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Manager, son foil robbery attempt

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

Quick thinking by Novi McDonald's manager Chris Pease and her 11-year-old son foiled a former employee's attempt at armed robbery and averted a potential hostage situation early Saturday morning.

When the accused robber discovered that police had surrounded the building, he threatened to take the 11-year-old hostage, but Pease and her son escaped when she punched the suspect in the face.

According to Detective Jack Grubb of the Novi Police, Pease was closing up the Twelve Oaks McDonald's at approximately 1 a.m. Saturday morning and was leaving the building with her son, Ricky Harrison Dietz.

"I didn't realize it was a robbery until he held the gun to my head," Pease said. She said she always checks the parking lot for strange cars when she is leaving at night, but the car the suspects were riding in was parked behind the building and the weather that night was extremely foggy.

"They seemed to step out of nowhere," she said. "He kept saying this is a robbery, don't make it a killing."

When the two men wearing masks approached her with a gun, Grubb said Pease quickly shoved her son back into the store, the door automatically locking behind him. The boy dialed 9-1-1, summoning Novi police to the scene.

"I've been watching 'Rescue 9-1-1' on TV," Ricky said. "But I probably would have dialed 9-1-1 anyway."

Grubb said one of the suspects was identified as DeMarco Hawkins, 20, of Detroit, a former employee of the restaurant. Hawkins then reportedly struck Pease on the head with his gun and forced her at gunpoint to unlock the door with her keys and go back into the restaurant with him. The second man did not enter the restaurant with Hawkins and Pease.

"When he hit her over the head with the gun I knew he wasn't fooling around," Ricky said. "I didn't panic or anything. It felt like my heart just dropped right down to my toes like I didn't have a heart at all. I couldn't believe I was dialing 9-1-1."

When they entered the restaurant Hawkins allegedly told Ricky he was going to kill him for calling the police.

However, Ricky told Hawkins that he had not called the police, but instead had tried to call home and nobody answered the phone. "That was quick thinking by that young man," Grubb commented.

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All downhill from here

Janelle Grigallis, 3 1/2, of Novi holds on tight to her cousin, Nicholas Edel, 4, of Lexington, Ky. Nicholas' family was visiting in the Novi area when the two decided to take advantage of the Christmas snow fall. The snow gave many an

area youth a chance to try out their Christmas presents, sleds and toboggans, as the winter activities season opens. For a listing of area facilities for winter activities, see page 1B.

Novi schools will seek millage renewal in Feb.

Novi school officials plan to put before voters a 10.5-mill renewal before voters in a special election next February.

School Superintendent Robert Piwko expressed optimism that the district's millage renewal will be passed, with "sophisticated voters in Novi realizing the approval of the 10.5 mills will allow us to operate in 1991-92."

The decision to hold the special election was made by the board of education last Thursday amid discussion of the recapturing of funds by the state, which board members anticipate will continue in the coming year.

"If the sun continues to rise in the east, I assure you there will be more recapturing . . . redistribution of funds, tax rollbacks. In my thought process, I can see that we will lose \$1 million in addition to what we lost last year," said trustee Raymond Byers.

"We'll end up short, I'm convinced of it," he added. Piwko made clear that the state funding question and its possible negative impact on the district is a separate

issue from the millage renewal and that approval of the 10.5 mills in February will simply allow the district to go ahead with its budget planning early in the year for 1991-92.

"The community recognizes the need to plan ahead and to know where we're going. If anything negative occurs, it will show it's the result of the state, not the result of any actions by the school district," he said.

Piwko added that, based on current projections, he is not anticipating the need for a Headlee override proposal on the district's remaining operational millage.

In other developments, talks continue regarding the Novi Woods Classrooms/Techlink, with school officials reviewing preliminary drawings for the project and directing architects from TMP, which is handling the construction plan, toward more finished scales and models. Further recommendations and approval will be discussed at the next regular meeting of the Novi Board of Education, scheduled for Jan. 10.

Donors dig deep despite downturn

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Recession fears may have caused an extra outpouring of generosity to local charities, rather than a drawing-in of the purse strings.

The Salvation Army's Farmington Hills outpost — which also serves Novi — had a \$100,000 target for its kettle campaign.

On Dec. 21, with three of the biggest shopping days of the year left to go, \$115,000 had been collected.

"Part of why I think people are being a little more giving this year is because of the downturn in the economy. Americans, when they know there is a legitimate need, will dig a little deeper into their pockets," said Salvation Army Lt. Jonathan Rich.

One of the major collection sites for the center is Twelve Oaks Mall, where four bellringers are stationed at each of the anchor stores. Rich said the take was also particularly good at Mervyn's and Children's Palace in the Novi Town Center.

The service organization also had outstanding success this season in raising food and toys for

needy local families.

The assistance is needed. "We've helped a lot more families this year. Our caseload of families helped is over 60 percent. We've really been overwhelmed with all the demand this year," Rich said.

Marilyn Klocke, branch manager of Michigan National Bank at Ten Mile and Novi roads was thrilled with how many playthings were brought in for the fourth year the company's participated in Toys for Tots. The campaign is sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps.

"This is the best year we ever had, it's just fantastic. A lot of the businesses in the area really helped us out. It was just great," she said.

"We had six large bags, leaf bags, full of toys. A toy train. A cabbage patch doll. Lots of stuffed animals. All kinds of neat things."

For the drop-off, the staff made a small "choo-choo train" out of gift wrapped cardboard boxes.

The Toys for Tots collection at Novi Civic Center and Farmer Jack's wasn't quite as impressive, according to Ed Sytsma of James-

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Pigs with panache make popular pets

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

This little piggy went to market. Did it ever! People are snatching up the "yuppie puppy," the diminutive Vietnamese Pot Bellied Pig, as fast as magazines and television programs can spread the word.

Breeders are asking anywhere from \$300 to \$1,000 up for the backyard animal turned lap hog.

This little piggy stayed home . . . with the Milavec family of Northville Township. Snorting and snuffling and maybe squealing a bit, the baby pig Huey adopted as littermates the

family's four young children.

This little piggy is going to preschool.

Novi resident Margaret Schmidt plans to use Polly, her white and black, eight-week-old inker as part of her children's educational programs.

Why would anyone want a pig in the house?

They're small, they're cute, they're housebroken. And besides, anything a dog can do, pigs can do better, owners say.

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Margaret Schmidt and her pet

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

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Suburban Communications Corporation has provided *The News* with the financial, technical and managerial resources to be both stable and forward looking. Twenty-five years after our founding, our company is widely re-

garded as among the very best organizations in the community newspaper field.

I am proud to be working with the entire staff at *The News*. And especially I am grateful to the thousands of readers whose loyalty has enabled *The News* to serve the Novi area many years.

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Philip H. Power
Chairman, Suburban
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BRINGING HOME THE NEWS

This is a rather momentous week for us. We're celebrating our silver anniversary.

It was 25 years ago — on December 30, 1965 — that Philip H. Power bought the six Observer newspapers and thereby established the base for what is known today as Suburban Communications Corporation.

Right now, some of you may be a bit confused. "Suburban Communications Corporation? But I thought this was one of the six HomeTown Newspapers. Used to be Sliger/Livingston Publications until they changed their name to HomeTown Newspapers earlier this year."

Well, you're right. This is one of the HomeTown Newspapers. But HomeTown Newspapers is an independently managed division of Suburban Communications Corporation.

In other words, this is one of the HomeTown Newspapers. And HomeTown Newspapers is part of Suburban Communications Corporation — one of the country's most successful publishers of community newspapers.

Of course, all of the papers in the HomeTown group — The Brighton Argus, Livingston County Press, Milford Times, Northville Record, Novi News and South Lyon Herald — have been around a lot longer than 25 years. The Livingston County Press, for example, is 147 years old, making it the oldest paper in Livingston County.

The Northville Record, founded in 1869, is the oldest weekly newspaper in Wayne County. And the Milford Times, which began publishing in 1871, is the oldest in Oakland County.

But even though each of the HomeTown newspapers has its own interesting history, it is the 25th anniversary of our parent company — Suburban Communications Corporation, the company that brought us all together — that we are celebrating this week.

Commitment to Community

First, a little about our founder and Suburban Communications Corporation (SCC). An Ann Arbor native, Power was only 27 when he purchased the six Observer newspapers. He traces his ancestry back to the pioneer families in what is now known as the western Detroit suburbs. His great, great, great, great grandfather, Arthur Power, founded Farmington in 1824. A Power Road still exists in that city.

In addition to his historic roots to the area, Power also has a great interest in journalism. He graduated from the University of Michigan where he was editorial director of The Michigan Daily, the student newspaper. He also worked as sports editor and acting city editor of the Fairbanks (Alaska) Daily News-Miner in 1961 and '62. And later worked as a stringer at the Chicago Daily News.

When he purchased the Observer Newspapers 25 years ago, it was the first step toward building a company that today publishes 53 community newspapers with an overall circulation of 500,000 each week, puts out 30 shopping guides with a weekly aggregate distribution of well over 500,000 and runs eight composing rooms and three web

press installations.

In addition to HomeTown Newspapers, Suburban Communications Corporation also includes the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, a chain of 13 bi-weekly papers based in Livonia; Press Community Newspapers in Cincinnati, Ohio; Community Newspapers, Inc., in Lansing; Camden Publications which publishes the Farmers Advance Newspaper; and Advertising Systems, Inc., which publishes the Pennysaver in numerous suburban Detroit communities.

Suburban Communications Corporation and its newspapers are regarded widely as among the very best companies in the community newspaper industry.

