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Results in: Library bond passes

Supporters discuss what happens next

By Kelly Murad STAFF WRITER

After 30 years in its current facility, Novi will have a new library. The \$16 million bond proposal for a 60,000-square-foot library was approved Tuesday by 64 per-

cent of voters. "I have children that are younger and I think it's something important," said Novi resident Kathy Berg. Berg was one of the 3,930 voters in favor of the proposal on the Nov. 6 ballot. Even though Berg is willing to pay the estimated annual millage rate of .26 mills, she was encouraged to know the city might absorb the cost. Novi city council members approved a resolution July 23 to

maintain the city property tax rate of 10.5416 mills, pending the passage of the bond. Due to the city's current and projected financial position, Council believes the library construction millage can be absorbed through fiscal management planning, meaning no additional cost to voters. Aside from outlining a tentative payment plan, supporters of the new library have been anticipating this moment for months. In August, members of the

library board and city staff were selected to serve on the building authority to make decisions regarding the construction, design and funding of the library project. "It's designed as a committee with a series of city representatives and library representatives," said Mark Sturing, who is one of the two library board representatives on the building authority. Optimistically, the building

\$16 Million Library Bond Proposal

Ballot box showing 'Pass' checked, 'Fail' unchecked. Total number of votes: 6,155. Yes: 3,930. No: 2,225.

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Veterans honored Monday



World War II vets Bill Frayer, left, and George Russell join Vietnam War veteran Tom McLaughlin in a flag-folding ceremony during last Monday's Veterans Day ceremony at the Novi Senior Center.

By Chris Jackett STAFF WRITER

About 100 patrons and residents of the Novi Senior Center celebrated Veterans Day a week early last Monday with a special ceremony. "I reminisce back a lot. It brings back a lot of memories," said Staff Sgt. George Russell. "You wonder where some of the fellas are you were with. They're all spread out in Texas, Ohio, New York. You don't know if they're all alive until you meet or call somebody to find out." Russell, 87, served in the Army Air Corp. from Dec. 1941-45, acting as a supervisor for loading bombs and ammunition onto P-47 and B-17 aircraft. Military service ran in the

family, as Russell's father served in World War I and his son Donald, 61, was later stationed on the edge of Cambodia during the Vietnam War. During World War II, Russell spent much of his time in service in the western United States and England. "I was sent to an English base to study their Lancasters, which were big bombers like the B-17," Russell said. "Buzz bombs [German aircraft] would come over and you could hear them coming for miles. The only thing you had to worry about was when the motor shut off." Bill Frayer, who also served during World War II, was dressed in full uniform as he spoke to the dining hall full of attendees.

"At 18, I went into the Navy and trained at great lengths," he said. "In Guam, we saw the plane take off to drop the first atomic bomb." Staff Sgt. Tom "Sarge" McLaughlin was stationed in Guam as part of the Army. His tour was during the Vietnam War, when he served from Feb. 1965-Feb. 1968. He was also stationed in Vietnam, Fort Knox and San Francisco during this period. "I sat through 20-some scud attacks. We picked up shrapnel off the roof. The concussions were blowing the lights off the ceiling," McLaughlin said. "We had a lot of Detroit and Oakland County cops in our unit." After his stint with the Army was complete in 1968,

McLaughlin signed on with the Michigan Army National Guard, where he served on active duty from Jan. 1969-Feb. 1972. He then served full-time from Jan. 1982-1999 and part-time from 1999 until last week, when he turned 60 on Oct. 31 and fully retired. During his time in the service, he handled administrative, logistic, military police and chemical operation duties while participating in Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm from Nov. 1990-Oct. 1991 and Operation Joint Endeavor in Bosnia and Germany from Nov. 1995-Sept. 1996. A New Hudson resident, McLaughlin enjoyed seeing the

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Landmark fire deemed arson

Suspect arraigned for lighting blaze

By Kelly Murad STAFF WRITER

Novi police said arson is the cause of a fire destroying a piece of Novi's history from Grand River Avenue last Tuesday morning. The 19th century building on the south side of Grand River Avenue, east of Meadowbrook Road, was the former Whitehall Nursing Home. Originally built in 1867, the vacant structure was set to be demolished by A and R Demolition. According to chief David Molloy of the Novi Police

Department, law enforcement officials became suspicious when the blaze erupted on the older building set for demolition.



Ted G. Patrick II

Investigators of the Novi police and fire departments began questioning Ted Gordon Patrick II, 36, the owner and operator of A and R Demolition, and his staff about the suspicious origin of the fire. Police said staff interviews, in combination with those of the owner's friends and acquaintances, led to the Oct. 31 arrest of Patrick, from Farmington Hills. "I think the success of the investigation was a result of the

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Photo contest highlights City

By Chris Jackett STAFF WRITER

What's your image of Novi? If it can be captured in a photograph, the Novi Historical Commission is looking for you. Time is still available to submit entries for the commission's My Hometown Novi 2007 photo competition. The contest costs \$5 per entry, with a five-entry maximum per photographer. Participants can win \$100, \$50 and \$25 prizes, or receive the distinction of "People's Choice," an award voted on by those attending the post-competition photo exhibition at a yet-to-be-set date. Winning photographs will also be published in the Novi News.



Chances of winning are based on the number of entries. Last year's contest included 28 photographs, with Novi resident Margaret Schmidt taking home first place. "We were very pleased with the creativity, variety and range of photos submitted last year, but we would like to see even more entries this year," said Kathy

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NOVI WEEKEND PLANNER

FRIDAY

What do James Bond, diamonds and the Novi Parks Foundation have in common? Everything. From 7 p.m.-midnight, Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., will play host to the first "Diamonds are Forever" black tie gala and awards presentation put on by the Novi Parks Foundation. The evening will feature hors d'oeuvres, a strolling dinner, dessert buffet and refreshments along with live entertainment, a silent auction, casino gaming and appearances by WYCD-FM (channel 99.5) radio personalities Rachael Hunter and Grunwald. The evening, which costs \$125 per person or \$200 for a couple, will wrap up with the presentation of the third annual Hugh and Kathy Crawford Award, presented annually to a volunteer in the community who displays outstanding service, leadership and support to the

Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department. For tickets or more information, contact the Foundation at (248) 255-2608.

Club at (248) 919-3216 for show times and reservations. Visit www.wiseguyscomedyclub.net for more information.

SATURDAY

Get ready for some crowd participation at Wise Guys Comedy Club, 40380 Grand River Ave., as Jim Hamm talks up his brand of animated, fast-paced comedy. His act will feature music, facial dexterity and voice inflections to get the crowd going. Admission costs \$10 Friday and Saturday, \$8 on Thursday. Call Wise Guys Comedy

SUNDAY

Sunday is 11/11, a day some may consider lucky. It is also Veterans Day, although the day will be observed Monday by many businesses. Make a veteran lucky by spending time with them. If you don't have a neighbor or relative who is a veteran, get in touch with Paralyzed Veterans of America, 40550 Grand River Ave., at (248) 476-9000 to see if you can volunteer your time to help make someone else's day a little better.



