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Arnold Rzepecki said he loved Kathy McLallen as mayor.

McLallen chairs her last meeting

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Staff Writer

After six years and more than 1,000 Novi City Council meetings, Mayor Kathleen McLallen struck her gavel one last time and adjourned her last council meeting Monday night.

After the meeting McLallen thanked the residents of Novi for allowing her to be mayor for three terms. McLallen was voted out of office last August, when she lost the mayoral primary to candidates Richard Clark and Michael Meyer.

Before the council meeting, McLallen's supporters gave her a going-away party. A large crowd composed of McLallen's friends,

city officials and some state officials gathered before the council meeting to thank McLallen for her service as Novi's mayor.

"I think it is super that people can manage their schedules to come here. That is a true friendship that people can come after a busy day and say 'good luck,'" McLallen said of her reception. "I'm overwhelmed."

Novi Chamber of Commerce President Lisa Willard said she didn't know if anyone would ever understand and appreciate the time McLallen had given to Novi.

"She made our new business owners feel special and glad to be here. She was the face of goodwill

and ambassadorship in our city," Willard said.

Novi City Assessor Glen Lemmon said he thought McLallen was a very supportive mayor and an extremely nice person.

"From a department head, (McLallen) has been supportive, but allowed me to operate without any undo influence," Lemmon said.

"I wish her all the best and hope she doesn't become a stranger."

Joe Kapelczak, president of the city's engineering firm JCK Associates, said he wished McLallen success in the future and saluted her for her work with the city. "They all serve up (on city coun-

cil) for almost no money. Anyone that sits there, I take my hat off to them, whether I disagree with them or not," he said.

Kapelczak, who has been working with the city for 25 years, added he believes McLallen served her post just as successfully as her predecessors.

"I have never seen this city have a bad mayor. They have all done a very good job," he said.

City Manager Ed Kriewall also said he thought McLallen was a very successful mayor, especially since recent road bond projects and several capital improvement projects have been completed in

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Lawyers speak out on \$53M judgment

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Staff Writer

Now that the Sandstone Limited Partnership lawsuit is on its way to the Michigan Court of Appeals and they are no longer representing on the case, Novi's city attorneys have sent a letter to the city council explaining why they think the \$53 million judgment against the city is wrong.

City Attorney Dennis Watson said Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Barry Howard recently issued a stay of execution of his Sept. 30 opinion that awarded Sandstone — the developer that sued Novi and won about \$33 million — an additional \$20 million in lawyer fees and interest.

This means Sandstone cannot collect the additional \$20 million until the case is decided on appeal.

Watson said now that the case is finished in circuit court, the city has hired other attorneys for the appeal. Watson said he and city attorney Dave Fried felt they should now send the Novi City Council a letter about the headlining-making judgment.

"The lawsuit has been subject to discussion in the communities and local newspapers," Watson said.

"It seemed appropriate to let people know what we were thinking on the lawsuit."

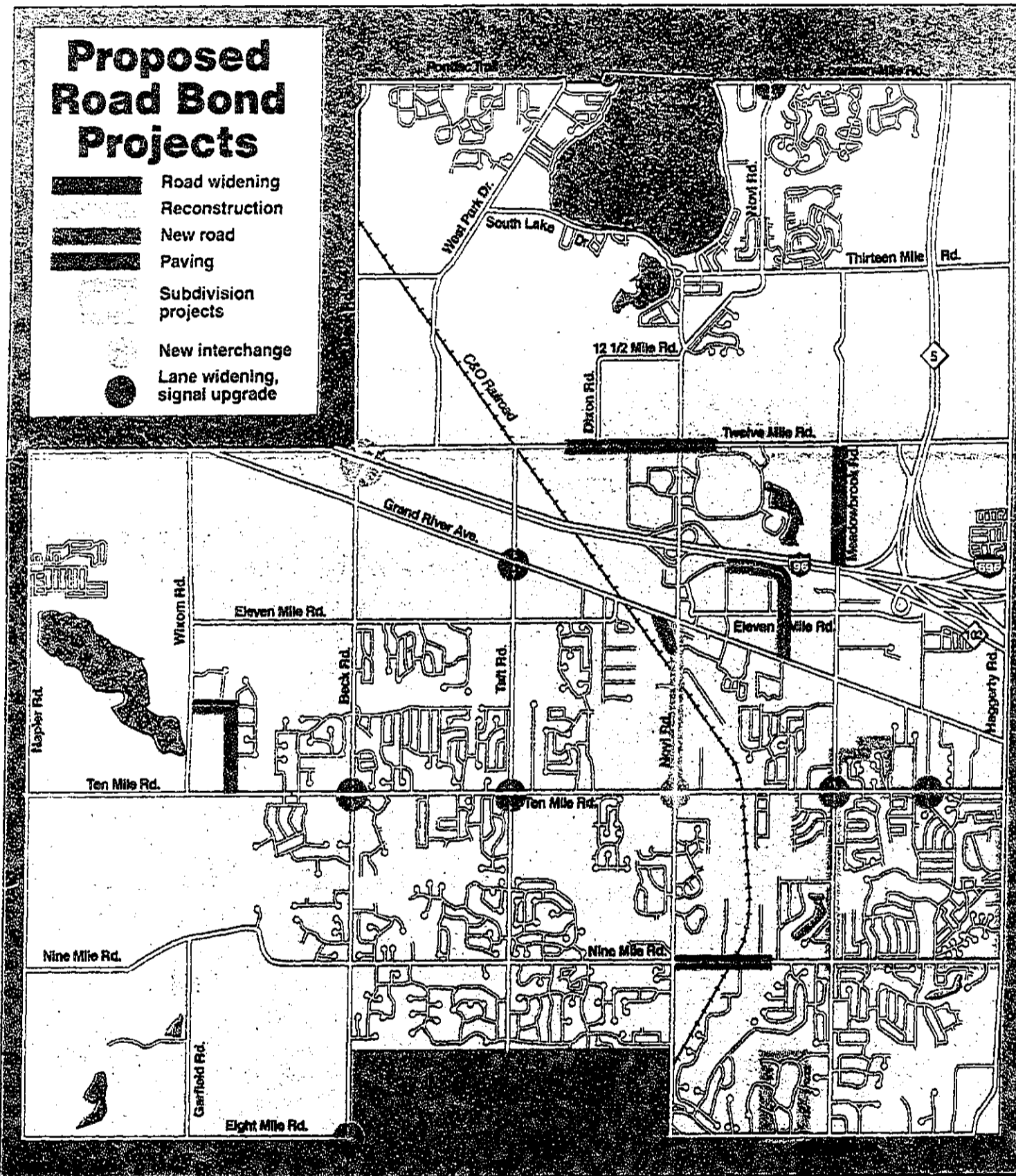
In the letter, Watson and Fried explain why they believe the case can be overturned on appeal. They also explain reports stating they had not requested a jury trial.

Watson said when the case was originally before the court, it dealt with a deal between the city and developer over the construction of a road. He said he believed a jury might not react favorably to the facts in this case at the time.

However, in the middle of the trial, Sandstone was allowed to add more claims onto the case without going through the usual procedure, Watson said. At that point, the city attorney's requested a jury trial, but their request was denied.

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ARE YOU WILLING TO PAY FOR THIS?



Crucial choices confront voters

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Staff Writer

For a local election, voters are expected to flock to the polls in high numbers high this Nov. 2.

Novi City Clerk Tonni Bartholomew said based on the number of absentee ballots being issued and phone calls her office has received, she predicts a 50 percent voter turnout for this year's city election.

So far, Bartholomew's office has given out 1,318 absentee ballots. The city clerk's office in the Novi Civic Center will continue to give out more, up to the election. To meet demands, it will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 30 just for absentee voters.

"People are being prompted to get in here," Bartholomew said.

This could be an indication that the candidates and people working on the two propositions are getting their messages out and getting voters turned on to this election, she said.

Bartholomew said numbers like the ones she had been seeing high were usually only seen during statewide general elections, not local elections.

Lou Martin, director of public information for the City of Novi, said the election was like no other in the recent history of the city and the city candidates were responsible for this.

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What if the all-time best Novi and Northville football players met on the field? In today's Novi News is the "Battle Of The Millennium," a special section on players and coaches of yesterday and today. Don't forget to catch the action Friday at 7:30 p.m. when the Wildcats at home meet the Mustangs.

Surfing the crest of future technology

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN
Staff Writer

Nestled in the back offices of the Instructional Technology Center, behind massive amounts of electronic equipment and different computer servers, James Fry can be found working.

Fry, the director of technology programs for the Novi Community School District, is excited about the district's current computer capabilities and sees incredible potential for changes in the near future.

"Part of the whole challenge of the industry is keeping up with the latest technology as it is constantly changing at a rapid pace," Fry said.

"The district has been proactive. I look at ourselves as leaders as there is continuous improvement and we are always looking at

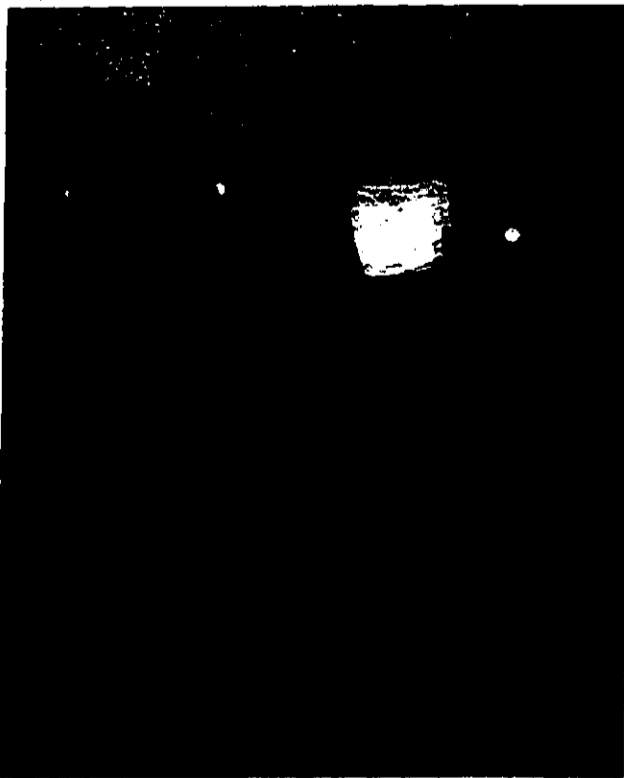


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A computer reflects in director Jim Fry's spe...

