer at the Oct. 3, 1994, city council meeting."

Mayor Kathleen McLallen's attorney argued that it wasn't specific enough. What kind of land was it? How much land? What kind of developer?

It's right that it's not specific, but specificity is not the test. Clarity is. And the wording was plenty clear to allow voters to "identify the issue" over which the council members were being recalled. And that's supposed to be the only test.

Besides, the statement was really plenty specific ... or did council give away more than one parcel to a private developer on the night of Oct. 3?

Moments

By Bryan Mitchell



Novi firefighters climb to the roof of the Cooker Bar and Grill Sunday

Spending time with her mom



Carol Workens

I will never have a 'shop till you drop' bumper sticker on my car. I am not a mall shopper.

It's not because I haven't tried. I have, numerous times.

As a teenager it was fun. But as I got older, the malls got bigger and more complex. When the children were still in strollers and I needed to go shopping, I buckled them in and off we'd go. It was a necessity. But it was stressful. I either got lost inside the mall, ended up with a headache, and couldn't find my car once I managed to escape. So, when my 8-year-old daughter, Susan, came to me and asked if there was a mall close to our house, I froze. I remember standing in the kitchen motionless. Did I hear right? I asked myself. Is this really happening. I was speechless. I had to think fast.

"Have you been talking to your friends," I asked her.

"Yes," she said. "They go to the malls with their moms. I want to see what it's like."

"It's just a lot of stores all together under one roof." I said and promised her that we'd go sometime.

I really thought that would buy me a few more years before I'd have to do a Mom/daughter shopping trip. But this past weekend while Susan and I were looking for a desk for her bedroom, she asked

Time to realign the political system?



Phil Power

The election of 1994, certainly one of the most tumultuous and angry in my memory, is finally over.

Now that the votes have been counted and the dust is settled, I sense three major underlying trends which will drive the evolution of our political system for years to come.

1. Our political and governmental system is now so complex - so filled with checks and balances, so vulnerable to blocking vetoes by determined, single-issue groups - that it is now nearly impossible to get anything significant done. No wonder most voters feel helpless and frustrated.

Consider just two recent examples, one large and one small.

Our schools are among the most promising innovations in Michigan education. When state voters passed Proposal A, they authorized creation of a number of experiments, from the dubious (the Noah Webster Academy, a home-school network) to the admirable (Wayne State University's academy, aimed at inner city youth).

Predictably, those with most to lose from a less monopolistic school system sued. And last week, Ingham Circuit Judge

Voters angry when they learn the truth

Phil Power's column on the cause of the personal savagery in the November '94 elections was certainly on the right page, editorial opinion. He said that Talk Radio callers can say anything, with no one to screen them for accuracy. As a result of this, everyone has gotten nastier, not just the politicians. Having heard callers get savaged by Denny McLain when he disagreed with them, and even heard mid manager J.P. McCarthy chop people off, I can't agree that callers get away with just anything. If they spout nonsense, it is exposed immediately, and the nonsense is negated.

Regarding this business of

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there being no gatekeepers on Talk Radio to assure the accuracy of the facts and emotions and claims before poor old John Q. Public is exposed to it, the newspapers and TV news lose out six ways from Sunday. They report whatever certain politicians say, without telling us that this guy said just the opposite last week. The popularity of Talk Radio may be a direct result of the failure or partisanship of the news media. U.S. citizens desperately want the truth, and we aren't finding out what our "representatives" are really getting away with.

Wants an example? How about the myth of the economic failure of the '80s that the news media repeats unchallenged? What about "base line budgeting"? I have never read it in a newspaper or heard it on television about a "base line budgeting." This is a scheme where Congress automatically gives everything in government a 10 percent annual increase, and real increases come on top of

Will bond solve problem or make one?

On Dec. 13, Novi school district voters will decide the fate of a \$33 million bond proposal. This proposal is intended to address overcrowding at Novi Meadows and the Middle School. However, the current proposal is poorly planned and fundamentally flawed.

The bond's most controversial feature is the removal of the fourth graders from the elementary schools, a move opposed by parents and teachers. The school board claims that potential overcrowding requires more space at the elementary schools. How overcrowded will the elementary schools become?

By the district's own projections, in 1999, only one school, Orchard Hills, will exceed

building capacity. In contrast, Village Oaks and Novi Woods will be significantly under capacity. District-wide in 1999, the elementary schools will be 193 students under capacity. A smarter allocation of resources could alleviate overcrowding without removing the fourth graders.

The school board's solution, K-3 elementary schools, would result in massive underutilization of school space. In five years, the elementary schools would be 623 students under capacity. The board could close Novi Woods, or Village Oaks, or Orchard Hills, and still be under capacity.

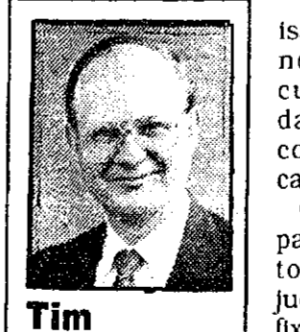
The board claims it needs the space for preschool programs, but 623 students is almost equal to 25 empty 25-student

classrooms. How many preschoolers is the board expecting to serve?

The fourth graders would leave the elementary schools and setting for a combined 4-5-6 grade building. Amazingly, the architects working for the school board failed to design a plan that accommodates the growing number of students. Every one of these grades will meet or exceed planned capacity at least two in the next five years. Are we solving an overcrowding problem or creating one?

Voters, since 1987, have approved over \$43 million in school bonds, including millions to build, improve and expand the district's elementary schools. Now the school board wants to spend \$33 mil-

Courts should be next up for reform



Tim Richard

The big state issue of the future never was discussed by candidates in the just-concluded 1994 campaign.

Courts. How to pay for them. How to deploy the judges. And how to fix the Friend of the Court office which handles child support payments under the direction of circuit judges.

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English Gardens

Friends rally for leukemia sufferer

Friends of Kevin Irwin, a 31-year-old Novi man who is in Mexico obtaining treatment for his leukemia, are holding a fund-raiser on Nov. 18 to help pay for his medical expenses. Irwin's health insurance will not finance the alternative forms of medicine he is seeking at a hospital in Tijuana. He left Oct. 30 with his wife Cindy and daughter, Heather, 6.

Irwin, a Novi High School graduate, was diagnosed with leukemia in July. The benefit dinner will be held at Vladimir's of Farmington Hills, 28125 Grand River Avenue. The suggested donation is \$30 per ticket. Light entertainment and a cash bar will be available. The restaurant is donating the use of the banquet hall and has reduced the rate on the dinner, which is being paid for by Irwin's boss, Bob Blackmer of Auto America in Taylor, Mich. Etc. of Novi has donated the tickets. A special account has been set up for the Irwins, says friend Cindy Baranski, and all money from the fund-raiser will go to them. Tickets should be made out to "Friends of Kevin Irwin." For more information, call Baranski at (810) 669-5203.

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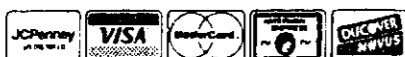
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the NOVI NEWS

Living

HIGHLIGHTS:

Novi Charter House hosts annual Blood Drive — 2B

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Singles have several activities planned — 3B

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Brian Yancheson blows whistle for the last time — 2B

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Celebrant Singers coming to the parish to perform — 4B

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THURSDAY
November 10, 1994

TAKE ONE

Director Dan Hackett brings a bit of Hollywood to town



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Hackett Productions has a staff of five but will hire 45 to 50 people during a shoot.

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

The camera slowly zooms in on a shiny sedan parked precisely so that reflections from the sun and the sky can be seen in its spotless paint.

It is a perfect description of what the television viewer sees in a commercial and it took place in Northville. It all sounds so idyllic. But setting up a shoot, as television commercial filming is called, can have its share of near tragedies before it gets to the polished piece thousands will view night after night and take for granted.

For Northville director Dan Hackett, an assignment starts only two or three weeks before the day of shooting. One of the four agencies Hackett works with will send a script, sometimes with a storyboard sometimes without.

"I'm one of the few directors who can draw, so I'll do a storyboard," said Hackett. A storyboard is a written version of the commercial, with drawings of each scene to be included.

"Corporations want to be kept apprised of every step so they're not totally surprised when they see it," said Hackett. "There are lots of cumbersome but important procedures."