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WEDDING

**Fumihiko Yuki and Dr. April Taulbee-Yuki**

Dr. April E. Taulbee and Fumihiko Yuki were married May 12 during an outdoor wedding and reception at Lumiere Gardens, Indianapolis. Bob Boyd officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Suzanne Weaver, of Novi, and the late Ray Taulbee. She graduated from Novi High School in 1993, from Eastern Michigan University in 1997 with an occupational therapy degree and from the Indianapolis School of Medicine in May 2007. She is currently serving her internship and residency at Indianapolis University.

The groom is the son of Shizuhiko and Katsuko Yuki of Japan and Al and Chris Hlinak, his American host family, of Chicago. He graduated from DePaul University in 2002 with a bachelor of arts and secondary education degree and from Concordia University in May 2007 with a masters in education.

Ring in the Holidays

The Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department, in partnership with St. John Providence Park, is already busy planning the Ringing in the Holidays event.

The annual event, will take place 6-9 p.m. Nov. 30 at Main Street Novi.

The Novi Parks Department is still in need of sponsors, food vendors and parade float entries and participants.

For more information regarding the Ringing in the Holidays event contact Derek Smith, recreation supervisor at (248) 347-0474.

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Tina and Thomas Parrish of 2008.

Novi announce the engagement of their daughter Christina Young of Grand Rapids to Tom Juntunen of Minnesota.

The bride-elect is a 2000 graduate of Novi High School, and a graduate of Grand Valley State University where she earned a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She is currently employed at St. Mary's Hospital, Grand Rapids.

The groom-elect is a 1995 graduate of Jenison High School, Grand Rapids. Currently he is employed at UPS. A wedding is planned for fall in Indianapolis.

**Ringo-Gawley**

Tom and Chris Ringo of Salem Township are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Michelle to Brett Gawley.

Michelle is a 1999 graduate of South Lyon High School. She graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in communications. She is currently employed as an account executive for the advertising firm Campbell-Ewald.

Brett is the son of Louis Gawley of Grosse Pointe Woods and Diana and Allen Waldman of Malibu, Calif. Brett is a graduate of North Farmington High School and graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in advertising. He is employed as an associate creative director for the advertising firm JWT/Team Detroit.

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Trade Center tabled



Submitted photo

Former Novi Expo Center owner Kevin Adell wants to reopen the idle property as a trade-center like business.

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

The issue of using the former Novi Expo Center as a trade-center-like business is expected to appear on the Zoning Board of Appeals agenda for the fourth time Jan. 8.

After two hours of discussion Monday night the board motioned to table the topic for the purpose of obtaining additional information requested during the meeting.

The matter, which was previously tabled September and October, is expected to be brought to the Zoning Board of Appeals by Kevin Adell, owner of the former Expo Center, to open the 320,000-square-foot facility at Novi Road and Interstate 96 as the Novi Trade Center.

The property is currently zoned EXPO, Exposition District, and Adell cannot open his business without clarifying the usage under the zoning ordinance.

Among the board's many requests to be addressed at the January meeting, parking was the most critical concern.

"Unless they can show adequate parking contiguous to the site, I'm going to have a hard time voting in favor of this," said Zoning Board of Appeals member Brent Canup.

Currently, the property contains a total of 937 on-site parking spaces.

Despite city officials declaring zoning ordinances do not permit the opening of a trade center-like operation, Adell has been advertising and selling vendor space since July.

Scott Smith of Clark Hill, on behalf of Kevin and the Adell Trust, is petitioning the Zoning Board of Appeals for release of a previous decision denying the use of a retail trade center at the building, or, alternatively, a use variance.

If the Zoning Board of Appeals chooses to change the previous use decision, Adell plans to open the trade center for its first show as soon as possible.

"I don't care if it's May, June or July," he said. "I'm successful because I don't give up."

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Wyckhuyse continues as principal member of Wyckhuyse and Associates Accounting and Consulting Firm. He has worked since the 1970s as a consultant for the Wiscie family which owns the Epoch Restaurant Group.

Wyckhuyse holds a bachelor's degree from Wayne State University and previously served in the 82nd Airborne in Vietnam after high school.

Attorney Relocates

Sandra M. Larson PLLC, Attorney at Law is please to

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announce the relocation of her practice, effective Nov. 5, to 41740 Six Mile Road, Suite 102, Northville, 48168, telephone (248) 912-3300, fax (248) 912-3301, web site www.SLarsonLaw.com.

Southworth appointed adjunct instructor

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Daly named business services manager

Telcom Credit Union named Linda Daly as business services manager.

This is a newly created position, and Daly will be responsible for rolling out Telcom's new Business Services product offerings. She has more than eight years of credit union experience with Telcom, most recently in marketing in a community relations and business development role. She also has experience as a sales director, leading a team of more than 30 sales people.

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Renaissance Gardens names new rehabilitation manager

Jean Landreville, Renaissance Gardens administrator, announced the appointment of Lori Bowie, of Holly, as rehabilitation manager at the community's newest building.

Bowie joins Fox Run after a long-term career at William Beaumont Hospital. Most recently, she was occupational therapy supervisor for inpatient services in Royal Oak. Bowie earned a bachelor of science in occupational therapy from Western Michigan University where she minored in gerontology and psychology. She also received an associates of arts at Schoolcraft College in the area of certified occupational therapy assistant and a neurodevelopmental technique certification from the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan. Renaissance Gardens, the new health care facility encompassing assisted living and skilled nursing care, completes the full spectrum of services offered by the retirement community.

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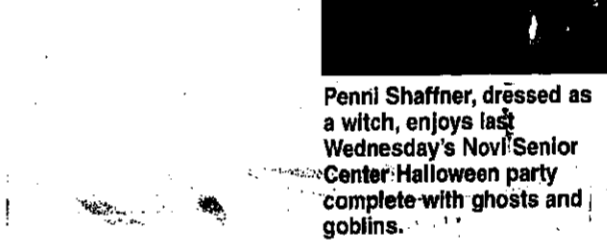
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Barbara Lewis, left, and Fred Sause got costumed up for last week's Novi Senior Center Halloween party. Attendees got to enjoy lunch, a magician, some balloon games and a 50/50 drawing.



Novi Woods Elementary School teacher Gerard Kenrick pauses for a quick photo with a student during last week's Halloween celebration. Parents stopped by that day to watch their children in a 9 a.m. costume parade around the school.



Pennli Shaffner, dressed as a witch, enjoys last Wednesday's Novi Senior Center Halloween party complete with ghosts and goblins.

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 TIME/DATE: 3-7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10
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 TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m.
 Monday, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17
 LOCATION: 212 W. Cady St., Northville, (248) 349-3020
 DETAILS: Nov. 19 "Salaam Bombay," Hindi; and Dec. 17 "The Sea Inside," Spanish. All films are free, ethnic treats provided; call library to make reservations.