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Obituaries

Mitchell Deeb
 Mitchell Deeb, 77, of 11111 W. 13th St., Novi, Mich. 48240, died Oct. 19, 1999, at the University of Michigan Medical Center, Ann Arbor, Mich. He was born in Detroit, Mich., and was a graduate of the University of Michigan. He was a member of the Detroit Golf Club and the Detroit Country Club. He was a member of the Detroit Golf Club and the Detroit Country Club. He was a member of the Detroit Golf Club and the Detroit Country Club.


Enrichetta Nardone
 Enrichetta Nardone, 97, died Oct. 13 at Boston Continuing Care Facility in Farmington Hills. She was born in 1902. She is survived by daughter, Josephine (Angelo) Risi; sister, Giovanna Tiscu; eight grandchildren, Sue (Alfredo) Scappaticci, Linda Sparola, Cindy (Tony) Rasmussen, Tom (Sue) Risi, Joe (Betty) Risi, Donna Risi, Christine Risi and Sue (Doug) Zain; and six great-grandchildren, Joe, Mike, Dan, Danielle, Branna and Nicholas. Mrs. Nardone was preceded in death by her husband, Angelo and daughter, Ida Simeola. Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi. Memorials to the charity of the contributor's choice would be appreciated.

Services were conducted Oct. 20 at the funeral home of the family. Burial was in the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi. Memorials to the charity of the contributor's choice would be appreciated.

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West Park ready for cruising

By JEREMY MCBAIN Staff Writer

West Park Drive is open for traffic. Previously called the Taft Road extension, the road, running north of Interstate 96 and west of Walled Lake, was officially opened in a ribbon-cutting ceremony Oct. 13.

"The road is open. Our main concern is to get traffic on it," said public services director Anthony Nowicki.

The main goal for the road was to relieve traffic on South Lake Drive, Nowicki said. Now that it has been built, efforts will be made to encourage drivers who usually use South Lake Drive to use West Park Drive instead.

Counters have been placed on the road to determine its traffic volume, he said. But at the same time the city opened up West Park Drive, the city of Wixom closed Beck Road north of I-96.

Until Beck Road is opened, Nowicki said he will not get an accurate traffic reading, adding that Beck Road is expected to be opened in about two weeks.

While West Park Drive is open, Nowicki said there were still a few finishing touches that need to be made, such as some landscaping and placement of signs. The actual completion date is scheduled to be around the end of the year, which is still a little bit ahead of schedule, he said.

Because the project is not actually finished, Nowicki said final accounting has not been done and he would not know if the project stayed within its budget until that time.

West Park Drive is one of the largest infrastructure projects ever undertaken by the city of Novi, Nowicki said. Its biggest success is it is the result of a community-wide effort, he added.

The new road was conceived with the 1990 Road Bond program passed by city voters. After this election, a citizens committee was formed to determine the best route for the project and a name for the new road.

The actual funding for West Park Drive was approved in the 1996 Road Bond Program. Construction started around July 1998.

Nowicki said the project was the result of the cooperation of a number of councils and the combined efforts of city officials and residents.

"Everybody had a part in this one project," he said.

But the project did not come without its problems. Nowicki said engineers had problems with an unstable ground from a high concentration of peat in the soil.

In addition, during the city's efforts to gain land for a right-of-way, it was determined the city did not pay enough for land it had condemned for the project.

The city originally offered \$38,000 to Karen Woodson, owner of the land. The piece of land in question is a half-acre parcel near the intersection of West Park Drive and West Road.

A jury decided the city's offer was too little and ruled the actual value of the land was \$250,000.

Regardless, Nowicki said the city was able to work through all the problems. He added many property owners were also very generous and donated a portion of their land for a right-of-way.

"It looks like everything came together fairly well," he said.

Jeremy Mc Bain's e-mail address is jmcbain@ht.homecomm.net.

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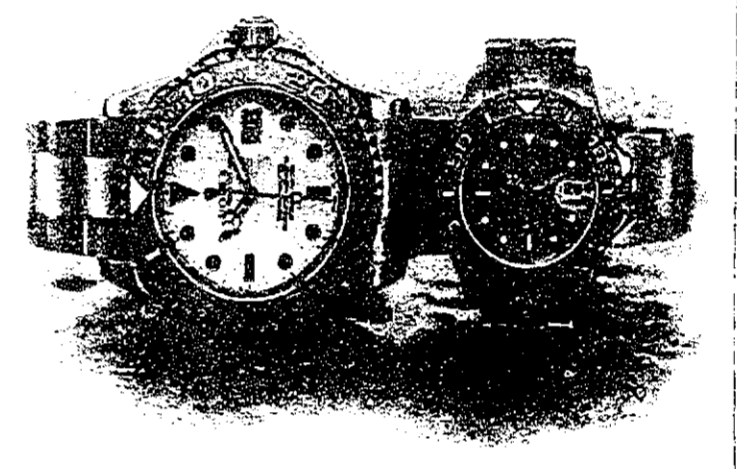
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50 percent voter turnout anticipated

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"I think the candidates are doing a good job of getting their positions across," he said.
Seven are running for three seats in the city council, while two are vying for mayor.
Martin said in addition to individual efforts by the candidates to canvass city neighborhoods, they

Mayor feted as farewell McLallen leads her last council meeting

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"She deserves credit for leading Nov through some very tough issues," Krawall said.
While wishing McLallen well, party goers also talked about their hopes for the next mayor of Novi.
State Sen. Bill Bullard, R-Milford, said he thought it was very important that the next mayor of Novi work to bring the council together on issues.

City Council Member Craig DeRoche said he hoped council supported and cooperated with the new mayor. That way, the council and mayor could work through all the issues facing the city together.
Willard said she hoped the next mayor continued to nurture a good relationship with businesses, as McLallen had done.
"Business is important to this city as far as the taxes are concerned. I hope the new mayor will

be open to listening to (businesses) concerns," she said.
McLallen even offered some advice to whoever is the next mayor and mayor could work through all the issues facing the city together.
"It is probably one of the most pleasurable and exciting experiences you can have," McLallen said.
As for her future, McLallen said

for the present she would take some time with her family and was planning a week-long vacation in Germany with her husband.
She said a continued future in politics is still up in the air.
"One thing you do learn is never say never," McLallen said.

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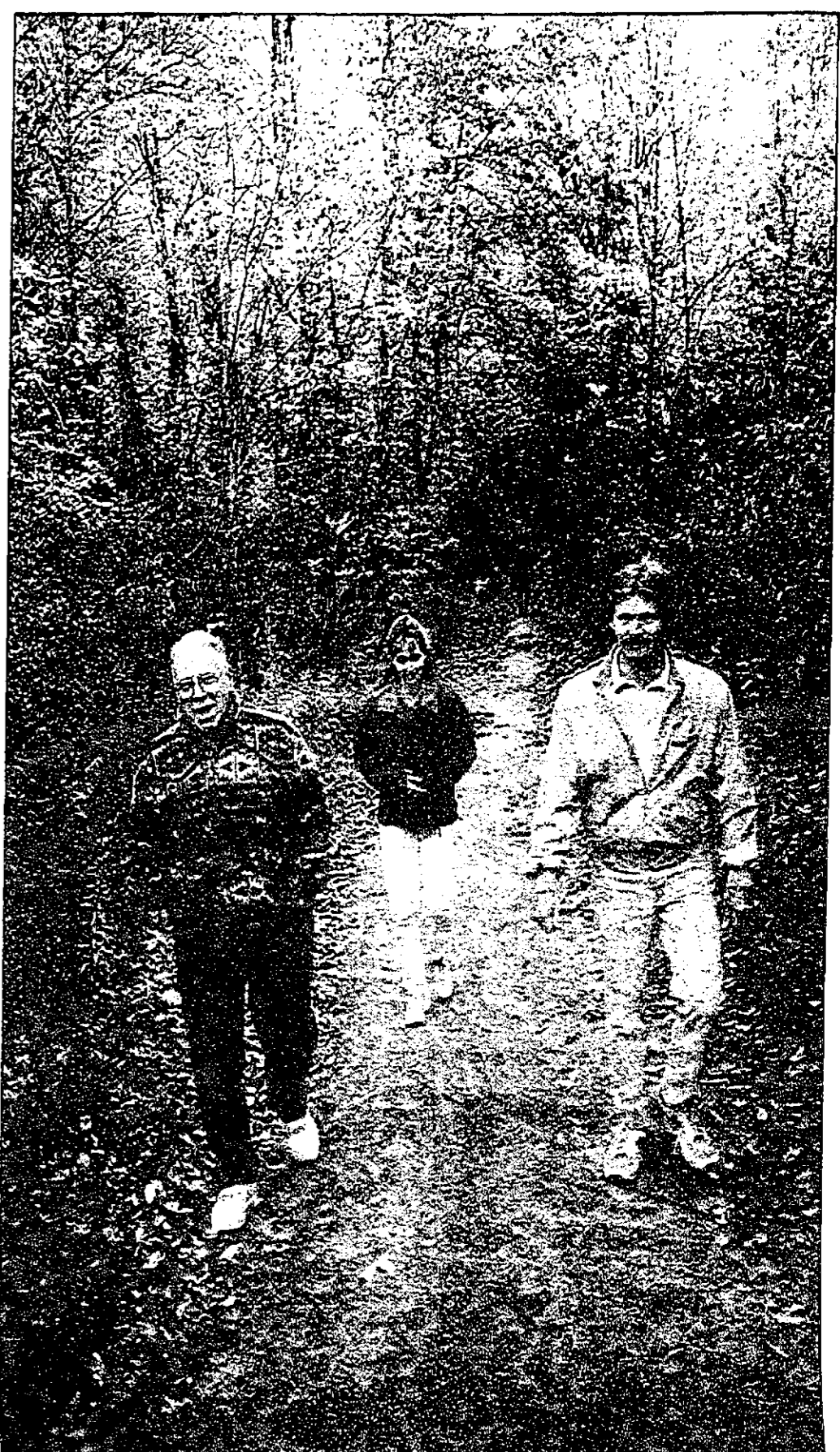
ELECTION 99

Teed-off residents work for city charter amendment



Golf pro Todd Gerhard favors a city course.

