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Bowling for charity

Joseph Agosta turns scrap wood into treasures, now he's selling his creations to benefit Angela Hospice. They're on sale at Agosta Salon for men. The story's on Page 3A.

Quality control

A committee studying quality at Novi schools finds that a dedicated millage is needed to raise \$3.9 million needed for the schools' buildings, including the elementary schools. Page 6A.

LIVING



Footloose

Northville resident Jim Cowie heads off on a worldwide vacation every three months. Forget posh resorts, he likes to do it on \$30 a day, even if that requires hitchhiking. The story's on Page 1AA.

SPORTS

Run Margo Run

Novi sophomore Margo Wolowicz (right) was the lone lady 'Cat to compete at the state finals this past Saturday at Brooklyn. She finished 193rd overall. Page 2B.



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Bought the farm? Board balked

Lacking new high school plans, board members hesitate over \$8.5M purchase.

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

The possible purchase of the Bosco property sprung a chord of dissension among Novi Board of

Education members on November 2.

Without feedback from the ongoing Blue Ribbon Task Force, some members feared the district may be putting the cart before the horse.

"The only need I see for this piece of property is if we have to build a second high school," said Board Trustee George Kortlandt. "We're talking about spending \$8.5 mil-

lion of the taxpayers' money for a piece of land we may not even need."

As part of the task force's charge, the committee is to determine whether or not the district would build a second high school to meet future population increases.

Kortlandt said because of the way the task force was structured, the committee will not have a

response until the end of January, early February.

"And at this point, we have no input from the committee, so I don't see how we can vote to purchase this piece of property. The timing is off," Kortlandt said.

Kortlandt added that if the district gets "stuck" with the piece of property, it could even cost the district money down the road.

In September, the board unanimously agreed to enter into an option to purchase 74 acres from the Bosco family, who have a farm located on Eleven Mile and Beck Road.

This was a part of a two-step process that cost the district a non-refundable \$25,000 fee. The

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Roads yes, fire no

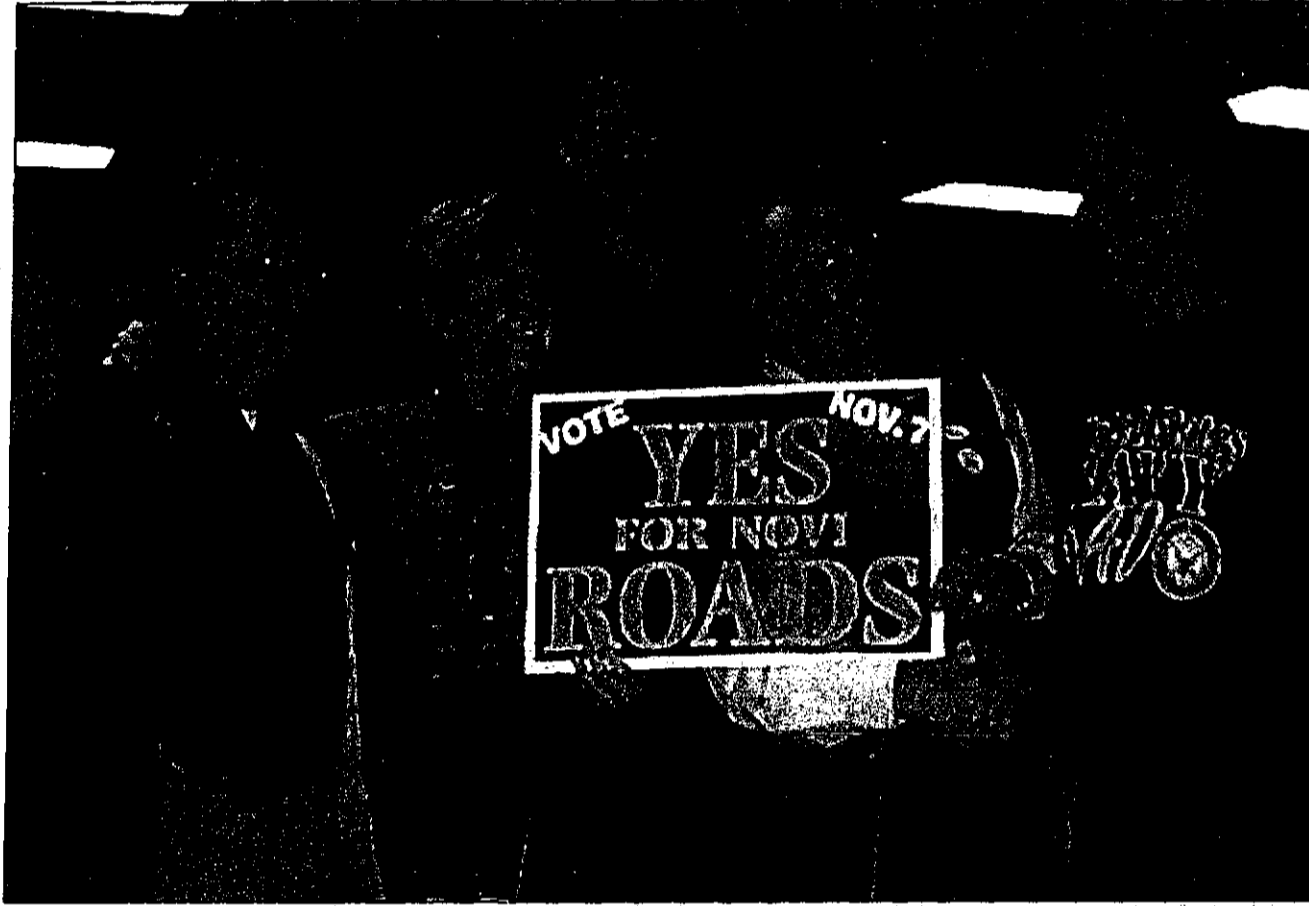


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Partying at the Expo Center are road supporters from left Tom Marcus, Toni Nagy, Dan Tarrant, Asa Smith and Dick Faulkner.

Pedal to metal for traffic tax

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

On the road to victory! With backing from 60 percent of the voters, Novi's \$18.4 million dollar road bond passed with flying colors and Mayor Richard Clark and City Manager Richard Helwig couldn't be happier.

"We are elated," Helwig said. "So much was at stake and we couldn't have done it without the hard work of the citizens group and neighborhoods who spearheaded this proposal."

With 12,398 of the 20,513 votes cast, the city will now see major improvements along some of its busiest roads and intersections.

"This was a vote of confidence by the community and themselves in recognizing that we have some real needs here, and one of the paramount needs is our roads," Clark said. "We have to move traffic safely and expeditiously and I think the community recognized that."

Helwig said with the passage in place, the city's obligation will be to get those projects completed on time and within the budget.

Last year, voters said no to a \$28 million road package, which they felt was too expensive and developer driven.

However, this year's scaled-down version seemed to satisfy taxpayers.

"The turnaround from a year ago is extremely gratifying," Helwig said.

Clark agreed. "I think people voted yes this year because the size of the road bond was smaller and it was more residential-oriented," Clark said. "I

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Voters put out fire issue

BY RANDAL YAKE Staff Writer

The smoke has cleared and the fighters of flame and fire have gone back to their separate corners to regroup and begin anew after the defeat of the 24-hour Fire Services Charter Amendment in a 8,805 to 11,796 vote.

The final tallies came in just before midnight Tuesday, with the third precinct and absentee ballots counted last.

Paid-on-Call (POC) firefighters Jorg Linke, Jeff Feig and associ-



ates waited until the last moment to issue a comment on behalf of the POCs. Linke read the statement inside the council chamber after the final votes were recorded.

"We, the group Citizens Against Taxes are happy about the out-

come to the Fire/ALS proposal," Linke said. "We know that the citizens of Novi who call 911 will have the full service of their fire department."

The group was adamant that any other statements on the issue be referred back to the Novi Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan.

Lenaghan, who was inside city hall for a meeting on the day after the election, said that he and the department will move on without

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THE TALLY

VOTER TURNOUT: 68 %

WINNING the local vote:

Bush, president: 57 %

Abraham, Senate: 58 %

Knollenberg, Congress: 65 %

Cassisi, State House: 67 %

Crawford, county commission: 98 %

Road Bond: 60 %

LOSING the local vote:

Fire Service: no, 57 %

Schools deny fault in parents' lawsuit

District lawyers say boy who gave experiment to another child is at fault.

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

According to their insurance company's attorneys, the Novi Community School District is not to blame in the recent \$5 million dollar lawsuit filed against them.

In a response filed with the Oakland County Circuit Court on October 23 by the district's attorneys Plunkett &

Cooney, the district claimed governmental immunity and submitted that a third grade student, who gave a second grader, Paul Ghanam, a toxic science experiment, was at fault. Paul ate the copper sulfate compound, believing it was candy.

"As expected, the district is hiding behind governmental immunity and is blaming a child for their gross negligence," said David D. Grande-Cassell of King & Cassell, P.C., the law firm representing the Paul Ghanam's family.

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Escapee from southern prison nabbed in Novi

Convict allegedly handed in phony work cards to raise cash.

BY RANDAL YAKE Staff Writer

The United State Marshal's office captured an escaped prisoner from the Federal Corrections Institute in Morgantown, West Virginia, on Nov. 3 in Novi.

According to the U.S. Marshal's office

in Detroit, Johnny Lee Brown, 44, fled from prison on August 14 and was apprehended while attempting to collect money from Labor Ready, a temporary employment service located on Beck Road in the northern end of the city on Nov. 3.

Brown allegedly was attempting to hand in a phony work card that would enable him to receive money for work he

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Photo by TOM HIBBELN

Tiny dancer

Charisse Evans, 7, listens intently to the ballet master at a special master class at The Sports Club. More photos of the dancers are on page 11A.

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Deer down Wildlife crashes continue

BY RANDAL YAKE Staff Writer

The carnage in the streets continues, and the death toll is already up to 17 - and rising.

No, it's not war. It's accidents involving deer in the city of Novi.

Last weekend, there were five deer accidents, three on November 4 and two on October 30. The total number of deer killed or injured within the city of Novi over the last three weeks now stands at 17.

On Saturday, November 4, between 6:30 p.m. and 7 p.m., there were three deer/car accidents within a half-hour's time.

It all started at 6:30 p.m. with a 70-year-old Commerce Township man who was driving northbound on West Park Drive when a deer, running east to west, ran out in

Public access

Monday, Nov. 13

10:00 a.m. — Potpourri: Music Go Round
 10:30 a.m. — The Cutting Room Floor
 11:00 a.m. — Harvest Ministries
 11:30 a.m. — Cosby and Company: Screenwriter
 12:00 p.m. — Intercessions Word Ministry
 12:30 p.m. — (con't)
 1:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
 1:30 p.m. — Aviation Journal
 2:00 p.m. — Search Institute
 2:30 p.m. — (con't)
 3:00 p.m. — Multi Multi Kickoff Rally
 3:30 p.m. — (con't)
 4:00 p.m. — Sober October
 4:30 p.m. — (con't)
 5:00 p.m. — New Millennium Medicine
 5:30 p.m. — Army News Watch
 6:00 p.m. — Christian Singles Today
 6:30 p.m. — Bags and Talk with Tracy
 7:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
 7:30 p.m. — INFO TV 12 Pulices and Procedures
 8:00 p.m. — GRIP 2000

Tuesday, Nov. 14

10:00 a.m. — Legislative Forum
 10:30 a.m. — Community Comments
 11:00 a.m. — Legacy: The Gift of Life
 11:30 a.m. — Financial Strategies: Mortgages
 12:00 p.m. — Summit University
 12:30 p.m. — (con't)

1:00 p.m. — Chamber Spotlight
 1:30 p.m. — Home For Life: Energy Efficient
 New Home
 2:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
 2:30 p.m. — Documentary of Margaret Vaughn
 3:00 p.m. — SANT Health Insurance: Alternative Health Facts
 4:30 p.m. — Pet Talk: Traveling with Pets
 5:00 p.m. — The Way, The Truth, and The Life
 5:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen: A Day in Jerusalem
 6:00 p.m. — Harvest Ministries
 6:30 p.m. — Building Scene
 7:00 p.m. — Potpourri: Music Go Round
 7:30 p.m. — Aviation Journal
 8:00 p.m. — Civil War Muster
 8:30 p.m. — Swooning in Ceremony
 9:00 p.m. — Out in the Open: Atomic Numbers
 9:30 p.m. — (con't)

Wednesday, Nov. 15

10:00 a.m. — Thanksgiving Feast
 10:30 a.m. — Wise Guys: Feuding Hosts
 11:00 a.m. — Ribbons and Wreaths: Pine Cone Wreaths
 11:30 a.m. — Movie Lovers Guide to Holiday Films
 12:00 p.m. — (con't)
 12:30 p.m. — MDDOT Today
 1:00 p.m. — Study in Scripture
 1:30 p.m. — AMVETS

2:00 p.m. — Restoration Now
 2:30 p.m. — Aches and Paines: Chiropractic
 New Home
 3:00 p.m. — Browne Newscast
 3:30 p.m. — Legacy: The Gift of Life
 4:00 p.m. — Critter Connection
 4:30 p.m. — Mountain Ski: Harvest
 5:00 p.m. — Elean Baptist Church
 5:30 p.m. — (con't)
 6:00 p.m. — The Jesus Center
 6:30 p.m. — Fitness Motivators
 7:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
 7:30 p.m. — Financial Strategies: Mortgages
 8:00 p.m. — Chamber Spotlight
 8:30 p.m. — Step 'n Move to the Groove: Sheila Landis
 9:00 p.m. — Todd L. Levitt Show
 9:30 p.m. — (con't)

Thursday, Nov. 16

10:00 a.m. — Step 'n Move to the Groove: Sheila Landis Trio
 10:30 a.m. — Fitness Motivators
 11:00 a.m. — Building Scene
 11:30 a.m. — New Millennium Medicine
 12:00 p.m. — Bags and Talk with Tracy
 12:30 p.m. — That's Italian
 1:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Kathleen McCarthy, Family Law
 1:30 p.m. — (con't)
 2:00 p.m. — Historic Farmington
 2:30 p.m. — Community Living Centers

3:00 p.m. — GRIP 2000
 5:30 p.m. — Shaarey Zedek
 6:00 p.m. — Community Comments: Dr. Richard Thompson
 6:30 p.m. — Sober October
 7:00 p.m. — (con't)
 7:30 p.m. — Legacy: The Gift of Life
 8:00 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen: A Day in Jerusalem
 8:30 p.m. — Pet Talk: Traveling with Pets
 9:00 p.m. — Let's Talk with Ben Marks
 9:30 p.m. — (con't)


Friday, Nov. 17

10:00 a.m. — Lumen Christi
 10:30 a.m. — Christian Singles Today
 11:00 a.m. — The Jesus Center
 11:30 a.m. — To Be Announced
 3:30 p.m. — Community Comments
 4:00 p.m. — Todd L. Levitt
 5:30 p.m. — (con't)
 6:00 p.m. — Fitness Motivators
 6:30 p.m. — Aviation Journal
 7:00 p.m. — Cosby and Company
 7:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
 8:00 p.m. — Chamber Spotlight
 8:30 p.m. — Pet Talk
 9:30 p.m. — Potpourri

Chill out the holiday season at Hotel Baronette

The Hotel Baronette in Novi makes this busy holiday season a breeze with a Holiday Shopping Package designed to reduce shoppers' stress. From Nov. 4 until Dec. 24, weekend stays are specially priced for guests wishing to wrap up their holiday shopping in just two days. Guests begin their day with a free power-shopper's breakfast buffet at the hotel. Armed with a shopping bag full of VIP Cards and a mall directory, guests make a short trip across the parking lot to begin shopping at hundreds of stores at twelve Oaks. The VIP Cards are good for discounts at various Twelve Oaks stores and free valet parking. Before shoppers drop, they can visit Twelve Oaks Wrapping Center to receive complimentary gift-wrapping. Busy guests will wrap four gifts per day per customer. After an exhausting day working through wish lists, stressed-out shoppers return to the Hotel Baronette for a complimentary manager's beverage reception from 5-7 p.m. Guests frazzled from dodging hundreds of Santa's helpers can

work out shopping kinks at the hotel's gym or relax and revitalize in the sauna or whirlpool. The Hotel Baronette Holiday Shopping Package is \$111 a night (up to four people in a room). Reservations are required and can be made by calling the Hotel Baronette at (248) 349-7800. Located at 27790 Novi Road in Novi, (off I-96, exit 162), the Hotel Baronette is on the perimeter of Twelve Oaks Mall. These wishing exclusive shopping with no lines and a stocking full of perks can attend the Twelve Oaks second annual Holiday Shopping Extravaganza Sunday, Nov. 5, from 7:10 p.m. to benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan and the Farmington Family YMCA. Advance tickets are \$40 and include food, drink, entertainment and crowd-free shopping. For every guest that stays at the Hotel Baronette Nov. 3-5, and attends the Twelve Oaks Holiday Shopping Extravaganza, the hotel will donate \$10 per room per night to the charities.