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 CONTACT: Community Services Programs, 49045 Pontiac Trail, Wixom, (248) 624-2850

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 Monday: 10-11 a.m. Exercise Class
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 Second Tuesday: 10 a.m. Senior Commission
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 Wednesday, Nov. 28
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 TIME/DATE: 8-11 a.m.
 Saturday, Dec. 15
 LOCATION: Wixom Community Center
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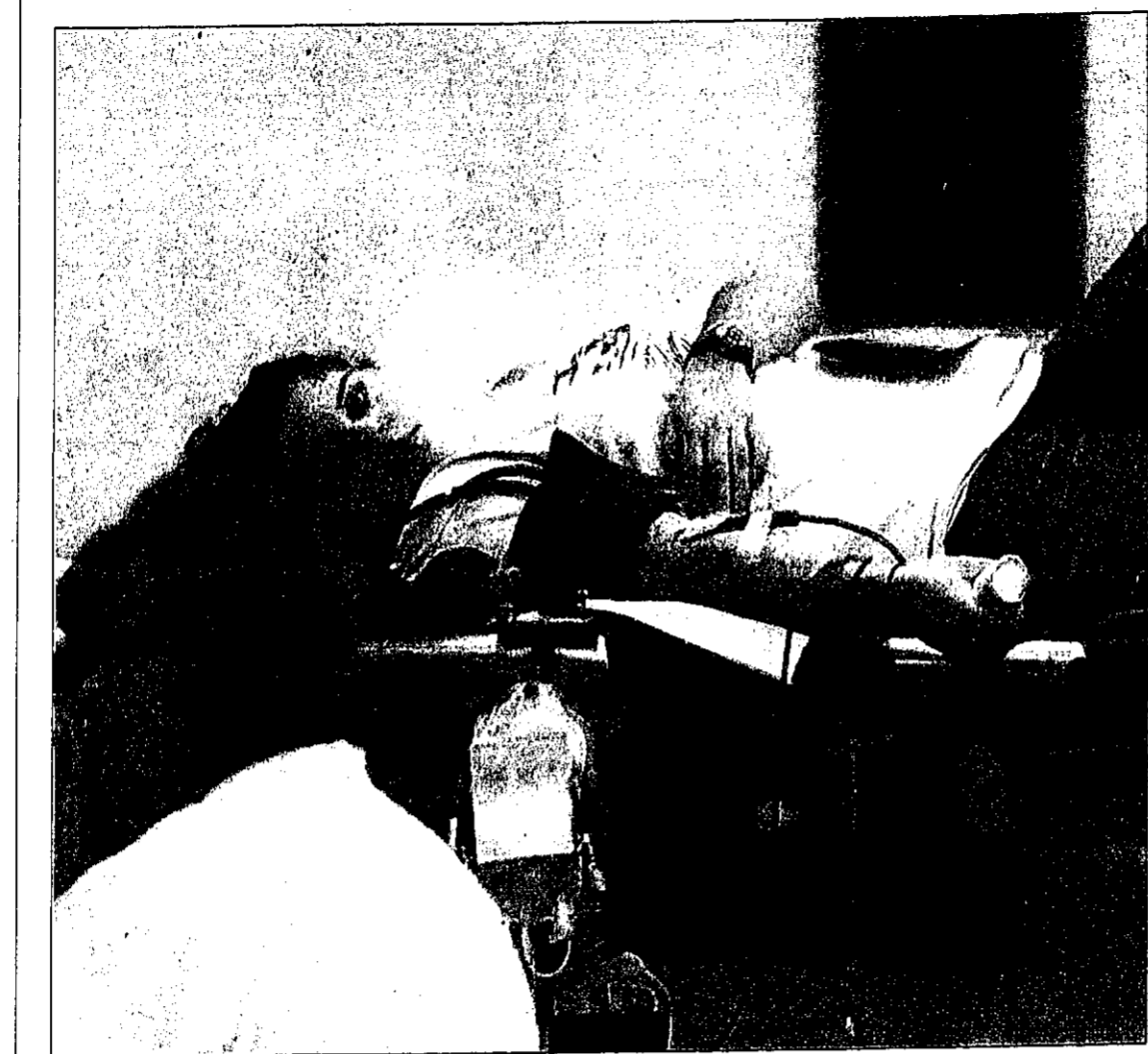


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One Pint at a Time
 Novi High School student Rachel Winagar donates a pint of blood last Friday in the school's gymnasium. The Red Cross sponsored blood drives at both Novi and Northville High schools.

call (248) 624-1055 to register.

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 TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:45 p.m.
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 LOCATION: Schoolcraft

College, 18600 Haggerty Road
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 TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month
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MY PICS

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Submitted photos
 All dressed as witches, Novi Woods Elementary fourth-grade students Grace Yang (left), Rachel Cho, Marlam Ahmad and Sarah Fujjoka parade around the school on Halloween.

A group of Novi Woods Elementary School students in Jodi Balconi's class celebrate their zest for books after reading "Henry and the Buccaneer Bunnies," a story about a pirate who loved books and preferred to read rather than fulfill his duties as a pirate.



Novi Woods Elementary School second graders Andrew Serkalan (left), Bella Khatib-Shahidi, Leticia Clement and Jihoon Lee show off their Halloween best.



The Novi Woods special teachers, Libby Crawford (left), Julia Saell, Isolde Sarnecki and Kerry Marroni get into the spirit by dressing up for Halloween.

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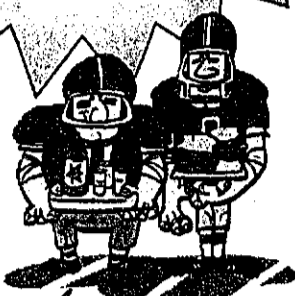
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'CATS CLAIM DISTRICT TITLE

■ Novi knocks off Northville in three games

By Jeff Theisen
 SPORTS WRITER

Novi volleyball knocked off Salem and rival Northville on Saturday to capture the Northville district title.

It's the second-strait district title for the Wildcats, who now hope to extend on last year's run to the sweet 16.

"It was nice, back-to-back," Novi head coach Julie Fisette said. "We're looking forward to getting into the regionals."

"It was nice to be able to capture it and get in another week of practice."