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN Staff Writer
In 1993, Novi voters agreed to a massive purchase of park land.
Six years later and they are being asked to determine the fate of that property—not by their government, but by a group of determined citizens who do not want to see a golf course on the 500-acre North Novi Park.
On Nov. 2, residents will determine if Novi's thirty-year-old city charter will be changed to bar the 18-hole proposal.
Originally, voters agreed to a purchase of land at the Community Sports Park at Eight Mile Road and Napier, joint property with the Novi School District at Eleven Mile Road and Wixom Road and what is now the North Novi Park.
The movement for the charter amendment began in the fall of 1996, launched by a residents' group known as PARKS. People About Reserving Kids Space, after the city commissioned studies about the possibility of building a golf course at North Novi Park, most of which was the old Novi Tree Farm.
"The intent of this demonstration was to express our opposition to a golf course, and to show that the city council and the Department of Parks and Recreation were moving forward on the golf course with the lack of public input," said Chuck Tindall, one of the leaders of PARKS.
"We just want to get the information to the voters and let them decide."
The petition drive needed a minimum of five percent of the 31,191 Novi registered voters, or 1,560 votes. PARKS filed a petition containing 2,095 signatures with the Novi City Clerk's office on July 19.
After the validity of the signatures and the legality of the language was reviewed and approved by the city, the Michigan Attorney General's office and the governor's office, Novi residents will decide the fate of the proposed charter amendment.



Backing the charter change are left to right, Bob Wilkins, Angie Bruder, Chuck Tindall.

On Nov. 2 Novi voters will face two ballot proposals

City hopes voters won't put the brakes on road bond

By JEREMY MCBAIN Staff Writer
While supporters say the road bond put before voters this November will improve the traffic congestion in Novi, others argue the bond supports infrastructure needed by developers, rather than residents.
"It will improve my quality of life to get in and out of this town. This is a great beginning," said road bond advocate Pete Headley, a former planning commissioner. "This is a tremendous opportunity."
Backers say the bond will provide a local match for millions in state funding for key projects, such as the new Beck Road interchange.
However, opponent Michelle Bononi, who is running for city council, said the opportunity is slanted towards development interests.
"There is a disproportional amount of funding that will not affect citizens. I would support the Beck interchange project and the local pavings...but this bond is top-heavy with money that would benefit only developers," she said.
Novi voters will be voting on the \$28.5 million bond Nov. 2. If passed, it will trigger a 0.7 mill tax that will cost the owner of a \$200,000 home an additional \$70 a year in taxes for the next 20 years.
The bond will provide funding for 12 road projects in the City of Novi.
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• Twelve Mile Road widening to a four-lane boulevard from Novi Road to Dixon costing \$1.2 million. The total cost of this project is \$6 million and includes contributions from shopping mall developers Ramco-Gresham and The Taubman Company.
• Citywide pavement rehabilitation projects costing \$3.5 million. This is the total cost.
• Intersection improvements at: Ten Mile/Meadowbrook, Beck Road/Eight Mile, Ten Mile/Taft Road, Taft Road/Grand River, Novi Road/Fourteen Mile, Ten Mile/Beck Road, Ten Mile/Cranbrook Road. These improvements will cost \$896,000. This is the total cost.
• Economic Development Fund. According to City Manager Ed Kriewall this will most likely be a project widening Grand River Avenue between Taft Road and Beck Road. This will cost the city \$2 million. The total cost of this is projected to be \$8 million, with county funding.
• The construction of Crescent Road East creating another part to the planned ring road around the Novi Road/Grand River Avenue intersection. The new road will cost \$7.5 million. This is the total cost.
• Widening of Novi Road from Ten Mile Road to Grand River Avenue to five lanes. This will cost the city \$940,000. The total cost for this is \$9,400,000, with outside grants.
• Nine Mile widening to three lanes from Novi Road to Venture Drive costing \$779,000. The total cost is \$1.95 million, with matching grants.
• Construction of Main Street West. Like Crescent Road East, this road is another part of the planned ring road around the Novi Road/Grand River Avenue intersection. This will cost \$1.3 million. This is the total cost.
• Interchange improvements at Beck Road and Interstate 96 costing the city \$6 million. The total price tag for this is estimated at \$30



City officials say completing a ring road will ease congestion like this at the intersection of Grand River Avenue and Novi Road.

million, with most of the money coming from the Michigan Department of Transportation.
Headley said other than the city share, these projects will be paid by federal and state grants, as well as money contributed by local developers. The \$28.5 million bond is expected to generate \$71.2 million in grants for roads in Novi.
Kriewall said construction from this road bond will not happen overnight. He said the road bond would pay for about five years' worth of road projects.
Headley and Kriewall also said many of the projects in this bond were crucial to the city, especially as it faced such tremendous growth.
They specifically pointed to the Beck Road and I-96 interchange as a crucial project in the bond.
Headley said the interchange was vital to improving the traffic situation on that intersection as development in that area increases adding even more traffic. Gov. John Engler has made the interchange upgrade a high-ranking state road priority.
In 1995, Headley turned over to the governor between 8,000 and 9,000 signatures on petitions seeking a rebuilding of the Beck and Wixom interchanges. Providence Medical Center has agreed to donate the land for the interchange reconstruction.
State Representative Nancy Cassis, R-Nowi, made it a priority when she was elected to get the Beck Road and I-96 interchange upgraded.
Cassis said the reason for this is safety. "That access to I-96 was probably built for a time when traffic was much less than it is," she said.
But Cassis refused to take the credit for the interchange's rise in priorities with the state and said it was more because of a combined effort of the city and its citizens, including the business community.
But Headley said the City of

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Whoever wins, Novi will have a new mayor

Meyer's learned to manage conflict



By JEREMY MCBAIN Staff Writer

With so many stressful issues and conflicts facing the city today, Michael Meyer wants to bring his talent for logical thinking and skills at conflict management to the job of mayor.

Meyer said currently there is an attitude among city administrators and city officials that they are always right and they can overcome everything. The attitude needs to change, he said.

"I believe there is a sincere effort to get the job done. But it is not getting done," Meyer said. "Your actions can be sincere, but that does not mean they are intelligent and wise as far as how business is done."

Meyer said many times it seems the city has been confrontational with residents and business owners. This attitude should change to one of collaboration, he said.

As high school and college teacher, former Novi school board member and current member of the Novi Zoning Board of Appeals, Meyer said he has learned how to manage conflicts by collaborating and having listened to people.

Listening to the people is something he has already started to do. Throughout his campaign, Meyer has been riding his bicycle from subdivision to subdivision talking to people about the City of Novi.

In these discussions, Meyer has learned what is on the minds of the people.

He said the biggest concern facing the residents is fiscal responsibility, specifically in regards to the \$53 million judgment levied against Novi.

"People don't want their hard-earned money being just given away to a developer over a simple access road," he said.

"I think the way to avoid lawsuits is the attitude you bring to the table," Meyer said, referring back to his commitment to making Novi's city government more collaborative.

The second issue voters are concerned with is roads, Meyer said. Roads in Novi are in a horrible condition and they need to be fixed, he said.

While he supported the widening of many major roads in Novi, Meyer said Ten Mile Road, should only be widened to four lanes as it is supported by many people who live

along it. But city officials argue the road has been master-planned to be a five lane boulevard that will take out the front yards of many of these homes, Meyer said. This was a prime example of the city refusing to talk to people before making plans, said.

Another issue is a lack of affordable housing in Novi, Meyer said. He said he had heard real estate brokers and city officials talking about the availability of affordable housing, but Meyer contended such residences were limited to apartments, condominiums and mobile homes.

"Young people can't buy a house in a reasonable price," Meyer said. Since the city already has a building authority, the issue should have been dealt with already, but this hasn't happened, he said.

As for his stance on the road bond and charter amendment for building the city from building a golf course on the North Novi Park, Meyer said he supported both.

Meyer said the road bond would simply help improve the roads in Novi.

"I don't believe it is only for developers. I believe it is for the common good of the city," he said.

Meyer also said while he supported the charter amendment for building a golf course on city park land, it was unfortunate that residents had to form a petition drive on the issue.

"If (city officials) were doing the job properly, it should have never come to a charter amendment," he said. City officials should have been up front with the residents when they voted to buy the land in the first place, he added.

Above all, Meyer said, as mayor of Novi he would open up communication with the residents and give them a fair voice and work with them on the issues they are concerned with.

"I have the energy, enthusiasm and experience to serve the citizens better than they have been served. This truly will be a real change for this city," he said.

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Clark seeks office again, as mayor

Richard Clark is running for mayor again, seeking a second term. He has 20 years of city experience and has served in various capacities, including as a founding member and charter president of the Kiwanis Club of Novi, a member of a task force on excellence in education, a planning commissioner for six years, two of them as chairperson. He was appointed to the Novi City Council to fill the vacancy left by the death of Tim Pope and served there from 1985-87.

Clark backs the road bond proposal on this year's ballot. "In terms of future road bonds, I don't think I will be real enthusiastic simply because I have been saying we need to develop a capital improvement fund," Clark said. "We should be capturing 10-20 percent of every dollar we're taking in taxes, which the city will put into the capital improvement fund."



Richard Clark wants back on city council, this time as mayor.

Candidates disclose land ownership

The Novi News asked city council and mayoral candidates about their local real estate holdings. Following is their response. **CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR:** Richard Clark - "The only real estate that my wife and I own in the City of Novi is our home."

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Decker: slow down Novi's fast growth

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Ballot Data

- Things to know about the City Charter Amendment. The language: "Shall the City of Novi City Charter be amended by adding Section 15.12 to prohibit the use of existing City property for the development of a golf course and/or banquet facility while allowing the City to develop such uses on property acquired in the future specifically for such use after voter approval at a General City Election?"

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Seven compete for three seats on the council

Bononi challenges developers' role



By JEREMY MCBAIN Staff Writer

Bad development decisions and excessive governmental spending are subjects Michelle Bononi will fight against if elected to the Novi City Council.

Bononi, who is a former member of the Novi Planning Commission, said too many times the city has made poor decisions in these two areas.

"The city is run by developers to a point. My direct observation is if we have a developer with a problem that comes in, we change our ordinances to suit that development," she said.

Bononi said she has never seen a city that has worked with developers in this way. Bononi has worked in municipal planning, both for private and government, for over 23 years.

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friendships have been formed between Novi city officials, consultants and the developers they work with.

To combat some of this, Bononi said city consultants should not get long contracts with Novi. With short-term contracts, city consultants cannot become too friendly with the people they are supposed to scrutinize.