The HomeTown Connection

HomeTown Newspapers is an important part of Suburban Communications Corporation. How did the six HomeTown Newspapers come together? How did they come to be part of Suburban Communications Corporation?

Each of the six HomeTown newspapers has its own distinctive history, in many cases tracing its roots back more than a century into the early days of community newspapers.

What is today known as HomeTown came about as a result of two Suburban Communications Corporation acquisitions.

On October 1, 1976, SCC purchased from William H. Sliger a group of four newspapers known as Sliger Home Newspapers. Sliger had purchased The Northville Record and Novi News from Glenn Cummings in 1956. He went on to purchase The South Lyon Herald (founded in 1879) in 1961, and then added The Brighton Argus (founded in 1880) in 1969.

The rest of the HomeTown group came together in June 1980 when the Livingston County Press and Milford Times were purchased from Richard



Milliman. After the merger of Sliger Home Newspapers with the Livingston

County newspapers, the new company was called Sliger/Livingston Publications, a name that was retained until changed to HomeTown Newspapers in September 1990.

'Bringing Home the News'

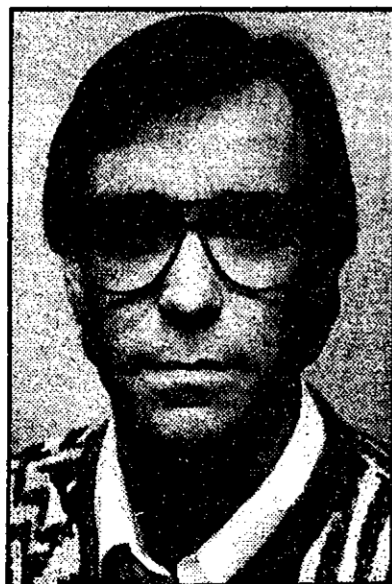
The history of Suburban Communications Corporation is contained in a book that has been published to mark the 25th anniversary celebration. Titled "Bringing Home the News," the book was authored by James H. Buckley, a Professor of Communications at the University of Michigan, whose primary research focus is the economic history of community and suburban newspapers.

The book, as Power writes in the introduction, is "more than a presentation of personal values and a corporate philosophy that have helped build and set a future course for an evolving company."

"It is a history of community newspapers — hometown newspapers which concentrate on individual communities, their readers, their businesses and their lives together — which are fundamentally different from big metropolitan dailies. And it's a story too of the growing need for community newspapers in our country and how that need has been and will be met by dedicated SCC staffers."

We here at HomeTown Newspapers are proud of our papers and the communities we serve. We're also proud to be a part of Suburban Communications Corporation, a company which has at its base a fundamental belief in the value of community journalism.

Happy anniversary, SCC. Happy anniversary to us.



Michael Malott
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THURSDAY
December 27,
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Area abounds with opportunities for winter fun

As the svelte summer shape threatens to give way to a rounder, better-fed fall and winter look, what can we do to avoid looking like the jelly doughnuts we just had for breakfast — without dieting?

If you've been hanging around the deserted beach, pining for the lost volleyball net; if you've been talking to your empty catcher's mitt; if you've been riding your stationary bike 100 miles to nowhere, take heart.

The answer to both the post-summer plump and end-of-season slump is to keep on doing those vigorous outdoor activities. Don't change the locus, just change the focus.

There's more to this than snow skiing. And after the thermometer drops below 65 degrees, and before the snow falls, you can still be outside, enjoying yourself. Take the dog for a good run along the beach. Get a pair of roller blades and head for any hard-surfaced area, such as the bike paths at Kensington Metropark for a quick game of roller hockey.

Cross-country ski buffs can get in shape for cross-country skiing with a pair of roller skis. Now, and through the winter, a good canter on the back of your favorite steed (owned or rented) is another way to enjoy the outdoors and keep both yourself and the horse fit. Take a brisk walk — around the block or along a nature trail at a state or metro park.

It's just a matter of time until the serious cold weather sets in. We've been blessed (or burdened, depending on your point of view) with a very mild fall. But this is Michigan, don't forget.

The snow is coming, and with it all the other outdoor activities which will save you from becoming a couch potato: downhill and cross-country skiing, snow boarding, sledding, tobogganing, and ice skating.

For the armchair athlete, who would rather watch than participate, but who still likes to get outdoors once in a while, there is always a nice, comfortable sleigh ride.

"Oh, all right," you whine, snug in front of a warm fire in the fireplace. "I didn't really want to go to Cleveland on my exercise bike. Where can I go to do all this good stuff tomorrow? And how much will it cost me? Can I take my brother?"

Here's a list of nearby locations, organized by category.

Downhill Skiing

"You never grow tired of it, if you do it right. The better you get at it, the more you enjoy it. It's great exercise and a challenge." — Joe Bruhn, general manager, Mount Brighton Ski Area.

●Alpine Valley Ski Resort, 6775 E. Highland Road, White Lake. Call 887-2180. Located west of Milford on Highland Road between Bogle Lake and Elizabeth Lake roads. Normally open by Thanksgiving weekend. Weather hasn't cooperated this year, but they expect to be making snow by Dec. 1. Hours: 9 a.m.-11 p.m. on the weekends; 10 a.m.-11 p.m. weekdays. A full day of skiing costs \$19 on weekends and \$15 weekdays. Rentals are \$14/day on weekends and \$12/day on weekdays. 25 slopes (11 beginner slopes. Cafeteria, two snack bars, Hornet's Nest Lounge (must be 21), and game room.

●Mount Brighton Ski Area, 4141 Bauer Road, Brighton. Call 229-9581. Take Brighton Road about 2 miles north of town to east on Bauer Road, Mount Brighton opens at 10 a.m. weekdays, 9 a.m. on weekends. Closing is 10:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 p.m. on Fridays and 10:30 Sunday night. All-night skiing Saturday night. Lift tickets \$19 weekends or \$14 weekdays. Rentals cost \$14. 25 runs, 7 chairlifts and 10 rope tows accommodate skiers of every skill level. Snow boards welcome (Mount Brighton hosts the U.S. Snow board Midwest Conference Challenge Race this year on Dec. 15 and 16). Individual and group lessons available. Complimentary first lesson for beginning skiers.

Cross-country Skiing

"You can really enjoy the scenery. It's beautiful out here. The trails through the pine plantation are very

scenic." — John O'Dell, park manager, Proud Lake Recreation Area.

●Heavner Cross Country Ski Center, Proud Lake Recreation Area, 3500 Wixom Road, Milford; also, Highland Recreation Area, 5200 Highland Road, White Lake (weekends only). Call 685-2379. Ski on 10 miles of groomed trails, through pine forest and meadowland and along the river. Heavner's is the concessionaire for the Proud Lake Recreation Area, a Michigan State Park. A \$3 daily sticker (or \$15 annual permit) will get you in. Open for cross-country skiing weekdays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; weekends, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Torchlight skiing along the Marsh Trail on Wednesdays until 9 p.m. Rentals, available at the main location on Wixom Road, are \$6 per person for up to 2 hours, \$2 per hour after that to a maximum of \$10 per day. Group rates available. Hot and cold beverages and snacks in the rental building. Season for cross-country skiing is generally from mid-December to mid-March.

●Kensington Metropark, 2240 W. Buno Road, Milford. Call 685-1561. Four groomed, graded (beginner to advanced) trails for a total of 15 miles of cross-country skiing. Open for skiing whenever the park is open, from 6 a.m.-10 p.m. every day. Park entrance fee is \$2 per day or \$10 for an annual pass. Rentals are available seven days a week at the golf starter building (a half mile from the park entrance on Kensington Road), 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m.-5:30 weekends. Rental fee is \$8.50, with a \$2 rebate if equipment is returned in good condition. Hot dogs, hamburgers, hot and cold beverages and chips available at the rental building.

●Oak Pointe Golf Club, Inc., 5341 Brighton Road, Brighton. Call 227-4541 or 227-1381. There is a \$3 trail fee. Three trails: beginner trail is one mile long, features gentle slopes; intermediate trail, more challenging, is 3 miles long; advanced trail is 3.5 miles long. Ski from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily. Torchlight night skiing on Fridays and Saturdays from 6-10 p.m. Equipment rental costs \$5 for two hours, \$7 for four hours and \$9 all day. There is a \$10 deposit, returned when the equip-

ment is returned in good condition. Group rates are available. After skiing, repair to the Oak Pointe Tavern (known in summertime as the 19th Hole) for a hot toddy or other soothing concoction. For the kids, hot chocolate is under a dollar a cup.