Locations for commercials depends on the idea and the budget. For the Ford Sable commercial shot in Northville recently, money was tight because it was a dealership not a national job.

"It was for New England Ford dealers and they wanted a New England look," said Hackett. "I only had a week and I know Northville."

Hackett suggested his hometown for the shoot because he knew the people and could get clearance on such short notice.

"It looks beautiful, the colors look great, and it looks New England," he said. "When you're shooting cars it's very difficult because the car reflects everything so it has to be in a great place and it has to have great lighting. If it doesn't have great lighting it looks awful."

Hackett had to set up the shoot after having only two days to scout out Northville. On top of the short notice, the sun never came out on either day of scouting.

"We figured the sun would be in a certain place

but the weather report said it wasn't coming out until the next afternoon," said Hackett. "When we got there in the morning, the full sun was out and we had to switch the whole shoot around."

Walkie talkies were used to redirect the trucks bringing in the cars, which were all going to the wrong location.

When the viewer sees the commercial the question may come to mind that if the sun was out why is the street wet? Black top and cement are really ugly dry, Hackett said.

"You see oil stains, cracks, garbage, dead squirrels, you see everything. When you wet it down it reflects the color of the sky," Hackett said. "It reflects some of the car back into it." But it is a director's nightmare. "You have to keep the car clean and the roads are wet, it is very cumbersome."

"But the commercials came out really well," he said. "Northville has so much character, so much personality. It is so beautifully tight together so that when you're lining up shots there's lots of information."

One scene for the commercial was shot outside Hackett's house and his neighbor's.

"We were on his (the neighbor's) lawn and I'm thinking did anyone tell them what's going on," said Hackett's wife, Nancy.

"I'm nervous when we shoot in town," said Hackett. "We live here so we try to have a good time and involve people and clean up after ourselves. I know of a lot of LA companies come in and they're slightly abusive and surly and then turn people off because they leave their stuff around. They blow in, use everything up and leave."

Hackett uses a lot of local actors when he's casting.

"I like using real people," he said. The person responsible for casting will go to the mall.

"He'll sit at Twelve Oaks and approach people and ask them, 'Have you ever thought about being in a commercial? You look really interesting. I know the director and he'll be fun to work with.' Some people blow him off and some of them become stars," he

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Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Dan Hackett enjoys working and living in his hometown of Northville.

Volunteer

Lestock is ready to garden anytime

By DOROTHY NASH
Special Writer

"Pulling weeds is therapy," said Linda Lestock. "It's (also) an addiction."

The same goes for trimming shrubs and trees, she said.

She keeps "clippers and a bucket" in her car just in case she sees something that needs attention.

Who is Linda Lestock? The answer is she's many personalities:

- President of the Women's National Farm and Garden Association of Northville. That's volunteer.
- Member of the Northville Beautification Commission. Volunteer.
- Master gardener. Personal.

She's one of about 80 members in a Wayne County association who have taken an 11-week course in a brief overview of horticulture and meet monthly to hear speakers get new ideas on seeding and weeding.

As a member of the Garden club, one of Lestock's interests is the planting around the Yerkes

house at Mill Race.

"Two or three of us go there several times a season to keep it up," she said. They're talking about adding another flower bed around the house, and maybe a kitchen garden.

As a member of the Beautification Commission, Lestock said the group is now "meeting and talking about the past summer's flowers," and hoping to do better next year. The members have to order next year's flowers in January because that's when the greenhouses set their schedules.

Then there's the subdivision she lives in. She's in on the planning and planting around the entrance sign.

If you want to get into volunteer gardening in Northville, apply at Mill Race Village.

Those who would like to join the Beautification Commission should contact the City Clerk's office.

Also, Christmas wreaths made by the Farm and Garden Association go on sale Sunday, Nov. 20 from 9 a.m. to sell-out on the south-west corner of Main and Center streets.

It's A Fact

City of Novi Population

The City of Novi's population is maturing. Between 1980 and 1990, the median age went from 29.7 years to 32.5 years of age.

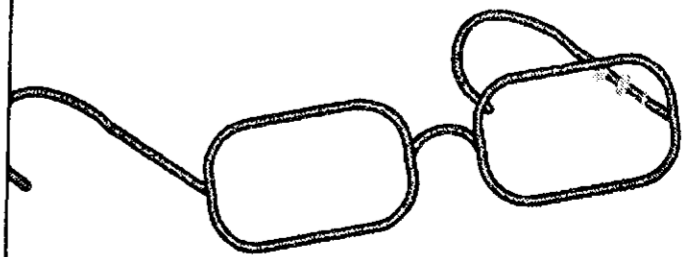


Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

LINDA LESTOCK

Novi Charter House hosts Blood Drive

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

A Resident Bazaar and Annual Blood Drive have been scheduled for Nov. 19 at Novi Charter House on the corner of Meadowbrook and Ten Mile roads.

Activities Director Sandi Chadck is setting up appointments for the blood drive. She can be reached at 477-2000.

There is a great need for blood supplies and Charter House is opening its facility and hosting the drive for the community for the American Red Cross. There are a few criteria for giving blood, which Sandi can discuss with donors. Some include that the donor has not given in the past eight weeks, weighs less than 110 pounds, or has a history of malignancy, hepatitis, or malaria.

The time for both activities will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The residents have been busy making items in the activities department for the bazaar. Many of the items can be used for Christmas gifts and for decorations. Plans also include a bake sale. Anyone in the community who would like to bring items to the day before the sale, or prior to 10 a.m. on the day of the sale. There will also be a white elephant sale. Anyone in the community who would like to bring items is welcome.

The activities department continues to enlarge its program for

residents. Charter House now has two bowling teams, the Strikes and the Angels, which bowl on Wednesdays at 3 p.m. About 30 residents participate.

There is always a need for volunteers to assist in the activities, which include Bingo. Residents who are hard of hearing need people willing to give an hour a week to help them play the game.

A GROWING PLACE
Staff helped the children of A Growing Place to have a great Halloween Party by dressing up as the Flintstones. Each year, staff members pick a theme and make costumes, which they wear for the party. In previous years, themes have included Alice in Wonderland, Wizard of Oz, Snow White, Peter Pan also 101 Dalmatians. Pictures in the office of Director Korene Jett show how much fun the parties have been for everyone throughout the years.

The youngsters have been busy this fall with bumper bowling and a pizza party at Novi Bowl. Later on, they hosted a retirement party for Mrs. Clancy who has been working for 15 years as a teacher's assistant. The children and their parents gave her a great party. They have also made their annual trip to Erwin's Orchard for cider and donuts and gone apple picking. They ended up with a total of five bushels of empire apples.

Later in the month, the young-

Novi Highlights

sters had a Scarecrow Day with the children all dressed up like scarecrows for the day and celebrated the start of Fall. Recently, the youngsters had a Book Fair in which parents and children could preview books and purchase them. Other Halloween plans included going to Commerce and picking pumpkins. They also had a pony ride.

The preschool program has children ages 2 1/2 to 3 on Tuesday and Thursday and on Monday, Wednesday and Friday prekindergarten. Growing Place has been in the Novi area for 24 years and Ms. Jett is assisted by seven teachers and two assistants. The school is non-profit and non-denominational and is located at Spirit of Christ Church on Ten Mile Road. Ms. Jett will be a special speaker at the Faith Presbyterian Church in Northville speaking to Mothers of Young Children. Coming up will be a Parenting Class in January at the preschool location.

SPIRIT OF CHRIST
An unusual program was held at the Spirit of Christ church throughout the Summer and Fall when families brought in their extra produce. Families could take what they wanted and leave a

50 people.

The young people led by Jeff Knutsen, Director, had a Halloween Party which included apple bobbing and trick or treating. They had their November meeting last Sunday and made plans for holiday activities, outings and service projects.

Upcoming activities include the church sponsored trip to the Soup Kitchen to help feed the hunger on Nov. 28 at 3 p.m. The church will also be combining with others in the annual Thanksgiving service to be held on Nov. 23 at Faith Community Presbyterian Church.

NOVI LIONS
It's that time of year again when the Lions will be having their Candy Cane Week. The chairman this year will be Manny Barbosa who's goal is set at \$12,000. The proceeds will be returned to the community through various charities. Last year, the Lions were able to have contributions of \$11,000, which was their best year yet. They are hoping to do better this year.