While she finds that the city works in odd ways with development, Bononi said the other problem — and perhaps its biggest — is the fiscal responsibility of the city.

With the current situations of a \$53 million judgment and an ice arena with a deficit facing Novi, Bononi said the city can not afford to spend its money unwisely. She points to the planned water fountain at the corner of Novi Road and Grand River Avenue as an example of it.

Bononi said currently the city just shifts its erosion problems downstream instead of taking care of it at the source and fills in too many water-purifying wetlands.

"Wholesale filling of wetlands and deciding to mitigate is not an environmentally good proposition," she said.

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A plan should be made for every possibility and shown to the public, she said. Part of this plan should include a hiring freeze of all nonessential city employees and a closer look at the city's spending.

In addition to Novi's finances and deals with development, Bononi said she is concerned about the environmental quality of the city, particularly the city's water quality.

With so many construction projects going up around Novi, she said erosion and the loss of wetlands are having an effect on water quality.

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Overall, Bononi said as a council member she will put time and research in to her decisions.

"I will ask the tough questions and listen to all points of view. The voters can count on me to place the interests of the community at large first," she said.

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With 25 years of executive level management, Csordas said the city should be run like a business, which could help in future situations as well as avoiding problems like the proposed golf course on North Novi Park and the Sandstone lawsuit against the city.

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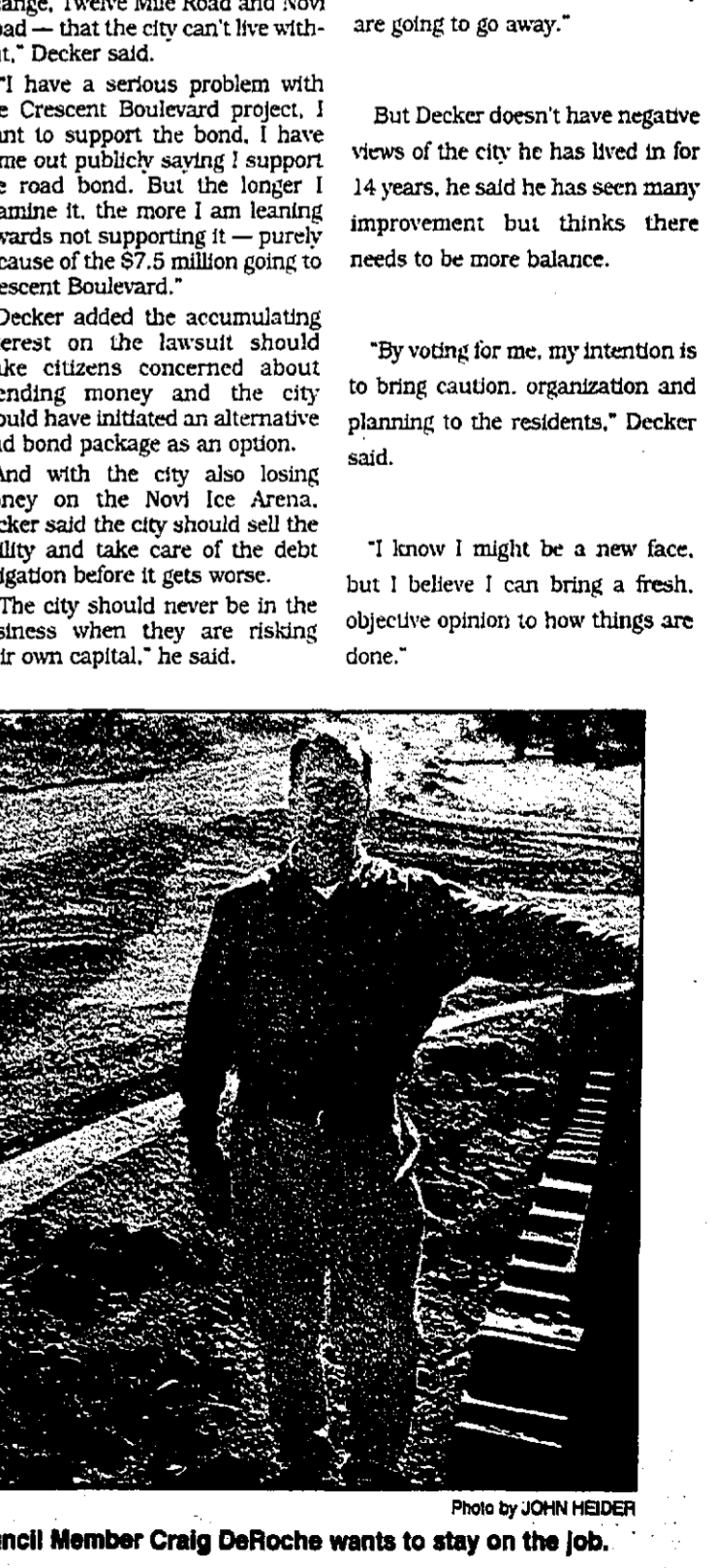
Brooks Decker is a newcomer to Novi's political scene.

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Council Member Craig DeRoche wants to stay on the job.

High-tech, wired and ready for the future at Novi schools

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ways to be more efficient with the technology.
With a full-time staff of four employees, Fry and his team are responsible for the control room, repairs, testing of equipment, the network and virtually everything else in the world of technology and cyberspace for the school system.
Within the ITC lies the center core of the network for the district, as all the schools are connected by fiber optics for the high speed transfer of information between the schools, the district and the community.
"All of our buildings are connected with fiber optics through a router, which literally routes all the information throughout the Internet," Fry said.

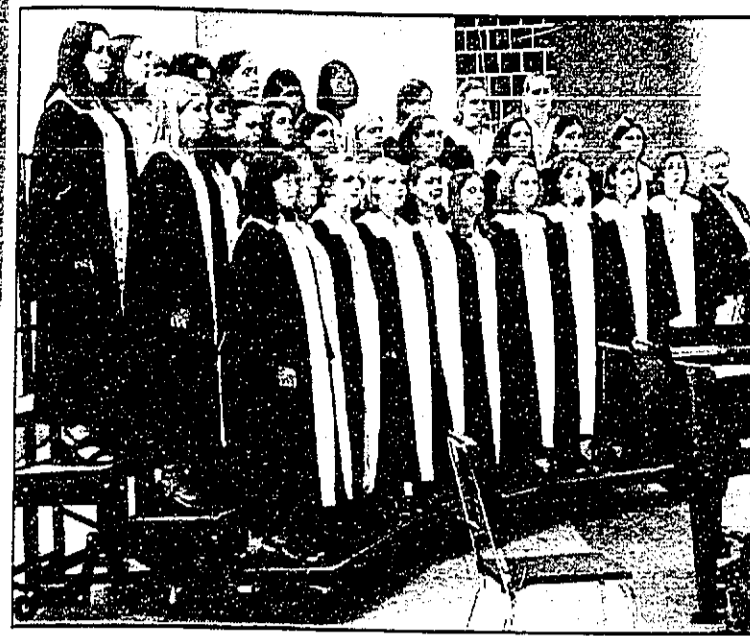
"Everything is connected from this one spot with a T-1 connector, which is a full-time connection to the Internet rather than having to connect by dialing up the server on a modem."
In 1992 voters approved a \$7.9 million bond, issuing monies for renovations of the schools and the development of school technology.
The three-year project began in 1993, including getting video and phone systems in place, computers and phones in the classrooms, allowing the district the capability of being fully operational.
With the acquisition of many computers and other equipment, the district spends about \$700,000 a year for technological growth. Fry said as the industry constantly

upgrades itself, the challenge for people were just barely starting to talk about the computers and the possibilities.
"There are always new computers, licensing fees, software repairs and charges involved with using telephone systems," Fry said.
With a master's degree in instructional technology, Fry began his career in the Novi School District as a teacher at Novi Woods Elementary School.
He recalled first using computers back in 1961 and 1982 when the old Apple II was introduced.
"Back then it was just running very basic programs on the computer," he said.
"At the time I received my education in instructional technology,

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"There will be real time videoconferencing where classes from different schools throughout the county can participate in different projects and learn about their diverse environments together," Fry said.
Eventually information will be shared from class to class throughout the world, Fry said.
"Classes will have televisions with split screens where children can view each other and control the camera."
"When it comes to learning and gathering information, there is no time or distance anymore — who cares where this stuff is? It can all come to you 24 hours a day. This is lifelong learning — anytime, anywhere."

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Middle school opens with bash



Novi Middle School Girls' Select Choir performed at the Novi Middle School opening before a group of over 400 people.

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN Staff Writer

The new Novi Middle School officially celebrated its opening Oct. 17, as more than 400 community members attended the school's dedication.
"We were extremely pleased by the turnout of the parents, grandparents, students and other members of the community," said Milan Obrenovich, Novi Middle School principal.
"We are very proud of the building as it symbolizes the love the community has for its children and their commitment to excellence."
The standing-room-only event featured music by the Novi Middle School Jazz Band and the Novi Middle School Girls Select Choir.

During the dedication program, remarks were made by Emmett Lappe, Novi School District superintendent, Board of Education President George Kortlandt and representatives from some of the contractors who worked on the construction of the school.
Also speaking about experiencing Novi Middle School were Bobby Clements, student council president, middle school teacher Kim Hogan and Anita Saurer, Parent-Teacher Organization president.
State Rep. Nancy Cassis, R- Novi, presented a State of Michigan Resolution during the ceremony and an American flag was delivered on behalf of Congressman Joe Knollenberg, R-Bloomfield.