Tobogganing, sledding, skating

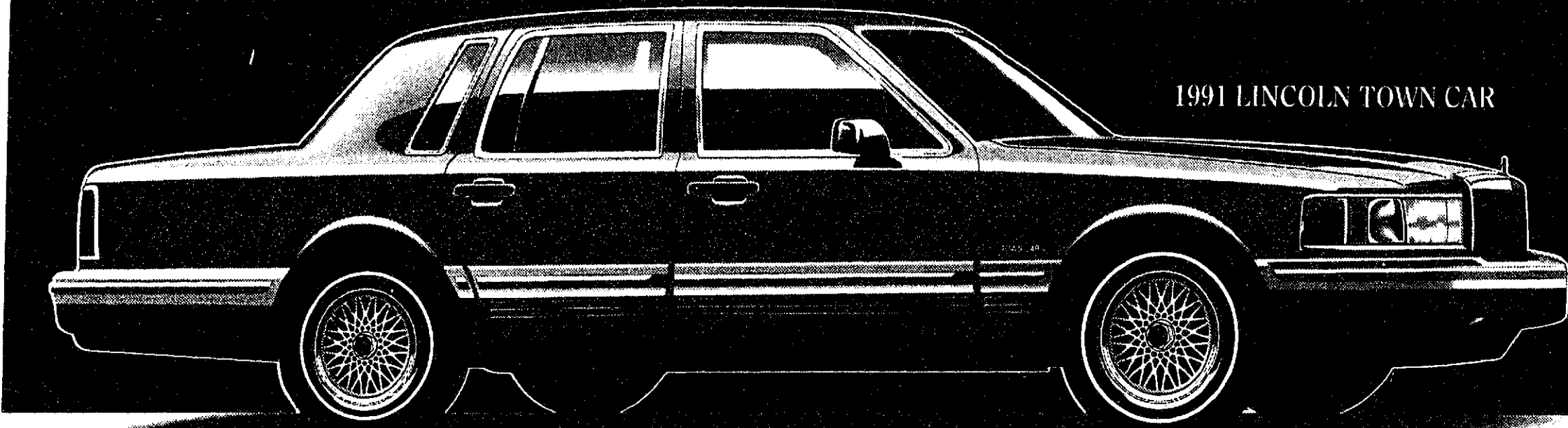
●Kensington Metropark is the place for all three. There are beginner and advanced sledding/tobogganing hills in the Orchard Picnic Area, about four miles from the Kensington Road park entrance. Hours are from 10 to dusk on weekends and noon to dusk on weekdays. Bring your own toboggan. Ice skating at the ice rink facility located at the boat rental facility, about 3½ miles from Kensington Road park entrance. Open noon-6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, noon-8 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. No rentals. A snack bar is open during skating hours. The ice rink opens, usually around Christmastime, as soon as there are 6 inches of ice on the lake. Call to find out conditions.

Roller Blades and Roller Skis

●Kensington Park has become a local "hot spot" for both roller blading and roller skiing. Roller blades are like ice skates, but instead of a blade, there are four wheels lined up single-file. Originally designed for hockey players to practice away from the ice, they have been taken up by the general population as a recreational activity and, for some college students, as a means of transportation. Roller skis, based on a similar idea, were designed for cross-country skiers to train during the off-season. They're still pretty much used for that purpose only, but there are apparently quite a few serious cross-country skiers out there. Kensington Park attracts both roller skiers and roller bladers because it has so many paved surfaces, notably the paved bike trails that wind through the woods. Bring your roller blades or skis, ante up your \$2 daily fee, and the park is yours.



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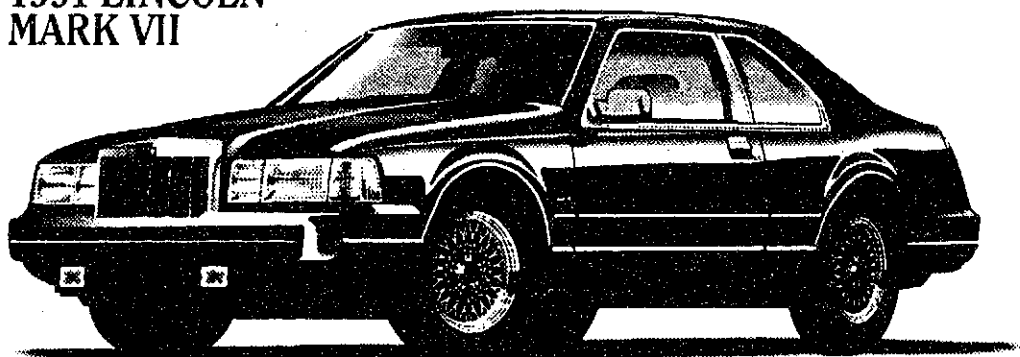
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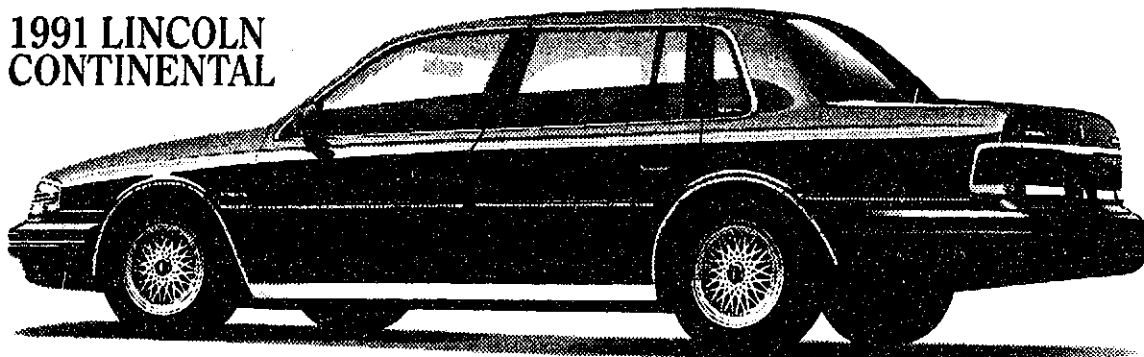
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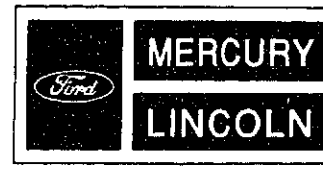
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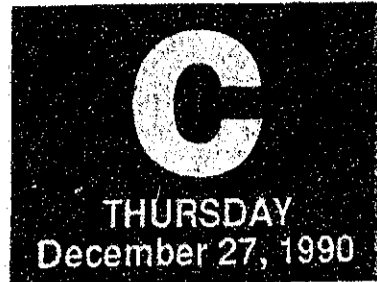


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REAL ESTATE CREATIVE LIVING



The Chandler No-frills starter or nice lake cabin

BY JAMES MCALEXANDER
Copley News Service

The no-frills Chandler calls both the city and country home.

Perfect for a young family or retirees, the 1,716 square-foot home offers two-bedroom, two-bath living for those wanting life within city limits.

For ski nuts and hiking buffs, the Chandler fits nicely beyond the city limits, as a second country home or a lake cabin.

For starters, an expansive deck, perfect for taking morning coffee amid the towering pines, surrounds the house on two sides. A huge garage—which is about half the size of the house—is large enough for a snow blower or a four-wheel-drive truck.

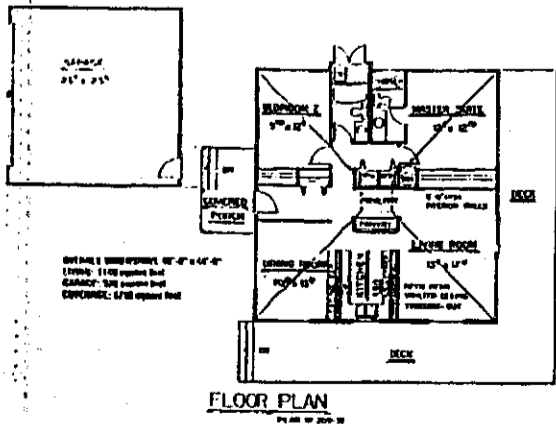
Inside, the homey Chandler is simplicity at work. Step from a covered porch into a wide entryway. The living room, dining room and kitchen are on the right side of the house. The bedrooms and baths comprise the left side.

Each bedroom features its own bath and yards of closet space. This arrangement works out nicely when another couple or other friends visit for a ski weekend and require their privacy.

The kitchen features a U-shaped set-up, typical of yachts. Everything is within arm's reach. Have breakfast at the eating bar, or lay out the festive board in the dining room. The nearby pantry stands ready if you want to lay in stores for the winter.

The home features open beam vaulted ceilings throughout.

Be it a starter home or a wilderness hideaway, the Chandler can accommodate.



For a study plan of the Chandler (209-30), send \$5 to Landmark Designs, P.O. Box 2307 CN, Eugene, OR 97402. (Be sure to specify plan name and number when ordering.)



The ultimate rec room might include a high tech stereo and a projection TV. (Electronics courtesy of Century Electronics of Brighton) Photo by SCOTT PFEFF

BY MARIA STUART
Staff Writer

The recreation room is coming into its own for the 90s.

Once simply a basement with a tiled floor, or a reclaimed attic, the recreation room has gone from being the area with the pool table to becoming a vital part of home design.

"We now design homes as a total concept," said Phil Forsyth, owner of Livingston Home Planners. "We design the total home, including the recreation space."

Forsyth's company also does remodeling work for people who just want to change their present homes or expand their living space.

"I've been in the business for 20 years now, and I've seen the rec room concept, the family room concept, and the dens. People now want media rooms so they have a place to enjoy all their electronic stuff, including computers."

One request that Forsyth has received on several occasions is to fit a racquetball court into existing homes.

"We've put a few of these into people's basements," Forsyth said. "We had to dig out the floor to accommodate the court height."

"It probably would have been cheaper for the owner to pick up a racquetball club membership."

Another common request for recreation rooms, according to Forsyth, is the installation of fireplaces or woodburning stoves.

A quick glance through any home design or remodeling magazine shows the wide range of uses for recreation rooms, depending on the hobbies and interests of the homeowners.

The changing FACE of REC ROOMS

rooms, wine cellars, fireplaces, wet bars and saunas. One recreation room even featured a built-in aquarium.

And, then there were the media rooms.

"Media room" is the new catch-phrase in the business," said Jon Schniers, owner of Century Electronics in Brighton. "It refers to the room where people go in their homes to entertain or relax."

"People are staying home more since the advent of VCRs and video-rental stores. They like to have a comfortable place to watch their movies."