The dates are Nov. 18, 19, 20, 25, 26 and 27. Members will be at three main crossroads in Novi and at some stores.

Upcoming plans include attendance at the Leader Dog day to be held this year at the East Side Friendship Lion Club in Warren. The event starts at noon and reservations can be made by call-

Weddings



Alexis Hersberger/James Megyesi

Alexis Hersberger was given in marriage by her father, Roger, to James Megyesi July 30 at St. Edith's in Livonia. Father William Fisher officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Roger and Joyce Hersberger of Novi. The groom is the son of Jim and Arlene Megyesi of Taylor.

The matron of honor was Kim Schulz of Indianapolis, Ind. The bridesmaids were Kristi Lewis, Lansing; Susan Gilbert, Lincoln Park; Christine Bargerstock, Waterford; Wendy Marocco, Canton; and Mara Delino, Novi. Molly Thomas of Saluda, N.C. was the flower girl.

The best man was Jon Schulz of

Director shoots in Northville

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said. Agencies also find people. Hackett will sit on casting sessions and look at 50 actors before the final selection is made.

Most of the crew people in this type of business are freelancers. The lighting, makeup and crew all work for different production companies besides Hackett Productions.

"Our production company has a staff of five when we don't have a job," he said. "When we have a job, we hire a crew of about 45 people so they're working for us for two weeks."

Nancy works on a freelance basis as a stylist (wardrobe), with lighting and props and often works on commercials with Dan.

"The only disadvantage of working with her is doing meetings at 11 at night," said Dan.

He'll come in thinking he's all done for the day and I'll have the dining room table all laid out with things we have to make decisions on," said Nancy.

Northville has been chosen by Hackett as the site of other commercials. Last Christmas Hackett did a commercial for Andy's French Dip Sandwich and changed all the names (on the store fronts) to French names because it was

supposed to be some place in France. "People in town were wondering what was going on but they were real nice and receptive to it," said Nancy.

"Northville is cute and quaint and the people are friendly," Hackett said.

"Usually for a normal 30 second commercial you can shoot it in a day," he explained. "You get three or four commercials together so you end up shooting four or five days. The customer will pool them all together and shoot them all at the same time and save a little money."

That way they can alternate commercials and air some at a later date.

"If you watch TV and critique it in an evening you'll see that three quarters of it is just horrible and been done and then there's the stuff that emerges," Hackett said.

While Hackett was working at the Doner Agency for 17 years, creative ideas could come anytime during the day. During the morning, a discussion of the latest movie might start creative ideas flowing. Ideas that came at lunch would be jotted down on a napkin. Late at night ideas were not always dependable, sometimes those were pitched the next morning and

the process started over again.

"The pressure always makes something pop," said Hackett. "That's the one thing I miss," said Hackett. "The four years he's been on his own. The transition wasn't that complex, said Hackett. "People thought I was crazy for giving up a partnership."

Hackett's first success came as a surprise in the fifth grade.

"I did a book report on birds and drew and hand lettered the whole thing. I wanted to get a good grade," he explained. The response he received was positive. He remembered thinking "this is OK." Receiving more and more positive feedback for other projects led Hackett to consider writing and drawing seriously.

Hackett has worked with Tim Allen, Phil Hartman, Reba McEntire, and a lot of the Tigers and Hall of Fame hockey players.

But such a glamorous life has disadvantages. It makes lunch dates is difficult and doctors appointments become almost impossible. Hackett works for two weeks and then waits for the next job to come along. "It's a crazy schedule," he said.

Drum major sets a record

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

On Saturday Brian Yancheson will blow his whistle for the last time as drum major for the Eastern Michigan Eagles Marching Band. As EMU's drum major for five years, he has the honor of having the longest tenure in the 100-year history of the marching band. His first two years were as the assistant to the drum major. On Nov. 12 Yancheson will participate at Lakeview High School Auditorium in St. Clair Shores as part of the Yancheson's final music has been part of the Yancheson's life since fifth grade when he took up his first instrument—the clarinet.

"It was a turning point in my life," he said. "It was not too long after that he took up the oboe and made it his primary instrument. In the sixth grade he added the saxophone. The following year he was playing oboe in a concert band, saxophone in a jazz ensemble and was introduced to a little league marching band."

Marching while trying to play an instrument was a challenge," said Yancheson.

Through his middle school years, he continued with smaller ensembles and consistently received the highest ratings at District and

State Solo and Ensembles festivals.

Yancheson's family moved to Novi from Southfield after middle school. "I was tremendously pleased to find out that Novi had one of the finest high school music programs in the state of Michigan," said Yancheson. The first day he met his new band director he told him he was going to be a music educator one day.

In the ninth grade Yancheson added teaching oboe and saxophone to his numerous other musical activities. "I enjoyed giving the lessons and knew for sure this is what I wanted to do the rest of my life," he said.

Highlights of his musical activities during high school included being the first chair of the concert band for four years. He received the Louis Armstrong Award, presented yearly to the outstanding jazz band member, during his senior year and was the featured soloist with the Novi High School Band at the Detroit Montreaux Jazz Festival. It was while he played in the Eastern Michigan High School Honors Band that led Yancheson to the decision to focus on music education at EMU after he graduated from Novi High School in 1990.

During college, he continued to excel in music and academics. He played, conducted,

continued to teach lessons, and taught lab classes for the Music 104 class. Yancheson even managed a six month stint as the temporary conductor for a band in Novi.

Throughout college Yancheson maintained a 3.4 grade point average. Time management was the key, said Yancheson of his ability to juggle academics and music. "I kept busy all the time," he said.

Yancheson will be student teaching during his last semester at EMU. Following graduation he plans to work at the YMCA camp in Holy as the unit director. The eight week overnight camp has a three week music program.

"I'm looking forward to getting out in the field and teaching the universal language of music to students," said Yancheson. He'll start looking for a position as a high school band teacher immediately upon graduation, with hopes of staying in this area.

Playing with pit orchestras for musicals and substiting in for a few symphonies, are in the picture for Yancheson in his spare time. For a long term focus on music education at EMU, Yancheson has given some thought to being a symphony conductor.



Brian Yancheson bids farewell to EMU marching band.

Woodworking show coming to Novi Expo Center

Woodworkers, homebuilders, woodturners and carvers, whether beginning, advanced or professional, will have the opportunity to see and test the newest in hand tools, power tools, machinery and supplies, when The Metro Detroit Woodworking Show returns to Novi on Friday, Saturday, and

Sunday, Dec. 2, 3 and 4, at the Novi Expo Center, Hall A, 43700 Expo Center Drive. The three day event features exhibitors representing more than 100 different manufacturers from all over the U.S., displaying and demonstrating a wide range of woodworking, turning, carving and finishing

materials and supplies, plus seminars and free workshops on dozens of woodworking topics. The show gives attendees the luxury of shopping for all their workshop needs, home or commercial, all under one roof, at special discount prices.

Admission to the show is \$7 for adults, with children 12 years and under free. Tickets will be sold at the door. Show hours are Friday, noon to 7 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Four in-depth seminars will be held in conjunction with the Woodworking Show. Table Saw Techniques, Turned Bowls and Vessels, Furniture Construction and Successful Cabinetmaking will be held Friday, Dec. 2 and Saturday, Dec. 3. The cost of each full-day seminar is \$125.00 when registering at the show. Advance registration is \$95 and can be charged by calling 1(800)826-

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Church

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, 24505 Meadowbrook Road in Novi will have a blood drive on Monday, Dec. 19 from 2 to 8 p.m. Contact Mary Lee Surhyla for an appointment at 349-8847.

NEW HORIZON COMMUNITY CHURCH meets at Novi Town Center General Cinema Theaters in Novi. A local community church featuring a contemporary format looking for actors and actresses to occasionally participate in Sunday morning dramas and skits. Dramas and skits are based on topical issues. Scripts are provided and minimal rehearsal time is needed. All creative input is welcome. If interested, call Ann Marie Frey, (810) 349-2543.

For additional information, call the church office at (810) 305-8700.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE, is presenting The Young Messiah December 2 at 7:30 p.m. The church is located on Eight Mile, just west of 14th.

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH, 2040 S. Commerce Road, Walled Lake. A post-abortion recovery workshop will be held at Pine Hills Camp in Brighton on Nov. 11 through 13. Any woman experiencing depression or nightmares or other post-abortion symptoms should consider attending. Workshops will be provided by St. Matthew. The registration fee includes housing and meals for the weekend. A hayride and bonfire Friday night will start the weekend. Standard fee is \$68. Call (810) 624-7676 for registration information.