After the dedication an open house and tours of the learning facility was provided for the community.
Community Relations Director Deborah Brauer said students and parents all took great pride in the new middle school.
"The general reaction from everyone was of awe and pride," Brauer said.
"The kids were running around showing their parents the classrooms and everyone was very excited."
The dedication ceremony was festive and answered a lot of questions for the community.
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Have a safe, fun Halloween

Both trick-or-treaters and treat-givers can make this Halloween a safe one if they follow some safety rules, advises AAA Michigan.
"A safe Halloween night means seeing and being seen for all concerned," said Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager. "Excited children who may break the usual rules that they usually follow need to be reminded that safety is a responsibility we all share."
During last Halloween night, accidents involving pedestrians injured five persons in Michigan. Fortunately, no one was killed.
To make sure your pint-sized ghosts and goblins enjoy a safe Halloween, parents should follow a few easy steps. Instead of masks which can block vision and make traffic difficult to see, use makeup on children's faces.
"Costumes should be easy to walk in and made of white or light-colored materials," Basch said. "Drivers should turn on head lights before dusk." Basch said. "They increase a vehicle's visibility to young eyes."
Parents should walk youngest trick-or-treaters. Choose safe routes near home on well-lighted streets. Try to complete trick-or-treating before dark, take a flashlight along and always go with friends.
Other tips for children:
• Always walk to avoid falling. Be careful of tripping over costumes when climbing porch steps.
• Cross only at corners, never between parked cars or mid-block.
• Never enter a stranger's house, even if invited.
• Always have an adult check your treats before you eat. Discard anything that looks like it has been unwrapped or tampered with. Call police if anything dangerous is found.
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To the Editor:

The politics of the past is still alive and well in Novi. The ignore the citizens coalition of Mutch-McLallen-Crawford-Kramer has been active lately, rewarding City Manager Ed Kriewall with extra pension benefits for his alleged actions in the Sandstone case. If the city loses the appeal of this case, it will be "only" a few hundred dollars for "only" a few years for the average homeowner to pay this off. This same coalition ignored council policy and appointed a person, probably with their same mind-set, to the planning commission without open review before the public and the full council, despite the vigorous objections of the remaining three council members. And how many friends (cronies) have been rewarded lately with city contracts approved without competitive bid?

Thankfully, the voters are beginning to wake up. This ignore-the-citizens mayor was eliminated in the August primary vote. We can now further reduce this ignore-the-citizens coalition, and replace Kathleen Mutch with someone more in tune with the citizens' desires. Get informed. Find out who thinks like the ignore-the-citizens coalition of the past, and make sure we do not replace this coalition with others who are only clones. And then vote on November 2 and encourage all your friends and neighbors to do the same.

Richard Bond

Letters

BOND PROMOTION QUERIED

To the Editor:

More information on voting on Nov. 2. Upon receiving my quarterly bill from the Novi Water Department, I found enclosed with it an information sheet about the road bond that is on the November ballot.

Let me say, I am all for getting information out to the citizens and this flyer from the city did a good job of that. It stated the facts of the road bond and did not request a yes or no vote. It also listed a phone number for further information. Upon calling this number, I asked would there also be an information sheet coming out on the charter amendment question that is also on the ballot - I was told no.

I then asked whose idea it was for this one. I was told it was a directive from city council.

So, with the members of council deciding to place the road bond before the voters, we get taxpayer-funded information sheets. And with over 2000 voters signing a petition to place an amendment to the city charter on the ballot, we get nothing from our city.

If you are going to put out information, it should be equal on all issues.

This is just another example of the one-sided thinking and actions of a majority of our present city council. But remember,

we have the opportunity to change that.

Remember to vote on Nov. 2 and spread the word about the charter amendment to your friends and neighbors.

Anyone who would like information can feel free to call me at 669-9716 or Angie Bruder at 926-9856.

As to the rumors being spread, the language of the charter amendment is very clear and has passed the test with the highest officials of our state government.

Passage of the amendment would in no way affect any existing or already approved city facilities, including the senior citizen housing.

These rumors are nothing more than dirty politics and scare tactics.

Vote yes on the charter amendment, save the park.

Chuck Tindall
P.A.R.K.S.

CHAMBER PICKS PANNED

To the Editor:

Another election year is winding down. The council candidate brochures are arriving in the mail with promises of environmental protection, improved roads, leadership for the new millennium and

lower taxes. My head is spinning from all the promises the candidates are making in order to win my vote. Recently a letter in "The Novi News" gave me the answer that I have been so desperately looking for. The Novi Chamber of Commerce has for the first time publicly announced their endorsements for the open seats on council.

After the devastating loss of Mayor Kathy McLallen in the August primary, the chamber apparently decided that that the Novi voters needed some assistance.

The three lucky candidates that received the chambers blessing are, Csordas,

DeRoche, and Mutch. The Novi Chamber of Commerce is not your run of the mill special interest group. The development community has had great success having their well-funded candidates win the voters approval. The fact is rapid growth candidates have held the majority on council for well over six years now. And boy, does it show.

Development in Novi has out paced our neighboring communities year after year with little consideration of the negative effects it will have on our existing residents. Rezoning and special land use approvals are common place at city council and planning commission meetings. Woodlands and wetlands have also been routinely compromised in order to increase profits for members of the development community. A new flexibility has been incorporated into many of our city zoning ordinances, allowing developers to

promptly win approval. City employees are now being used to promote privately-owned properties for development. We now have Novi Planning Commissioners that develop property in Novi and have to abstain from voting on their own projects (talk about dedicated volunteers.)

Road bonds continue to be submitted to traffic weary voters that add more to the problem than to the solution. This needless acceleration of Novi's development undermines the quality of life of every Novi resident. The reality of Novi's future is that it will reach full development. The question is when and at what cost? After reading the Novi Chamber of Commerce endorsements I now know who not to vote for, Csordas, DeRoche, and Mutch. The truth is out there.

Glen Bonaventura

VOTE IN NEW COUNCIL

To the Editor:

Hopefully by this time next month, the M&M Twins (Council Member Mutch and Mayor McLallen) will become history as principals in the darkest and most expensive chapter in Novi's political story.

Money-Munching Mutch (Mayor McLallen's former campaign manager) and Mayor McLallen, as members of Novi's infamous Gang of Four (Crawford, Kramer,

McLallen and Mutch), managed to squander away the Novi residents' taxes.

Money was literally thrown away on such projects as the ice arena, golf course studies, special Pork Barrel roads, the Sandstone affair, etc.

Instead of protecting and wisely using the assets of our community, the Modley M&M Twins, McLallen and Mutch, along with their other Gang of Four cohorts, Mayor Pro-Tem Crawford and Kramer, systematically went about indulging themselves and ignoring the concerns of the people they were elected to represent.

Instead of an honest, above-board and responsive city council, the residents received backroom politics, covert conference call arrangements, stonewalling and possible hidden agendas.

Instead of receiving sidewalks and bike paths, the residents received the bills for golf course studies and special bond issues.

Instead of proper development of existing park lands, the residents watched while city funds were spent on such fiscal disasters as an ice arena and a special expensive road through a developer's property.

Our community has been seriously wounded by the irresponsible actions of this infamous Gang of Four and some of their appointees and cohorts. This November, the Novi taxpayers and residents will be voting to change this downhill slide to ruination and to put new people on the city council.

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Ready For Action

Novi Fire Department joins up with Western Wayne HAZMAT team to overcome chemical disasters

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Staff Writer

If a train full of deadly sulfuric acid were to ever dump its load while traveling through Novi and residents were fleeing in terror, Novi Fire Department Lt. Tom Johnson and Don Dominick would rush into action.

Along with the Western Wayne hazardous materials team, called HAZMAT, the situation will be assessed and steps will be taken to get the spill under control.

"When the fire department is not sure what they have, they call us out," Johnson said.

The HAZMAT team is composed of 40 firefighters from 12 communities in Western Wayne County, including Novi and Farmington Hills. Each community has a minimum of two fire fighters on the team.

Dominick and Johnson, who both have been with the Novi Fire Department since the early 1970s, joined the HAZMAT team in 1992.

The team is used whenever there is a threat to the environment or safety of people due to a chemical release from an accident, fire or terrorist act.

Johnson said in addition to each of the team members' regular fire fighting training, HAZMAT team members must also attend at least 100 hours of hazardous materials training. This training focuses around identifying chemicals and dealing with them.

Additionally, many team members elect to take even more classes that deal with chemistry.

"It's a continual learning process," Johnson said.

"To be able to obtain knowledge, to me, is important and to be with the team, that is one of the best in the state and country, is great," added Dominick.

Due to the age we live in, one of the latest situations the team is training for is terrorist attacks involving dangerous biological agents or chemicals in highly populated areas.

"To really make this threat hit home, in the New York City Trade Center bombing, there was a biological agent involved that could have caused harm if it had been released," Dominick said. Luckily, the biological portion of the bomb did not go off.

Generally though, the team spends most of its time training, rather than

rushing to calls. According to Johnson they only get about two or three calls a month.

When a call comes to HAZMAT, a squad of 12 team members is sent to assess the situation. Using their knowledge of chemistry and a trailer full of technical equipment, the team can determine what type of chemical is involved, its danger and where it is going.

For example, if the chemical is in cloud form, the trailer the team takes to every scene is equipped with a variety of weather instruments that can track wind direction and tell the team members where the chemical cloud is headed.

If the situation is big enough, the squad can notify the entire 40 member team, whose main station is at Detroit Metro Airport.

The beauty to the HAZMAT team is that it is a combination of several communities. Before this team was formed, cities formed their own hazardous materials team, that took a lot of money and manpower away from its regular fire department.

With the HAZMAT team in place, communities do not deplete their fire departments to staff the team or break their budgets to equip the team.

Instead of taxpayers from one community being responsible for the equipment — just one hazardous materials suit can cost \$2,000 and it can only be worn once — the cost of each call is pro-rated for the community involved and the person or company responsible for the chemical spill would be back-charged, Dominick said.

This means if a train traveling through Novi spills a toxic load on the ground, the train company must pay for its cleanup.

"The reason the team was formed is the high cost of running a team. A city the size of Novi would have a hard time keeping it funded alone," Johnson said.

In addition to keeping the cost low for a community, the HAZMAT team provides communities with a valuable protection against chemical dangers.

"I would have concern to be residing in a community were this type information and resources wouldn't be available," Dominick said.

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A Novi Fire Department employee dons a hazardous spill response suit inside the department's mobile response vehicle which is equipped to deal with chemical spills.

Photo by Louis Poulos.

Northville High School's Aditya Prasad is on an accelerated path to success

By MELANIE PLENDIA
Staff Writer

Aditya Prasad has done more in his 16 years than most have done in a lifetime.

The Northville High School senior is a National Merit Semi-finalist, a member of Rotary Interact, a member of the taekwon do club, and just got his driver's license — and oh yeah, and he's also an engineering student at University of Michigan, is currently working on a project with NASA, and was offered a job in the U.S. Department of Defense.

"It's not terribly difficult," Prasad said. "The only bad part is the drive to Ann Arbor and that I don't get to see my friends a lot."

As a junior, and at the ripe old age of 15, Prasad had taken all of the accelerated math and science classes that were available at NHS. It was looking as though his senior year might not be as challenging as he might like.