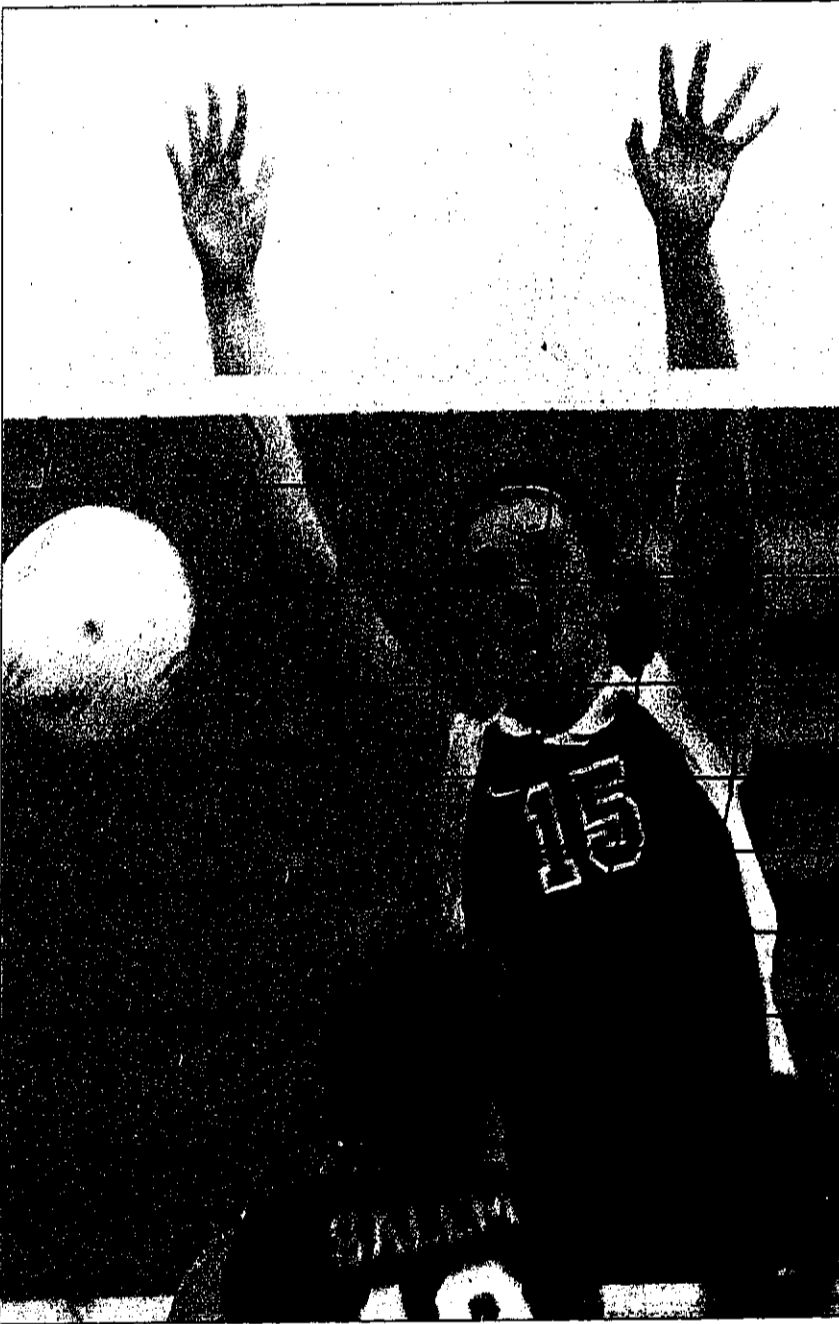
The Wildcats started with an unusual 4 p.m. contest with Salem.

Novi won the first two games 25-15, 25-17 before falling 25-20 in the third. The Wildcats quickly regained their composure and closed out the match with a 25-20 win.

"They got the job done," Fisette said. "I have to say that playing at four o'clock in the afternoon is a little bit different."

"The girls pulled together." Stephanie Cripps led the way with 15 kills and eight blocks. Paige Janer was next with 14 kills. Kim Hildreth had a strong overall game with nine kills, 34 assists and a pair of aces.

Northville used home-court



Wildcat Stephanie Cripps goes up high to block a shot against Salem's Jill Slabey during last Friday night's playoff game hosted by Northville High School. Novi advanced that night to this Saturday's regional playoffs noon at Novi High School.

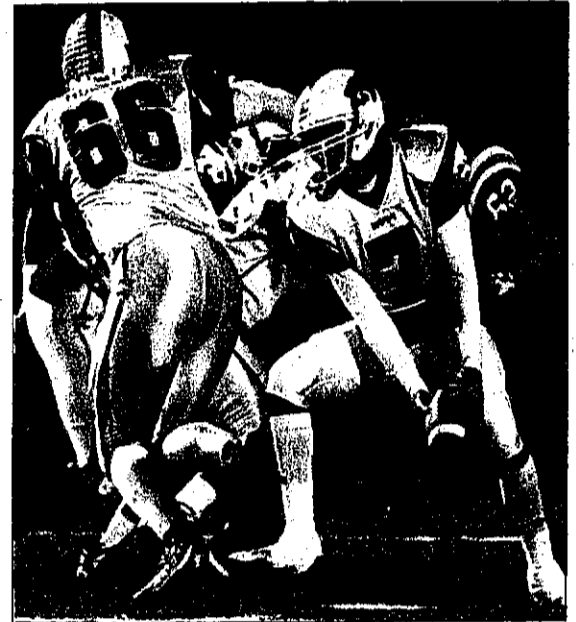


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As Tyler Hoover, left, races ahead on a blocking assignment, QB Mark Heard pitches out to a Wildcat runningback during Novi's playoff game Friday night.

White-out

Stevenson brother combo combines for 5 touchdowns

By Jeff Theisen
 SPORTS WRITER

Livonia Stevenson pulled away from a 14-all tie with 21 unanswered points to end Novi's eight-game winning streak and season Friday.

The Spartans won the district title with a 42-21 victory to stay unbeaten at 11-0. The Wildcats finish 9-2.

"This is a great group of young men," Novi head coach Tab Kellepourey said. "Everything that they have done, all season long, has been done with great character."

"We're just extremely proud of these young men for all that they've done."

Stevenson's White brothers accounted for four of the five touchdowns for the Spartans.

Quarterback Mitchell White threw two touchdown passes to Austin White and another to Myles White. Austin White also scored the final touchdown on a run. Myles and Mitchell are senior twins. Autin is a sophomore.

"Congratulations to Livonia Stevenson today," Kellepourey

said. "Stevenson is very well coached and a very good squad. We hope the best for them."

The Wildcats stayed in the game early thanks to their passing attack. Mark Heard connected with Brandon Bradford on two long passes that set up touchdowns.

The first, a 64-yard pass that set up a 4-yard score to Bradford, tied the score at seven in the first quarter.

The second, an 81-yard bomb, where Bradford was tackled at the Spartan 2. Arshaun Hall scored from there to tie the score at 14.

Spartans race away

From there, it was all Spartans. Austin White hauled in his second touchdown, an 11-yarder, for the final points of the first half and a 21-14 lead.

Stevenson received the kickoff to start the second half and scored on an 11-yard pass to Myles White.

See FOOTBALL, 2B

Catholic Central pushes into final eight

■ Shamrocks defense comes up big again

By Jeff Theisen
 SPORTS WRITER

Catholic Central head coach Tom Mach said, "It's win or collect equipment" before Friday's

game. Equipment check-in will have to wait.