HOLIDAY ISSUE

In upcoming issues of the Living section stories on holiday traditions and recipes will be featured. If you have a family holiday tradition, because of your nationality, or because it's been done for generations, or a holiday recipe, inviting appetizers, main courses, desserts, and drinks you'd like to share, please type or carefully write them down and send to *The Northville Record* or *The Novi News*, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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Celebrant Singers perform for St. James congregation

The Celebrant Singers will be performing at St. James Parish in Novi on Wednesday, Nov. 23, at 7:30 p.m. The concert is free of charge although a free-will offering will be taken. The Monaghan Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the program. The Christian music ministry will perform contemporary Christian music, praise and worship and personal witness. Featuring 10 singers and a 12-piece orchestra, the group's objective is to share the love of Christ, according to founder, Jon Stenkoski. Members are young adults representing 38 states, nine Canadian provinces and several foreign nations.

Since 1977, the Celebrant Singers have sung in over 3,000 parishes throughout North America. The group has performed in Cuba and Haiti. They were one of the first Christian groups to conduct outreaches into the nations of Bulgaria and Albania in 1990 and 1991, according to Stenkoski. St. James Parish is located at 46325 Ten Mile Road in Novi between Taft and Bek Babysting will be available.

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Walled Lake Western High students named Advanced Placement Scholars

Three students from Walled Lake Western High School have been named Advanced Placement Scholars by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college level Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations. Brian Carter, Brian Gaybek and Erin Williams completed three or more AP Examinations with grades of 3 or higher. "At a university setting, a 3 is equivalent to a B," explained Western Counselor George Stefanou. "This is recognition of fine academic performance."

Western offers a broad range of advanced placement classes. Students in advanced classes can elect to take advanced exams. College credits can be earned through superior placement on the exams. It also helps the student with placement at the preferred college of choice, said Stefanou. Four students from Walled Lake Central High School were also named AP Scholars. Central's William Bertin, Jason Michael and Heather Stoll were named AP Scholars with Distinction by earning grades of 3 or above on five or more AP Examinations, with an average exam grade of at least 3.5. Rosanne Kurmaniak was named an AP Scholar by completing three or more AP Examinations with grades of 3 or higher.

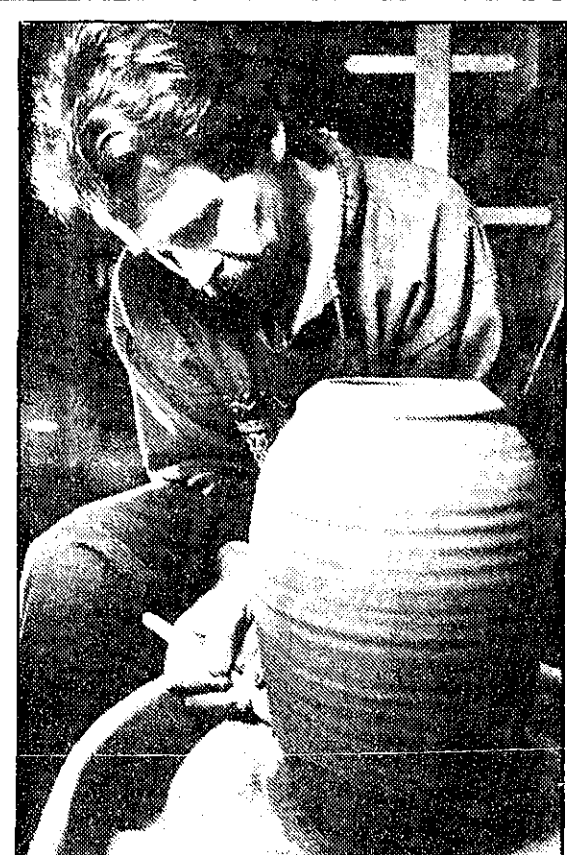
Approximately 10 percent of America's graduating seniors have taken one or more AP examinations. Only about 12 percent of the more than 459,000 students who took AP examinations in May 1994 performed at a sufficiently high level to merit such recognition.

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Nola Hykal began sewing as a child on a Tennessee farm.



Ken Barnes throws nearly all his pottery pieces on the wheel.



Linda Barnes chose watercolor as a medium three years ago.

Local artists exhibit work

The New Morning School fourth annual Juried Arts and Craft Show to be held Saturday, Nov. 12, at the Northville Rec Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. will feature local artists as well as others from Petoskey and Ohio. "This is not a country craft show," said Leslie Stolaruk, chairperson. "Twenty percent have their work in galleries," she said, "but that does mean their pieces are expensive. The median price of things at the show are from \$10 to \$100. These are quality gift giving items for family and friends - a unique blend of arts and craft."

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AUDITIONS

NOVI THEATRE: Auditions for *The Miracle Worker* are still being held for male roles ages 13 and up. Call Linda Wickert at (810) 347-0400 for an audition date. Performances of *The Miracle Worker* will be staged Feb. 3 and 4, 1995.

GROSSE POINTE THEATRE: Auditions for *Bus Stop* by William Inge, Grosse Pointe Theatre's second production of the 1994-95 season will be held on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 19 and 20, from 1 to 5 p.m. at 315 Fisher Road at Maumee, Grosse Pointe. Auditions must be held no later than 3 p.m. on Sunday. Director Greg Olzewski is seeking actors for two leads, three supports, and three features. For more information or scripts, call producer Ron Bernas at 886-8901.

THEATER

NOVI THEATRE'S PERFORMANCE PLUS: A One-Act Festival will be presented Nov. 11, 12 and 13 at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. Included in the performance are three one-act plays: *Victor Hugo in Rehearsal*, *A Doll's House*, and *Opening Night*. Performances on Nov. 11 and 12 are 8 p.m. and on Nov. 13 at 3 p.m. Matinee. Prices are \$4 for under 12 and seniors, and \$6; and \$5 and \$7 at the door. Call 347-0400 for reservations or ticket information.

SPECIAL EVENTS

RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED: Reservations are now being accepted for Schoolcraft College's 18th annual Christmas Madrigal Dinners to be held at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 8, in the college's Waterman Center. The Madrigal Singers, under the direction of conductor Steve Scogaves, will enter the hall in full costume to present the Wassail and toast the Christmas season. Each course of this year's prime rib feast will be presented to the court with trumpet fanfare and ceremony, including the presentation of the Boar's Head. The nationally-recognized Culinary Arts Department will have holiday treats available for sale those evenings. Tickets are \$35 per person, tables seat eight. To make reservations, call (313) 462-4417.

MARQUIS: A musical adaptation of *Beauty and the Beast* will come to life on the Marquis stage on Saturday, Nov. 19, 26 and Dec. 3, 10, 17, 31, at 2:30 p.m.; Nov. 26 and Dec. 3 at 8 p.m.; and Sundays, Nov. 20, 27 and Dec. 4, 11, 18 at 2:30 p.m. Special holiday break performances are scheduled for Monday through Friday, Dec. 26 through 30, at 2:30 p.m. All tickets are \$7. For general ticket information, group rates, birthdays and for teachers to arrange for special performance times and rate, call (810) 349-8110.

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

HOME SWEET HOME: A dinner theater program will continue with scheduled Saturday performances at the 1920s-era Novi mansion which now houses Home Sweet Home restaurant. The murder mystery and a tenderloin and salmon dinner are \$25.95 per person. Diners are given clues - and sometimes speaking roles in the action - to help them figure out who dunnit. Prices are given out to the best guessers.

SHERATON OAKS: It's a live entertainment on Friday and Sat-

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

GENITT'S: Genitt's Hole-in-the-Wall Restaurant presents *The Not-So O.K. Corral*, a murder mystery comedy with music, through Nov. 13. Featured is Genitt's famous seven course family-style Italian dinner which includes homemade soup, garlic bread, pasta, antipasto to salad, baked chicken, Italian sausage and steak and dessert.

Admission to the performance and dinner is by reservation only. Call (810) 349-0522 for reservations.

Genitt's "Hole-in-the-Wall" restaurant is located in downtown Northville at 108 E. Main St., just east of Center Street.