Then he heard that it was possible to work towards college credit at Schoolcraft. But Prasad wanted to take this one step further. He called a counselor at U-M and asked them if they had a similar program. She informed him that the only thing that was available to him were classes in the college of letters, sciences and arts, a sort of honors liberal arts program that offers high school and college students the opportunity for greater depth of study in a variety of subjects.

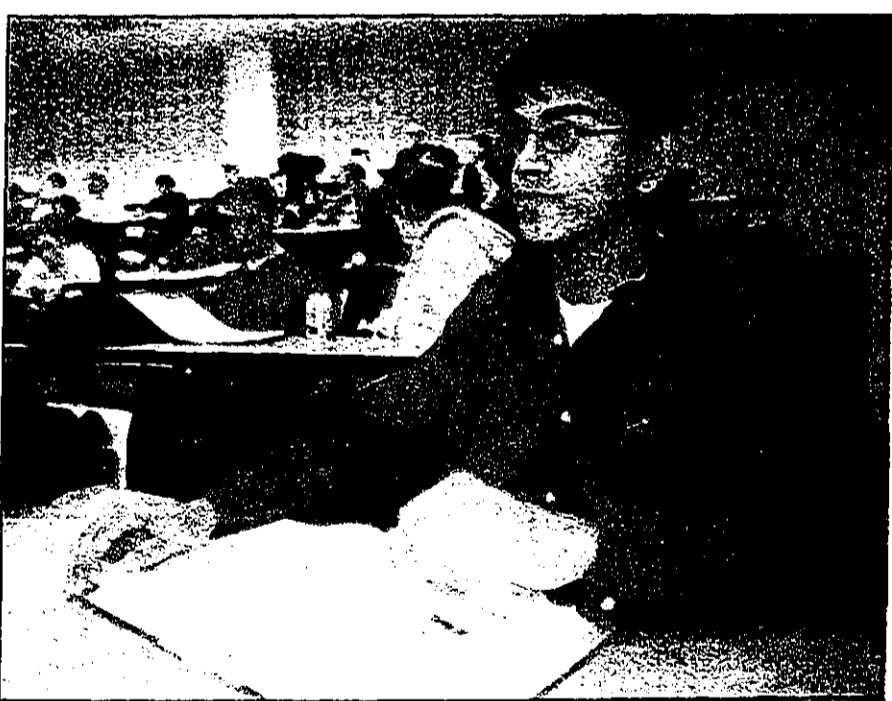
Yet Prasad was persistent. It still wasn't quite what he was looking to study. Additionally, the program would only allow him to take one or two classes through the college. He proposed the possibility of taking actual engineering classes and beginning his college a career a bit early.

The counselors at U-M were worried that I might not be able to handle a heavy class load, but I talked to them and proved to them that I could do it," he said.

After showing them his academic records and the passion he had for the subject matter, the counselors had no choice but to give in, if only because Prasad wouldn't give up.

This opportunity didn't just fall in his lap, Prasad said.

"You can't wait for other people to tell



Aditya Prasad listens to a lecture in his U of M engineering class.

you about opportunities like this," Prasad said. "You have to pursue it yourself. If you like something enough and you can handle it you have to go and get it."

Prasad did get what he wanted, and enrolled in a sophomore-level mechanical engineering class, calculus 3, and a computer science course. In addition to his book learning, Prasad is learning the ropes of a college campus.

"The freshmen aren't much bigger than me, so most people can't tell that I'm only 16," he said.

He said that when they find out his age, they can't help but be a little impressed. He also said that he was enjoying the freedom the open campus offers him.

"It's great because I can go where I want for lunch and I don't have to eat in the cafeteria."

He said he tried his luck at a career fair at the university. Much to his surprise the Defense Department recruiter took one look at his resume and wanted to set up an interview.

"It was great until the realized I was only 16," Prasad said. "I can't get security clear-

ance until I'm 18."

Prasad said he still checks in at NHS either for his humanities class or gym class and to catch up with his friends.

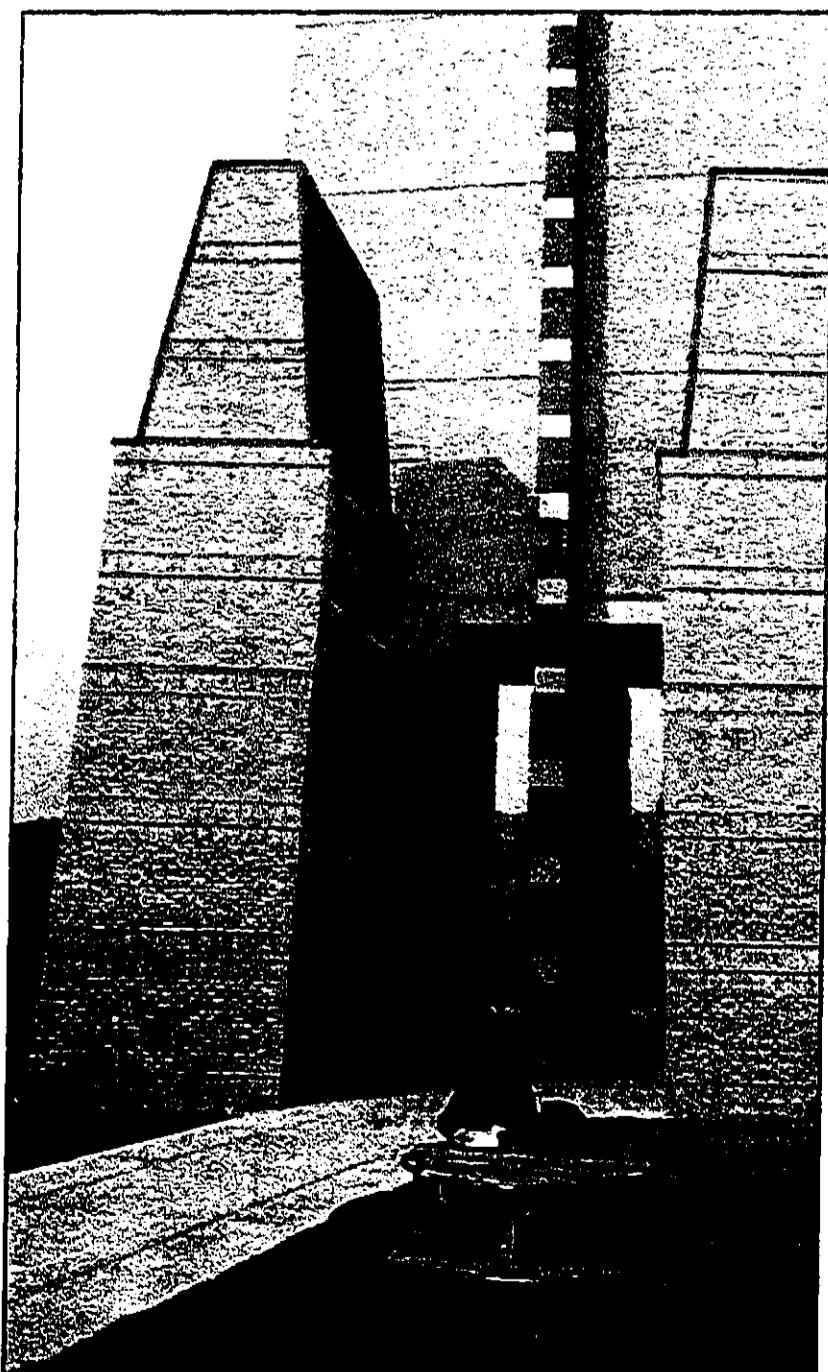
But sit ups and laps around ancient Greek pottery are not foremost on his mind these days. He is part of a team at U-M that is designing a satellite that will be attached to another satellite launched by NASA next year called Proseds.

Prasad is designing the software for U-M's satellite that will collect the data from space which will gather measurement by using magnetic fields.

He said that though the program was very challenging, it was also a lot of fun and gave him an opportunity to do things that no one else had tried. He has also said that he never regretted his persistence in striving to get that opportunity.

"People should do what they want to do, not what others say they should do," Prasad said. "If it's uncharted territory, all the better. You'll clear the path as a pioneer."

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Photos by JOHN HEIDER

Aditya studies his engineering notes under the University of Michigan's north campus bell tower on a recent Wednesday morning.

Pets provide welcome therapy to Novi seniors

PET-A-PET

Pet-A-Pet program has resumed after summer break. This is a non-profit program with more than 300 volunteers and their pets, who visit not only Charter House of Novi and Whitehall Health Care Center, but also hospitals and youth centers as well.

Novi Highlights

The Pet-A-Pet Club "members" were recent participants in the 1999 Older Olympics at Belle Creek Park in Redford. Dogs competing were judged in agility levels, pet treat catching, pet trick contest, costumes contest, and doggie limbo. Proceeds went to benefit the Pet-A-Pet Club Inc.

NOVI MINISTERS ASSOCIATION

The group has resumed their meetings, the first being hosted by Providence Hospital. They enjoyed a lunch and later, a tour of the new Assenar Cancer Center.

Members of the Novi Ministers Association are preparing for the next meeting. The group has resumed their meetings, the first being hosted by Providence Hospital.

NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY

It's time to register for "Storytime," a program for various age groups. Registration will continue through Oct. 30. Classes run from Nov. 15 through Dec. 17.

four- and five-year-olds who have not yet started kindergarten. A special folder, "Storytimes Fall 1999," has been assembled for parents.

Chappel-Kocenda

Walter Kocenda, formerly of Northville, and Suzanne Chappel of Clawson were married Oct. 10 at the St. Clair Inn in St. Clair.

Weddings



Chappel-Kocenda

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Entertainment



"Halloween Soup" takes stage at the Marquis Theatre this week. Pictured above are (back row) Stephanie Zoltowski, Jamie Deltsch, Ashley Hernandez and (front) Hana Kallinski.

OCT. 21: What: Eastern Michigan University Bands concert. Where: Pease Auditorium, EMU.

Church News

First United Methodist Church of Northville will be hosting a men's club pancake breakfast and Bible study on Oct. 23 beginning at 8 a.m.

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church of Livonia is hosting a pumpkin patch party for children ages three to six on Oct. 23 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Northville is offering a seven-week class centered toward women survivors of sexual abuse.

Meadowbrook Congregational Church will be hosting a "Treats and Treasures" sale on Nov. 12 and 13.