The Shamrocks went on the road and knocked off Lansing Everett 21-7 Friday to capture the district title.

"We're real happy for the kids," Shamrock head coach Tom Mach said. "I think we're improving each week, which is a sign of a good team at this point in the year."

Joe Kinville scored all three

touchdowns for the Shamrocks (9-2)—one each in the first, third and fourth quarters.

Kinville's 1-yard run with 5:42 left in the first started the scoring. A Chris Singer extra point put CC up 7-0, which stood into halftime.

Cory Amble popped off a big return on the opening kickoff of the second half, giving the offense good field position. Amble led the Shamrocks with 73 yards rushing on 16 attempts.

The Shamrocks took more than half the quarter to punch home their second touchdown, a 7-yarder by Kinville with 5:56 left in third for a 14-0 lead.

Catholic Central's final score came in the opening moments of the fourth quarter. Kinville punched home a run from the 5 with 11:29 left.

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Submitted by Dennis Barnes

The Shamrocks hold up the district champion trophy.

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Novi's Brandon Bradford leaps up and snags a long reception during the first half of the Wildcat's playoff game against Livonia Stevenson. Bradford raced downfield and was caught just short of the end zone.

FOOTBALL: Wildcat streak ends

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After recovering a fumble at the Novi 27, Austin White scored on a 13-yard run for a comfortable 35-14 lead.

Scoreboard table showing game results between Novi and Livonia Stevenson.

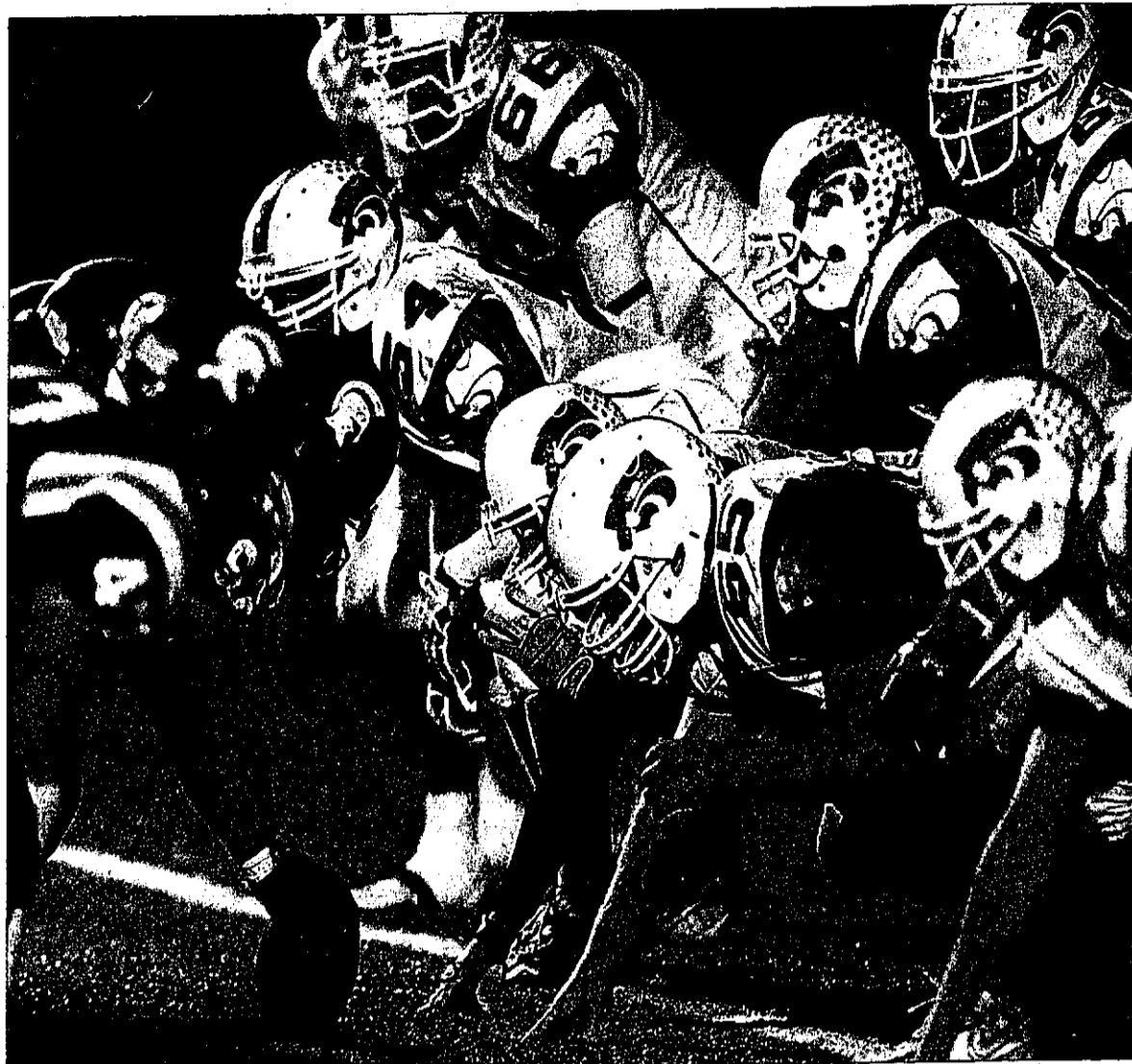
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Grounded game
The Wildcats were unable to run the ball against the Spartans, finishing with three total yards on 28 attempts.