MUSIC

CAFFE BRAVO: Caffe Bravo features the talents of many artists performing everything from classical guitar, jazz and blues to contemporary and folk music every Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Upcoming performances are: Jazz/blues guitarist Michael Fracassi, Nov. 11, 8:30 to 11 p.m.; Classical guitarist Carol Smallwood, Nov. 12, 3 to 5 p.m.; and Folk singer/guitarist Leslie & Jason, 8:30 to 11 p.m.; Carol Smallwood, Nov. 13, 1 to 3 p.m.; and folk singers/guitarists Leslie & Jason, 3 to 5 p.m. The cafe is located at 110 Main Centre in downtown Northville. Call 344-0220 for additional information.

FRIGATES INN: Dance with The Globe from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays at Frigates Inn, 1109 East Lake Drive, Novi.

MR. B'S FARM: Mr. B's Farm, on Novi Road north of Ten Mile, presents live music all week with no cover charge. Sunday is a "Strings 'N' Things Jam" from 9 p.m. to midnight every week. Local artists get together for impromptu jams. Music starts at 9 p.m. For more information call 349-7038.

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

GATE VI GALLERY: The Gate VI Gallery in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile, features a changing show of the work of local artists.

PAINTER'S PLACE: "Flowers of America and Europe" is the theme of the watercolors in Northville artist Caroline Dunphy's Center Street gallery. In addition, there are drawings of Northville scenes as well as greeting cards. Gallery hours are noon to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays through Thursdays, or by appointment. Call 348-9544 for more information.

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Radio sets the scene for murders

Before television, radio ruled the airwaves. Millions of listeners, coast to coast, tuned in each night for the kind of mystery, comedy and romance they couldn't get anywhere else. It was exciting, it was entertaining, it was live. Absolutely anything could happen. And it all happens — with a vengeance — in the lightning-paced romantic mystery comedy "Radioland Murders."

On one fateful evening in 1939, WGN, a fourth radio network, is making its nationwide debut — and is engulfed in chaos. Penny Henderson (Mary Stuart Masterson), the station owner's secretary, has her hands full coping with a disgruntled sponsor, a tyrannical boss, an incompetent director, temperamental stars, unpaid writers on the verge of mutiny, and, worst of all, her soon-to-be ex-husband, Roger (Brian Benben of HBO's "Dream On"), who's determined to win Penny back.

As the curtain rises on the opening act, a mysterious voice interrupts the program and menacing events begin to unfold — leading the WGN team to realize that dead air is the least of their worries.

The engaging ensemble cast includes Neil Patrick Harris, Kieran, Hobeck Goldthwait, Corbin Bernsen, Stephen Tobolowsky, Michael Lerner, Christopher Lloyd, Michael McKean, Jeffrey Tambor, an Brian James and Anita Morris, together with cameo appearances by George Burns, Rosemary Clooney and a host of other familiar faces.

The golden era of American radio serves as subject and back-

drop for the multi-layered movie. Set in a Chicago radio station, the comedy balances two continuous parallel lines of action: (1) the shows going out over the airwaves, and (2) the Herculean efforts of the staff to get on. Secondary subplots feature a young couple with a troubled marriage, mutinous writers and a series of ingenious murders, carried out by an unseen assassin.

"Radioland Murders" takes place on WGN's glittering opening night. The goal is to create a fourth radio network so the celebration is elaborate and full of fanfare. Radio in those days was the only game in town. Sponsors and affiliates wanted to see and rub shoulders with its stars — as well as put in their own two cents worth.

The original concept for "Radioland Murders" was conceived by executive producer George Lucas. "I love screwball comedies, and I've always been fascinated by the fantasy of radio," he said. "My family didn't own a television set until I was 10. I love to listen and imagine what images would look like."

"Radioland Murders" is the second film by Lucas in which the medium of radio plays a catalytic role. "American Graffiti," which he wrote, produced and directed in 1973, launched a whole generation of new stars, as well as numerous films and television shows based on the shared experiences of an ensemble.

It also boasted one of the most sophisticated soundtracks of any motion picture made until then. It's seamless mix of dialogue with chatter, music, ads and verbal horseplay coming from car radios



Brian Benben and Mary Stuart Masterson star in the romantic comedy-mystery from Universal Pictures, "Radioland Murders."

played by the cruising youngsters elevated sound to character status — and opened new creative vistas.

The success of "American Graffiti" laid the foundation for Lucas' subsequent films, including the "Star Wars" and "Indiana Jones" series, as well as his state-of-the-art production, sound and special effects facilities in northern California.

"In 'American Graffiti,' the kids became best friends with a disc jockey they heard every day," explained Lucas. "Radioland Murders" is a further exploration of that phenomenon. I wanted to show how radio was infused with a drama. Good comedies have to use their imaginations. It's fair to say

that the power of sound is an important theme in "Radioland Murders."

The film is directed by Mel Smith. Famous in his native England as an actor, director and all-around comic spirit, Smith cites the old aphorism, "Dying is easy, comedy is hard." In discussing the film.

"What makes comedy so difficult? It's cut and dried, works or doesn't," said Smith. "It's the hardest discipline for performers; people who do comedy well excel in other genres, too."

Smith believes that story should be as significant in a comedy as in a drama. Good comedies have to use their imaginations. It's fair to say

characters and situations wrapped into a story you care about — laughs alone won't keep it going," he said. "Radioland Murders" is as much a mystery as it is a comedy."

Bits and pieces of at least two dozen radio shows were continuously through "Radioland Murders." And even though all the behind-the-scenes chaos is clearly visible — scripts finished by the cleaning lady, for example — the shows still create a world of their own.

This "second, fictional world," functioning within the larger story, was crucial to George Lucas. Smith noted. "He (Lucas) was a stickler for never short-changing the importance of those shows. I

think it connects to the overall sense of fantasy we see in his other work."

The mosaic of shows was inspired by the big 1930s hits. Among the "golden oldies" which have since passed into legend are the Chase and Sanborn Hour which featured such figures as Eddie Cantor, Edgar Bergen and Don Ameche; Lux Radio Theatre which adapted Broadway plays and films for radio; and Headlines and Bylines with H.V. Kaltenborn. Icons of the era include Jack Benny and Mary Livingston. Burns and Allen, Amos and Andy, Kate Smith, Fulton Lewis, Jr., Fibber McGee and Molly; Gangbusters and The Green Hornet.

Togetherhness tests friendships in 'Four Seasons'

THE FOUR SEASONS
By Helaine Blinstock
Novi

Having great friends is terrific, but spreading every vacation with them, year after year for 20 solid years, is finally getting to these three married couples. Though they've enjoyed taking furloughs en masse, small quirks of their companions are starting to get annoying.

After so long, spouses' characteristics fray one's nerves, but a promise exists to love, honor and cherish till death do them part. Why, then, do these couples embrace additional grief?

Despite the weird 20-year arrangement, their friendship remains intact. The couples know each other so long and so well, they all seem united in wedlock!

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READER MOVIE REVIEWS

Suddenly, a man from the 'pack' divorces his boring wife, replacing her with a younger, more attractive and exciting girl who, by way of displacement, is granted inappropriate membership in the long-established clique.

The women, of course, resent their pal's pubescent new partner,

and the men get annoyed with his immature tactics to impress his. Newcomer Thora Briggs plays Abba, an innocent kid who'd fade in her baby brother for a dog without two seconds flat. But her step dad is allergic to animal fur, so she can't get one.

Then comes Fingers, a monkey who escaped from his abusive owner, who Abba finds in the park

and takes home. But there's something Abba doesn't know about her new pet monkey, now called Dodger, and she's gonna learn the hard way.

You see, whenever Dodger gets near money, gold or silver, he takes it.

In other words, he's a thief.

But when Abba discovers his

secret and he's kidnapped by his original owner, she has no way to prove she's innocent and he's guilty. Who's going to believe her after all the lies?

This movie gets three stars out of four. It's funny, upbeat and pulls a few tears out of the viewers, but some parts are too corny to ignore.