LifeCare Ministries is available for confidential, anonymous telephone support and listening.

Mariners' Church of Detroit will be hosting Faure's Requiem on Oct. 31 beginning at 11 a.m. It will be sung by Mariners' Church professional choir.

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Large advertisement for Twelve Oaks shopping extravaganza with list of participating stores.

Advertisement for Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan with contact information.

Advertisement for Dress Barn with 50% off sale details.

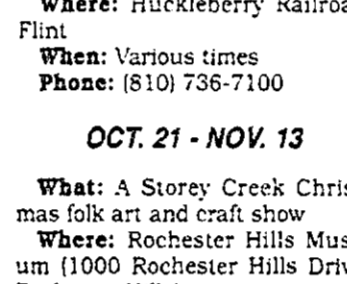
Engagements



Jambor-Criscenti

John and Judy Jambor, formerly of Northville, announce the engagement of their son, Michael John, to Jennifer Lynn Criscenti of Westland.

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Continuation of Church Directory listing various churches and their contact information.

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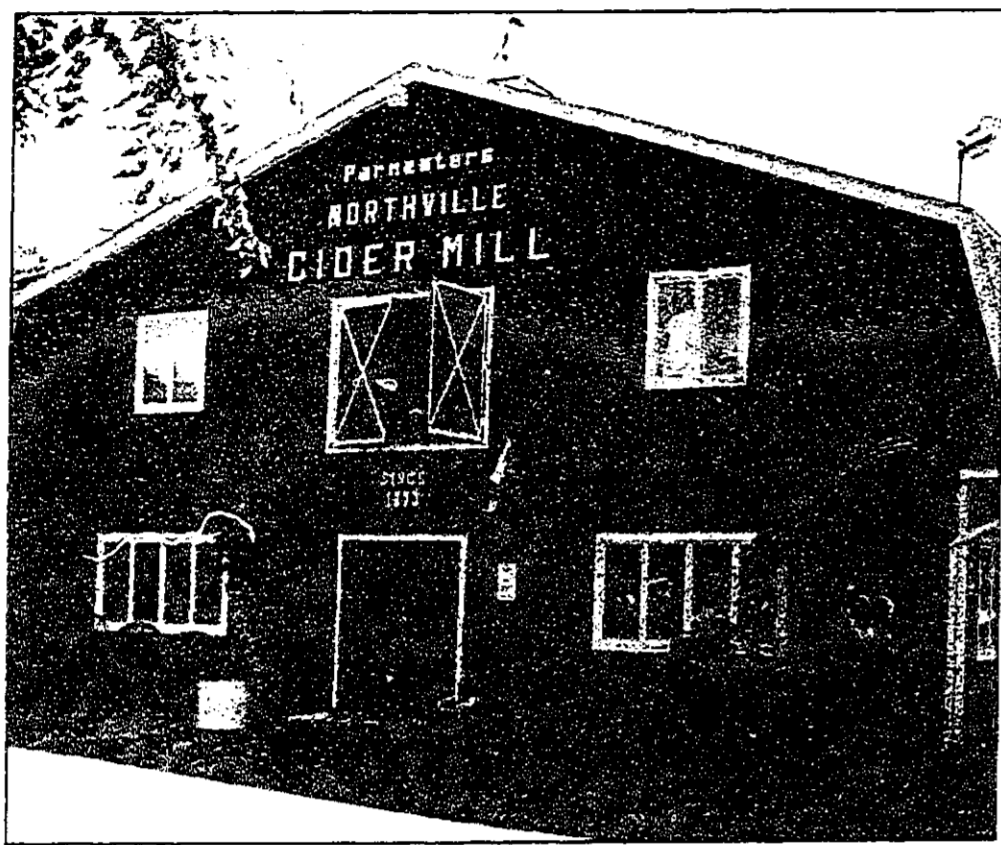
Cider mills tempt tastes across Michigan

By CHRIS C. DAVIS
Cindy Ecker

Anyone from Northville or Novi will tell you that Parmenter's Cider Mill has a special place in their heart once the leaves start changing. The crisp autumn air seems to go just right with the taste of fresh cider and warm doughnuts.

But as residents take to the highways this fall in search of brilliant color, football games and enjoying Michigan's fall splendor, the craving for cider and doughnuts may creep up once in a great while. After all — it hardly seems right only to enjoy those October treats just once or twice.

Here's a list of cider mills around in the southeast Lower Peninsula. A complete list of all cider mills in Michigan can be found on the Internet at www.novipublish.com/cidermill.html.



See photo by JOHN HEDER

The big red barn makes Parmenter's the sentimental favorite among Novi and Northville cider mill fans, but there are a host of other apple-and-doughnut spots around the state.

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Pankiewicz Farms Cider Mill
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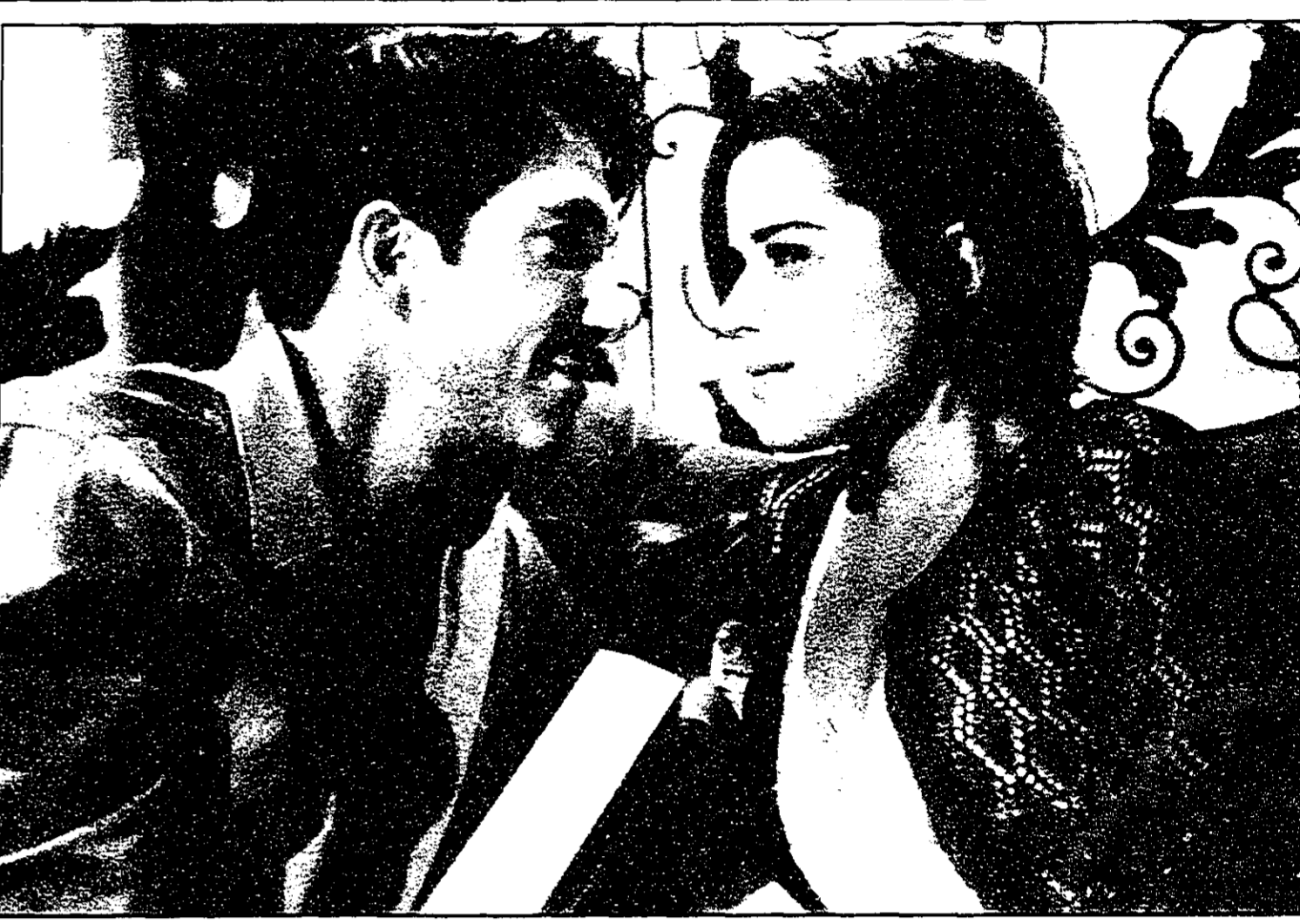
Matthew Perry, Neve Campbell, Dylan McDermott and Oliver Platt team up in the offbeat romantic comedy 'Three to Tango.'

Oscar Novak (Perry) is an idealistic young architect on the rise. The boyishly handsome and funny Oscar with his brother, Peter Steinberg (Platt), have just landed a career-making opportunity — Chicago tycoon Charles Newman (McDermott) has chosen them to compete for the design of a multi-million dollar cultural center.

In a play for publicity, Newman has pitched Oscar and Peter in a neck-and-neck competition with their archrivals and former colleagues, the hugely successful (and equally ruthless) Decker and Strauss.

Impressed with Oscar's feversh dedication to winning the job, Charles assigns him the additional task of spying on his mistress, Amy (Campbell), a woman who Charles guards as jealously as he guards his investments.

Oscar's bumbling attempts at surveillance fail, but he does



Dylan McDermott and Neve Campbell in 'Three to Tango.'

'Straight Story' suffers

by Jon M. Gibson
GUEST MOVIE REVIEW

It opens as any David Lynch production — the haunting score of Angelo Badalamenti played against the beautiful black and white night sky — yet the director seems to lose his touch with 'The Straight Story.'

Lynch attempts to return to the mainstream market with this yarn, but its tragically slow and simple subject matter and uninteresting visuals delete any portion of greatness. However, Lynch isn't necessarily known for his cinematic taste, so it is no surprise that 'Straight Story' is extremely languid.

Most of his features are misunderstood or just too grotesque for audiences — 'Lost Highway,' 'Eraserhead,' 'Wild at Heart' — even the television series 'Twin Peaks' being a few examples.

So it might be quite ironic to see a Disney label on his newest effort, since sex, darkness and cynicism are such intricate parts of many of his films.

Partially, this is why 'Straight Story' is unsuccessful. Since a G-rating doesn't allow for Lynch to express himself in the usual manner, the film completely loses any allure that it might have if boosted a higher grade.