"Media room equipment is the fastest growing segment of home entertain-

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"The recreation room is whatever the owner wants it to be," said Kerry Bentivolio, a Milford builder who built a home for the Homearama at Brighton's Pine Creek Ridge this year.

You may not recognize his name, but Bentivolio is the builder who put a basketball practice court into the lower level of his Homearama home.

"When people spend a lot of money on a house, they want to be able to enjoy every inch of it," Bentivolio said. "Recreation rooms reflect the owners."

As well as being showcases for those involved in building, the Homearama homes were intended to be a source of ideas for people who may not be able to afford the whole house, but can incorporate some of the ideas into their present homes.

If the Homearama homes are any indicator, recreation rooms of the future will be as well-equipped as gourmet kitchens.

Some of the ideas visitors saw at Homearama included Bentivolio's basketball court, fully equipped exercise

REAL ESTATE

Church architecture reflects our expressions

BY JAMES M. WOODARD
Copley News Service

Real estate is more than just land and shelter. It can tell a story, loud and clear, about people and cultures.

The most visual tie to history and the creativity of people is seen in architecture—the design of homes and other buildings. And the most potent architectural expressions are seen in church structures.

It's during the holiday season that people become most aware and appreciative of those distinctive church structures that serve human needs and influence lives.

Church architecture, more than any other design form, reflects a people's past and their vision of the future. It expresses cherished traditions and hope for a bright tomorrow.

For example, the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, Calif., appears to be a huge architectural window through which people can see a better world and their role in it.

Eleven thousand shimmering panes of glass enclose the white weblike truss frames of the church structure. This forms translucent walls and ceiling, thus allowing nature's beauty to encompass the building.

In a sense, the Crystal Cathedral is an embodiment of light and space. The 12-story structure, located on a 22-acre campus, is often referred to as one

of the most unique of all architectural concepts.

However, other smaller church structures are just as special and significant in their own way. The new all-faiths Protestant chapel at Boys Town, Neb., is a good case in point.

Boys Town, located a few miles west of Omaha, is the famous "city of little men" founded by Father Edward Flanagan in 1917. Since it was first established, it has been a non-sectarian, nonprofit organization. Today its citizens are both boys and girls, and over half of those youngsters are Protestant.

The new Chambers Protestant Chapel at Boys Town, completed last summer, was created with geometric proportioning first expressed by the ancients to manifest the harmony of the universe, it was pointed out by Father Val J. Peter, Boys Town executive director. The chapel's Gothic design makes it a fitting companion to the famous Boys Town Dowd Memorial Chapel where Roman Catholic youngsters have been attending services since 1939.

The new 7,500-square-foot Chambers Chapel seats 400 people. The ceiling is 45 feet tall and its spire reaches 71 feet above the ground.

The chapel structure includes unique elements linked to ancient Gothic architecture and the concerns and expressions of today's kids.

For example, terra cotta floor tiles decorate the altar area in traditional Gothic-designed churches. In Chambers Chapel, the tiles bear a deeper meaning, being individually designed by Boys Town boys and girls as a personal expression of their faith.

The Protestant chapel was the fulfillment of a long-time dream of Father Peter. He was determined to provide a more fitting and worshipful facility for his young Protestant citizens. It was primarily funded by a gift from Raymond G. Chambers, chairman of Wesray Capital Corp. in Morristown, N.J., and his mother, Claire.

Even today's church remodeling and improvement projects often reflect historic architectural concepts and modern or visionary creativity.

The old Greek Orthodox Church in Santa Barbara, Calif., was originally designed on Byzantine themes found in churches built throughout the Mediterranean from about A.D. 330. It was specifically designed to preserve a tie to traditions of the past.

Today, a major and highly creative improvement project is being completed. It involves covering 3,000 square feet of the church's altar and dome with mosaic art containing an estimated 17 million pieces of colorful glass.

The project is handled by a team of artisans headed by Salvatore Bruno of Lucca, Italy, a noted expert in creating

the iconographic characteristic of the Orthodox Church. He recently completed a

"I never weary of great churches. Mankind was never so happily inspired as when it made a cathedral."

Q. Does the Resolution Trust Corp. use auctions to sell some of the properties owned by troubled savings and loans?

A. Definitely, and results are encouraging.

The first major residential auction produced by RTC was recently held in Phoenix. About \$4.35 million was raised. Prices averaged 78 percent of asking prices. That's about normal for most private auctions.

The money raised is a small fraction of RTC's \$16.1 billion real estate portfolio, but the auction is considered a notable success. Others are now being planned at points throughout the country.

Q. Are home mortgage interest rates going up or down?

A. They are slowly but surely dropping to lower levels. At this writing, fixed-rate mortgages have fallen into single digits in interest rates (9.9 percent), according to a national survey by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.

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Linda Corder can print any design at Casual T's in the Huntington Square Mall

Photo by CHARLIE CORTEZ

Casual T's has you covered

By DIERDRE DANCEY
Special Writer

Shirt shop prints anything

Did Christmas leave you with more than a pair of fuzzy slippers and an increase in your Mastercard payment — like perhaps a few (oh, Aunt Betty's chocolate fudge) pounds?

Then perhaps a new sweatshirt from South Lyon's newest sportswear shop, Casual T's, is just what you need to spur a post-holiday "Battle of the Bulge."

Located at 564 N. Lafayette, Casual T's offers a wide assortment of casual and active wear for men and women. Owner Linda Corder of Pincney is pleased to be able to stock her store with the latest fashions.

"Really try to stay on top of what is going to be in style," she said.

Aside from sweatshirts and the latest Bart Simpson T-shirts, Corder also offers silk screening, lettering and custom sportswear. She is versa-

tile with her custom work, catering to individuals as well as entire sports teams. One of Corder's advertising slogans is: if you can spell it, we can print it.

This versatility is reflected in the wide array of items displayed in the store. What Linda considers "nicer ladies sportswear" shares floor space with a line of clothing bearing the label of rock-n-roll star Ted Nugent.

Corder is really pleased to carry the Ted Nugent line.

"We saw the display at the Gibraltar Trade Center and were very interested in carrying that line of clothes," Corder explained. Casual T's is one of just two stores in the state to offer the Ted Nugent line. She is hoping to negotiate a personal appearance by the star at her store.

"We're hoping to sell enough of his clothes to inspire a personal appearance," she said.

Corder originally opened Casual T's in Whitmore Lake in February of 1990. In November she moved the business to its present location in Huntington Square.

"Business is good here," she said. "In Whitmore Lake, there would be days I'd only get one or two customers. I'm averaging 30-40 here."

Corder believes that her location, which is among several other stores, is responsible for the increase. Of course not everybody is buying, but Corder is confident that those that don't buy will be back.

Although the business is basically Corder's own personal venture, her husband Darrell and 14-year-old

daughter Kristy, help out when they can.

"Kristy helps out, but she's not always happy about it," she said. Corder's son Darrell Jr. isn't involved in the business.

Corder would like to see her business continue to grow. She's currently negotiating with TicketMaster to become a ticket sales outlet for entertainment and sports events.

As with most major department stores, Corder is already in the process of planning and ordering her spring and summer line. From baseball uniforms to bell-bottom pants (yes, bell-bottoms are back in style), Corder will be ready when the spring sun starts to shine.

Casual T's hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday hours are 12-6 p.m. These are holiday hours and may change after Christmas. The phone number is 486-4280.

It's not too late to get a CPA for your taxes

If the thought of preparing your 1990 income tax return sends shivers down your spine, the help of a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) may save you time and money on your 1990 taxes as well as in the years to come.

According to Charles E. Hoke, CPA, president of the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants (MACPA), it is not too soon to choose a CPA to prepare your 1990 taxes.

A management consultant at McEndarfer, Hoke & Bernhard in Bloomfield Hills, Hoke says it is beneficial to find a CPA as soon as possible to make the most of any year-end tax planning opportunities.

"When choosing a CPA, think of forming a long-term relationship with the individual. It is beneficial to have the same CPA helping with your tax planning and finances over the years."

According to Hoke, there are a number of different ways to find a CPA that meets your needs. He suggests talking to friends, relatives, neighbors, controllers, CFOs, attorneys or bankers you may have contact with.

When evaluating a CPA, there are several qualifications you should consider before making a final decision.

- Is the CPA licensed to practice in Michigan?
- Is the CPA a member of any professional organizations?

- Are your needs compatible with the CPA's personality and expertise?
- Is the location of the firm convenient?

"Above all, an important qualification to consider when choosing a CPA is personal chemistry. You must have a good rapport with the person since you will be working together and disclosing all your financial information and history," says Hoke.

"It is also important to explain any special financial circumstances you may have to determine whether or not the CPA is qualified to deal in that arena and handle any special problems you may encounter," continues Hoke.

Once you choose a CPA, you should:

- Discuss timing, such as due dates and when the work will be prepared.
- Find out who will do the work.

The level of expertise required and the complexity of your work may determine who will perform the service and the corresponding fee.

Reach an understanding of what the CPA will prepare, what your obligations are, what the fee arrangement will be and the details of any other special provisions.

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To fight crime in Philly, people plant posies.

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The Philadelphia Story
One day, in the "bad part" of Philadelphia, a neighbor complained to a neighbor. And then to another. And then to more. People didn't like their homes being "taken over." Feelings of helplessness and resentment turned to action.

They went to the police for help.

Soon a substation was established where folks could readily report crime. Weekly meetings began. Community watches started. Things started

getting fixed up. Vacant lots were cleaned up and fenced off. Abandoned cars were towed away. Painting and repairing programs began.

The neighborhood was cleaning itself up. The local 4-H Club even helped set up garden clubs where kids, teens and adults could work together on plants and flowers while talking over ways to raise awareness.