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Joseph Agosta has hand-crafted wooden bowls that he is offering for sale at Novi's Gina Agosta Salon, with proceeds of sales going to Angela Hospice in Livonia.

Value City Furniture to make its home in Novi
 Value City Furniture, one of the country's largest furniture retailers, will open a new 50,000 square foot superstore at 43610 West Oaks Drive on Nov. 10. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at 9 a.m. and is open to the public. Refreshments will be served. The Novi Super Store will be the company's fourth showroom in the Detroit metropolitan area. The Novi store will create over 50 sales, management, office and distribution positions in the city. Value City Furniture, based in Columbus, Ohio, is proud to offer an extremely large selection of high-quality, name brand furniture and accessories at the guaranteed lowest prices. Highlighting Value City Furniture's selection is their exclusive American Signature Collections. These collections encompass living room, bedroom and dining room pieces designed to stand alone or coordinate perfectly to create a total room or even a total home look. There is an American Signature Collection for every taste and each piece features unique details, a beautiful finish and quality, durable construction. In addition to their American Signature Collections, Value City Furniture offers other exclusive furniture lines including Krochler upholstery, Action Lane recliners, Roommate dining rooms, Valencia 100 percent Italian leather living rooms and American Signature bedding. Popular name brands such as Ashley, Athens, Douglas, Pulaski, Simmons and Vaughn Bassett can also be found at exceptional value. The new Novi Super Store will showcase Value City Furniture's new lifestyle store design concept. Complete living environments have been created within the store. These environments encompass living room, dining room, and bedroom furniture as well as coordinating pieces and accessories. "I would personally like to invite all those in the area to attend our grand opening and experience our exciting blend of fine home furnishings and exceptional values," said Jim Draper, store manager. The new store is located in the West Oaks Plaza across from Twelve Oaks Mall.

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Labor of love

Local resident sells art work for Angela Hospice

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

Turning scrap wood into graceful bowls comes easy for local artist Joseph Agosta. Now Agosta is using his talent to help benefit an area hospice. From now until the end of December, Agosta's works of art will be on display to the public and available for purchase at Angela's Salon For Men in Novi. All of the proceeds go to Angela's Hospice in Livonia. "It's really a labor of love, so it's kind of like selling your babies," laughed the semi-retired hair dresser. "This is the first time they have ever been for sale. I usually just give them away."

"I'm not looking to make a profit. But if I can help benefit others, it makes it all worth while."

Hospice offers quality hospice care through a variety of programs that are tailored to meet the needs of patients with terminal illnesses. These programs include: Hospice Home Care, Pediatric Hospice Care, Hospice Patient Day Care, Home Health Care, and Angela Hospice Center (Michigan's first free-standing hospice facility of its kind). "We're very grateful to be able to benefit from Mr. Agosta's work," said Public Relations spokeswoman for Angela Hospice, Marie Aversa. "What a brilliant, creative way to raise funds."

Somehow of a newcomer to the art scene, Agosta began producing his lumbered works in 1997. Askle from his bowls, he also dabbled in making rocking horses and personalized mailboxes. "You never stop learning," he said. "The only limit to this is your imagination." So while Agosta may be known for his hair with scissors and style, he's also proving he's quite handy with a chainsaw. Agosta's work will be on display at the Angela For Men Salon in the Pleasant Run Plaza on Grand River near Haggerty. Prices range from \$40 - \$125. The salon is closed on Monday. Stephanie Fordyce is a staff writer for the Novi News. She may be reached at (248) 349-1700 or at sfordyce@homecomm.net

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NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT SITE STATISTICS

Table with 3 columns: Building, Year Built, Last Addition. Lists various schools like Novi High School, Novi Middle School, etc.

Madrigal dinner fit for a king

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

Quite possibly the most anticipated chair event of the year is upon us, as Novi High School presents its annual Madrigal Dinner.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

"Queen" Jenny Boueri laughs as her "King" Mike Wahlstrom makes some of their guests at Novi High's Madrigal dinner sing for their supper at last year's event.

Queen Katy Selzer and Duchess Mary-Ann Zakaria said the court will perform a number of duets and trios throughout the night. Music for the Madrigal Dinner will be provided by a brass fanfare and recorder consort.

Quality team declares \$3.9 million needed for schools

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

To aid in the continual search for the future needs of the Novi School District, the Maintenance Quality Team released their 2000 report to the board on November 2.

COST SUMMARY OF DEDICATED MILEAGE table with columns for building name and cost. Total: \$3,886,000.

The focus of the team report was to anticipate what elements in the district's infrastructure would need to be addressed over the next ten years.

WALLED LAKE NEWS

Novi Briefs

WALLED LAKE LIBRARY LINES
Paperback Book Swap. A paperback book swap celebrating the National Children's Book Week, Nov. 13-19, will be held at the Walled Lake City Library...

Teens keep the peace

They'll never get statistics on how many fights they've prevented. Anybody has the right to bring any issue to PPI and they have the right to participate, knowing there are no repercussions, Lindsay said.

Now that's Italian



You can find a wide variety of baked goods at Nino's Bakery on East Walled Lake Drive. From left are Gina Pruett, Lisa Filshammer and Richman's father, Anthony Zerilli, the founder of the business. Zerilli is a native of Italy who first started a bakery in Detroit.

Tradition stays fresh at family bakery

The floury aroma is the same wherever you happen to be, whether it's in small French villages or rural American communities: the smell of freshly baked bread is an universal experience.

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Super SPA advertisement featuring '15% OFF ALL SUNROOMS' and 'FREE SPA' offers.

Anger Management Seminar advertisement from Huron Valley-Sinclair Hospital.

Wixom Senior Center advertisement listing various events and activities.

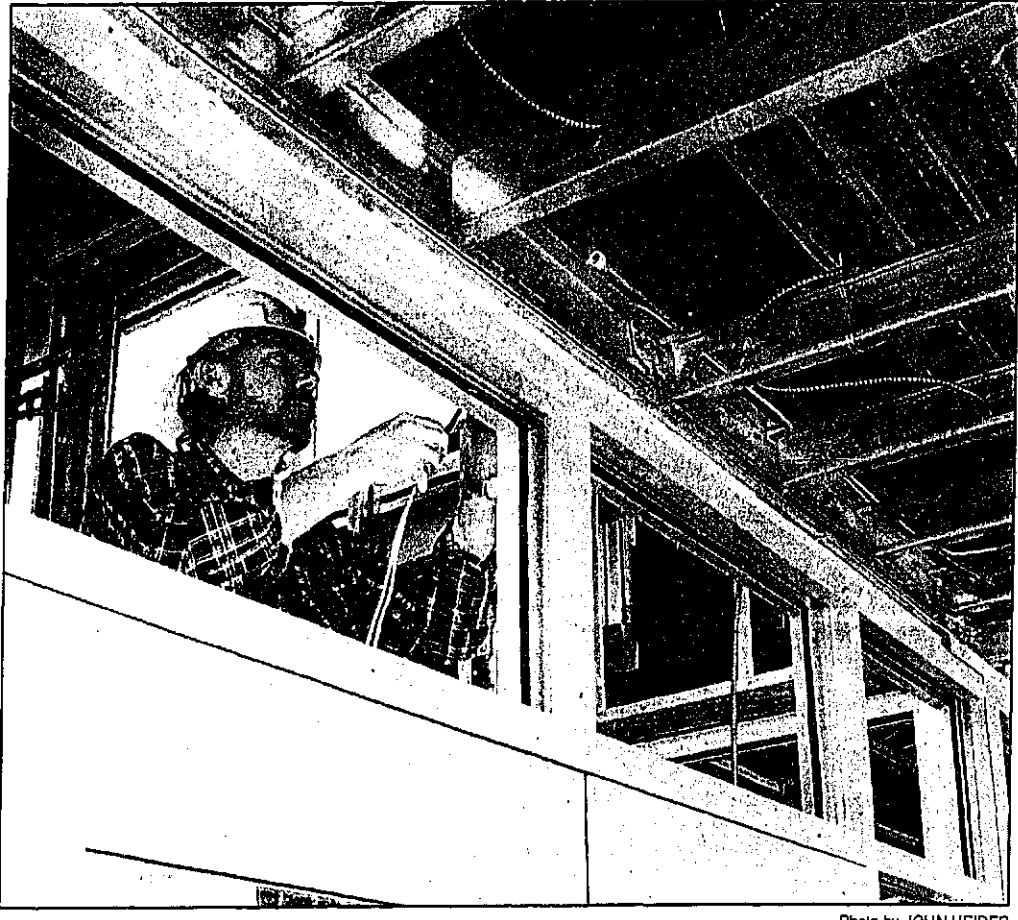
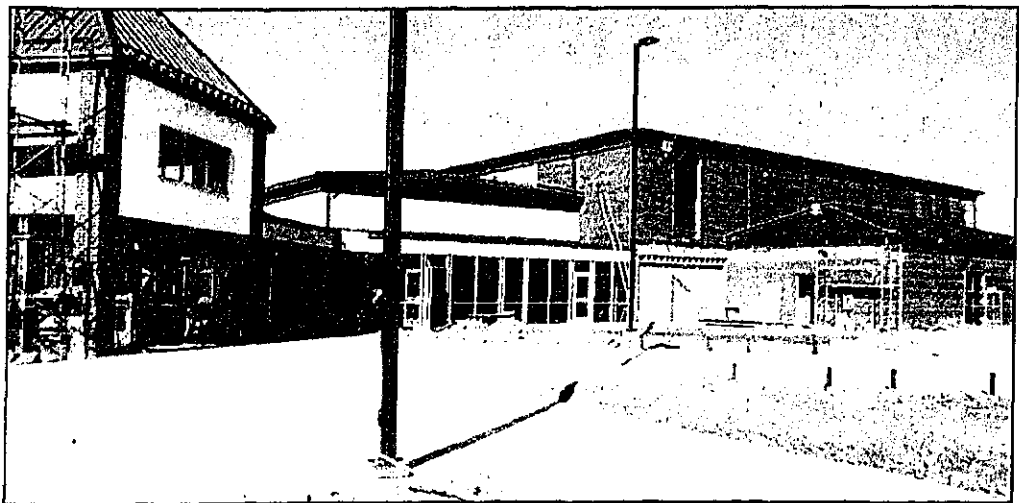


Photo by JOHN HEIDER
Jim Hatfield works on electrical wiring near the entrance of Novi Meadows' fifth grade building. The school will be ready for students in January of 2001.

Novi Meadows on schedule

Construction at Novi Meadows Elementary is running smoothly and on schedule, according to school Principal Dr. Timothy Falls and Project Manager Andrea Atkinson from A.J. Etkin Construction Company.

Work on the new fifth grade house will be completed during Christmas break and ready to welcome students on January 2, 2001.

The progress on the fifth grade house is going as we expected and will be ready for the children after the break, Falls said.

The building is now entirely enclosed and painting, carpeting and ceramic tiling have already begun to be installed.

The gymnasium is almost complete, with wooden flooring set to start this week.

The new fifth grade house will include over 20 new classrooms, cafeteria, gym, vocal music and band rooms, art room, and media center.

The house will also coincide with the sixth grade house in respects to their partition walls and project rooms.

The new fifth grade sector will be identical in design as its predecessor, and while the color scheme will be about the same, Falls said the fifth grade will have more green accents, while the sixth grade has more blue.

If you would like to see the new fifth grade house as its currently progressing, both inside and outside, visit their school website at www.novik12.mi.us/novimtw.htm

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council is seeking a volunteer to serve as the Hearing Officer to evaluate dangerous structures. Expertise is required in housing matters including, but not limited to, an engineer, architect, building contractor, building inspector or member of a community housing organization.

If you are interested, an application may be obtained in the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, or by calling (248) 347-0456 to receive an application by mail or fax.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK
(11-02/916-00 NR, NN 1008128)

**CITY OF NOVI
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR
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WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council is seeking volunteers to serve on the newly formed Stormwater Management and Watershed Stewardship Committee.

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**CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT FUNDS**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Novi will hold a Public Hearing on the use of Housing and Community Development Funds for 2001. The Hearing will be held on Monday, November 13, 2000, at 7:30 p.m., EST, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, for the purpose of encouraging citizen input in the proposal to spend federal funding to be received from the Housing and Community Development Act.

All interested citizens are requested to attend this Hearing. Comments will also be received in writing or in person at the City Offices, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, until 5:00 p.m., November 13, 2000.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK
(11-9-00 NR/NN 1010130)

**NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI
REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT
TUP 00-053**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Meadowbrook Townhomes is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow a temporary construction trailer at the Meadowbrook Townhomes site from November 16, 2000 through December 31, 2001. The Meadowbrook Townhomes are located on the South side of Thirteen Mile Road East of Novi Road.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit.

This request will be considered at 3:15 p.m. on November 15, 2000, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to November 15, 2000.

C. J. KILLERBREW, SR. PRINCIPAL CLERK
(248) 347-0415
(11-9-00 NR, NN 1010731)

**NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI
REQUEST FOR BIDS
IN-CAR VIDEO SYSTEM**

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for an In-Car Video System according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director.

Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. prevailing eastern time, Wednesday, November 29, 2000, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

CITY OF NOVI
CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR
45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.,
Novi, MI 48375-3024

All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED "In-Car Video System" BID AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER.

The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informalities or both, to reject any or all proposals, and in general to make the award of the contract in any manner deemed by the City, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the City of Novi.

CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR
(248) 347-0446
(11-9-00 NR, NN 1011122)

**NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI
REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT
TUP 00-052**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Pele's Christmas Trees is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow the outdoor sale of Christmas trees at the Eaton Center from November 24, 2000 through December 24, 2000. The Eaton Center is located on the North side of Ten Mile Road West of Novi Road.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit.

This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m. on November 15, 2000, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to November 15, 2000.

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Sealed bids will be received until 3:00 p.m. prevailing eastern time, Wednesday, November 29, 2000, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

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Novi Briefs

Come Dine With the Nov!

The Performance Plus group presents "The Dining Room" which will hit the stage November 10, 11, and 12.

Held at the Novi Civic Center, the play is comprised of a mosaic of interrelated scenes—both funny, touching and musical.

All seats are reserved and cost \$10 at the door and \$8 in advance.

For more information call the Novi Parks and Recreation

Department at (248) 347-0400.

Show & Tell For Women

Enjoy a fun-filled day just for women on Saturday, November 18, at the Show & Tell For Women Workshop at the Novi Civic Center.

The event includes a day of mini-sessions for women dealing in health, nutrition, exercise, party planning, home decorating, tax and legal issues. Sponsored by the Novi Community Education Advisor Council and the Novi Parks &

Recreation Department, proceeds from the event will go to fund the Safety Town program for 4-6 year olds. Safety Town is a community education program teaching children safety behavior. Children are introduced to safety conditions in a mini-town.

Cost is \$22 per person or \$36 for two people registering together. Includes lunch from Santino's Place for Pasta, along with raffle and door prizes.

The event runs from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Tickets are only sold in advance. Call (248) 449-1206 to register.

Blood Donations Needed

On Thursday, November 16, the Novi Woods PTO, together with The American Red Cross, will be sponsoring a blood drive at Novi Woods Elementary School on Taft Road.

Please help save a life and donate blood between 2-8 p.m. in the school gymnasium. It

takes one hour of your time and a "kids activity center" will be available to supervise your children while you donate.

Schedule an appointment by calling the school office at (248)449-1230.