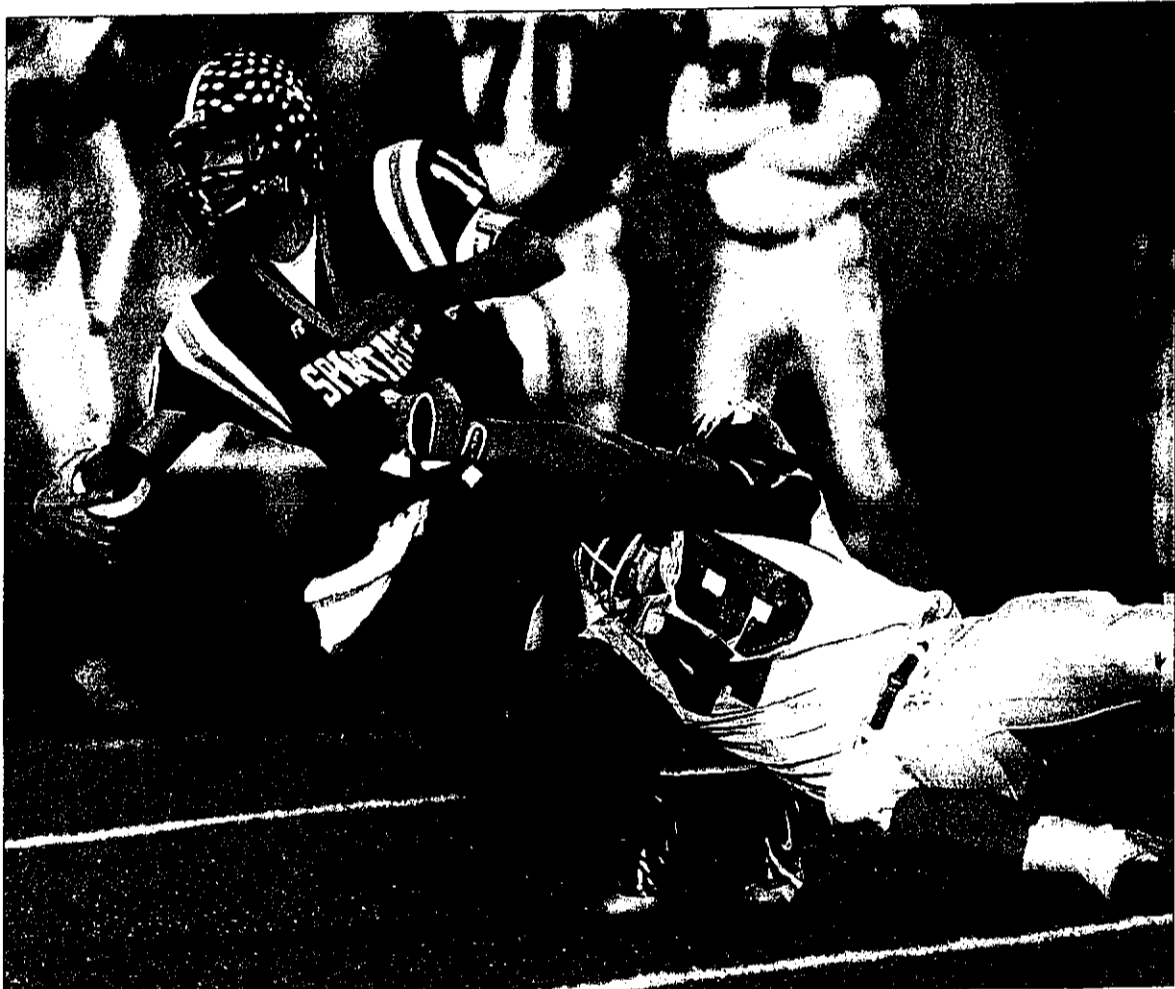
Memories. "After starting with an 0-2 start, they went on an eight game winning streak," he said.



Wildcat fans toss a fellow student in the air 14 times, one for each point Novi High School scored up to that point in the Friday night playoff game.



The Novi Wildcats stack in tight near their endzone in an attempt to keep Livonia Stevenson from scoring last Friday night.



Wildcat Jason Jankowski sacks Livonia Stevenson QB Mitchell White during Friday night's playoff game.

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Advertisement for the movie 'American Gangster' featuring Denzel Washington and Russell Crowe.

Advertisement for the movie 'Daddy Day Afternoon' featuring Al Pacino and Robin Williams.

A large advertisement for the movie 'American Gangster' with a list of theaters and showtimes.

Holt next for CC

Shamrocks make another playoff trip to Lansing area

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

And then there were eight. Catholic Central will try to continue its path to the state finals Friday night at Holt.

"All the teams that are in the playoffs at this point are good," Shamrock head coach Mach said.

The Shamrocks won 21-7 last week. The Rams won their closest game of the regular season, 28-21 against Everett on Oct. 5.

Holt (11-0) has put up consistent offensive numbers all year. An 18-10 win at East Lansing was the lowest-scoring output of the year.

Brother Rice and De La Salle in weeks four and five.

Since then, the Shamrock defense has stood tall during the six game winning streak.

"They've got these guys over 260 (pounds). They come at you."

"They do a lot of different things offensively. They throw the ball quite effectively, and they also run it very well."

"They put a lot of pressure on your defense. Anybody that's still left in the playoffs is playing good defensively."

The Shamrocks (9-2) have also played a tough schedule, also facing seven playoff teams.



Photos submitted by Dennis Barnes

The Shamrocks defense turns the table on the Lansing Everett offense after Jack Daykin (12) intercepts a pass.

Regionals

Who: Catholic Central (9-2) vs. Holt (11-0)

Where: Holt

When: 7 p.m. Friday

very well this year, Joe Kinville and Cory Amble. They're a good 1-2 punch," Mach said.

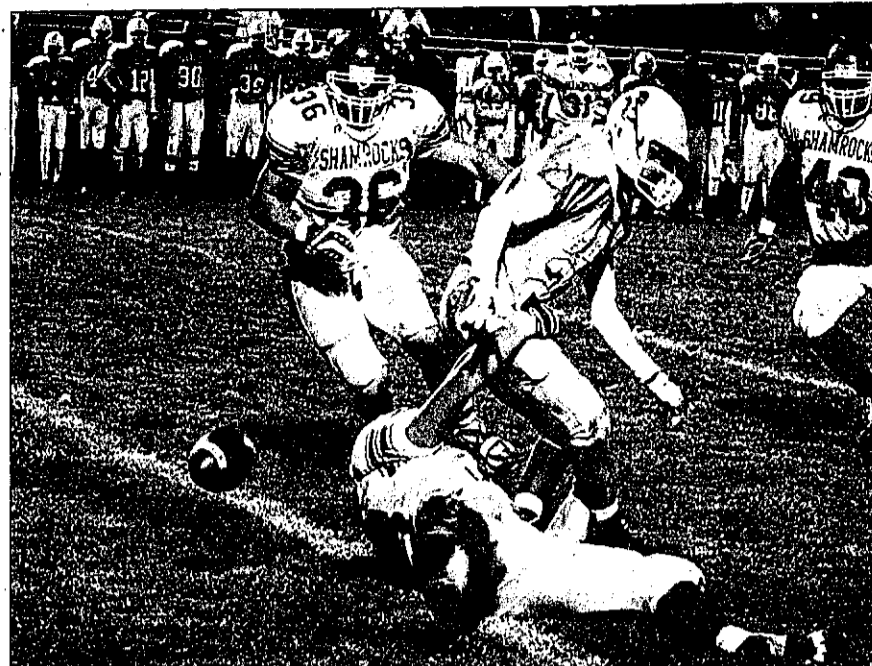
"He's a two-way player that his somebody on every play of the game," Mach said.

Capatina has the ability to run inside or outside.

But paving the way for the backs are the big boys up front.

"They have been doing a very consistent job for us this year," Mach said.