When people care and get involved, neighborhoods change. When a block doesn't look like a haven for crime and drugs, it won't be. And in this part of Philly, where once only apathy grew, seven gardens now bloom.

This is only one success story of many. To find

out what can be done in your neighborhood, write: **The McGruff Files, 1 Prevention Way, Washington, D.C. 20539-0001.** And help...



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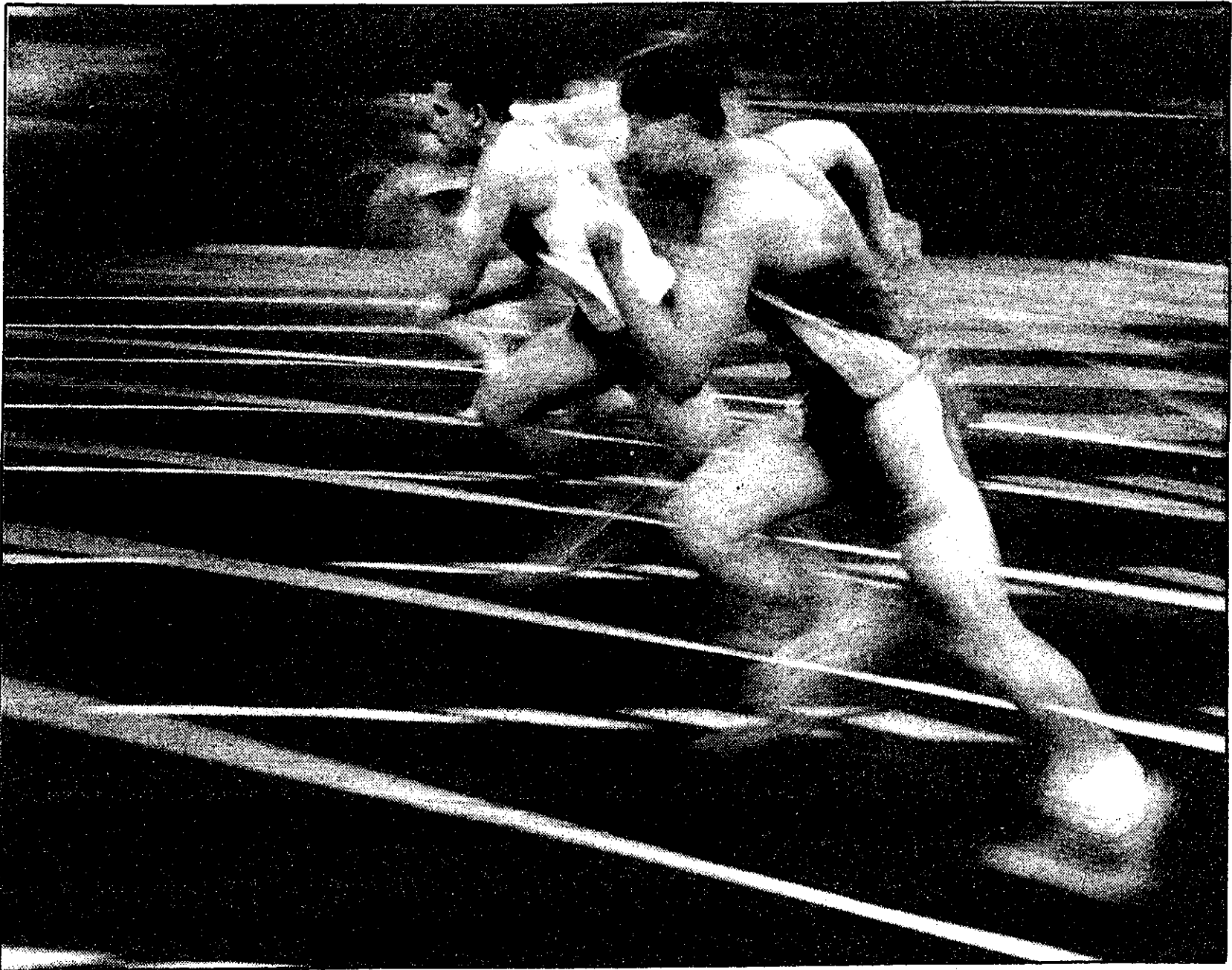
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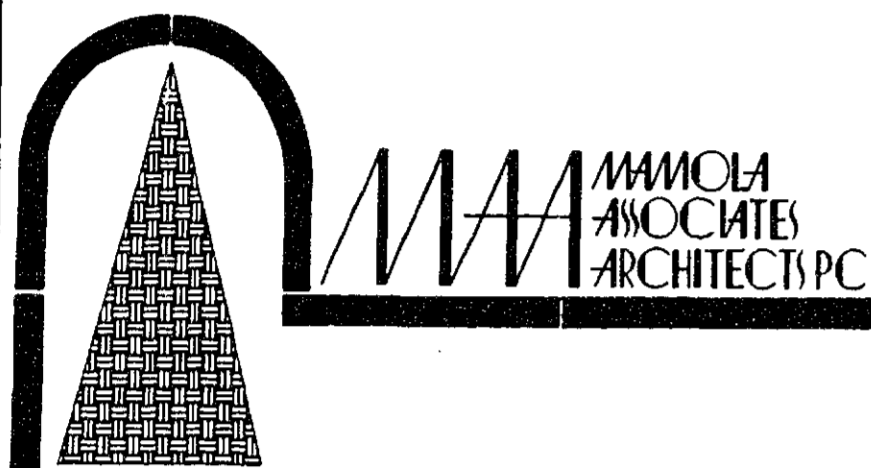
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The start of the 100 yard dash at Novi High School

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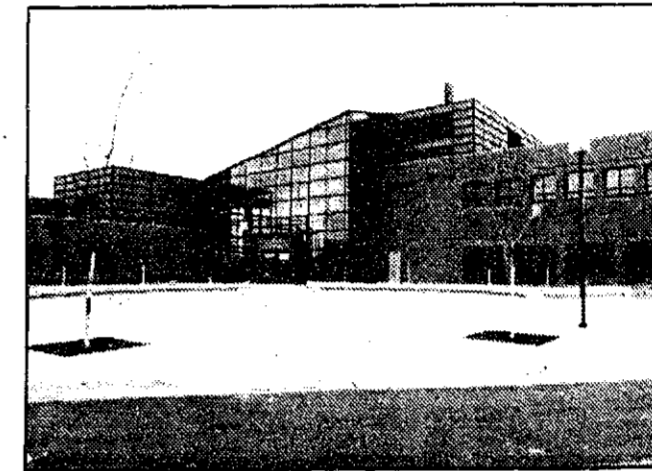
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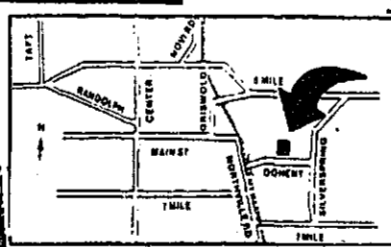
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Stories that made headlines in 1990

By JAN JEFFRES
STAFF WRITER

Men in women's clothing dropped by Vic Tanny's. A Bible-waving Lansing man led state police on a chase through I-96 in Novi to Farmington Hills. Madonna's scarf raised \$700 on the auction block for an anti-drug use program.

A typical year in Novi? Not precisely. The city managed to make the national news at least twice in 1990, when "killer swans" ravaged Walled Lake and when Johnson Controls inaugurated a pioneering plastics recycling plant here.

The U.S. Census Bureau counted noses in Novi this year and came up with 30,843. The city, calculating that number is about 1,527 too few, appealed and the bureau is currently reviewing the figures. But since 1980, Novi's population has grown by either 37 percent or 45 percent — or somewhere in that range.

Here's the year's top stories in Novi that Cable Network News and USA Today missed:

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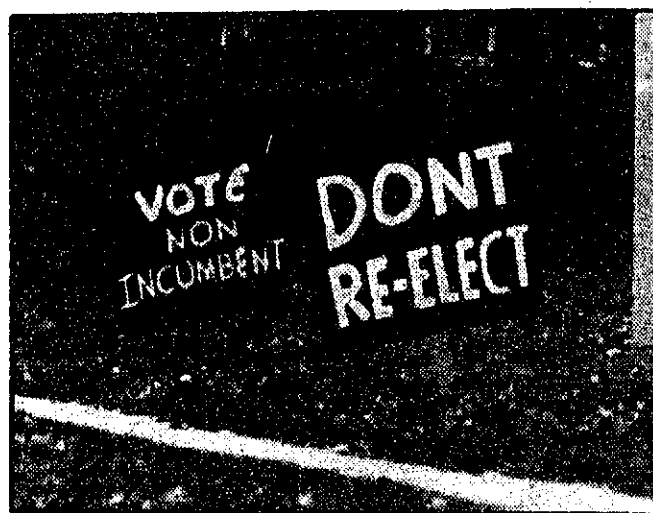
Novi is still in the running as a top site for an eight-community materials recovery facility (MRF) and waste transfer facility. But at least 1,000 residents and business owners hope the MRF will run the other way.

A location on Haggerty Road south of Interstate 96 was chosen for the plant, which is the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County's response to the countywide goal to half the amount of waste sent to landfills.

Supporters of the MRF say it's the only way to handle a large-scale recycling program. Members of "Say No To Haggerty" say they're not opposed to recycling — just the traffic the operation would bring to an already clogged road. Objections have also been raised to the proximity of the facility to Highland Hills Estates mobile home community and other residential areas.