Preventing Sexual & Unlawful Harassment

On Thursday, November 16, the Novi Expo Center will host guest presenter Gary Ankers from Howard & Howard, P.C. to speak on sexual harassment employer liability.

The lecture will run from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and costs \$20, which includes lunch.

Ankers will discuss the U.S. Supreme Court's new definitions of "unlawful" and "sexual" harassment, how to prevent an unlawful hostile work environment, utilizing anti-harassment policies in company handbooks, how to conduct thorough workplace harassment investigations and discipline employees, and how to avoid sexual harassment employer liability.

The finer points of en pointe



On their toes

On Nov. 4, Ballet Master Gerard Lebours from Les Ballet des Monte Carlo, taught master classes at the Sports Club of Novi.

Lebours was in town with the Monte Carlo ballet for its production of "Cinderella" at the Detroit Opera House. He was invited to Novi by the Sports Club's Dan Centre.

Above, student Kevin Burek concentrates on his style.

Above right, Lebours demonstrates a graceful move.

Below, at far right, Lebours helps a student with her form.

Below, at near right, a student is captured in the midst of movement.



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Faulty flooring and a fake name add up to a lawsuit for Northville Schools

BY MELANIE PLENDIA
Staff Writer

Faulty flooring and a bad track record may mar a countersuit pending against the Northville School District.

Rite Floor Covering Inc. is countersuing the Northville School District for breach of contract claiming the district would not allow them to finish work they started. Rite is also suing Mahawk Carpet Inc. for selling them a defective product.

Northville originally sued the company for breach of contract because they did not complete work they agreed to complete to the district's satisfaction.

Assistant Superintendent Dave Bolitho said:

Both are seeking an unspecified monetary amount in damages.

However, both cases may be jeopardized by mistakes made by the two parties.

"I generally do more checking on a company than I did on this one," Bolitho said. "This is not only unfortunate but it's something we are going to make sure never happens again."

The school district hired the flooring company to carpet several floors as part of the bond. Rite Flooring has used four other names including General Carpet Mills Inc., Rite Carpet Company, Carpet Express and Rite Floor Covering Inc.

When Rite began the work, Bolitho said he gave them over \$79,000 to purchase carpet for the job. He said in their contract, Rite would get paid for labor after each project was completed.

But once the work had started, Bolitho said the district would not pay the labor because of poor workmanship by the com-

pany. Bolitho said they found ripples in the carpet, areas where the carpet either overlapped or didn't reach the walls, and areas where the carpet was not sticking to the floor. Further, Bolitho said he later found out Rite did not purchase enough carpet to finish the projects.

George Garis said there was no problem with workmanship though they had to go back and fix problems with the carpet. Instead, he said it was defective carpet which caused the problems. Further, he said the school district simply became "frustrated" with the amount of time the company was taking to fix the problems and wouldn't let them continue their work. This is why he said they are countersuing for breach of contract.

However, had the district looked into the track record of the carpeters, they may have thought twice about hiring them.

According to their record with the Better Business Bureau of Michigan, since 1991, Rite Flooring has used four other names including General Carpet Mills Inc., Rite Carpet Company, Carpet Express and Rite Floor Covering Inc.

Since the BBB opened a file on this company, they have earned an "unsatisfactory record" with the bureau. Specifically their records show, "a pattern of no response to customer complaints brought to its attention by the bureau."

Garis said he had no knowl-

"I generally do more checking on a company than I did on this one."

Dave Bolitho
Assistant Superintendent of Northville Schools

according to the state regulations for the use of bond money, no work can be performed without being insured when there is bond money involved.

"We had a written contract prior to commencing but we let them start without the performance bond because of time constraints," Bolitho said. "It is a

violation of state law to do this. This was the only one of 88 bond projects where we did not have a performance bond. I just wasn't as prudent as I should have been."

Bolitho said it was due to the time constraints of the project. He said the district needed to get the work done on the elementary schools and middle school over spring break of 1999 when students were out of the buildings. Though he knew they had not produced a performance bond, he said he trusted they would do the work.

Garis said his clients were told by Bolitho it was not necessary since they were treating the separate projects as separate jobs.

There has been no court date set for this dispute.

Obituaries

JUSTINE S. NELLIGAN

Justine S. Nelligan, 79, died Oct. 27 at her residence in Farmington. She was born in 1921.

Mrs. Nelligan is survived by her husband, Andy; two sons, Daniel (Jan) and James (Patricia); two daughters, Justine Lind and Tricia (Joel) Poppa; one brother, Charles; two sisters, Ann and Sonya; and five grandchildren, Diane Willets, Crissy, Kristen, Chris, and John.

Services were held on Tuesday, Oct. 31 at St. Scholastica Church in Detroit.

Interment followed at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Arrangements were made by O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi.

Memorials to Ukrainian Heritage Room, Wayne State University, 72221 Wilson, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127 would be appreciated.

CLIFFORD G. BUNKER

Clifford G. Bunker, 77, of Novi died Nov. 7 at Providence Hospital in Southfield.

Bunker was born on May 28, 1923. Survivors include his wife, Margaret; children, Ted (Mary Jane), Paul (Diana), Ann Mitchell, Jeff (Laura), Dan and Tim (Lori); and brother, Harold.

There will be no visitation. A rosary prayer service will take place on Thursday, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. at Holy Family Church in Novi. The memorial service will take place on Friday, Nov. 10 at 11 a.m. at Holy Family Church.

Arrangements made by O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi.

Memorials can be sent to BoysTown, 200 Fanagan Blvd., P. O. Box 6000, BoysTown, NE 68010-9998 or Covenant House, Times Square Station, P. O. Box 731, New York, NY 10108-0731.

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Ladies apparel shop opens doors in Northville

BY MELANIE PLENDIA
Staff Writer

The name, The Pendleton Shop, carries with it a reputation of merchandise which is traditional, classic, quality and now Northville, said store manager Michael Melet.

The Pendleton Shop, 119 North Center Street, opened its doors in downtown Northville on Oct. 20. The shop carries the Pendleton line of shirts, pants, sports coats, blazers and accessories for men and women.

With the close of two Pendleton retail stores in Plymouth and Dearborn, Melet said the corporate headquarters were looking to put another store in the area to continue to serve their loyal customers.

The man who owned the shops in Plymouth and Dearborn closed the stores he bought from Pendleton, and they knew there was a potentially awesome amount of business they would be losing in this area if they didn't open another one," Melet said. "So hopefully we'll fill that void for people."

Melet said it is the quality and traditional look of Pendleton which will appeal to those in Northville. He said when he first contemplated running the store, he visited

Northville and knew Pendleton would find its niche here.

"This is a very traditional and conservative area where people demand quality in everything they do," he said. "This is evident in the homes they buy, the cars they drive and the school system they send their children to."

Additionally, he said the Pendleton Corporation saw demographically the growth was towards the north and Northville. He said he supposed they could have put a store in Novi but this area seemed conducive to the type of store they are.

"There is such an atmosphere of Americana here. It's very Norman Rockwell. It reeks of the type of thing we try to do here at Pendleton," he said.

Further, he said he thinks adding the Pendleton name to a community is adding yet another jewel to Northville's downtown crown.

Other downtown businesses seem to agree. Linda Speer, manager of Bon Looi women's clothing store said she was thrilled to have another clothing store in the downtown area.

"It's just beautiful and it's wonderful they are here. The more shops there are, the more shoppers



Michael Melet opened a women's clothing store called Pendleton in Northville.

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Fire issue goes up in smoke

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Incident. "We are going to take a look at the situation we have at this time," Lenaghan said.

Novi Fire Marshall Michael Evans, who penned the proposal for the Novi Firefighters Union Local 2232, said he hoped that the issue would not die away and would be discussed openly by city officials.

The Novi Professional Firefighters Union is obviously disappointed at the results," Evans said. "We feel that we presented a proposal with the best EMS and fire protection delivery system for the citizens of Novi. We hope that this issue will stay on the front burner and will be addressed by the city council and the city administration."

Firefighters Union Local 2232 was able to secure 2,077 signatures to get the issue on the November 7 ballot. If the proposal had passed, the city charter would have been amended to levy an additional tax not exceeding 1.5 mills to increase the fire department staff level. This would have provided 24-hour staffing, advanced life support (ALS) emergency medical services and fire station modifications. The cost increase to a resident whose home

Lawyers say child at fault, not school

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In September, the Ghannams filed a \$5 million lawsuit claiming negligence against the district and three employees.

The suit was filed after Paul, while on a school bus, ingested copper sulfate crystals carried home by a third grader after a classroom science project at Novi Woods Elementary. Ghannam ate the copper sulfate, which he believed to be blue-rock candy, when a third grade student offered it to him on the bus ride home on April 12.

According to the complaint, the 7-year-old experienced severe reactions to his stomach after eating the toxic chemical, which is commonly used as a sewer and septic root killer.

The lawsuit requests judgment against the district, along with teachers Nancy Bain and Maggie Gonzalez-Sheeran, and former principal Jackie Lawrence for the victim's pain, suffering, mental anguish and medical expenses.

The October 23 response from the school district's lawyers, who work for the district's insurance firm, stated that "the Plaintiff's claims are barred for the reason that the district and its employees are entitled to qualified immunity based on good faith in carrying out their duties" and that they "were not engaged in conduct which would meet the statutory definition of gross negligence."

"As part of a science experiment in Bain's classroom, she and Gonzalez-Sheeran had students make crystals from a solution of

ELECTIONS 2000

Surprise, surprise, Novi turns out for the Grand Old Party

BY RANDAL YAKY Staff Writer

If you hadn't noticed, there were a awful lot of people out at the polling booths on Nov. 7.

Novi residents came out in droves with an estimated 68 percent of the registered 31,972 voters casting ballots on Tuesday.

According to city of Novi clerk's office, 21,645 voters showed up.

A majority of the presidential vote went to Texas Governor George W. Bush, who received 12,359 votes (57.26 percent). Vice President Albert Gore received 8,667 (33.53 percent). Ralph

Nader, of the Green Party, received 377 votes for 1.75 percent of the votes cast in the presidential race.

Even though Democrat Debbie Stabenow won the United States Senate seat, Novi, typically a very Republican part of the world, went strongly for Spencer Abraham (R), 12,278 to 8,345.

Congressman Joe Knollenberg, R-Bloomfield, crushed Democratic challenger Matthew Frumin 13,200 to 6,262 in Novi, but Frumin did receive 101,025 votes county wide. Knollenberg received 136,323 votes for 55.42 percent and retained his Congressional seat.

Novi City Council Member Hugh Crawford, who ran unopposed, will head to Pontiac as he becomes county commissioner in the 17th District with 14,100 votes (65.02 percent). There were 285 write-in votes for other candidates for the 17th District. Novi District Court Judge Dennis Powers, who also ran unopposed, claimed over 98.79 percent (10,789) of the vote and was retained as judge.

Of the Novi voters who went the straight party ticket, 5,895 voters cast the straight Republican ticket while 3,045 voters went with the straight Democratic ticket.

HOW NOVI VOTED

State Proposal 00-1:
Yes - 32.96 %
No - 67.04 %

State Proposal 00-2:
Yes - 34.33 %
No - 65.67 %

County Proposal A:
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Cassis sweeps district

BY STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

The reign of Incumbent State Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi lives on as she prepares for another two years as the 38th District's voice in Lansing.

With an overwhelming percent of the votes, Cassis won over challengers Democratic Party candidate Linda Premo, Reform Party candidate Joseph Bush, and Libertarian Party candidate Anne Bora.

"I'm very happy," Cassis said Tuesday night at the Novi Expo Center. "I can't stress enough how fortunate I feel to have been elected by the people of this 38th district and be able to continue to work for them."

Joined by her biggest supporter, husband Victor, the two were glowing with enthusiasm.

"We are so excited for Nancy," exclaimed Victor Cassis as he ran off to gather more incoming numbers.

Cassis swept her opponents throughout Oakland County, with 64 percent of the votes (29,047) in

providing a tax break to keep elderly family members at home and a tax credit to accommodate families who are caring for an elderly parent.

As the first female chairperson of the Tax Policy Committee, Cassis said she is now looking forward to becoming the dean of the Republican Caucus.

"When you are afforded an opportunity of leadership as I have, as both as Tax Policy Chair and now as the senior member of the Republican Caucus, with that comes a great deal of responsibility," she said.

"But I'm a person who believes in working together and being inclusive, and that's how I think the best decisions are made."

Cassis said she was elated to have represented the 38th district for the past four years, and said the citizens can be assured that she will continue to provide the best for the people of Michigan.

Under term limits, this would be her third and final term as a state representative.

60 percent of voters drive road bond issue to victory

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also think people saw by example this summer that our intent and commitment to the residents in this community was strong by getting some of our local roads done."

Over the course of 17 years, the proposal will cost the taxpayer, per year, an average of 53 cents per \$1,000 of taxable dollars. This means \$53 per year for a taxpayer with a \$200,000 home.

Under the proposal, the city will see the rehabilitation of neighborhood streets, along with lane additions and traffic signal improvements to nine of its intersections.

The city will also have the opportunity to leverage approximately \$44.6 million in state and federal funds for four major road projects, including the Beck Road/I-96 interchange and the widening of Grand River Avenue and Novi Road.

The Grand River Corridor, stretching from Twelve Mile to Beck Road, will be widened from three lanes to five with construction set to begin in 2001. The Beck Road interchange project is scheduled to begin in 2002.

"We had a mission, we attacked the mission and we brought what was necessary to the citizens of Novi," said Aza Smith, a leading supporter of the road bond.

"Nobody wants new taxes, but this has to happen," Korte said. "It is going to be our salvation because it's the only thing that will keep the traffic moving on the south end."

Korte said due to the new city manager's efforts, Helwig played a major part in the success of the road proposal.

"Helwig is truly the best invention since sliced bread. He has knowledge and a brain to move into the future," he said. "For the first time in 18 years, we have someone that listened to the voices and needs of the voting population and looked what happened."

Korte also praised the mayor for his efforts in approaching what the city needs from the public's standpoint.

Smith said he was extremely pleased to see the bond passed and that everyone who worked on the campaign was vital to its success.

"Due to the efforts of so many people, we have done something we should be proud of," Smith said. "I think the city of Novi has recognized the need to move forward."

"This is a wonderful victory for the city of Novi," she said.

Road bond supporter Jim Korte said while no one likes to see their taxes raised, this proposal was essential to the city of Novi.



Re-elected State Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, is given a victorious kiss by her biggest supporter, husband Victor Cassis, at a Tuesday night party at the Novi Expo Center.

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Fire bond doused, but issue ignited

Voters resoundingly showed that they weren't ready for financing a full-time fire department, as a proposed change to the city charter would have created.

In fact, 57 percent of the voters in a 67 percent voter turnout election, said no to the package. That's 11,796 people. But not to be overlooked is that almost 43 percent of the voters, or 8,805 individuals, said yes to the ballot question.

And this says something. What it says is that although most voters weren't ready to raise their taxes by \$150 a year for a full-time fire department, a full 43 percent of them were. And that probably means that this is an issue that is not going to go away, nor should it.

Even paid-on-call fire fighters who were attempting to quench the ballot initiative conceded that Novi may eventually need to retain a



full-time, 24 hours a day, seven days a week fire department.

So what is in order now is a city study of the level of fire service being offered to Novi. Perhaps a full-time department is needed, perhaps the city should make a gradual transition to full-time. Or, a study may show that the system functions fine as is.

Only after a disinterested group of people dispassionately examine Novi's emergency services, will we have the security of knowing that all as it should be, or can be brought to that comfort level by increased staffing at the Novi Fire Department.

Elections, brought to you by the U.S. veterans

What happened Tuesday doesn't happen just anywhere.

Across the United States and right here in Northville, people went to the polling locations and selected the leadership for the country, the state and the community, as well as made decisions on a number of proposals.

It all happened without a single shot being fired or a single drop of blood being shed. Compare that to Central America, Europe or the Middle East, where changes in government open the floodgates for riots and fighting.

If you think all this happened by accident, think again. We have veterans to thank for the freedoms we enjoy, including the freedom to go to the polls and make our statement for what we believe in.