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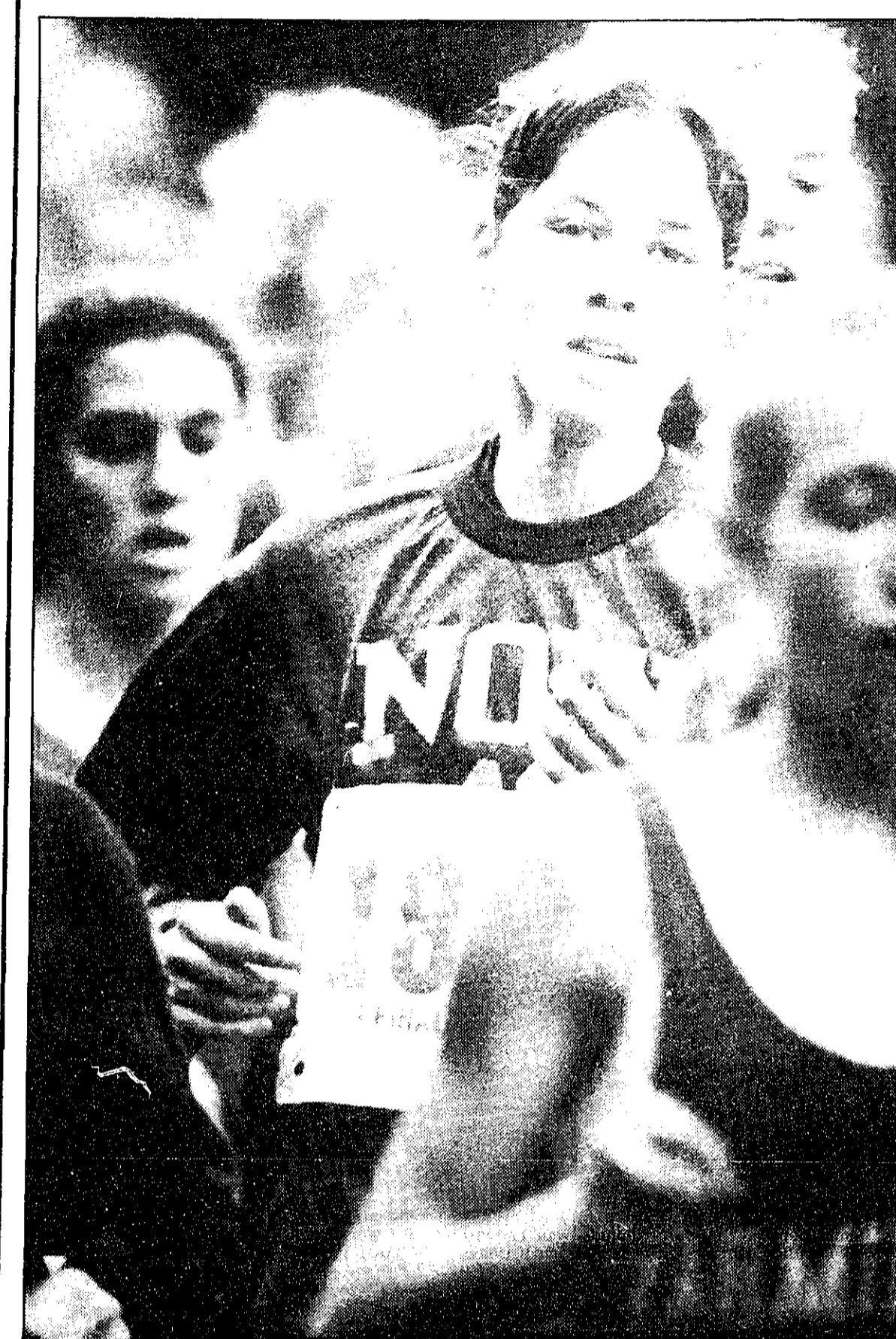
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Wildcat runners finish third at Class A finals

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

The City of Novi can be proud this morning.

Why? Because the Wildcat girls' cross country team finished as Michigan's third best squad in Class A Saturday.

It's the highest any girls team at Novi High has ever finished. Only the Wildcat baseball and football teams have done better.

"It was a spectacular effort on the part of the girls," said coach Norm Norgren. "The girls ran fantastic."

Troy Athens won the state meet with 97 points while Ann Arbor Pioneer was second with 129. Novi totaled 161 points.

The meet was held in Grand Rapids at the Saskatoon Golf Course. A steady rain soaked the course and made footing spongy at best.

Norgren said the miserable weather didn't seem to bother the runners.

"It was totally water-logged," he said of the five kilometer circuit. "But they ran good times. Everybody did."

Of course finishing third in the state took some good times. And Lorna Camp and Jenny Hampton had some darn good times.

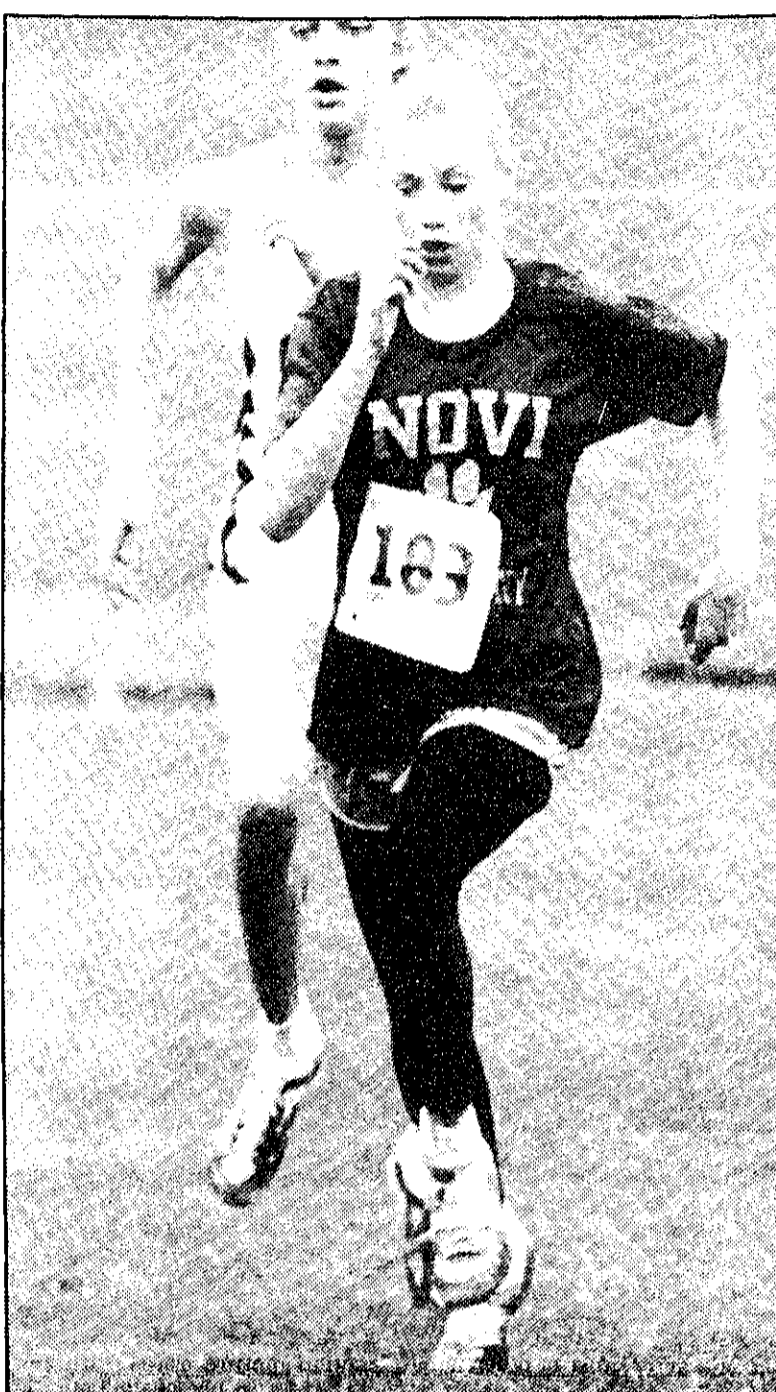
Camp placed sixth in the state with a personal best time of 19:00 and Jenny Hampton was eighth in 19:01. Not just good times, great times.

"Lorna and Jenny are all state runners," Norgren pointed out. "Earning that honor wasn't easy for either."

Camp went out fast with the top runners and held her ground the entire race. Hampton got "boxed in" at the start of the race and was in the 32nd spot close to the mile mark.

But she made her move shortly after that and wound up just a fraction behind her teammate.

"What a tremendous run by



Lorna Camp (above) finished as Michigan's sixth fastest cross country runner this fall. Jenny Hampton (left) fought her way out of the pack to take eighth.