The city council has held off a local

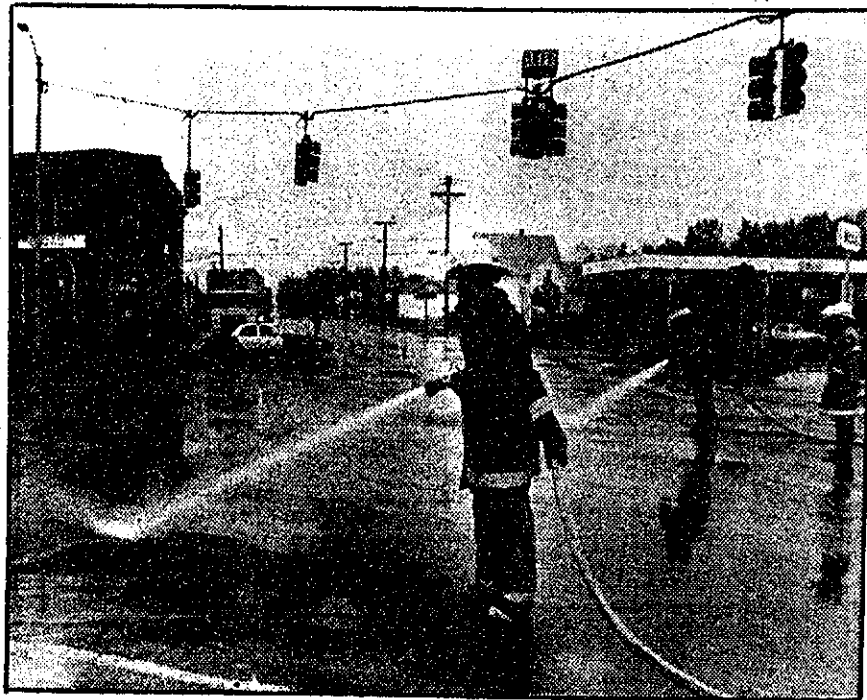
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A Novi resident expressed a non-incumbent election bias

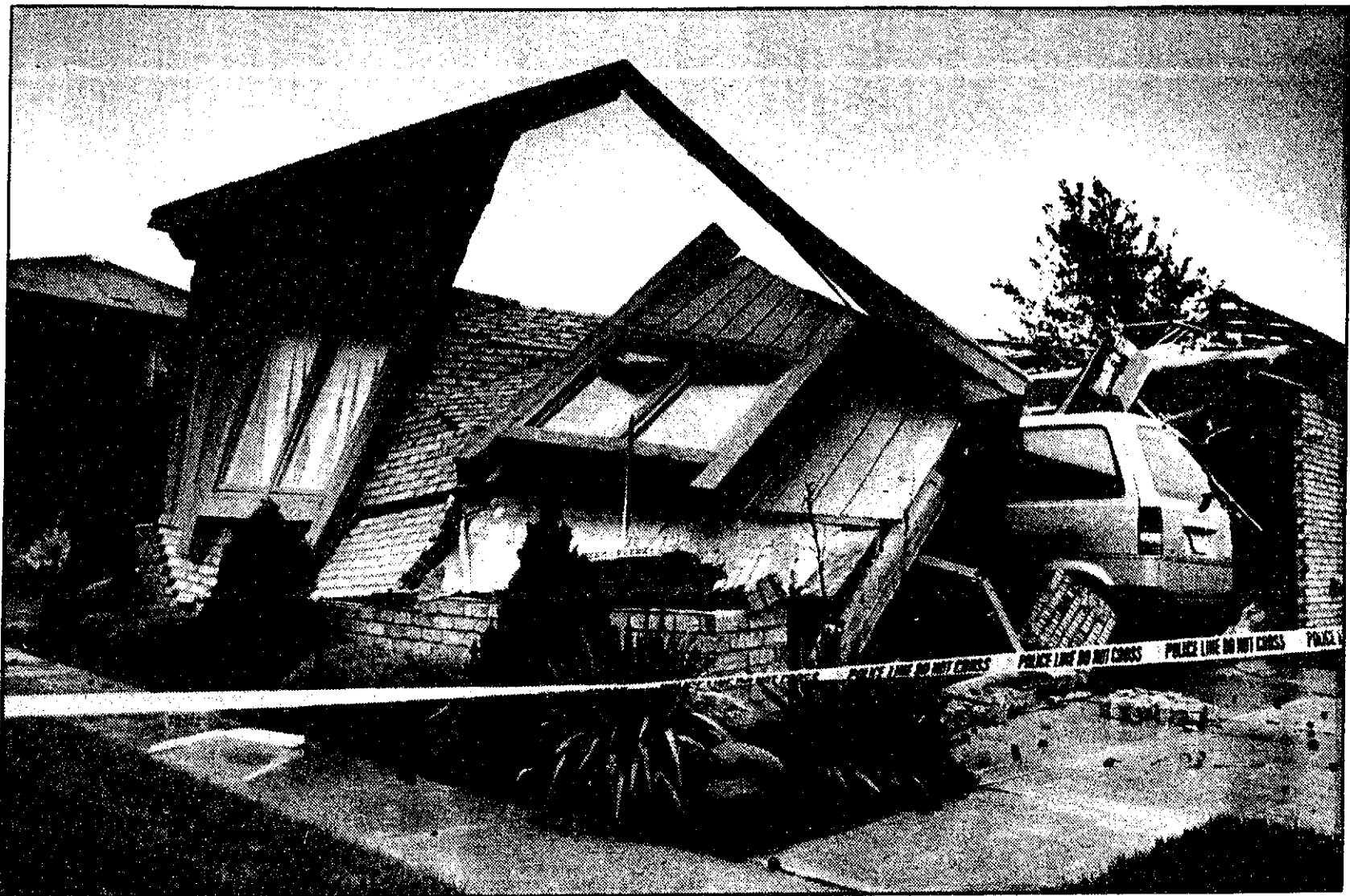


Police investigate the scene of a train-automobile accident



Firefighters clean up a tanker spill at Grand River/Novi Road

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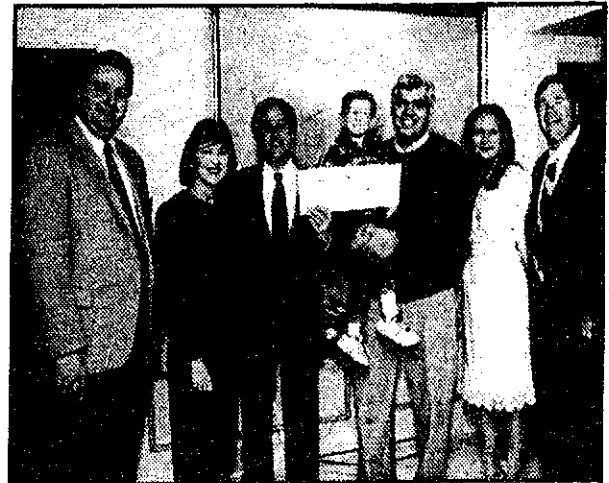
A sudden tornado did extensive damage to homes and maunicipal buildings in September



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decision on Oakland County's solid waste plan until early in 1991. Meanwhile, an alternative MRF location may be in the cards.

NOVI TWISTER

It was just a routine drill, students at Orchard Hills school thought around 2 p.m. Sept. 14. But when the tornado sirens went off, Novi learned it was the real thing.

Mother Nature huffed through the city in a fury, exploding the Knockart home on Amherst Drive in Yorkshire Place Subdivision, devastating their next door neighbor's house and damaging eight other residences.

Cyndi Vockler was the heroine of the day when, spotting a funnel cloud, she rushed to the Knockart home to warn her friend Linda. The women, each with a toddler in tow, took shelter in the basement while the roof of the house collapsed.

Walled Lake Police Det. Jerry Walker, in the neighborhood on business, helped the four exit the shambles. Both Vockler and Walker were later cited by the City of Novi for their bravery.

Although the tornado hit just as schools were letting out, only one injury was reported — 1990 Novi High School graduate Mark Fisher received facial cuts when the winds shattered his car window.

Putting the pieces back together continues. The roofs of the police department and library sustained damage; \$1.3 million in repairs to the Novi Civic Center's glass atrium roof may not be completed until the spring.

THE GRAND PLAN GONE AWRY

Officially delivered in Nov. 1989, the city-initiated Relocation and Enhancement Program led a short and rugged life. While the city hoped to clear out 30 acres of land in Novi's downtown by offering incentives for non-conforming industries to move west, residents in Sect. 18 balked at the idea.