Although, the more important component that destroys the pacing of 'Straight Story' is the concept.

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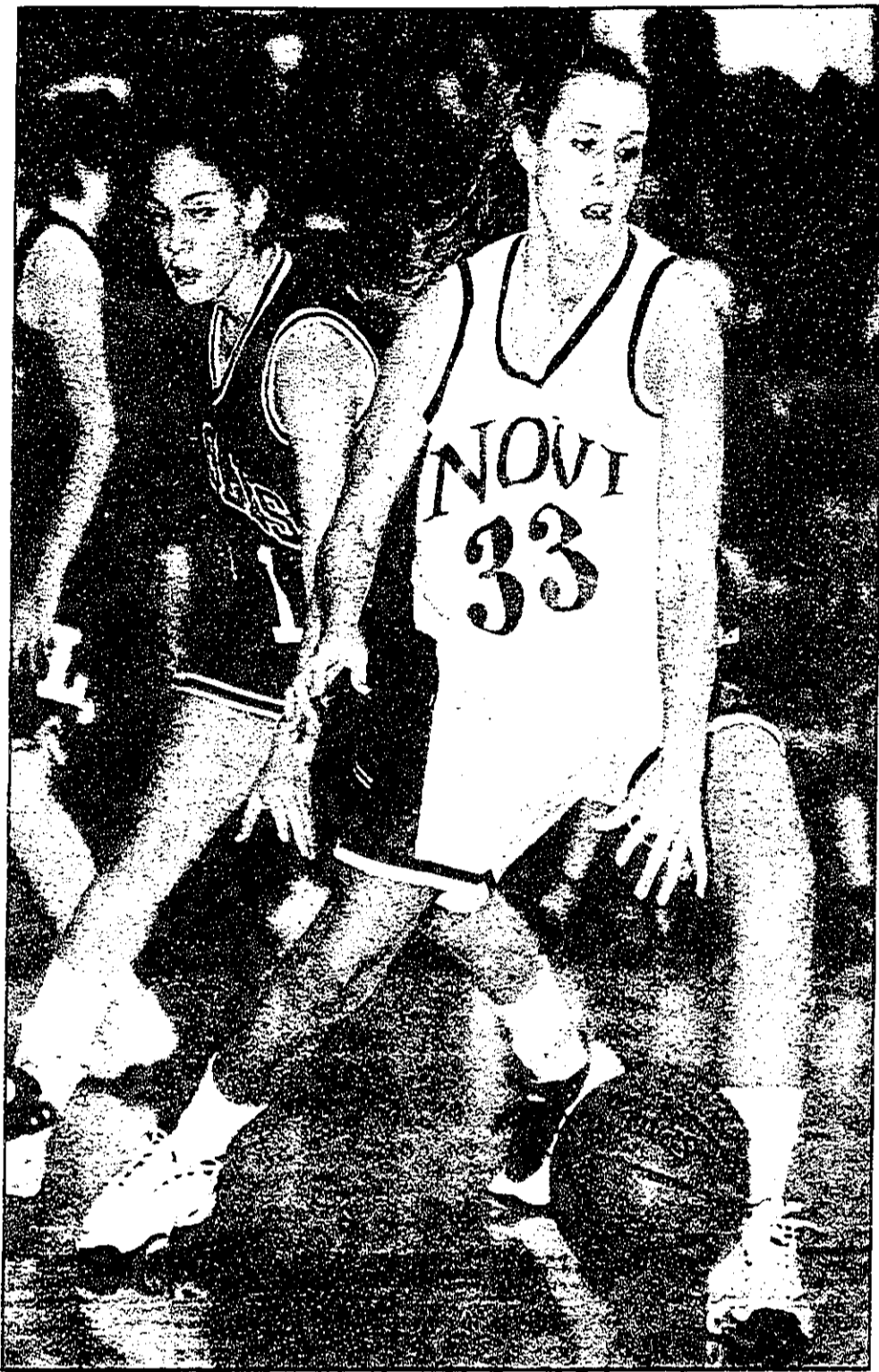


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Senior Jessica Gilbert makes a move to the basket against Lakland last Thursday.

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

In a battle of two hot teams on the hardwood, Novi proved to be too hot for Northville to handle, as the Wildcats handed the Mustangs a 50-37 loss at Novi High School Saturday night.

Novi took advantage of its superior speed, applying an early press which caused several first-quarter turnovers by Northville.

"My biggest concern was their size," Novi coach Dennis Cichonski said. "I didn't know how well we'd rebound against a taller team. We ended up about even in rebounds and if I can get that against a team like Northville, I'll take it."

By halftime Novi had built a 32-21 lead, thanks in part to the 'Cats' ability to score against Northville's zone defense.

"We started with a zone, but Novi's good at two things: they play extremely hard — all the team — and catch and pass the ball really well," Northville coach Pete Wright said.

"We were surprised to see a zone, to be honest with you," Cichonski admitted. "Our kids reacted well to the zone."

Novi maintained its pace in the third quarter, outscoring Northville 12-10 to take a 44-31 lead. Both teams struggled offensively in the fourth as Novi improved to 12-1 on the season. Northville dropped to 8-5 with the loss.

McGlennen led Novi with 12 points and Colleen Lewis added 11 off the bench. Jessica Gilbert had two big three-pointers and eight points.

Kate Hammond's 13 points led Northville. Emily Carbott added seven points.

NOVI 48, LAKELAND 31

If it wasn't one killer 'Cat that did the Eagles in, it was another.

Kelly Bendernagel scored six in the first quarter. McGlennen had six of her own in the second. And both Beth Rice and Erin Quinn had six more in the third quarter as Novi rolled to this

conference win.

The win moved Novi to a perfect 6-0 mark at the halfway point in the conference season. Bendernagel led the team on offense with 13 points and McGlennen and Rice finished with 10 each. Quinn added eight in the winning effort.

NOVI 58, HOWELL 46

Novi's two biggest weapons took attack on an undermanned Highlander squad as the Wildcats took over first place in the Kensington Valley Conference all by themselves.

Using a tenacious press throughout

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi guard Erin Quinn loses the ball momentarily against Lakeland.

Novi qualifies for playoffs with win over Lakeland

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

It's been an 11-year drought for Novi Wildcat football fans, but with last Friday's 42-7 pounding of league foe Lakeland, the playoff oasis has been found and only one more obstacle stands in the team's road to the state playoffs.

The Wildcats allowed an early touchdown to Lakeland, but buckled down on defense and lit up the scoreboard for 42-unanswered points to get their sixth win of the season. Under the new state-playoff format, all teams with six or more wins automatically qualify for the playoffs. A record-total of 256 teams will take part in this year's post season, and the classes won't be determined until after all of those teams are in place. The Michigan High School Athletic Association will then divide the teams into eight-equal divisions based on student enrollment.

Novi stood at 41st in enrollment among those schools that had four or more wins after seven games. That number may rise or drop based on the last two weeks of play.

The only thing left for Novi now is a season-ending matchup with their Baseline Road nemesis, Northville. The game will be played at Novi High School tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. The Mustangs come into the game with a 4-4 record and the slimmest of playoff hopes. If there are not 256 teams with six or more wins, the state will begin selecting those with 5-4 records with the highest configured playoff point totals. It's not likely the Mustangs will be selected if they win their last game, because it would be their only win over a team with a winning record.

Although already in the playoffs, Novi is now looking to win out and possibly be in position to host the first game of the playoffs. A loss would almost ensure the team of a road game.

"It's been a great season," Novi coach John Osborne said. "We've

played a lot of tight ball games for the most part, and the others were in doubt until we took control of the game."

Such was the case for about three minutes of the Lakeland game. The Eagles opened up the scoring after a trick-halfback pass moved the ball 73 yards up the field and set up a seven-yard touchdown run with 10:16 left to play in the first quarter.

"We didn't expect a play like that so early," Osborne said.

Fortunately for Novi, their option attack worked from the get, as it took just four plays from scrimmage on the ensuing drive to put the ball in the end zone and tie the game at 7-7. Halfback Dan Jilg took the pitch from quarterback Mitch Maier and scampered 48 yards in for the score at the 8:55 mark of the first.

Just a few plays later, following a fumble by Lakeland at their own 19, Maier hit Pat Muston for a 21-yard touchdown to give his team the lead for good with 6:01 left in the first quarter.

Three possessions later, David Tardella's pick of Lakeland's second attempt at a halfback pass led to Maier's second touchdown pass of the night, this one accounting for 18 yards to Bryce Banta.

Novi used an 11-play effort on its next possession to score again, but the majority of the yardage was eaten up on two pass plays. Maier hit Muston for 26 yards and he later found Matt Gorman for a 52-yard gain which set up Jilg's second touchdown of the night, a three-yard rushing touchdown.

Maier would find Banta once more before the end of the half, from 15-yards out to give his team a 35-7 lead heading into the intermission. That touchdown was set up by Muston's forced fumble on Lakeland's previous possession.

Novi sealed the deal on the first play of the second half. Novi received the kickoff and on the first play from scrimmage,

Maier ran 63 yards for the touchdown. Andy Christofferson nailed his sixth extra point of the night to make it 42-7.

Maier finished the night 6 of 10 passing for 180 yards and four touchdown passes. He also rushed the ball six times for 91 yards and the one score.

Jilg had five carries for 53 yards and caught one pass for 48 yards to go with his two touchdowns. Muston caught two passes for 57 yards and and Banta caught the two touchdown passes for 33 yards.

Defensively, Blake Myers led the team with seven first hits and four assisted tackles and Chris Kauffman added five and three. Matt Luscha had three solos and four assists and Adam Borashko added four and two.

Osborne agreed that this year's team is the best at Novi since the 1988 team that reached the state semifinals.

"No question," he said. "We've got a lot of players who are playing platoon football. Mitch (Maier) is one of the few who are going both ways full time. We have a lot of depth and experience. They've had success up and down the line since they've been in high school."

"I think they came in with expectations of themselves being where they're at."

The pairings will be announced Sunday at 6 p.m. on FOX Sports Detroit.

The Northville and Novi pom pon teams will be performing together at halftime of tomorrow night's Northville/Novi Baseline Jug game at Novi High School.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi's swarming defense must come together to stop Northville's Brandon Langston Friday night in the "Baseline Jug" matchup. Langston has scored 15 rushing touchdowns in 1999.