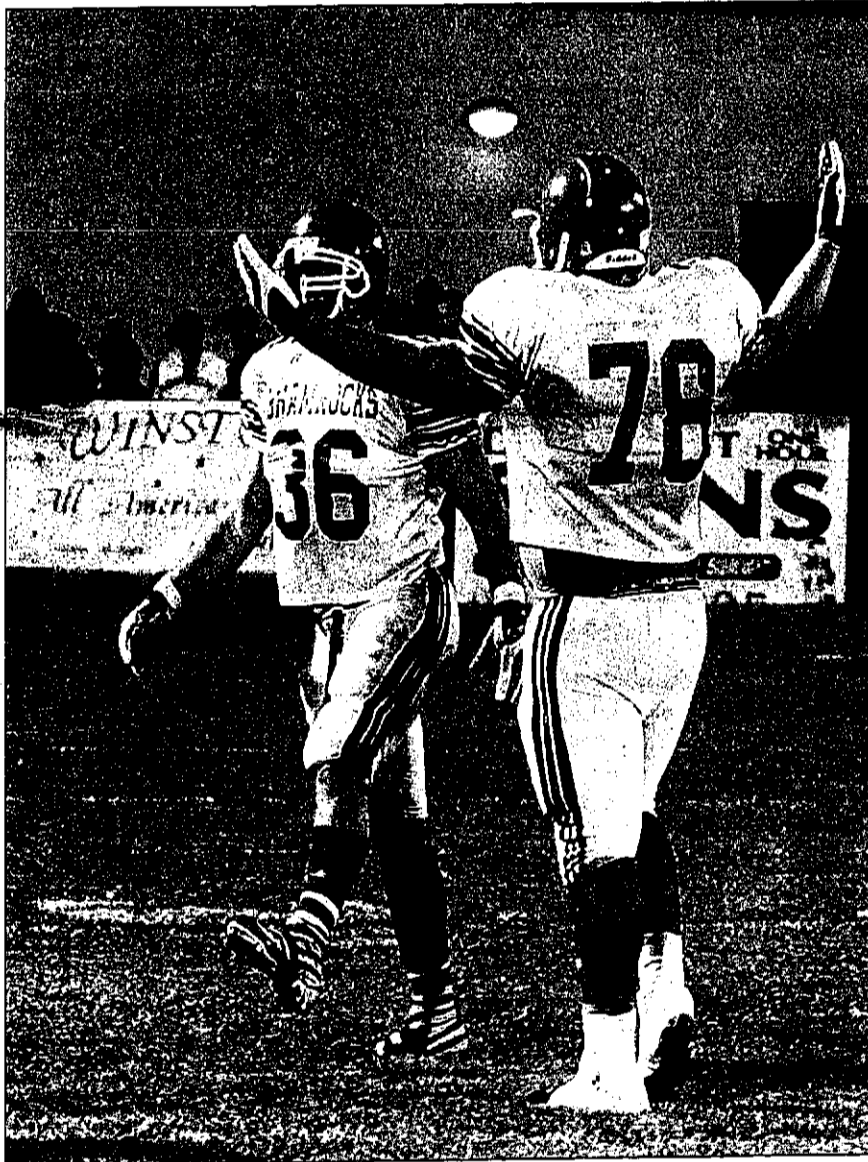
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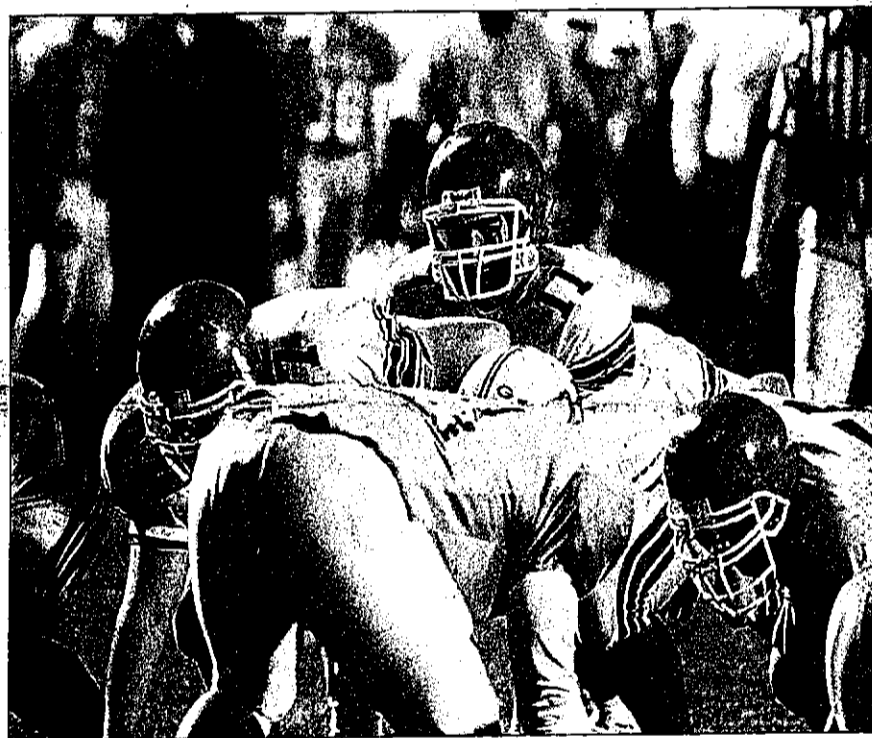
Joe Kinville jars a ball loose against Lansing Everett as Paul Kanaan locates the ball.



Anthony Capatina looks for running room against Lansing Everett.



Kevin Longe, right, and Paul Kanaan celebrate a 15-yard sack against Lansing Everett.



The Catholic Central offense awaits the snap call from quarterback Ryan Houska.

SHAMROCKS: CC runs past Lansing Everett

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Lansing Everett (9-2) ruined the shutout with a short run with 5:58 left to play, but the Shamrock defense stayed clean the rest of the way, and Catholic Central moves on.

of limiting the Lansing Everett passing attack. The Vikings finished with 143 yards on 12-for-31 passing, but Jack Daykin and Steve Harding each picked off a pass for the Shamrocks.

drives, and they're not allowing the other team to occupy the ball for very long."

Shamrocks place 10th at state meet

Oleski leads Catholic Central runners at MIS

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

The Shamrock cross country team placed 10th at Saturday's

state meet at Michigan International Speedway in Jackson. Zachary Oleski led Catholic Central with a 43rd-place team finish and 65th overall.

Alex Toloff was next in 16:29.4 (50th, 76th overall), followed by Austin Zebrowski in 16:56 (65th, 99th).

John-Paul Zebrowski in 16:48.7 (85th, 127th) and Scott Hoffman in 16:58.1 (99th, 147th).



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Rock solid!

The St. William Crusaders varsity football team with an 8-1 record completed their season by defeating St. Francis Cabrini 22-0 in a game at Ford Field.