This Saturday is Veteran's Day. Nearly 90 years ago, it was thought that Nov. 11, 1911 would be the day the world rejoiced as the Day

The Fighting Stopped. Obviously, we now know that wasn't to be, but that shouldn't hinder any of us from continuing to strive for justice and peace both here and abroad.

If you were one of those who voted on Tuesday, you've done something small and yet significant that lets to the sacrifices made by our veterans not be in vain. You have used the freedom given to you to take a stand and let your voice be heard.

When our new elected officials take office in January, they'll take a solemn pledge to do everything in their power to preserve, protect and defend the United States.

Some already have. And they've paid the ultimate price in doing so.

We salute the brave men and women of our armed forces, past and present. You've done your country proud. We remember you this Veteran's Day 2000.

In love with Shakespeare

Brush up your Shakespeare. Start quoting him now.

At most high school theater programs, it seems as if the musical "Kiss Me, Kate" is as close as most young performers will ever get to the works of William Shakespeare. So we have to applaud Novi High School for its production of "Much Ado About Nothing."

The play was the selection of teacher Heather McKaig. Some 32 high school students are in the cast and are joined by everyone working behind the scenes, set-builders, etc.

While many high school English classes may flirt with the works of Shakespeare, the Bard of Avon's work is meant to be spoken, not read.

By staging one of Shakespeare's plays, one in this case that is far from a typical selection such as "Romeo and Juliet," the students both before and behind the proscenium have the incomparable chance of directly experiencing the work of the man widely regarded as the greatest literary figure in the English language.

And that is especially important, because many students may never have the chance of seeing a professional production of Shakespeare.

This ambitious foray into the classics in an era when Western classics themselves have come under attack from the cadres of political correctness is more than "Much Ado About Nothing."

Novi News Quote of the Week

"The deer are breeding and the bucks are out looking for doe. What the bucks are doing is getting the herds all stirred up."

John Urbain
Department of Natural Resources Specialist

In Focus

By John Heider



Teddies ready

Employees at the Northville post office collected teddy bears to give to needy children. The bears were collected during "Make A Difference Day" and will be shared with the Novi Post Office.

LETTERS

Halloween was all treats in Novi

This Halloween evening had all "treats" and no "tricks" because here in Novi, the kids are great. Having lived in this fair city of Novi for over 20 years, we look forward to seeing the neighborhood kids in their costumes every year.

We are writing this year because we would like to praise the parents for raising very polite and kind children. Not one trick-or-treater left our porch without a thank you and a smile. From the smallest tot to the large group of teenagers, there were kind words and fun-filled comments by all. From the "I like your puppets" ... "your pumpkins look sincere" ... "your home is a pretty one" ... "thanks for the treats" to the best one, "I wish you a very happy Halloween, too" ... they made our night.

Who said that the youth of today is in trouble - not from the super 300-plus group of kids we saw on Halloween night.

Dave and Donna Kott
Cedar Springs Subdivision

The customer is always right

I'm responding to a letter in last Thursday's paper (November 2, 2000). It was titled, "Customers can be ride, too" by Theresa Poole. This letter was in response to my original letter of October 19, 2000.

I have a few things to say in response to Theresa Poole's remarks. First of all, I have worked in the retail and service industries for the past 15 years. I'm well aware of what it's like. I think I'm well qualified to speak to both sides of the issue of customer service.

The cashiers, clerks, sales associates and others are the people that the customer sees and interacts with. They are probably the most important employees any business has. They can make or break the store's sales and reputation. If a customer has a good experience he will come back. If a customer has a bad experience he

will probably not come back and will tell his family and friends all about it. Is my point clear?

Maybe you should read the following item then memorize and practice it. And by the way, thank you for not mentioning where you work.

What is a customer? A customer is the most important person we deal with in our business lives. A customer is not dependent on us - we are dependent on him.

A customer is not an interruption of our work - he is the purpose of it. We are not doing the customer a favor by serving him - he is doing us a favor by giving us the opportunity to do so.

A customer is not an outsider to our business - he is part of it. A customer is not a cold statistic - he is a flesh and blood human being with feelings and emotions like our own.

A customer is not someone to argue or match wits with. The customer is always right. Nobody ever wins an argument with a customer.

A customer is a person who brings us his needs and wants. It is our job to handle them profitably to the customer and to ourselves.

Susan M. Thomson

Baby, you can charge this car

While Detroit is generally considered to be the center of the automobile industry, the history of the first car goes back centuries. Isaac Newton is actually credited with inventing the first automobile in 1680. Propelled by a primitive steam turbine engine, the vehicle was little more than a frame on four wheels. A long pole went from the driver's seat to control the steam emission in front of it.

An automobile used for military purposes was first created in France in 1769. Designed to transport French artillery, it was the first application of a high pressure engine with a cylinder and pistons to produce rotary motion. The three-wheel car was able to go only 2.5 miles per hour. America's first automobile saw the streets of Massachusetts in 1790, when Nathan Reed was granted a patent for a steam carriage.

It wasn't for nearly another century that automobile construction got underway. During the second half of the 19th century, about 60 patents were issued for various forms of motors. These varied from engines run by ammonia, coal and steam. Before gasoline was introduced in 1891 by the Duryea brothers. Electric vehicles were first patented in 1895 by Morris & Salton. But both steam and electric-powered cars were overshadowed by the most successful gasoline engines.

R.E. Olds was one of the pioneers in developing a gasoline vehicle; his automobile factory became Michigan's first such company in 1897. Though the first electric vehicle was built in 1836, they didn't gain popularity until the end of the 19th and early 20th centuries. The electric car industry had its peak year in 1912, when 34,000 vehicles were registered with American owners.

In 1913, when the Edison Storage Battery Co. was in financial trouble, Thomas Edison suggested to his friend Henry Ford, that he develop a battery-powered automobile. With the idea that both men would become successful by the project, they discovered that the new cars were too heavy, too slow and too expensive to produce. By 1915, the project had ended.

The 1920s saw the beginning of the end of the electric car craze. With new, cheaper gasoline technology, the electric car soon became a thing of the past. Nearly four decades passed before interest in the electric car was renewed. Due to concern for air pollution in the late 1950s-1960s, the electric car made a brief comeback. They were intended to be used as a second or third family car because of their limited range without recharging the battery. Their top speeds were about 50 mph. In the 1970s, Oakland University students came up with the "Electric Car Project" as part of their school of engineering. Clean Air Acts of the 1990s spurred renewed interest in the widespread use of electric vehicles.

Evolution in the automobile continues daily. Through the years, constant attention paid to technological improvements has made the motor car one of today's indispensable forces. That statement, made in a publication of 1938, is still as true today as it was over half a century ago.



Barbara Louie

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Campaign 2000, a product of pros

I've spent a fair amount of time trying to figure out what this year's long, noisy campaign has revealed about the state of our politics.

I came away from it with an odd sense of detachment, almost as though the campaign took place during a strikingly realistic dream. This shouldn't be so, because Michigan was a so-called "battleground state" where the contests - for President, U.S. Senate, U.S. House, Michigan Supreme Court, state House and countless local races - were so close that both parties threw whatever they had at us.

Visitors crisscrossed Michigan from one end to the other. The day didn't pass without Mrs. Lieberman visiting some clinic accompanied by Mayor Archer, followed by Dick Cheney on a bus with tour guide John Engler. Debbie Stabenow and Spencer Abraham seemed to pop up everywhere. This newspaper received countless faxes about political events, and my e-mail was filled with dueling press releases.

It got to the point that I simply didn't want to turn on the TV, if only because I couldn't stand seeing yet another ad from the candidates and - far more tasteless and shrill - their so-called "independent" committee's supporters.

I think the best piece of reporting of the campaign was the story in the "Detroit News" that the TV stations, which made millions off political advertising, simultaneously cut back live coverage of the campaign. It's scandalous that the television industry, which pays nothing to use the public airwaves and refuses to offer reduced rates for political advertising, is so brazen in its greed and so negligent of its public responsibility.

My sense is that people are looking for leaders who understand more than they do, who can tell them what lies over the horizon and how to get there, who can convey inspiration and emotion, and who on rare occasions can exalt them to become something more than they thought they could be. This year, the only event that came close to that was the unscripted winning run of John McCain in the Michigan primary.

People sitting in focus groups can't explain how something like this happens. Pollsters cannot derive from statistics an overwhelming emotional response. Candidates who are too much in the hands of their handlers risk being detached from the people with whom they desperately want and need to connect.

Even the debates I watched seemed contrived, as though the candidates were talking through filters, engineered to present exactly the pre-packaged image the polling data required. Even while candidates were trying to connect with the audiences, I had the sense that the consultants were hovering overhead, invisible yet constantly pulling the strings.

The whole exercise seemed narrow, tactical, cramped, pre-determined. An expensive exercise in manipulation of image to achieve a predetermined effect. The mechanistic quality of the campaign gave me such a strong sense of unreality.

I conclude the campaign of 2000 was organized and run by the political consultants, of the consultants, for the consultants. This is sad and deeply disturbing. An election trial is supposed to determine capacity for wise leadership. But wise leadership is not something that arises from focus groups. Personal character is not something put on like a sweater when the wind turns chilly.

Sorry, both character and leadership in real life only emerge in the sudden crisis of the moment, in the reality of life in the public arena.

People sitting in focus groups can't explain how something like this happens. Pollsters cannot derive from statistics an overwhelming emotional response. Candidates who are too much in the hands of their handlers risk being detached from the people with whom they desperately want and need to connect.

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"Even the debates I watched seemed contrived, as though the candidates were talking through filters, engineered to present the pre-packaged image..."



Phil Power

So what accounts for my sense of detachment? I think a lot has to do with the astonishing development of what might be called "political technology," a complex understanding of the dynamics of political behavior now practiced by a rapidly growing industry of political consultants.

The TV ads were technical wonders, carefully crafted in response to precise data derived from focus groups, sometimes using equip-

Now what do we do with schools?

Proponents of vouchers, Proposal 1 on Tuesday's ballot, had one undeniable argument on their side - kids trapped in "failing" schools can't wait two, three or more years for educational reforms to start working.

They're in school now and everyday they wait for their school systems to be fixed is a day of education lost.

Of course, the opponents had the other good argument - just as private schools only work for students whose parents can afford to send them, vouchers would only work for students whose parents care enough to do something about their less than adequate education.

As I put pen to paper (actually electrons to computer screen) the outcome Tuesday's balloting on the voucher question is not known. Over the weekend, political pollsters projected a defeat for Proposal 1 by a margin of about two to one. But the point I want to make is the same regardless of whether Proposal 1 passes or fails, so I'll go ahead and say it now.

The very fact the question was on the ballot should be taken as a warning sign that our educational system needs reform - and it needs reform now.

There are failing schools in Michigan. Proponents picked one criteria on which to judge that. The determining factor they looked at was graduation rates, what percentage of students who entered the eighth grade in a given district failed to get all the way through to winning a diploma. If a district graduated less than two-thirds, it was judged to be "failing." It turned out there were seven such districts.

You can use a different criteria. You could look at test results. We've been using the MEAP test to gauge how well districts are doing. That's another good measure. Or you could look at how students do on ACT or SAT tests. Or you could look at accreditation. There are still a half dozen or so districts in Michigan that haven't

been accredited.

The kids who are enrolled in those districts need help - and they need it now. We do them a disservice if our reforms don't begin to have an effect until they graduate, or fail to do so as the case may be.

What is needed is a determined get-it-done, whatever-it-takes approach. Gov. John Engler proposed just such a strategy in this year's State of the State address for dealing with the last few and toughest welfare cases. State workers, he proposed, with enough money in the budget to back them up, were to review the most chronic cases and do whatever it took to solve whatever the problem was.

Our schools deserve a similar approach. Of course, we are talking about a bigger problem. Institutions as large as school districts will take more effort to find and solve the problems. But I don't believe it's beyond our capability.

The state needs to put together a task force, with a bit of money set aside from the state budget, to go to Michigan poorest performing school districts carrying marching orders to do whatever it takes. If the problem is safety, put police officers in the hall. Heck, put them in the classroom if need be. If too many kids are skipping and parents won't crack down, let's flood the district with truant officers. No textbooks. That's easy - buy 'em. Teachers aren't up to speed. Let's start training them. We could put a teaching coach in the classroom right with them if we need it.

The approach could work if Lansing lawmakers prioritize it a bit ahead of passage of Michigan's 40th-something tax cut. It could work if administrators in other districts show a little more maturity than to insist that they get a piece of the pie. It would have to target at the districts on the lowest rungs, not be a pork barrel program for more successful districts who frankly don't need it.

But if we are willing to do whatever it takes, we could indeed get it done.

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Ready or not, it's time to say goodbye

Last night, a fine drizzle of rain lashed out as I headed to the Novi Expo Center for an election night party. The celebration by members of a committee promoting the road bond was rather low-key by previous Novi election night standards. However, I wasn't heading over to have a good time, but to say goodbye to local people gathered there.

Because after 11 years working for the Novi News, my last day here is tomorrow. I'm moving over to be editor of the "Rochester Clarion Eccentric," part of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. The decision is largely economic.

Because it isn't easy to leave Novi. At the Expo Center I remembered other election nights here. Novi politics were colorful - and that is an understatement - in the days when I covered the beat as a reporter. The champagne was flowing freely when Kathy McAllen won her first term as mayor. I recalled seeing the holes worn into the soles of the shoes of another young council member, Tim Pope, after pounding the pavement in his first race for local office. Then, there was the post-race story I wrote on another council member and her wild collection of hats - Carol Mason.

Nancy Cassis was at the Expo Center on Tuesday, celebrating her handy reelection to state representative. With that outcome pretty much expected, the scene wasn't quite as jubilant as when I sat next to Nancy while she was first sworn-in on the capitol floor as Novi's first state representative in over a 100-year.

Working for the Novi News, I've seen celebrity types breeze through - Barbara Bush; Frigie, Duchess of York; Jack Kevoorkian; Hillary Clinton, when she still had a Southern accent. (I found Dr. Jack to be the most charming.) Fellow reporter Wendy Pierrman Mitzel and I turned down a chance for an exclusive interview with

an out-of-state governor named George W. Bush. No local angle, we thought.

Novi has more than its full share of interesting people, not least among them Art Cervi, formerly Boss The Clown, and Bob Stewart, one of the last surviving Marchitons from "The Wizard of Oz." The city also owns the Novi Special. How many Michigan towns are so touched by electricity?

Other newspapers may print stories contending that Novi has no central core and no sense of community, but I know otherwise. I witnessed hundreds of residents turn out to build the Tim Pope Memorial Playstructure and more recently, many concerned citizens of all ages gathering for the backbreaking labor of refurbishing the Furst Farm.

But one of my favorite local scenes was so simple, so sweet. Once a resident took me out on Walked Lake on her boat and I was able to fling bread crumbs to a gathering of baby swans and their parents - a moment of stunning beauty.

Of course, it's always people you remember most and I'm grateful to those residents of Novi who let me into their lives. Journalists, unlike doctors, do not take an oath to do no harm. Inevitably, people are hurt by what we write. To those I have injured, I am sorry. To those who have tolerated my questions, my invasion of their privacy, I thank you.

Through the years, I've not just seen some interesting characters grace the halls of local government. Our newroom also has been a case study in eccentricity - extreme eccentricity. Today, we have one of the sanest, most dedicated and finest groups of people I've seen on the company payroll and even they find it necessary for a healthy work environment to suspend a large stuffed snowman from the ceiling of the newroom. (Don't ask.) The truth is, I will miss you all very much, both the Novi community and my office community. But it's time to say good-bye.

Jan Jeffres is editor of the Novi News until 5 p.m. on Nov. 10.