Novi High tankers take second at Brighton Invitational

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

An excellent regular season came to a close Saturday for the Wildcat swim team.

Novi High finished second at the Brighton Invitational. According to coach Andrea Johnson, just about every swimmer performed at their best over the weekend.

"We tapered for the meet for the last two weeks," she added. "It's our biggest meet of the year."

Johnson described the meet as an unofficial conference final. The Kensington Valley Conference's other two swimming schools, South Lyon and Brighton, competed.

Grand Blanc won the invitational with 400 points

while Novi was second with 288. Brighton was third with 213.

"We had a really good taper," Johnson said. "Novi finished with a dual meet record of 8-4 — the best the school's done in years. Johnson expects about a half-dozen Wildcats to participate at next week's state finals at Michigan State University.

As for the invitational, teams earned points for 12 finishes. Novi scored twice in the 200-yard medley relay.

Michelle Pantaleo, Lisa Newkirk, Christina Tardella and Katy Nicol were sixth in 2:04.73. Erin Stevens, Shelley Williams, A.J. Utz and Heidi were ninth in 2:12.07.

In diving, Sarah Hofer was sixth with 288.2, Katie

Bailey was 15th with 178.45, Dawn Kukuzke 17th in 162.2, Audra Wolowicz 18th with 165.5 and Erin Craddock was 20th 162.7. Eileen Ong dove exhibition and totaled 125.05.

Meghan Mutch won the 200-yard freestyle in 2:07.53 while Roxanne Warner was seventh in 2:11.59. Nicol finished second in the 200 IM in 2:26.42 and Tammy Veit had her lifetime best for eighth in 2:37.92.

Jamie Vandermass was the winner of the 50-yard freestyle in 25.63. Michelle Svetler was second in 26.45 and Jeannie Smith was 10th in 27.41. Tardella's 1:16.94 was 10th in the 100 butterfly. Pantaleo was 11th in 1:17.09 and Utz was 12th in 1:17.50.

Svetler won the 100-yard freestyle in 57.82 and

Smith was sixth in 1:01.24. Gold, silver and bronze medals were handed out for first, second and third place finishes.

Mutch swam a time of 5:38.69 in the 500-yard freestyle and Warner was seventh in 5:55.49. Novi was first in the 200-medley relay as Svetler, Smith, Mutch and Vandermass posted a time of 1:45.39.

Vandermass won the 100-yard backstroke in 1:04.25. Pantaleo was seventh in 1:07.47 and Stevens was 10th in 1:14.03. In the 100-yard breaststroke, Nicol was third and Newkirk 11th.

Novi closed the meet on a high note.

Svetler, Smith, Mutch and Vandermass won the 400-yard freestyle relay in 3:52.15. Warner, Nicol, Williams and Pantaleo were sixth in 4:13.59.

Kickers fall in regional 1-0

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Fate was against Novi High at Walled Lake Western on Nov. 2.

Facing Canton in the opening round of state regional soccer playoffs, the Wildcats trailed by a goal late in the game. Applying tremendous pressure, Novi peppered the Chiefs net.

Joe Schimizzit took a corner kick with 12:05 remaining. The ball kicked out back to him and the Novi forward sent a blistering shot at the Canton. But the ball hit the inside of the crossbar and stayed out.

Minutes later, Matt Butler just missed on a header.

"I thought we were going to tie it," Joe Schimizzit said.

Coach Larry Christoff said, "But it just wasn't meant to be."

Canton's Chad Dale got the game's lone goal with 14:46 remaining on a crossing pass in front of the net. The Chiefs went on to beat Ann Arbor Pioneer in the regional final.

"They're well disciplined," said Christoff. "They're a very good team."

The Wildcats finish the season



Kevin Ansara battles Canton's Greg Kilby for the ball in Novi's 1-0 loss to the Chiefs last week.

Cagers beat Howell with late surge 35-27

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Novi High found its shooting eye just in time Thursday night.

Trailing Howell 22-17 heading into the fourth quarter, the Wildcats exploded for 18 points and ran away from the Highlanders 35-27. Coach Dennis Cichonksi said it was just a matter of getting the job done.

"We hit free throws when we needed to hit free throws and hit baskets when we needed baskets," he said.

The victory closed the regular season for Novi. The Wildcats wound up 7-13 overall and 3-9 in the Kensington Valley Conference.

State tournament action begins Monday. Districts will be held at Livonia Ladywood High School.

Beating Howell should give his team some momentum heading into the playoffs. Cichonksi said, "I like what I've seen lately," he added. "I've been pleased with our effort."

Thursday game, which was at Howell, started very slowly for both schools. Cichonksi said the Highlanders applied a half-court press that made it difficult for the Cats to get into their offense right away.

"We had plenty of opportunities," he admitted. "We just couldn't hit them."

Howell led 5-4 at the end of the first period. Novi continued to struggle offensively in the second

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DENNIS CICHONSKI
Basketball coach

half.

The Wildcats managed just three points. Howell took an eight-point lead into halftime.

Things began to turnaround in the third quarter. The Wildcats out the lead to five going into the fourth.

Christine Edwards and Kelly Kearney each hit three pointers in the fourth quarter to erase that deficit. Novi took the lead about midway through the quarter and never looked back.

Lindsay Drury led Novi with a career high of 15 points. Edwards added 12 and Kearney eight.

Cichonksi said his team got a boost from several other players, too.

Megan Barton didn't score but rebounded well with nine. Mandy McGlinnon and Nisha also contributed solid defense, he said.

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Gridders suffer highs, lows in '94

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

For the Wildcat football team, the 1994 season was a roller coaster ride to be sure.

A year of highs and lows saw Novi beat the likes of mighty South Lyon only to lose to lightly regarded Mt. Morris. It all boiled down to a 5-4 record - the team's first winning season in two years.

Great individual performances marked the year.

Jason Witherspoon rushed for 1,193 yards. Often spectacular, the sophomore ran past, around and, often, over opponents in having one of the best years in school history.

Jon Wroe was Mr. Versatility. Not only did he do an excellent job of running the option at quarterback, he played solid defensive back and kicked several field goals.

On defense, Marc Lesperance was tough as nails. He led Novi just about every week in tackles while playing the thankless position of nose tackle.

All in all, it was an interesting campaign. The following article recaps the season week to week (look for HomeTown Newspapers' East All-Area Football squads to be announced in two weeks):

NOVI 20, WALLED LAKE WESTERN 7

The Wildcats used an excellent rushing attack to pound the Warriors at home. Witherspoon and fullback Jim Harrington each rushed for better than 100 yards after a slow first quarter.

Novi led 7-0 at halftime and 14-0 in the third quarter as Mark

McBride ran for a seven-yard touchdown. He got his second of the game in the fourth quarter.

HARTLAND 14, NOVI 13
The Wildcats tried to play catch-up on the road Sept. 9 and it cost them. Hartland jumped out to a 14-0 lead then held on.

Witherspoon had the big play for Novi. He returned a kickoff some 88 yards to cut the margin in half.

Witherspoon scored the Wildcats other TD as well on a seven yard run in the fourth quarter. A missed extra point was the difference in the game.

NOVI 22, SOUTH LYON 21

True to form, the Wildcats bounced back in week three. And not against just any opponent either.

Ranked No. 8 in Class A, South Lyon was favored to win the game. Wroe ruined the Lions plans, however, by booting a 31-yard field goal with 10 seconds left to give Novi the two-point victory.

Switching from the Wing-T to the option sparked the offense. Down 14-0 when coach John Osborne made the switch, the Wildcats controlled the ball behind the running of Wroe and Witherspoon.

MT. MORRIS 20, NOVI 14

Perhaps the most frustrating loss of the season came Sept. 23. Mt. Morris won the game in overtime as the Wildcats fumbled deep in their own territory. The Panthers scored two plays after the fumble to take the victory.

Novi dominated the game early and led 14-0 by halftime. McBride and Witherspoon scored for the Wildcats.