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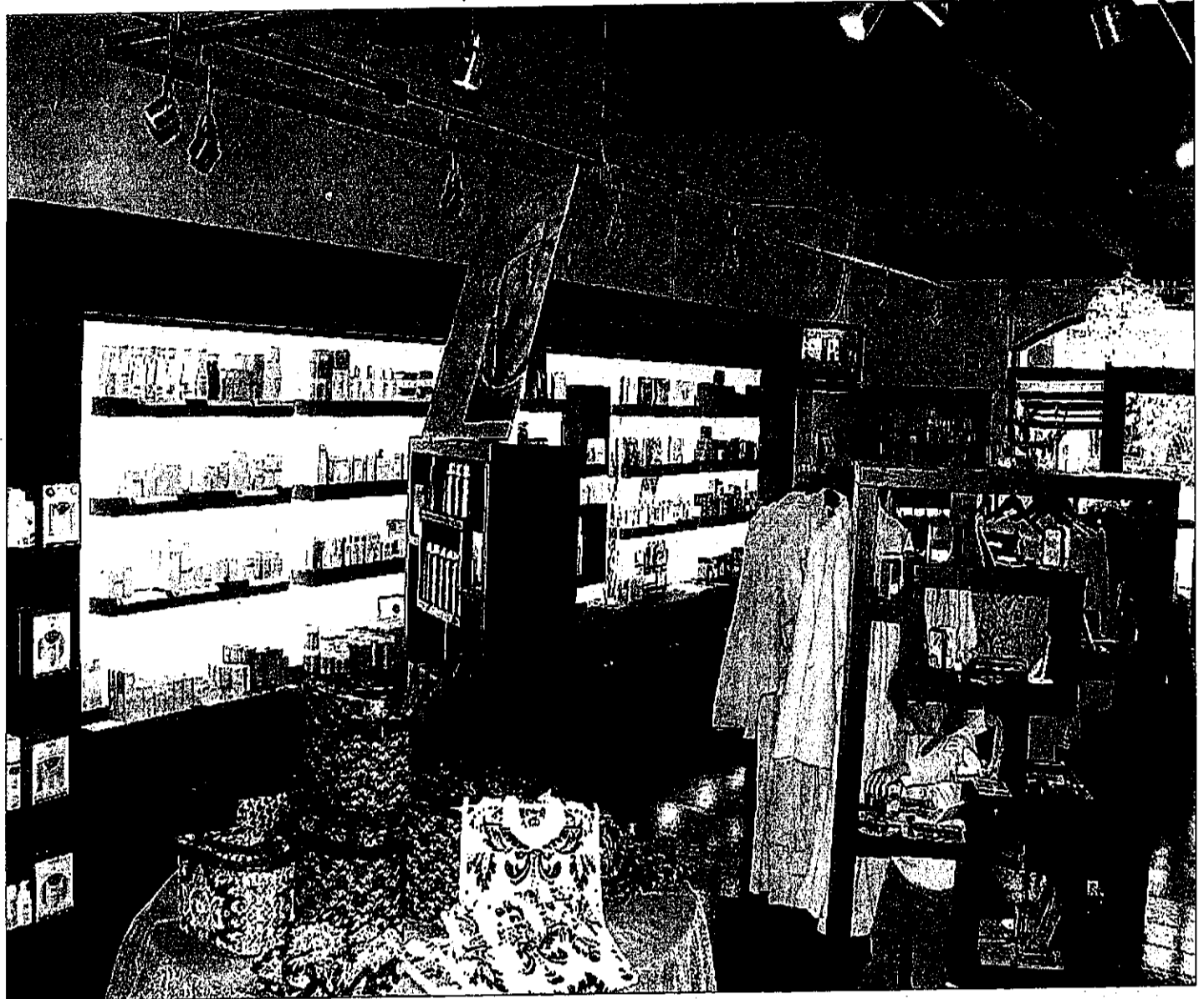
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As soon as customers walk in to the main-floor retail store at Utopia Salon and Spa they are greeted with a wide array of products including clothing, jewelry and personal grooming needs.

Utopia is Northville's salon of choice

By John R. Hall
SPECIAL WRITER

Downtown Northville is home to a world class salon and spa where clients enjoy the best customer service from a business that has been nominated for one of the most prestigious awards in its industry.

Utopia Salon and Spa, at 170 E. Main, is quickly becoming the salon of choice for many people in Northville and surrounding areas because of its outstanding reputation for customer service and products and services it offers.

It also helps to have a convenient location which has been updated to reflect today's fashion trends while preserving its historic significance in downtown Northville.

"We take a different approach to our business," said owner Tita Daskal. "We have increased the size of our business while at the same time educating ourselves to be the best in the business."

The hard work that Tita, co-owner Kelly Sesi, and their staff has put into the business was recently rewarded with the news that Utopia has been nominated for the internationally famous Global Salon Business Award, which will be presented in Hollywood in June 2008.

"The award is very prestigious," Tita said. "It is based on how you grow your business and how you manage it. The award is also based on salon leadership/management, marketing/promotions, and most importantly — customer service."

Part of that good customer service goes out into the community, too. Utopia pays special attention to Northville schools. For example, the salon offers special promotions during high school proms and prices for makeup and hair styling are very reasonable.

Not only has Utopia stirred up a lot of local interest and brought more people to downtown Northville, it has attracted some

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Customers line up to purchase gifts, gift certificates and personal grooming products at Utopia Salon and Spa in Northville.

very talented workers, too.

The salon has hired three new stylists in the last month — Timothy Jack, Julie Fox, and Kara Brown. Hair extensions are now available and Utopia has a new eyelash extension specialist to perform that very popular procedure.

"Eyelash extension is a great idea for the holidays," Tita said. "The extensions can last from three-to-nine weeks with normal maintenance, and they look very natural."

Some of the other services at Utopia include massages, foot treatments, nails, makeup (complimentary five minute touch-up with any service), and facials.

Tita said that natural chemical peels named green peels are very popular facial treatments. She said one green peel is equal to ten microderm treatments.

"The ingredients are so natural you can actually make tea from them," she noted.

Of course, hair cutting and styling is the backbone of the business and Tita wants everyone to know that the prices are reasonable, ranging from \$25 to \$70, depending on the level of expertise of each stylist.

Besides all of the popular services that have made Utopia Salon and Spa a success, there are many products it sells, gaining a reputation for it one-stop shopping status.

As a Redken flagship salon, Utopia offers a complete line of Redken products (Redken also trains Utopia professionals,

too). Its other main product line is Kerastase.

The retail section of the salon on the main floor includes products like clothing, underwear, makeup, facial products, jewelry, and men's products. All products can be gift-wrapped, too.

With the holiday season coming up, Utopia has assembled a number of different gift certificates, custom made for services like foot treatments or a full day at the spa.

"Anything you need to buy is available here," she added. The list includes gifts for bridal party members, which is another service Utopia is involved in. The staff will arrange off-site bridal parties as well as

private on-site parties in a separate conference room.

And young children are a big part of the business, too. Utopia sponsors special parties for girls who want to be primped and pampered with the latest makeup tips and hairstyles — in a fun party-like setting.

Tita said that her staff is looking forward to seeing new faces — walk-ins are welcome. "We are not just a salon," she said. "Come in and visit with us."

For more information on Utopia Salon and Spa call (248) 465-7700 or visit them at 170 E. Main St., one building east of the downtown pavilion.

The Utopia Salon and Spa Web site is www.myutopiasalon.com.

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