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Jet's Pizza rolls out new location

BY ANDREW DIETDERICH
Staff Writer

A new pizza joint plans to fly into Northville Township and land near the intersection of Five Mile Road and Haggerty Road by Dec. 1. Jet's Pizza will open at 40420 Five Mile Road in the location of the former restaurant, Pizzeria Bella. Bob Dancer, owner of the Jet's, said the location is ideal. "It's a very good spot," he said. "Simply because of the fact it's surrounded by houses in Northville Township, Plymouth Township and part of Livonia." Dancer said there appears to be a high interest in the restaurant. "We've had a number of people walk in since we've been in there cleaning up asking when we are going to open," Dancer said. He plans to open by Dec. 1. Dancer said there is some remodeling work to be done before the store opens to meet the Jet's franchise floor plan requirements. Additionally, Dancer said he needs to hire between 10 to 15 people at the store. Dancer, who also owns the Jet's Pizza at 1053 Novi Road in the city of Northville, said the new restaurant will look different from his other store. "It'll be completely different due to the way the store is laid out," he

said. "I'll look even nicer." Jet's will be the second new restaurant to open in Northville Township in as many months. The first was Major Tooty's, 43333 Seven Mile Road, which opened in late October in the location of the former Woody Bully's. Laurie Marrs, director of the Northville Chamber of Commerce, said the new restaurants could be indicative of a change in eating habits for township residents. "It may be because there is a real need for more restaurants," Marrs said. "More and more people are dining out and getting carry out." Additionally, she said Jet's will feed the need for more pizza places in the Northville area. "There are not a lot of pizza places in the Northville area," Marrs said, "and Jet's has a fabulous reputation."

Hours of the new Jet's will be 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. On Sundays, the restaurant will be open from noon to 10 p.m. Delivery will be available.

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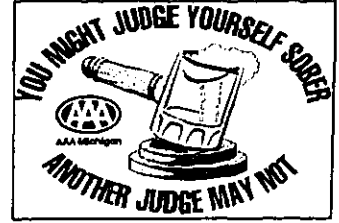
Historic well closed due to E. Coli

BY ANDREW DIETDERICH
Staff Writer

All is not well with one of the city of Northville's most historic landmarks. The city's well has been temporarily closed due to the discovery of the bacteria *Escherichia coli*, or E. Coli. In the water, said Jim Gallogly, city of Northville director of public works. The discovery was part of a routine test of the well water done every three months. "We test the well every three months and the most recent test found bacteria present," said Gary Word, city of Northville manager. Gallogly said two separate tests found E. Coli present in the water. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency website indicates "the presence of E. Coli in water is a strong indication of recent sewage or animal waste contamination."

"When these waters are used as sources of drinking water and the water is not treated or inadequately treated, E. Coli may end up in drinking water," the agency website said. Gallogly said the source of the well is about 100 feet below the surface. Originally, the well was fed by an artesian spring, but when that became contaminated, the new well was drilled. "Since the well is a source of drinking water, the state requires quarterly testing," Gallogly said. The most recent test turned up E. Coli. As a result, a follow-up test was done, which also indicated a presence of the bacteria. "Because of the findings, the well was chlorinated. The process includes taking the top off the well and "dousing the whole system" with chlorine. A third test followed the chlorinating of the system and was conducted Nov. 6. Results are due today. "If the tests don't find any E. Coli, the well could be reopened next week. Gallogly said he wasn't sure if there is a connection between the E. Coli discovery and the large area of pollution east of the well. "I'm not saying there is not a connection," he said. "We just don't know. It potentially might be something serious."

A Michigan Department of Environmental Quality report on the contaminated area east of the well said "recent data also indicates that the Rotary Club's nearby drinking water well may be hydraulically connected to the contaminated aquifer."



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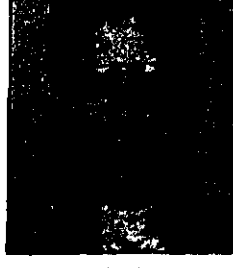
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Deer in the headlights

Rash of car accidents fatal to wildlife

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front of his vehicle. The deer was killed on impact, but the man did not suffer any significant injuries. Then, at 6:40 p.m., a Novi man, 34, struck a deer on southbound Beck Road just north of Twelve Mile Road. The man's vehicle was damaged but did not need to be towed. There was no account of what happened to the deer. Fifteen minutes after the second incident (6:55 p.m.), a Westland teen, 16, struck a deer on eastbound Eight Mile Road after the deer bolted from the north end of the street. The deer struck the teen's driver side and then ran southward after the accident. Department of Natural Resources Deer Specialist John Urban said he was in the prime time for deer herd movement and automobile bumper shop revenue increases. And hazards of deer on the road are just as dangerous as icy pavement or rain.

"We need to alert motorists that there is a high occurrence of accidents in October, November and December," Urban said. "There are a number of reasons for the accidents. First, the deer are breeding and the bucks are out looking for doe. What the bucks are doing is getting the herds all stirred up." Urban said that the problem of deer running into the road is not only connected with the breeding season. "Deer have paths they follow are important, and if those paths are cut-off by even one house, it can change those herding patterns," Urban said.

There were also two deer struck on October 30. The first incident occurred at about 3 a.m. when a 22-year-old Novi woman struck a deer that sprang in front of her car along eastbound Pontiac Trail near Pousmouth Drive. The woman told police that it happened too fast and she was not able to avoid hitting the deer. The other incident happened around 8:30 p.m. when a Novi woman struck a deer as she traveled eastbound on Thirteen Mile just east of Novi Road. No human injuries were reported.

There have been no human fatalities, or major injuries, related to the accidents. According to Urban, many deer that are hit and flee the scene could run off and die at other locations. Estimates of damage to motor vehicles are well into the tens of thousands, according to reports on the estimated number of accidents, according to the DNR.

Northville Schools

CHANGING THE GRADE

Middle school parents will notice a change in their child's report cards beginning with the end of the first marking period early in November.

Along with some changes in the language of the remarks on the report card, there is also a change in the citizenship grades. Most schools are going to a three point system in which "1" is excellent, "2" is average and "3" is poor. There will also be A-E letter grades in the academics and band classes. All other elective classes will be graded with a "S" for satisfactory or an "U" for unsatisfactory for the first marking period.

This is due to the amount of time spent with the students by the first report card is handed out. At the middle school level, all of the elective classes except band meet every other day. This means that elective teachers have met with these students approximately 23 times while the academic and band classes are closer to 48 sessions. Elective A-E grades will appear on the January report card and will account for the full class. The same grading for the elective classes will be used on the March report card during the second semester. Final letter grades will appear in June.

MOMS ADD SPIRIT
The annual holiday party sponsored by the Life Members of the Northville Mothers' Club will be held Dec. 2. All proceeds of the fundraiser goes to Northville High School students seeking scholarship help.

ALTERNATIVE LEARNING
The Northville Public Schools are now accepting parent referrals for the third through fifth grade alternative learning programs for students (ALPS) program for the 2001-2002 school year. ALPS is the gifted magnet program housed at Amerman Elementary School. It also has continued program options available at Hillside and Meads Mill Middle Schools. Nomination forms are available in the elementary school offices only and must be completed and returned to the ALPS office at the Northville Public Schools Board of Education Office, 501 West Main Street, Room 310, Northville, MI 48167. The deadline to return referrals is 4 p.m. on November 22. More information may be obtained by calling ALPS Facilitator Nancy Schieb at (248) 344-8442.



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Board delays buying Bosco farm Asian, American seniors to mingle

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second step is to execute the option which would total \$8.5 million.

The board now has until November 15 to make a final decision.

With the board now holding a special meeting on November 8 to address the purchase of the property, a decision could be made then.

"I see the possibility of a second high school and the purchase of the Bosco property as two separate issues," said Board Treasurer Julie Abrams.

"I think it's a good idea to buy land anyway in case we need it. This is a good piece of property at a

good price." Board Trustee Bruce Bagdady said he was troubled by the matter and felt the land would only be fully utilized if a second high school was constructed.

"I think we're taking an awful big gamble when we have to spend \$8.5 million of the public's money for land we might not even use," he said.

Board Secretary Ann Newton said it's impossible to know what the future holds and that she doesn't want to see the district to be short-changed.

"We need to plan for the future and I don't want to miss this opportunity," she said.

Kortlandt said he is all for planning ahead, but without current direction from the committee surrounding the future of the high school, he couldn't support it.

Further, Kortlandt supported keeping the students connected, no matter how large or small the district is.

Abrams said this wasn't the time or the place for the board to discuss whether the district needs a second high school or not and said they should wait for the results of the final Blue Ribbon report.

Board President Carol Elfring was not present.

Board Vice President John Balagna said he would like the dis-

trict to further investigate future land appraisals if the district should need to sell the Bosco property and to have these appraisals ready on November 8.

According to an appraiser hired by the district, they could expect to sell the Bosco property at \$7.27 million — \$1.5 million dollars less than the purchase price.

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From 11-12 p.m., Asian and American seniors will meet in an informal setting to learn English and exchange information about cultures with the Cross Cultural Conversation seminar. Language is no barrier and volunteers are welcome.

Then at 12:30 p.m., have some fun while playing Mah-jongg, a Chinese board game.

The program will be held at the Novi Civic Center located on 10 Mile Road. For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at (248) 347-0400.

Ex-con arrested in Novi

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had not done. According to the U.S. Marshal Service, Brown allegedly had been using fake identification (ID) cards to scam the company. Brown would get Labor Ready to issue him payment slips for each fake I.D. He would then convince whomever he was working for to sign both slips.

Described as a "classic con man," Brown was initially doing time for impersonating a police officer and being a felon in possession of a gun. Brown was sent to Morgantown Prison on May 19.

"He turned up missing on a institution count," Morgantown Prison spokesperson Chris Pulice said. "He was on work detail at the time but was not outside of the compound."

Pulice said that the facility in West Virginia is a minimum security prison and there are no walls surrounding the grounds, although the prison does employ armed security and an electric fence.

Marshals captured Brown after he showed up at the Labor Ready to turn in more fake pay slips around 1 p.m. that day. When Brown showed up, he was immediately placed into custody.

According to the Marshal service, Brown was driving a stolen car that was to be confiscated by the Warren police.

Randal Yakey is a staff writer for the Novi News. His e-mail address is ryakey@ht.homecom.net.

Campaign honors U.S. WWII veterans

The O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi is taking a leadership role in helping to build the Registry of Remembrance, an important aspect of a national campaign honoring those people, civilian and military, who helped win World War II.

The Registry is associated with the National World War II Memorial to be constructed in Washington, D.C. on a 7.4 acre site on the mall between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial. Groundbreaking for the new memorial is on Veterans Day, Saturday, Nov. 11.

There is no charge for someone to submit the name of a relative or friend for the Registry who served our country during World War II, whether on the battlefield or the home front. However, gifts from interested citizens to help build the memorial will be accepted at the O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi and forwarded to the National World War II memorial campaign.

"World War II veterans are dying at a rate of roughly 1,000 per day. We are proud to help fill the rolls of the Registry of Remembrances with those names, as well as those of surviving veterans and others who helped with local scrap drives or other efforts to help win the war," said John J. O'Brien, Korean War veteran and owner of the O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home.

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Jim Cowie in traditional dress while staying with Tuareg nomads in the Moroccan Sahara.

Travelin' man

He's around the world every 80 days or so

BY JAN JEFFRES
Editor

The U.S. government issues a passport as a ten-year document. Many, if not most, passport holders, will never use all of the pages available for customs stamps and visas in a decade.

Jim Cowie runs through a passport in three years. Once overseas, Cowie may travel by bus, but he will not be found sardine-canned into an air-conditioned isolation booth with 40 other American tourists, looking at the world through tinted glass windows.

At 60, he travels on a budget of about \$30 a day, well out of the range of Sheraton-class resorts. He prefers to find accommodation in youth hostels at \$6 to \$20 a night. As a backpacker, Cowie's mode of travel could be a crowded local bus, a train, a bicycle-rickshaw or he could just stick out his thumb and hope for a ride.

He's been to so many countries that he's lost count.

"The story's as big as the earth. I've been virtually to all points of the earth," he said.

Sahara Desert? Been there, done

that. Traveled by camel, stayed in a Tuareg nomad's tent. Amazon River? Slept in a hammock on a small river boat heading downstream.

What keeps Cowie moving is not logging in the sights he's seen, although he can count the Taj Mahal among them. His is truly a case of the journey, not the destination, matters.

"I fly into one place and I fly out of another place. The adventure lies between the two points," he said.

"The adventure is I have no plan between my point of arrival and my point of departure."

Cowie, who owns Anne's Crafts in downtown Northville, is a former college professor who now teaches painting classes at the family business. He moved to Northville as a fourth grader and his first big trip was hitchhiking from Northville to Niles, Michigan, to visit an uncle. He was 16 at the time.

Recent trips include heading in December 1999 to the last point of land in South America, Tierra del Fuego, a habitat for penguins. In September he followed the path of James Clavell's novel, "Shogun" in Japan, then headed to

Korea. He spent much of his time in Japan moving fast, to outrun a typhoon.

Cowie mostly travels alone because his wife, Shirley Anne, prefers nice hotels in destinations such as England, France and Scotland. And he can't find many people here who would like to join him in a backpacking trip, although he did take his young adult children with him to India three years ago. Mostly,

he meets his companions on the road. As he travels, Cowie encounters many wanderers on the world's backroads, but few of them are Americans. But British, Australian, Israeli and Japanese travelers share his basic backpacker's style.

Americans have less of a desire for adventure, Cowie said, "because they believe everything they are told...about the dangers of other places."

"You go to Jamaica as a tourist and the hotel owners tell you don't leave the hotel compound, it's dangerous," he explained.

"When I got to Jamaica, I'll never see a white face. That's my Jamaica."

Americans are also, he added, "locked into a system."

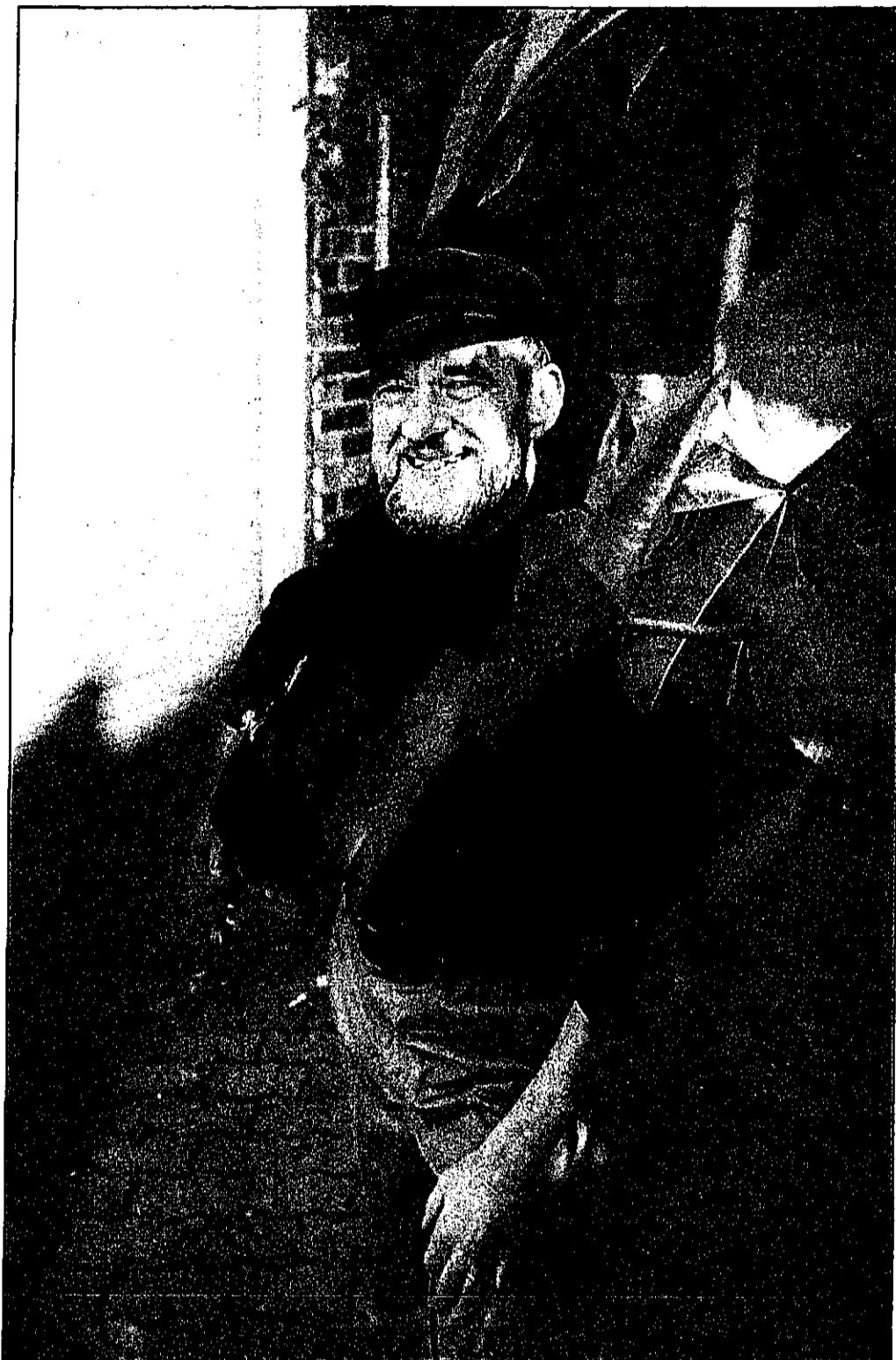


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Jim Cowie has brought back a few things with him from his travels abroad including this castor plant - which is growing in a Northville alley near his shop - from the Amazon.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Cowie hitchhiked across Chile and stopped to rest along a freeway outside Santiago, as pictured here.