NOVI 33, MILFORD 12

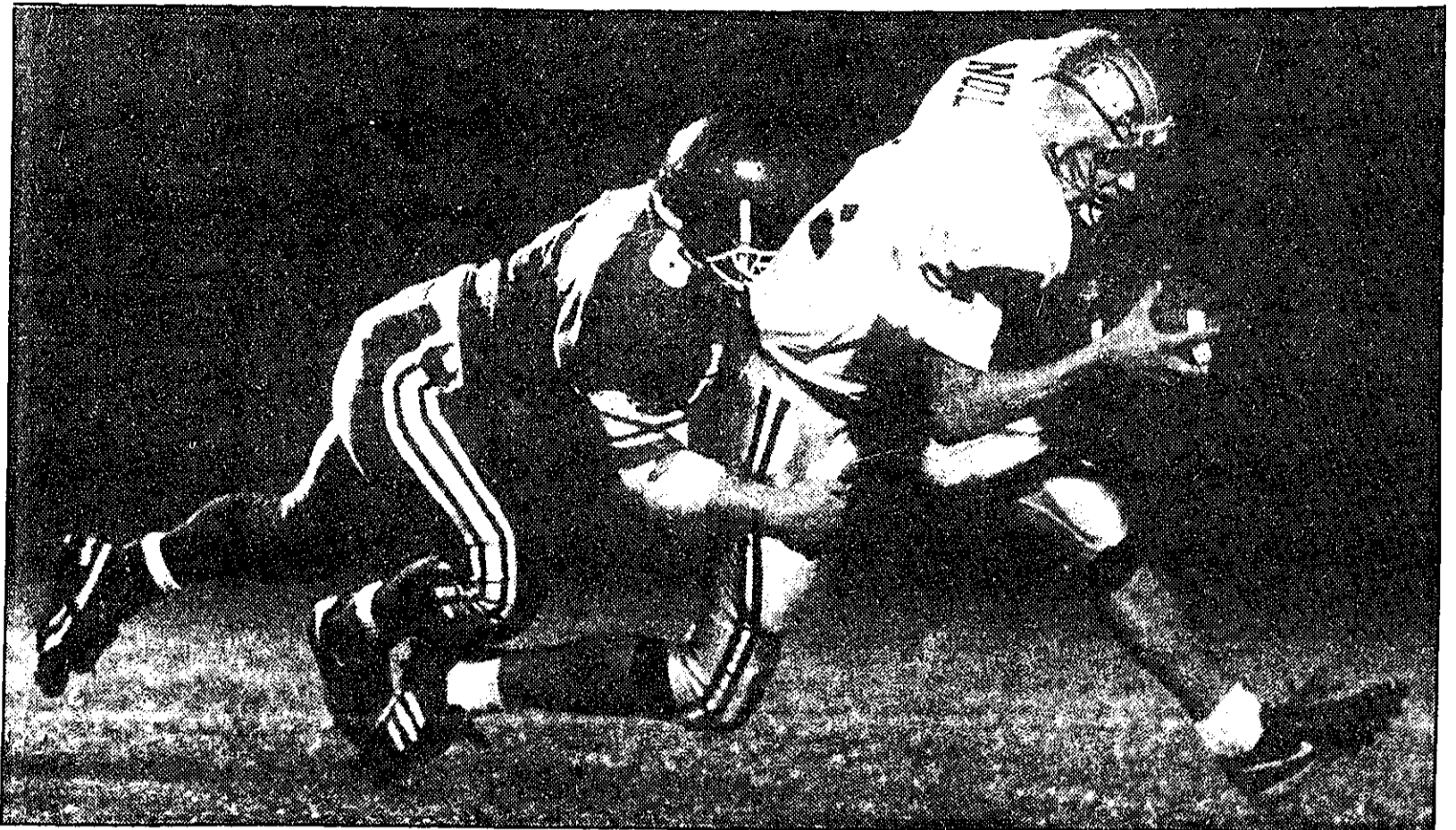


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Marc Lesperance was a mainstay of Novi's defense this fall.

A measure of revenge was gained by the Wildcats on Sept. 30. Playing on the road, Novi piled up more than 300 yards of offense.

"We played our best game of the season," Osborne said about the victory.

Witherspoon, again, was the story. He rushed for 187 yards and scored a touchdown and threw for another.

Novi led 17-0 at halftime and cruised home for the win. The Redskins had beat the Wildcats in 1993.

NOVI 27, LAKELAND 7

The Wildcats put together their

first winning streak of the season by whipping the Eagles at home Oct. 7.

But it wasn't as easy as it sounds. Lakeland held Novi in check in the first half and the teams were actually tied at zero at halftime.

But the Wildcats went into high gear after the break. Witherspoon ran for more than 50 yards in Novi's first possession of the second half and scored on a 10-yarder. He went on to add two more touchdowns and finished just shy of 200 yards.

NOVI 21, BRIGHTON 14

The state playoffs looked like a

real possibility after Novi beat the Bulldogs on the road Oct. 14.

Witherspoon returned a punt 88-yards to put Novi up by two touchdowns in the third quarter. Wroe made a key interception in the fourth quarter in the end zone to preserve the victory.

HOWELL 15, NOVI 13

A great, great game went the wrong way for the 'Cats at home on Oct. 21.

Playing for the Kensington Valley Conference championship, Novi fought from behind. Down by nine points late in the third quarter, the Wildcats put together a 79-yard

drive to cut it to two.

Trying a second straight long drive, Howell intercepted a Wroe pass and end the come back.

NORTHVILLE 28, NOVI 20

A battle of two great running backs, Witherspoon and Northville's Aneil Kersey, was featured in this year's Jug game.

Both ran for better than 200 yards. Witherspoon cut a big Mustang lead down to 28-20 late in the fourth quarter. But Northville's John Matthews ended another Novi come back attempt with a sack of Wroe.

Novi runners take third place in Class A state final race

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Jenny." Norgren said. "She's a hell of a runner."

The race was won by Jenison's Andrea Roserna in 18:17.

Katie Zimmerman took 45th in Class A with a time of 20:03. Angel Root and Angela Pelletier had personal bests to take 47th and 55th, respectively, in 20:06 and 20:12.

Lauren Rice ran a fine race as well and finished 73rd in 20:19. Michelle Harrison ran despite illness and came out 94th in 20:44.

Norgren said he didn't have a big pep talk for the team before the race.

"I just told them, I'm so proud of you it's unbelievable," he commented. "They were ready to go and they did it."

The coach said he also let up on the girls a little in practice.

"This is just tremendous," Norgren said. "They worked so hard all year."

LAKELAND INVITATIONAL
Novi won the Lakeland Invitational, which was for ninth and

tenth graders, on Nov. 1. Norgren said his team approached the meet as a warm up for the state meet.

The Wildcats won the meet going away with just 15 points. Novi took the top five spots.

Harriers compete at Lakeland invite

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Hope. That's what last week's Lakeland Invitational provided for the Wildcat boys' cross country team. Novi High finished third among some of the area's best squads.

The Nov. 1 meet, which was held strictly for freshmen and sophomores, concluded Novi's season. After a frustrating Kensington Valley Conference campaign, the Wildcats' showing was quite welcome to coach Bob Smith.

"We beat some other quality programs," he said. "It was really exciting to see. I knew our freshmen and sophomores were good."

Host Lakeland won the meet with 17 points. Ann Arbor Pioneer was second with 68 and Novi third at 82 points.

"It was a really fine way to end," said Smith. "We were really keying on this meet."

Despite improving as team from a year ago, Novi finished sixth in the KVC and with a few less points at state regional competition. Smith said last week's race helped to take the sting out of those frustrations. He added that with a few breaks, the boys may be doing as well as the girls' squad.

"We're on the verge of busting it open," Smith added. "We're ripe to climb back on top of the league."

And with performances such as the Lakeland Invitational, the coach just may be right on track.

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BOB SMITH
Cross country coach

He said the 'Cats ran well even though conditions were wet and sloppy.

"We did a nice job," Smith said. "We knew the course was slow. We were not racing against the clock, but against other people."

Jukes Namm was Novi's first runner to get across. He finished 11th in 18:24. Scott Shepley snagged 12th in 18:35.

"Scott took it upon himself to run with the leaders," said Smith who added that the runner fell back after a mile but, "recovered nicely" to take 12th.

Cameron Chipponeri was 16th in 18:55 and Jason Sabol 19th in 18:59. David Grems continued his progress by taking 23rd in 19:10 while teammate Chris Duprey returned from injury for 27th in 19:22. Rich Seaman closed out the top seven by taking 33rd in 19:30.

"We made a statement at this meet," said Smith. "We're back."

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