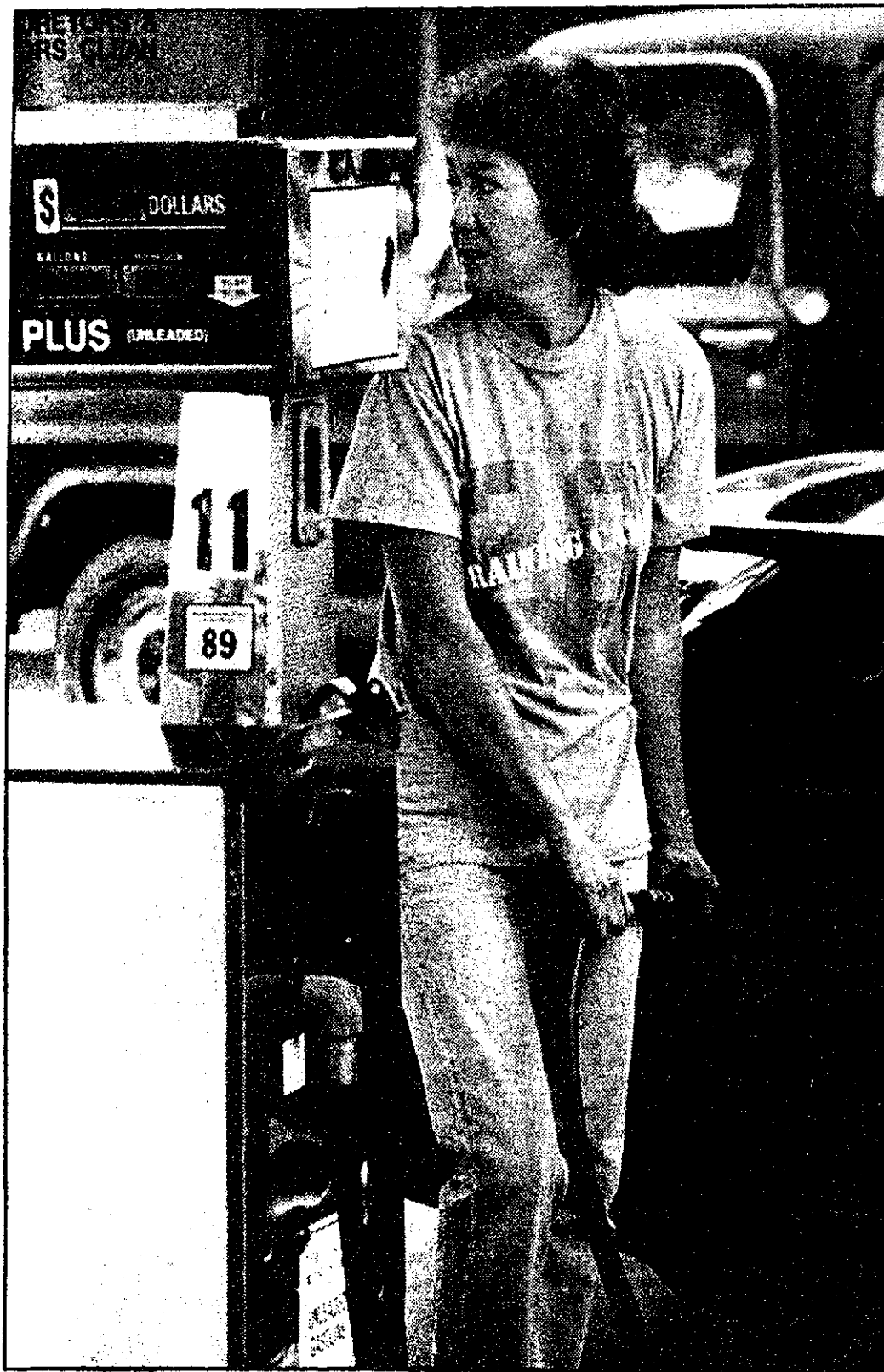
The innovative design called for uprooting cement plants and heavy machinery companies to make way for a pedestrian-friendly downtown with commercial and residential areas intermingled.

Novi, Lyon Township and Wixom residents in the Grand River Avenue/Wixom Road area, organized as Neighbors Against Poor Planning (NAPP), rallied against the Grand Plan. Property values plunging, possible industrial pollution of well water and traffic were key concerns.

The council put a halt to the proposed industrial park in September. Now the city is looking at a more gradual redevelopment of the downtown, encouraging industries to move out one-by-one.



The Angel family awaits the return of their son and brother from Saudi Arabia



Juanita Winters felt the financial pinch at the gas pumps

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Unsightly dumping concerned residents and city officials

OIL FEVER

Temperatures of Echo Valley Estates homeowners soared as the Southern Michigan Oil Company (SOMOCO) renewed its attempt to drill for \$50 million worth of gas and oil on vacant land a quarter-mile from their subdivision.

Residents feared diminished property values, potential well water contamination and odors. The oil company promised to install safety requirements above state standards and to pipe the crude to an existing oil production facility on Eleven Mile Road.

After prolonged deliberations, the city council in October turned down the permits necessary for the operations, saying that the operation could have a negative impact on orderly development along Ten Mile Road and that SOMOCO had not proved that the oil well would not have serious consequences. Council members also said that it might be difficult to extend city water to Echo Valley in event of groundwater contamination, due to the water moratorium.

SOMOCO in turn filed suit against the city, claiming that the company and the landowners who have leased out their oil

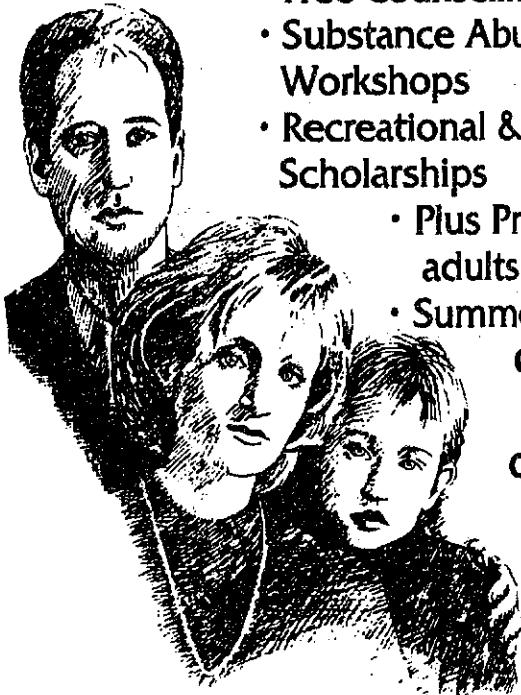


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and gas rights are being deprived of their property. The city plans to come out fighting.

GLOBAL OUTLOOK

The world seemed closer to Novi this year. Local schoolchildren, Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts sent their letters, cookies and best wishes to the U.S. troops in Saudi Arabia. Families with servicemen and women in the Persian Gulf proudly flew yellow ribbons.

In July, Mayor Pro Tem Edward Leininger dropped in on his counterparts in a namesake city in Italy. Leininger exchanged "war stories" with the Italian elected officials and upon returning home posted a package of Novi, Michigan memorabilia. In return, the Italians sent the city council a box of their prime local product — gourmet chocolates.

A new clue surfaced in the unsolved mystery of the origin of the city's name. Historical Society president Kathy Mutch was given a copy of a 1930s letter from a Yugoslav diplomat, who claimed that Novi, Michigan had been named after a city in that country. Mutch is now trying to track down the story he related of a French soldier in Napoleon's army who ran off with a Yugoslav Moslem girl. The eloping pair were supposed to have landed in frontier Michigan, where the settlement was dubbed Novi in honor of the bride's hometown.

HAPPY TRAILS

In November, voters agreed by a 4-to-3 margin to drive ahead into the next century with an \$18.8 road bond issue which will improve eight miles of local thoroughfares.

Property taxes will go up .44 mills in 1991 and average out at about one-mill increase. As new residents and businesses move into town, they'll pick up their share of the bill, reducing payments for everyone.

A key component of the program is the widening of Twelve Mile Road from two lanes to a four-to-six lane boulevard, which will tie in the Haggerty Connector project.

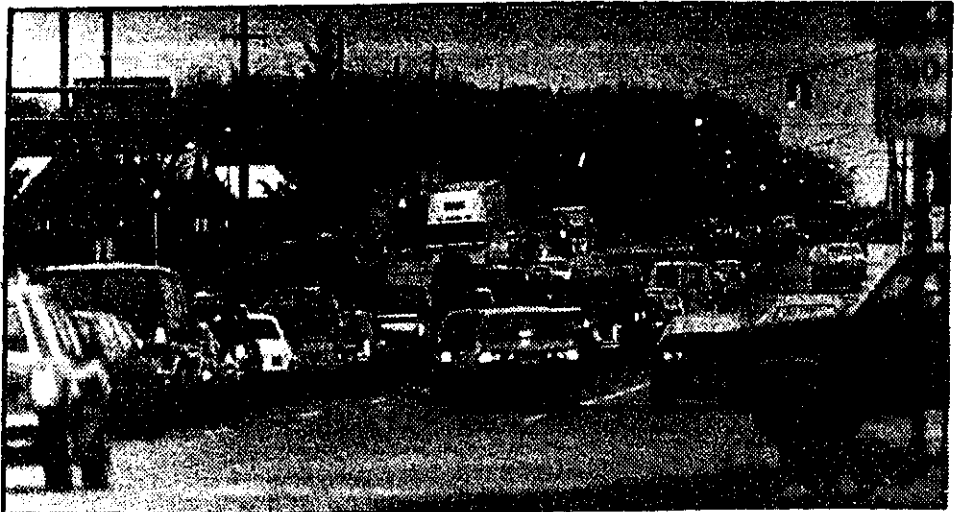
OVER-BEDDED?

Providence Hospital's bid to open a 200-bed facility here was slapped down in January by the Michigan Department of Public Health. In denying the hospital's certificate of need, the state said there were already too many hospital beds within this health service region.