"Every man gets a couple of weeks off and then he has to fix his roof," Cowie said.

While running a business keeps him busy when he's here, Cowie is so far from locked into the system that he takes a two-week trip overseas every three months.

"I'm taking my retirement two weeks at a time. I'm taking my retirement in little pieces along the way," he said.

"I don't talk about it a lot. A lot of people don't know I do it. I disappear a lot."

While Cowie travels light, what he can't leave at home is the perspective on life he developed as a professor of sociology.

"I observe as a sociologist does. That's the way my mind is trained," he said.

He likes to wear locally-purchased clothing. A slender man, Cowie can easily blend in with the locals in most countries. He finds youth hostels "clean, safe and friendly," although the laundry tub could be a bucket of rainwater in the backyard. He eats food purchased from street vendors and finds he can live on a diet of bread, bananas and avocados.

And while he has certain places he doesn't want to miss on a trip, he doesn't plan his itinerary in advance. It's all done with no schedules, no routines.

"I usually have a final destination point, some little place that probably isn't on most

maps. I call that the end of the world," Cowie said.

"My ideal is someplace in the absolute middle of nowhere...The end of the road."

That end of the road could be a monastery in Tibet. Or it could be in North Africa.

Cowie went to Morocco to look for writer Paul Bowles, who was then alive. Instead, he made friends with a man on a bus with man of the Tuareg tribe. He traveled deep into the Sahara with him by jeep, later changing to camels at an oasis. All day and all night later, they arrived at his friend's family encampment.

"Each tent was a quarter-mile away from the next one. It was all privacy and silence. No hotels, no radios," he said.

It was, in short, that destination somewhere at the end of the world that Cowie is always seeking.

Remote places attract Cowie as an escape from the "noise and confusion of our lives."

"I supposed I've developed a tremendous tolerance, patience and understanding of people. The world is not what we think it is. To stand in other's shoes as much as that can be done is an overwhelming experience," he said.

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Analysis of life

HomeTown Authors

BY EVAN GERISH

It's about you,
And me.
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It's about intelligence,
and it's about strength.
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It's length.
It's about day and about
night,
It's about fearlessness and
about fright.
It's about the moon and
about
the sun,
It's about working and having
fun.



Evan Gerish

It's about trees and about the grass,
It's about knowing the questions asked,
It's about the cities and the country,
Life is about us,
You,
and
Me.

Evan Gerish is a fifth grader in Mrs. LaSalle's class at Amerman Elementary in Northville.

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- 4.) Every piece submitted must have this form stapled to the front.
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- 6.) We'd also like a parent or guardian to sign your form.
- 7.) Mail your story, signed form and photo to:

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Northville, MI 48167

Author's name: _____ Age or Grade _____
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Address (includes street, city and zip code): _____
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Teacher: _____

WHAT'S IN HIS BACKPACK?

Jim Cowie travels light, with one small back pack, weighing 25 pounds, that fits under an airplane seat.

Here's what he stows in it:

- two changes of clothing;
- one pair of light boots;
- toiletries, including a small plastic bottle of waterless hand sanitizer;
- a monk's robe from Tibet as a blanket;
- a silk sleeping bag made in India;
- the appropriate Lonely Planet travel guide;
- a 1987 copy of the Thomas Cook Overseas Timetable for railroad and bus schedules;
- one week's worth of food, a dehydrated grain mix he prepares himself;
- a travel journal;
- a camera; and
- one good luck tassel, given to him by a friend in Jamaica, with which he festoons his pack.

INTERNET TRAVELS

There are many Websites now that can plan trips, show you foreign lands and where you can buy airfare.

www.Kasbah.com is a travel search engine that boasts 150,000 travel sites from 230

countries. At www.priceline.com, www.travelocity.com and www.travel.com.hk/ they all offer airfare rates, car rentals and cruise prices. Also, www.lonelyplanet.com offers guides to exotic vacations, survival books and safari trips.

Novi Highlights

Bereavement Ministry

This is a monthly support group facilitated by Michael M. Meyer (D-Minn.) at the Novi Civic Center, from 7:30-9 p.m. With the holidays approaching, many come because they know it is a difficult time due to the expectations of family and society.

The last two Novi Bereavement support meetings of the year will be Nov. 21 and Dec. 5 at the mayor's Conference Room. Both meetings will provide practical insights for coping with the holidays. The one in December will have a brief candlelight memorial as part of the meeting.

These meetings have been held for the past 13 years and one meeting that drew the largest attendance was titled, "Will I ever be happy again?"

One recent change in perspective has been the result of the Oklahoma bombing. A number of bereavement specialists have stated that for some, there may never be an end to their pain. No "closure." Perhaps some will be able to move on; others will not.

A support group offers those in such a situation the opportunity to meet and gain insight and support from one another's experience of losing someone they love, whether it is a spouse, a child, a sibling,

relative, or a friend. It is not uncommon for Dr. Meyer to suggest other resources for which special needs. He has sought through the monthly meetings to reassure folks that it's OK to take your time to grieve and "let go," while fully owning the fact that each loss is unique. It has become clear that there are certain common denominators to the grieving process and this helps the individual.

This is an after-care program and service for the community. Everyone is welcome, whether it be a recent loss or sometime in the past.

Novi Chamber of Commerce A new-member reception was held Nov. 1 at Walsh College, welcoming not only current new members but members who were unable to attend previous receptions. Also in attendance were chamber ambassadors and staff available to answer any questions and relay information regarding the benefits of being a member of the chamber. This meeting also provided members to network with each other.

The final "Lunch and Learn" seminar sponsored by the Business Education Committee will be held Nov. 16 at 1 p.m. at the Novi Expo Center. Committee member and attorney Gary Antkes, Howard &

Howard P.C. will discuss "Preventing Sexual and Unlawful Harassment." The cost of \$20 will include a box lunch; reservations are to be in by Nov. 10.

Some items for discussion will include: How to prevent an unlawful hostile work environment; How to avoid sexual harassment employer liability; the United States Supreme court's new definitions of "unlawful" and "sexual harassment"; plus other topics. Blair Bowman, Novi Expo Center and chairman of the board of directors will speak at the chamber luncheon on Tuesday, Nov. 21 at Embassy Suites in Livonia. Bowman will present a "Year in Review" in addition to the chamber's accomplishments during this past year as well as a projected look to 2001. Also, there will be a kick-off of the "Holiday Shopping Spree Raffle."

Future programs include: a seminar by the Novi Police Department about businesses preparing for the holiday season; the FBI, Secret Service and Novi Police Department will explain how to detect credit card fraud, check fraud and counterfeit money at the Nov. 21 meeting held at the Novi Expo Center, from 5-8 p.m. In cooperation with the Novi Goodfellows, the chamber is

encouraging members to bring canned goods, blankets, hats, gloves and new unwrapped toys, all of which will be given to needy families at Christmas time.

Novi United Methodist Church Auction 2000 will be held at the church Nov. 18. Church families are encouraged to invite their friends to attend this fundraiser. Tickets are \$20 and will include a dinner of prime rib and chicken Rehearsals for the Christmas Cantata are held on Wednesdays, from 8-9 p.m. and more vocalists are needed for the Chancel Choir. This year's Christmas Cantata is titled, "Majesty of Christmas."

Novi Newcomers and Neighbors Membership continues to grow, with families from Ohio and Virginia recently joining the group. The location of November's general meeting was changed from Kitchen Glamour to the home of member Vickie Bakunias. Mary Brady, owner/chief of Diamond Jim Brady's of Novi presented a video dealing with the subject of "Art on the Run" will be guesting for Ladies Craft Night. Those attending will get a jump on their holiday decorations and those giving, such as hand-painted glass ornaments or vases. The program

will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center. Class size will be limited so reservations should be made early.

NNV will once again be participating in Church of the Holy Family's Christmas Angels Project by sponsoring a family of seven: mother, father, and five children. The Civics Committee has made arrangements and requests all gifts in by Dec. 8. Gift suggestions are available upon request. The club will also be a part of Hudson's volunteer shoppers. This project helps the NNV treasury and provides special coupons for Christmas shopping to those who participate.

The Novi Parks and Recreation Department is asking for volunteers to help serve beverages for the Light Up the Holidays celebration during the Christmas season. This year's event titled, "Holidays Around the World" will take place at Novi Middle School. The list of interest groups continues to grow, the latest one being "Discover Detroit." More information is available by calling president Debbie Sundeen.

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

Northville Seniors

The staff at the Northville Senior Center at 215 W. Cady Street coordinates the following services and activities for seniors age 50 and older. For more information or to register for an activity, call (248) 349-4140.

SERVICES
• Newsletter
The senior newsletter is a monthly publication filled with information on senior citizen activities, trips, and services. You can pick up a newsletter at the Senior Center or receive it monthly by mail for an annual contribution of \$7.

Telephone Reassurance (Telecare)
Homebound residents can receive a daily telephone call or an occasional call to check on their well-being or to talk to someone free of charge. Please call the Senior Center to register.

Blood Pressure Screening
Come get your blood pressure checked free of charge. Held at the Senior Center on the second Monday of the month, from 1:30-3 p.m. by Westland Convalescence Center and the fourth Monday of the month, noon to 2 p.m. by St. Mary's Hospital.

Focus: HOPE
Food distribution is usually the fourth Friday of every month, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Senior Center. However, due to a conflict with the upcoming holiday, distribution will be on Nov. 17.

Senior Services Directory
The Northville Senior Center has created a directory of services available to senior citizens. The directory includes information on support programs, health and medical services, available housing, organizations providing financial assistance and much more. Please stop by the Senior Center to pick up your free copy today. Funding for this directory was provided by the Oakland County Community Development

Block Grant Program.)

TRANSPORTATION
• **Bus Service for Local Shopping Trips**
Tuesdays: Meijer, Kohl's, Target and local banks.
Fridays: Former Jack/Hiller's or Shopping Center Market/Busch's (alternating Fridays).
Bus begins pickup at 9:30 a.m. from your home. Cost is \$2. Call the Senior Center for reservations 24 hours in advance.

• **Bus Service for Movies, Lunch and Shopping at the Mall Twice a Month**
The senior bus goes to AMC 20 and Laurel Park Mall for an afternoon (noon to 4 p.m.) of movies, lunch and shopping. The days scheduled are the second and fourth Monday of the month. Pick-up will begin from your home after 12 p.m. or the MAGS parking lot at noon. Cost is \$2. Please call to make reservations.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES
• **Card Playing**
Join us for cards at the Senior Center. Enjoy several hours of fun for just \$1. The schedule is as follows: Bridge, Wednesdays, 12:15 to 3:30 p.m.; Pinochle, Mondays and Thursdays, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.; beginning Pinochle on Tuesdays, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

• **Detroit Symphony Orchestra**
Northville Senior Center has reserved tickets to various concerts throughout the season. Tickets to Classical Coffee Concerts are \$28 for residents and \$35 for non-residents. Upcoming concerts include: Broadway Concert on Nov. 16, Bach and Handel, Dec. 1, and Home for the Holidays on Dec. 7. Tickets to Pops Concerts are \$34 for residents, \$41 for non-residents, from 10-11 a.m. There is no charge. Registration is necessary.

• **Grandparents Raising Grandchildren**
Join us for our next support

group meeting for grandparents who are involved in the care giving of their grandchildren or kin. Meet at the Senior Center on Wednesday, Nov. 9 from 7:30 p.m. For additional information or to register, please call the Senior Center at (248) 349-4140.

• **Windsor Casino Trip**
Join us as we head to the Windsor Casino on Wednesday, Nov. 15. Depart from MAGS at 9 a.m. and return approximately at 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$22 (\$15 meal coupon included.) Stop by the Senior Center to register.

• **Dinner at the Common Grill in Chelsea**
Join us for dinner at the Common Grill in Chelsea on Thursday, Nov. 30. Bus will leave from MAGS at 4:30 p.m. Cost for transportation is \$4 payable to the driver. Please call the Senior Center to register.

• **The Northville Central Business Association**
HomeTown Holiday Lighted Parade
Join us in kicking off the holiday season with a ride on our senior bus in the Northville HomeTown Lighted Parade at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 17 or just come to the Senior Center from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for hot chocolate, donuts and caroling. Please call the Senior Center to register.

SENIOR CENTER TRIPS
• **Nov. 15, Mt. Pleasant**
Cost is \$25. (Incentive \$15/2 for 1 coupon and \$5 meal) for residents.
• **Nov. 27, Soaring Eagle and Frankenmuth**
Cost is \$26 (Incentive \$15 coin back and \$5 meal) for residents. Depart 7 a.m. and return at 7:30 p.m.
• **Nov. 29, The Rockettes and Lunch**
Cost is \$90 for residents.

• **Thanksgiving Lunch**
Join us for a wonderful Thanksgiving lunch and entertainment at the Parks and Recreation Meeting Room. Cost is \$8. Please stop by the Senior Center to register.

• **Crafts with Winnie**
Come to our next craft class with Winnie on Thursday, Nov. 16 at 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center. Our next craft project will be a Christmas wreath. Cost is \$7 plus supplies. Please register at the Senior Center.

• **Needle Crafters Group**
Are you working on a project and would you like some company? Join us at the Senior Center on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, from 10-11 a.m. There is no charge. Registration is necessary.

• **SENIOR FITNESS**
• **Senior Drop-In Morning Volleyball for co-ed adults 65**

CHURCH DIRECTORY

For information regarding rates call The Northville Record or Novi News (248)349-1700

Table with columns for church names and addresses. Includes: GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE, CHURCH OF TODAY WEST (Unity), OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH, NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, WORLD HARVEST CHURCH, FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PRAISE CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD, CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL, OAK POINTE CHURCH, CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH, ST. ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, HOLY ASCENSION CATHOLIC CHURCH, COMMUNITY UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS, UNIVERSALIST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF FARMINGTON.

Arts & Crafts and Holiday Bazaar Directory

Home For The Holidays Farmington High School's 11th Annual Arts and Craft Show. 125+ crafters • \$2 Admission • Door prizes November 11th • 10am-4:30pm 32000 Shawwassee Farmington, MI 48336 For more information call: Susan Nickels at (248) 476-9674

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Engagements



Ponagai-Fischer

Witsaman-McGuire

Martin and Linda McGuire of Novi and Dawn and Steven Harkness of South Lyon announce the engagement of their son, Gregory Paul McGuire, to Kimberly Ann Witsaman, daughter of Michael and Carol Witsaman of Holt.

Birth



Charles Lee-Rossing



Helping out

Nathan Drake, 11, of Northville helps bag groceries for citizens who get food from Civic Concern. He is home schooled and volunteers. On October 27, the Northville Eagles 2504 donated \$2,500 to Civic Concern for supplies and food. Director of Civic Concern, Marlene Kunz said the need of local citizens is greater this year.

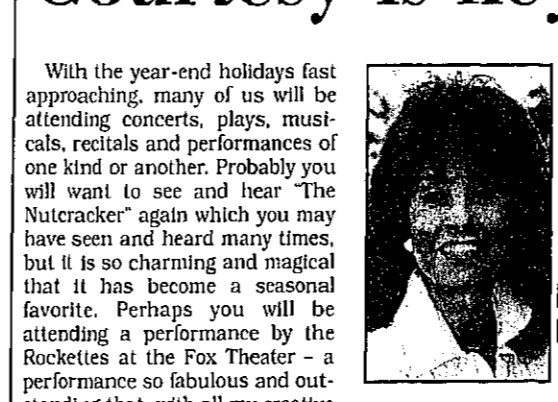
In Service

Marine Corps Pvt. Jacqueline A. Bycratt, daughter of Leigh Barber of Brighton and Paul Bycratt of Novi, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC.

