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pumps after the 8:30 a.m. failure Saturday and found both worked properly. Fishermen have been warned to stay away from the Boardman River from the north end of Boardman Lake to the river's mouth in West Grand Traverse Bay and the south end of the bay from Clinch Park to Bryant Park. Drinking water was not affected by the spill, officials said.

NOV. 12

Man slain in parking lot
 CADILLAC — Co-workers expressed shock when they learned the identity of a man stabbed to death in a grocery store parking lot shortly after midnight Tuesday. Flagstar bank mortgage loan officer Jay Thiebaut Jr. died of multiple stab wounds. His father, Jay Thiebaut Sr., is a Wexford County commissioner and former Cadillac city commissioner.

Police were called at 12:09 a.m. and found Thiebaut, 39, in the parking lot near the entrance of Glen's Market on South Mitchell Street, police chief Jeff Hawke said. The store closed at midnight and a cashier walked the last customer to their car after the closing, then went home. The cashier saw nothing, said Jeanne Norcross, spokeswoman for Spartan Stores Inc., which owns Glen's Markets. Hawke declined to say if police have a suspect.

NOV. 13

Two suspects arrested
 CADILLAC — Two downstate men were expected to be arraigned today in the stabbing death of a former minister and son of a Wexford County commissioner. Police refused to release the names of the men suspected of slaying Jay K. Thiebaut Jr., 39, of Cadillac, but state police have identified them as a 28-year-old Leslie man and a 26-year-old Gregory man. Thiebaut knew at least one of the men, Cadillac Police

Chief Jeff Hawke said, but he declined to discuss their alleged motive or any other details.

State police from the Lansing and Brighton posts conducted two pre-dawn raids Wednesday at homes in Vevay Township of Ingham County and Unadilla Township of Livingston County to arrest the two men.

Wexford County Prosecutor William Fagerman issued warrants on the two men and they both face up to life in prison without parole if convicted.

NOVEMBER 14

Union's future up to NLRB
 PETOSKEY — The Teamsters future as union representative of Northern Michigan Hospital's nurses is now in the hands of the National Labor Relations Board.

A vote Thursday by striking and working nurses on whether to keep Teamsters Local 406 as their bargaining representative resulted in 178 votes to remove the Teamsters and 156 to retain them. However, 165 ballots were challenged and not yet counted — 136 of which were challenged by hospital management and/or Laura Hart, a working NMH nurse who circulated one of the petitions forcing the decertification election.

Sharon Norton, business agent for Teamsters Local 406, said she is confident the NLRB will allow the union's challenged votes. If they do, the union will win the election and serve as the nurses' bargaining representative for another year.

"We received a larger number of votes than we did last time (in October 2001)," Norton said. "This should send a loud message to the hospital."

Teamsters attorney Ted Iorio said the predominant objection raised by hospital management and Hart was abandonment of job.

Hospital spokesman Thomas Spencer said management challenged 65 nurses' ballots, mostly on the job

abandonment issue. "We feel those people have no intention of returning to the work they left when the strike began, and we have evidence," Spencer said.

NOV. 15

Lowe's to begin building
 TRAVERSE CITY — Lowe's Companies Inc. recently purchased the 62-acre site for its big Garfield Township home improvement store and expects to start building in April with an opening next winter.

Lowe's plans to build a 136,000-square-foot building, a 28,000-square-foot garden center and parking area for 555 vehicles.

The site is behind a row of businesses east of U.S. 31 South and north of the Williams Chevrolet used car lot. The entrance from U.S. 31 will be directly across from the entrance to the Horizon Group Outlet Center.

The store will cost \$16.5

million and employ about 175 people, company spokeswoman Jennifer Stanbery said.

Lowe's is based in Mooresville, N.C.

NOV. 16

Building 50 work begins
 TRAVERSE CITY — After three years of preparations, all the pieces are finally in place for redevelopment of the former state hospital buildings at the Grand Traverse Commons, developer Ray Minervini said.

Work began this week on removing asbestos, lead paint and other hazardous materials from the south section of Building 50.

Demolition of a non-historic connector building between the south wing and what used to be nurses quarters will begin soon. Then, work will begin on turning the historic Building 50 into modern residential units with space for retail and ser-

vice business.

NOV. 17

Redistricting a solution?
 TRAVERSE CITY — The seventh-grade lunch bell rings at West Junior High School and a tsunami of pre-teens rush down the hall, ebbing and flowing into and out of doorways and crashing into the cafeteria.

"You kind of get a feeling of what 1,500 kids looks like," says principal Conrad Reiter, who stands in the hallway telling students to slow down.

This year, West Junior High gained 15 students to grow to 1,508 students. Its cross-city counterpart, East Junior High, enrolled 1,179 students, 329 fewer.

West's growth is just one example of alarming enrollment trends at the 10,868-student Traverse City Area Public Schools. A September student count shows a multi-

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