Religion

Dr. Matthew Rossing and Heather Lee announce the birth of their son, Charles Russell Lee-Rossing, born Sept. 9 at 9:03 a.m. in University Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio. He weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches in length.

Courtesy is key at theatres



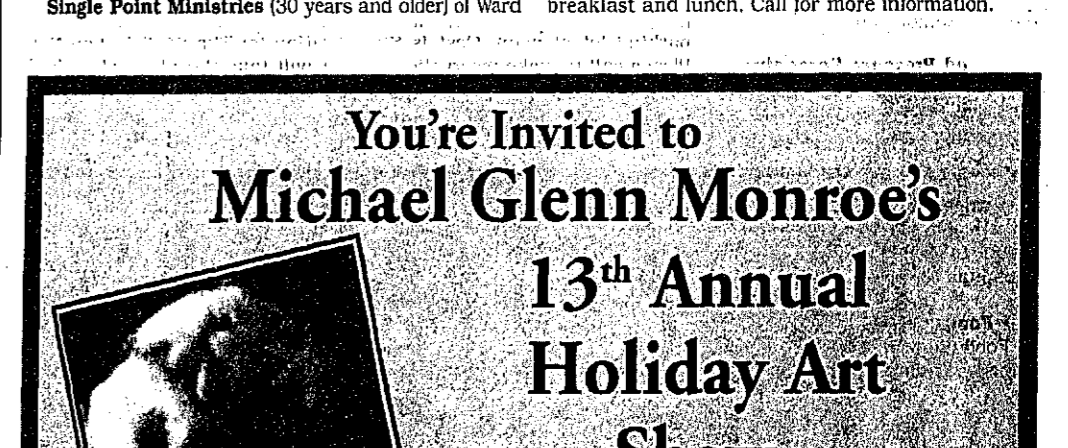
Margit Erickson

With the year-end holidays fast approaching, many of us will be attending concerts, plays, musicals, recitals and performances of one kind or another. Probably you will want to see and hear "The Nutcracker" again which you may have seen and heard many times.

enters the row first, followed by the two women and finally the other man. "Excuse me, please" is the courteous thing to say when having to disturb anyone in order to get to or leave your seat.

You're Invited to Michael Glenn Monroe's 13th Annual Holiday Art Show

Saturday, November 11 10am-7pm Sunday, November 12 10am-3pm St. Paul's Episcopal Church Downtown Brighton overlooking the Mill Pond



Michael will be showcasing many new originals and prints. He will be selling the originals from 2 of the children's books he illustrated this year.

A highlight at this year's show will be "A Wish to be a Christmas Tree," a book Michael's wife, Colleen wrote, and he illustrated. They will both be signing their book during the show.

CHRISTMAS TREE DIRECTORY

It's that time of year again! We will be publishing our Christmas Tree Directory. The standard size is that of a 2x2 classified ad. The directory will run between November 19 and December 21, 2000, (according to volume of advertisers) in The Livingston County Daily Press & Argus, South Lyon Herald, Milford Times, Northville Record & Novi News.

Too Many Kittens To Feed Place an ad in the Classified to find them a new home

Community Events

COMMISSION MEETING

RESCHEDULED
The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission meeting scheduled for Nov. 9 has been re-scheduled for Nov. 16 at 7:30 p.m. If there are any questions, please call (248) 347-0400.

SPECIAL SCHOOLS MEETING

The Novi School Board will hold a special meeting on Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. to discuss the purchase of land. The meeting will be held in the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road. The public is encouraged to attend. For more information, call (248) 419-1200.

SENIOR VOLLEYBALL FOR CIDS 50 and over

Do you want to look young, think young, and feel young? Get rid of that sedentary feeling. Put those muscles to work. Come out and play volleyball. All levels of play welcome. Come make new friends or bring along your buddies. Most Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fee is \$1.

For more information, call Northville Parks and Recreation at (248) 349-0263.

Are you dreading the upcoming holiday season? Do you wish the calendar would jump from today to Jan. 27? Does your family expect you to do everything the same? Does the idea of shopping for gifts overwhelm you?

If you answered yes to all of the questions, you can benefit from attending the "Hope For The Holidays" seminar. We can't stop the holidays from happening, but we can help provide you with some ideas that will help you get through them. We hope you will attend Nov. 16, from 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 201 Elm Street, Northville. The seminar is free and there is no need to register. Feel free to invite your friends and family members who might benefit. This

seminar is being conducted by the New Hope Center for Grief Support and sponsored by Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville.

NORTHVILLE GARDEN CLUB

Starting at 11 a.m. Nov. 6, members and guests will be making bows and clustering pine cones for the Christmas Greens Mart. If you are interested in helping with this endeavor, it's a fun time filled with friendly conversation and lunch. We'll gather at the Mill Race Historic Village and work until 2 p.m.

QUESTIONS? Call Charlotte Link (248) 349-8111 or Yvonne DeMatos (248) 348-1946.

REC DEPT. TO HOLD USED SPORTS EQUIPMENT SALE

Clear out your closets. The former Ski and Sport Sale is back with a new look. The Northville Recreation Center will hold a one-day sale on all types of usable sports equipment and clothing on Saturday, Nov. 11, from 9 a.m. to noon. Bring your used sports equipment - golf, tennis, soccer, baseball, football, equestrian, skiing, skating, hockey, etc. - and then look for great deals from someone else's equipment.

AUTUMN QUILT SHOW

The Autumn Quilt Show will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Northville, 777 W. Eight Mile (at Taft) on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 10 and 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sponsoring the event is the Northville United Methodist Women Club.

Quilt show focal points: Two hundred displays in sanctuary and lounge (\$30 donation to view quilts); written and verbal quilt appraisals. The appraisals will identify the quilt design, approximate date it was made, and care and repair of the quilt, among other things. There will also be a silent auction and a luncheon served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (cost: \$5).

MARKET PLACE with quilt-related vendors (quilted from sweatshirt jackets, quilted table runners, placemats and napkins, fabric gift baskets, quilt notions, matrie

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Adopt-a-Manatee offers unique Christmas idea

Adopt-a-Manatee for someone special this holiday season and you'll see that good things do come in big packages. You can't bring the manatee home for the holidays, but Save the Manatee Club will send an adoption certificate, a photo and biography of a manatee, and a personalized holiday gift card - all for a \$20 annual individual membership. In addition, adoptive "parents" receive a newsletter that features updates on their manatee throughout the year, and a membership

handbook featuring manatee photos and information. Proceeds from the Adopt-a-Manatee program go toward conservation efforts to protect endangered manatees and their habitat.

It's hard to resist the charm of these huge, slow-moving marine mammals with their whiskered snouts. Although they average about 10 feet in length and weigh about 1,000 pounds, manatees are gentle animals. Avid eaters of aquatic plants, they spend much of their

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A morning session from 10 a.m. to noon will be held and an afternoon session from 1-3 p.m. Children in grades 1-6 are invited to participate to make handmade Christmas gifts for the special people on their list. Enrollment will be accepted starting at 6 p.m. Nov. 3 for Historical Society members at 218 W. Dunlap. Non-Historical Society members may register starting at 6 p.m. Registration will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Enrollment fee is \$12 per child for Historical

Society members, \$14 for Non-Historical Society members. A \$2 rebate is given if you bring in a 1lb. 10 oz. coffee can with both ends off. For more information, call Bill or Carol Jean Stockhausen at (248) 349-2853.

HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS FROM NCBA

The Northville Central Business Association presents Hometown Holidays in downtown Northville at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 17. The annual lighted parade will feature Santa, who will be escorted into town with floats, cars, horses, carriages, people, and pets. Santa will receive a key to the city at the Gazebo and welcome all the good boys and girls with their wish lists. There will also be carolers, clowns, elves and music. The parade will begin behind the rec center on Cady Street and proceed to Wing, Dunlap, Center Street and end on Main Street.

KINDERMUSIK TURKEY TROT

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COMMUNITY FOCUS

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Story tellers

Meadows, Parkview tap into creative writing juices

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
Staff Writer

Sixth graders at Novi Meadows Elementary turned into young authors last week as they learned how to sharpen their skills as writers and illustrators and publish their own books.

On Monday, October 30, the sixth graders had the chance to show off their work, as they visited second graders at Parkview Elementary, entertaining them with tales of bulles, witches, and warlocks.

Sixth grade teacher Lisa Laport said her students learned everything from proper punctuation and spacing to cover display and inside illustrations. They also learned how to print and bind their stories as well.

With K-2 as their target audience, Laport said having the opportunity to read their stories to the second graders provides her students with a goal.

"It's good because it gives the kids a definite purpose for their writing and a definite audience," she said. "They're actually doing something with stories, instead of just writing them and be done with them."

Sixth grader Nick Erickson, 11,

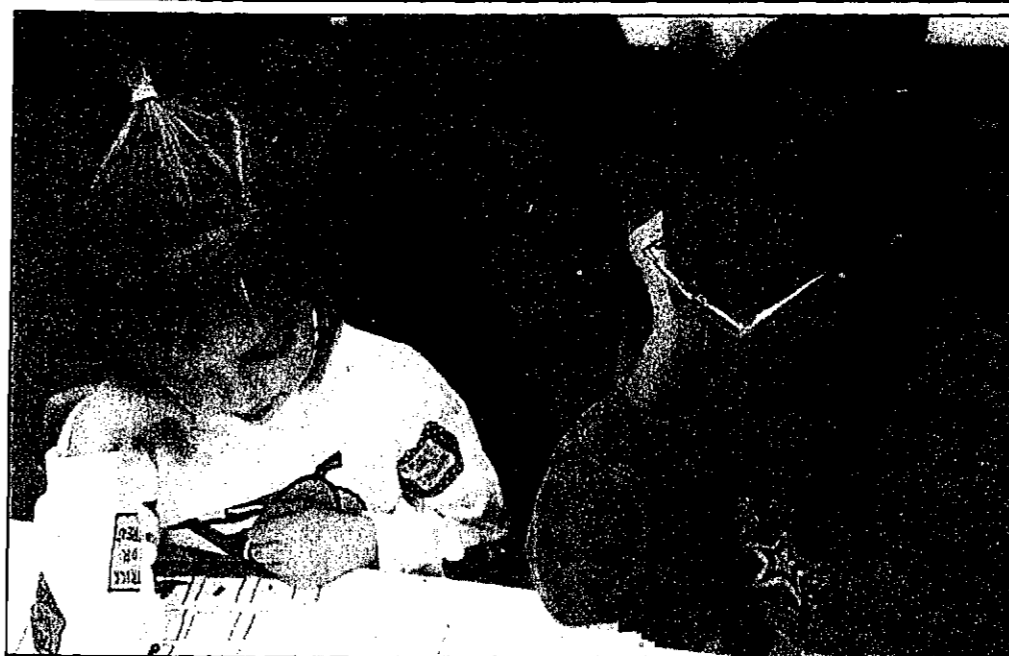


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Novi Meadows sixth grader Brittany Bartley, right, reads her story "Wendy Witch Goes to School" to Parkview student Molly Sutika Monday afternoon.

he said he really enjoyed the writing exercise and was even inspired to do more.

"It was a lot of fun," he said. "I'd like to do some more writing in the future."

Erickson said that he was even open to the possibility of making a career out of it and thought news reporting would be a great avenue to follow.

Eleven-year-old T.J. Lawton, the work's next Steven King, said he loves writing and has already written three stories of his own.

"They're pretty dark," he said, "but I have always enjoyed mysteries and scary stories."

Lawton who wrote his book entitled "Wisey the Witch" is about a witch who has to cope with unpopularly.

"The moral of the story is that being popular isn't that important in life or a significant victory,"

Lawton explained. "Just be yourself, kids will like you for who you are."

Lawton said he will definitely pursue a career in writing and said thanks to the book workshop, he learned an important lesson in writing.

"Never doubt a writer on how he writes," he said.

Sixth grader Alan St. John said he, too, learned a lot of important lessons in writing and story-telling such as indenting, spacing and grammar, as well as keeping good eye-contact with the listener.

For St. John said he drew inspiration for his story about a stolen lunch box from his own life experiences.

"I've had a lot of things stolen from me so that's how I came up with idea," he said.

Sixth grader Patrick Hafley said he thought it was cool to be able to write and create their own books

and learned that it takes a lot of detail to make a story good.

Hafley wrote his story entitled, "Billy the Bully," about a boy who goes to bully school where the rules are you had to be mean and you had to be large if you want to be a good bully.

"I love comedy, so I thought it would be a funny story," he said. "I also like to draw cartoon characters with big feet and bulging eyes so it worked perfectly with the story."

Second graders Ukyo Takeeda, Andrea Aljadar, and Kaitlyn Gordy said they really enjoyed the older kids' tales, but added that they would rather sit back, relax and listen than have to make up their own stories.

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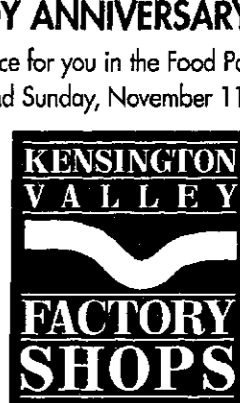
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SPORTS

Novi's three-peat spoiled by Rockford Pirates top

Toloff, Moore go 2-3, Novi takes 2nd overall

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

As anticipated, the Michigan High School Athletic Association state cross country final was a two-team meet this past Saturday.

But contrary to some beliefs, one team ran away with its first-ever boys' team title after placing four runners among the top eight.

Rockford shocked the field, including two-time defending state champion Novi, by taking home the team title with 56 team points. Novi was runnerup with 89.

"They really were amazing," Novi coach Bob Smith said. "You can trick yourself by saying they ran on an easy home course all year long, but I figured they had to be for real. They were definitely ready, they were due."

Rockford senior Dathan Ritzzenhein cruised to a record-breaking victory individually, crossing the finish line in an amazing time of 14:10.4. The time shattered former teammate Jason Hartmann's Michigan International Speedway record by 41 seconds. It was his second-straight state title.

As expected, Novi had the next two best runners in the race. Senior Chris Toloff and junior Tim Moore finished a second apart for second and third. Toloff bettered his regional time by five seconds and became the highest-finishing individual runner Novi's ever had. His time (15:05.3) was a career-

best excluding the shortened Cass Benton course at the Shamrock Invitational earlier this year.

Moore finished third for the second-straight year and medaled for the third-straight time. His time of 15:06.1 was a personal best on any course for the junior. He ran alongside Toloff for much of the race, but fell behind in the last 100 yards.

"I went out a little harder than expected, but in the end I expected to run a 15:05," he said following the race. "I wasn't paying attention to my own finish right after the race. I was really pulling for the team at that point."

It didn't matter how much pulling Moore could do, Rockford was primed for the race of its season. A trio of seniors finished fifth, seventh and eighth to all but assure the Rams of their first state championship.

Smith said he expected Rockford's threesome (Brian Smith, Joe Swendrowski and Kyle Fujimoto) to better their races from a year ago, but not by that much.

"No, I didn't expect them to finish that high," he said. "I really didn't think they'd have four guys in the top 10."

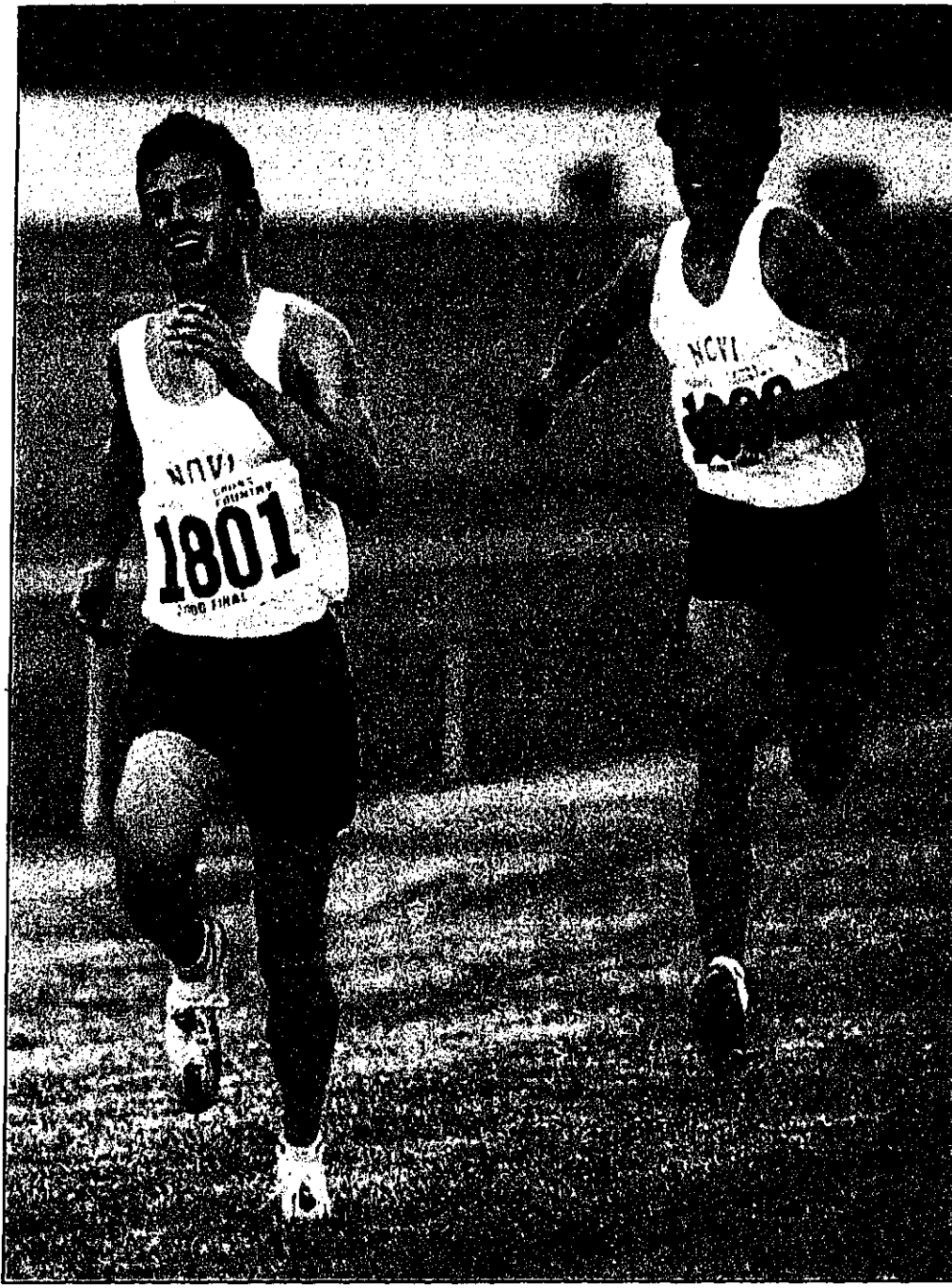
Novi's Mark Aventus was the next Wildcat to cross the finish line. The senior took 22nd overall to earn his second-straight all-state accolade.

Tim Kava and Eric Walle finished back to back at 48th and 49th, but Rockford's Phil Astras kept pace with the Novi duo and took 50th to secure the win for his team. Kava, running in his first state final, finished in a time of 16:14. Walle, who battled back from a heel injury early in the season, bettered his 1999 time by a second, but dropped 27 positions in the race.

"I'm hard pressed to find a reason for the times coming down the way they did," Smith said. "I think we all ran about as good as we have all year long. When we looked back at the guys who would be coming back from last year's final, there weren't a lot of guys who we felt would jump ahead of us."

But that's exactly what happened. Thirty runners eclipsed the 16-minute barrier at this year's final. Only 11 did last year, where the conditions were comparable to this year's.

Juniors Todd Foren and Mitch Erickson rounded out the Novi



Novi senior Chris Toloff (left) and Tim Moore cross the finish line 2-3 at the state meet Saturday.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

AMONG THE STATES BEST

Once again, the Kensington Valley Conference was well represented with five all-state runners, including three of the top four in the state.

Place	Runner	School
1	D. Ritzzenhein	Rockford
2	Chris Toloff	Novi
3	Tim Moore	Novi
4	Pat Klein	Lakeland
5	Brian Smith	Rockford
6	Matt Daly	DCC
7	J. Swendrowski	Rockford
8	Kyle Fujimoto	Rockford
9	Sean Moore	Saline
10	Blake Terhune	TCC

seven. Foren, also running in his first state final, was 86th overall in 16:29. Erickson, a member of last year's state title winner, improved on his time by a minute in finishing 109th in 16:36.

Detroit Catholic Central was third as a team with 100 points and Saline (221) and fellow Kensington Valley Conference foe Milford (229) rounded out the top five. Another KVC team, Lakeland, returned to the top 10 with a sev-

enth-place finish. "The kids are a little disappointed. To tell you the truth, they didn't want anything but first place," Smith said. "For a lot of these kids, winning is all they've known. But what they have to realize is they really accomplished something big. They gave it their best efforts and you can't ask for anything more than that."

The league was not only represented on a team level, but individ-

ually the conference asserted itself as the best in the state.

Lakeland's Pat Klein followed Toloff and Moore to cross the finish line for a fourth-place finish. Milford's Nick Kopezyk was 12th overall and along with Aventus, Howell's Matt French (18th) was yet another all-state honoree. Brighton's Kevin Glenapp finished 26th overall to medal and Lakeland's Brian Theut (31st) was just out of the running for a medal.

Blown whistle causes controversy

Novi falls to Northville 26-15, season ends at 8-3

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Novi's hopes for a Division 2 state quarterfinal appearance were dashed by an inadvertent whistle and the legs of Northville tailback Brandon Langston in a 26-15 loss to the Mustangs in the district final Saturday night.

With a little over seven minutes left in the game and Novi trailing 19-15 with the ball on the Northville 47, Novi quarterback Matt Gorman picked up three yards on a fourth and two play. But the referee ruled the play dead as one of the officials thought Gorman had handed the ball off to tailback Blake Myers. Myers was tackled a yard short of the first down and the referees spotted the ball two yards back of where Gorman had been tackled.

After discussing the play, officials turned the ball over to Northville. The Mustangs marched down the field and capped off a 54-yard drive with a 15-yard Langston touchdown, his third of the game.

The call came at possession after Northville had regained the lead on a 58-yard touchdown reception by Aaron Redden. Novi was trying to regain the momentum of the game.

"To lose a game is bad enough, but to lose it on a borderline decision like that is hard," Novi assistant coach Kralj Caurdy said. "It's a human error though, an element of the game."

Novi (8-3) trailed 12-0 at one point before scoring 15 unanswered points to take their first lead of the game with 3:55 left in the third quarter. Junior quarterback Matt Gorman hit senior Adam DeBiasi for a 24-yard touchdown and then converted the two-point conversion on a keeper. "It was just another momentum

shift in the game," Caurdy said. "I think our kids showed a lot of character out there, to come back like they did."

But the momentum quickly shifted back to Northville's favor, with the Redden touchdown and then the controversial call against Novi.

Northville scored on its first and last possessions of the first quarter. Langston scored from a yard out with 7:20 left in the quarter and again from three yards out with 3.8 ticks remaining.

He finished the game with 210 yards on 31 carries. Quarterback Drew Herpich, who hit Redden for

the long touchdown, was 5-for-6 for 103 yards.

"This is the best feeling ever, to beat Novi twice in one season," Herpich said after the game. "The play (to Redden) was just a slant over the middle, but he broke it deep and I hit him. It was probably the biggest play of the game, by far."

Novi's first touchdown came with 43.6 seconds left in the first half as Myers scored from two-yards out to pull the Wildcats to within five at 12-7. Gorman led Novi with 108 yards on the ground.

Novi head coach Tab Kellepourey was disappointed with the call on the

fourth-down play, but played it down with talks of his football team's chances in the game.

"We're disappointed, but we had other opportunities in that game to make plays. I really don't think it came down to that one play," he said. "It was really hard to get the momentum back. But we understand (officiating) is a part of the game."

Novi's season ends with the team winning the most games at the school since 1988.

The Mustangs (8-3) advance to play Hudsonville (10-1) Saturday night at 7 p.m. at Hudsonville High School.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

It was on this play in the fourth quarter of Saturday's game, that a referee blew an inadvertent whistle as Matt Gorman, center, headed for the first-down marker.

Who got screwed?

They always say the best officials are the ones least heard from.



Jason Schmitt

you're a Northville Mustang fan.

"An obvious botched call by the officials caused a change in momentum and possibly the game for Novi last Saturday night on the second round of the playoffs."

"It was a blatant call by the officials, a blatant call by the Northville football team last Saturday night as the Mustangs held off the favored Novi team 26-15 to advance to the regional final this weekend."

"I believe you look at the thing remains the same. The call was made by mistake and couldn't be taken back."

"To Novi's credit, they beat Northville last season. Novi's season is over."

"Northville is moving on, but their win was tainted. In the third quarter, Novi was leading 12-0 and Northville's fourth-quarter comeback was a result of a call that was blown."

the ball game in Michigan. I believe in the officials who are not heard from.

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Novi takes 2nd to Brighton Wolowiec takes to states

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

There's no question Novi has the top talent in the Kensington Valley Conference, but Brighton had the horses it took to come away as champions of the first-ever league championship meet held last weekend at South Lyon.

Novi won six of the meet's 12 events, including the 200 medley relay to get things going. The Wildcats' A team edged out Brighton's by less than a half a second to give Novi the early lead at the championships.

But Brighton's depth took over from there. The Bulldogs had at least two players in eight of the nine individual events and in four of those events the team had three top-6 finishers. They also won the two relays Novi did not.

"We really made it interesting," Novi coach Bill McCord said. "We made a charge at the end, but they just had superior depth. Everyone we seemed to have two girls in there, they had three."

McCord said he was pleased with his team's performance, especially that of his winners. Senior Andrea Youcm led Novi's charge with a win in both the 200 individual medley and the 100 breaststroke. She dominated the field in the 200 medley with a time of 2:12.34, which was over five seconds faster than the runnerup. She won the breast in 1:08.9, topping her nearest Brighton opponent by over a second.

Amanda Smith had a career day, picking up a win in the 50 freestyle and taking runnerup honors in the 100 free. Her time of 25.53 beat out Brighton's Heidi Lepek and Smith's teammate Blair Tyler (3rd). She was second to Brighton's Rachel Ward in the 100.

Tyler did her fair share of scoring for the Cats. The junior won the 100 butterfly in a time of 1:02.82, touching out a trio of Brighton swimmers. Junior Laurel Weiss won the diving competition with a final-round total of 361.8 points. Her teammate, Christina Thompson, finished sixth overall.

Novi's best event overall was the 500 freestyle. Although the Cats didn't pick up a win, Lindsey Vermillion and Tiffany Kelly finished 2-3 and Amanda Gee was sixth overall. The trio combined for 34 team points. Vermillion was also third in the 100 backstroke. Brittany Brodfehrer was the only other Wildcat individual to reach the finals. She was fifth in the 200 freestyle.

Novi will now have a week to taper before heading to Eastern Michigan University to compete at the state meet next weekend.

Novi senior Andrea Youcm finished first in the 200 individual medley at the first-ever Kensington Valley Conference meet.

Photo by TODD VANSICKLE

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By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

For Margo Wolowiec, the 193rd-place finish at the state meet was secondary.

Secondary to an experience that will last her and her teammates for years to come, Wolowiec competed at the Michigan High School Athletic Association state final last Saturday as an individual qualifier.

The race, which included over 240 runners in all, was won by state-power Rockford, which accumulated just 35 points. The Rams had six all-state runners (top 25) and placed four in the top nine.

Fellow Kensington Valley Conference foe Millford was the state's second-best team, finishing with 112 points. Troy was distant third with 232 points and Romeo (235) and Rochester Adams (242) were fourth and fifth. Brighton finished seventh overall.

Wolowiec finished the race in 21:14 despite cramping up at the two-mile mark.

"I really wasn't sure how to run and when I got to the mile mark and saw my time I knew that it was too fast," she said. "I knew then that I was in trouble."

Her coach, Norm Norgren, said he wasn't the least bit surprised that Wolowiec finished the race despite being in pain.

"She could break both legs and still finish a race," he said.

Most of the Novi team was there to cheer the sophomore on and take in the experience along with her.

"Hopefully, it'll do a lot for her confidence," Norgren said. "It can be an overwhelming experience at the state level."

"I didn't know what to expect (at the state meet)," Wolowiec added. "I think it's a good experience for me to go up there and make some of the mistakes I made. The next time I'll know how to avoid them and it won't hurt the team any."



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi sophomore Margo Wolowiec (above) made her first trip to the state finals last Saturday, and finished 193rd overall.

Hot Picks

The third session of football picks is underway, and everyone will be trying to tip the hot-line delimiting champions. Jason Schmitt's own line has at least a 50 percent chance of being out of last place. See below.

Northville at Hudsonville	Northville	Hudsonville	Northville	Hudsonville	Northville	Hudsonville	Northville	Hudsonville
Canton at Clarkston	Clarkston	Clarkston	Clarkston	Clarkston	Clarkston	Clarkston	Clarkston	Clarkston
Chelsea at FH Harrison	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison
Penn St. at Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
Purdue at MSU	Purdue	Purdue	Purdue	Purdue	Purdue	Purdue	Purdue	MSU
South Carolina at Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida
WMU at CMU	WMU	WMU	WMU	WMU	WMU	WMU	WMU	WMU
St. Louis at NY Giants (NFL)	St. Louis	Giants	St. Louis	Giants	Giants	St. Louis	Giants	Giants
Atlanta at Detroit (NFL)	Detroit	Atlanta	Detroit	Detroit	Atlanta	Detroit	Detroit	Detroit
Green Bay at Tampa Bay (NFL)	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay
Last Week	5-5	5-5	8-2	5-5	7-3	8-2	4-6	6-4
Season Record	71-29	60-40	64-36	60-40	67-33	69-31	65-35	49-51

NOVI TOPS AT LAKELAND INVITE

The Kono, Wolowiec and Jenny Thomson finished 2nd, 4th and 5th to lead Novi to the Lakeland Freshmen/Sophomore Invitational championship back on Oct. 31.

Kono finished runnerup to Howell freshman Britani Agostini in a time of 20:35. Wolowiec was fourth in 20:54 and Thomson clocked a 20:57. Laine Williams (22:08) was 16th and Anna Cymar (22:38) finished 20th to round out the Wildcats' scoring.

"That was a very, very nice group for us," the coach said. "It's nice for them to run against their own age group. They don't always have to go up against girls with a ton of experience."

Angela Bouchard (23:10) and Julie Hagopian (23:52) were 23rd and 25th in the race for Novi.



Above left, over 240 runners competed in both the boys and girls races this year at Brooklyn. Novi's Margo Wolowiec (2nd from left, #14 on her jersey) competed in her first-ever state final and finished a respectable 193rd.

Photos by John Heider



To the left, the entire Novi boys' team takes off from the starting box at last Saturday's state final at Michigan International Speedway. The Wildcats finished second in their attempt to three-peat as state champions. Chris Toloff and Dathan Ritzhenzel set the course record in a time of 14:10.4.

Hard work overlooked

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decides that the whistle blew while Gorman was a yard short of the marker. Thus the only decision without an explanation from the line judge, is to rule the ball dead at that spot and give the ball to Northville.

Northville coach Darrel Schumacher's version of the story hinted that scenario three was quite possible. And if you look at it from the point that this was a human error, well then, this comes closest to explaining the humanitarian aspect of it all. But despite the bad call, the subsequent unsportsmanlike conduct call against Novi and the countless cries of parents and fans for justice, let's not forget the achievements of the 100-plus football players out on that field Friday night. If we sit and whine about officials, it only takes away from each of the players who have given their heart and soul to the game, to the competition, and to the rivalry. Let's, for once, give the players credit for the heck of a game they entertained us with. Let's just wait until they meet again. 50 weeks from now.

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Prowl wins league title...

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