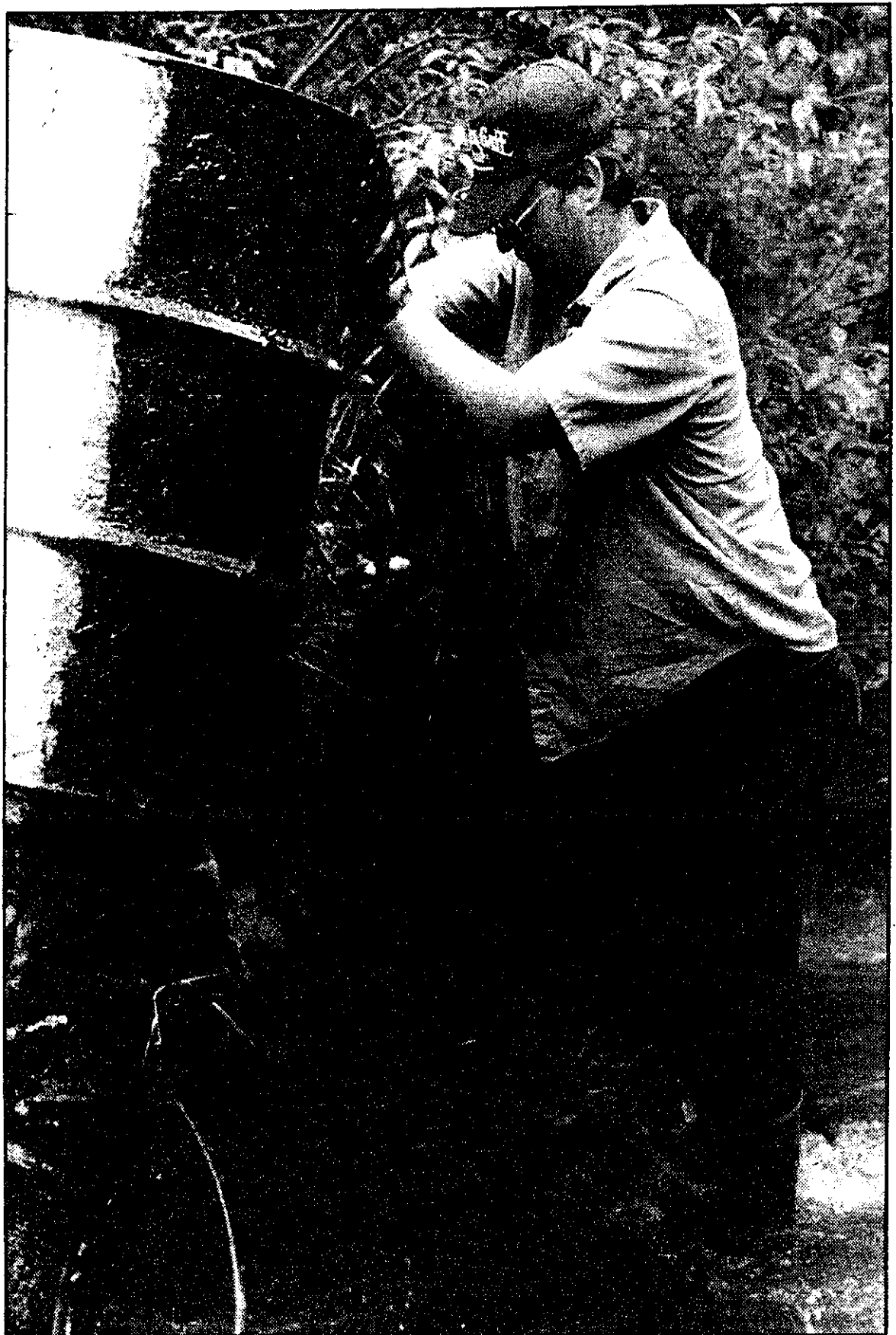
But Providence's appeal is scheduled for review by the health department in spring 1991.

In the meantime, the Southfield-based, non-profit health care organization plans to begin work this spring on an ambulatory health care center and medical offices at the proposed hospital site, the Westbrooke Golf Course at Ten Mile and Beck Roads.

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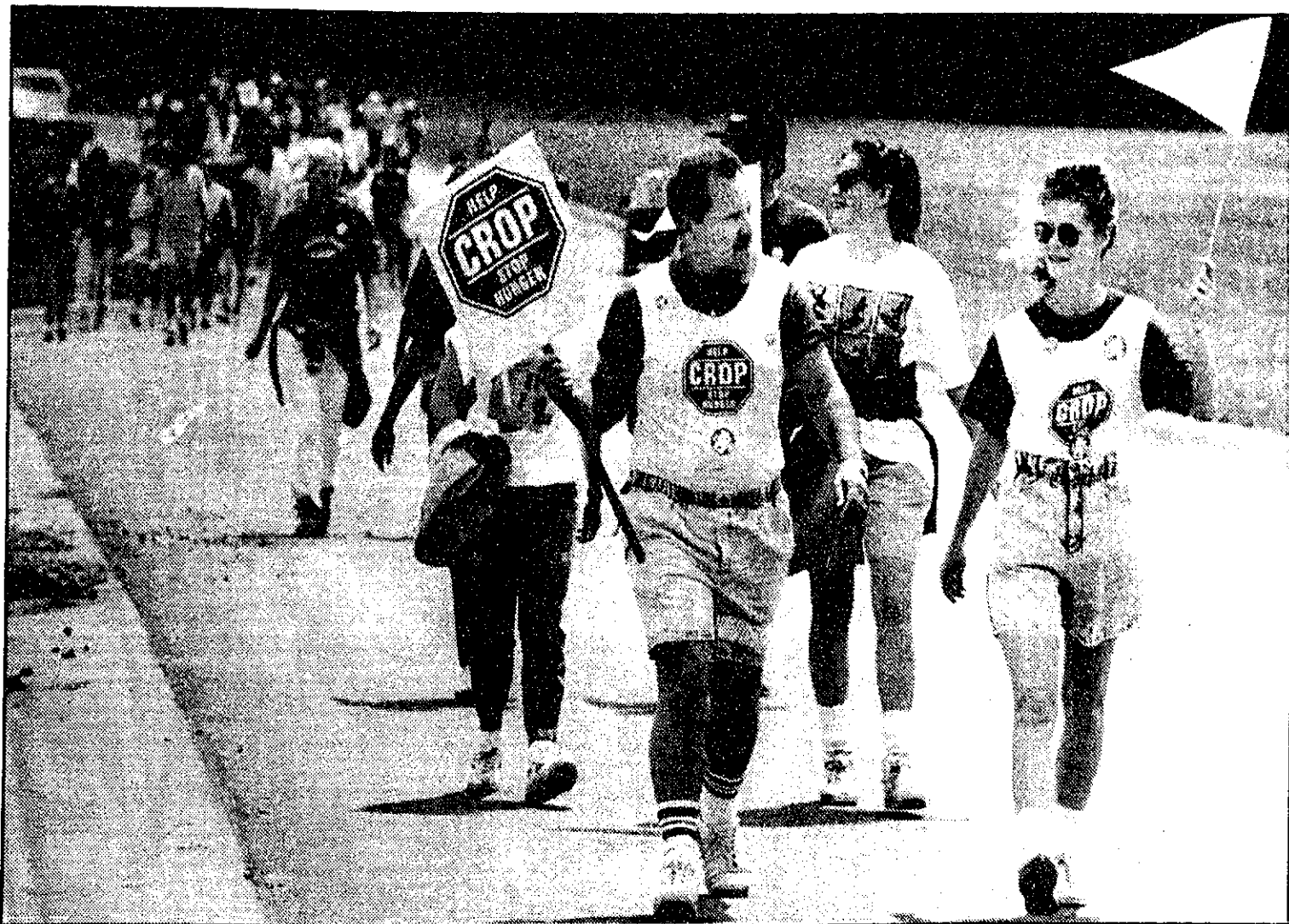


Traffic continued to be a major concern along Novi Road



Gary Reinward assisted during annual Rouge Rescue efforts

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Mike and Robin Simpson lead the Crop Walk to fight world hunger

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NOVI CARE

The July 9 death of Alzheimer patient Esther Tauren triggered restrictive measures by the state against Novi Care Center, a nursing home on Meadowbrook Road. Tauren, 70, choked while being spoon-fed by an aide. Earlier, she had been treated for dehydration.

An aide, said to have been unable to tell that Tauren was gagging, was charged with a misdemeanor.

In August, the state Department of Public Health stopped admissions to the center, saying that patient rights were violated and that the staff was inadequately trained.

Two other Novi Care aides face charges — one for allegedly kneeling a patient in the buttocks and the second for allegedly slapping a senior citizen there.

DAYS IN COURT

To build in Novi, some developers were willing to wage legal battle.

In July, Paragon Properties won a five-year court case and was granted permission to build a 100-unit mobile home park at Napier and Twelve Mile roads.

Negotiations continued with Lee Walter, who hopes to build a strip mall at the corner of Ten Mile and Beck roads. In 1989, residents grouped together in Citizens for Responsible Development tried to block the shopping center with a successful referendum election.

Walter responded by suing the city. Now, before parties expect to reach a compromise with a scaled-down retail/residential complex.

In May, the state supreme court denied Novi leave to appeal in a lawsuit brought by the Selective Group, which plans to build a convenience center at Novi and Nine Mile roads.

HOLD THAT TIGER?

The decade's first year ends with questions. Will the city maintain the spectacular growth rate of 1980s? Or will the recession and a state-imposed moratorium on new water lines slow down development in the 1990s?

The state department of public health has said that no new Detroit water lines can be extended in western Wayne and Oakland counties until a new \$650 million water main is built in Bloomfield Township. In Novi, this could stop new construction in some areas.

City officials hoped voters would be willing to save some of the remaining green space as park lands, but in April voters for the second time nixed a half-mill parks and recreation fund property tax increase.

Major developments now underway or soon to be include the 325-home Chase Farms on Eight Mile Road and the massive Sandstone planned urban development of 1,400 housing units, along with retail, at Thirteen Mile and Decker roads.



One of the horses at Tollgate Farm found the fo



A Vietnam veteran pauses after POW/MIA ceremonies at Oakland Hills Memorial G

People who made the news in 1990

By SCOTT DANIEL
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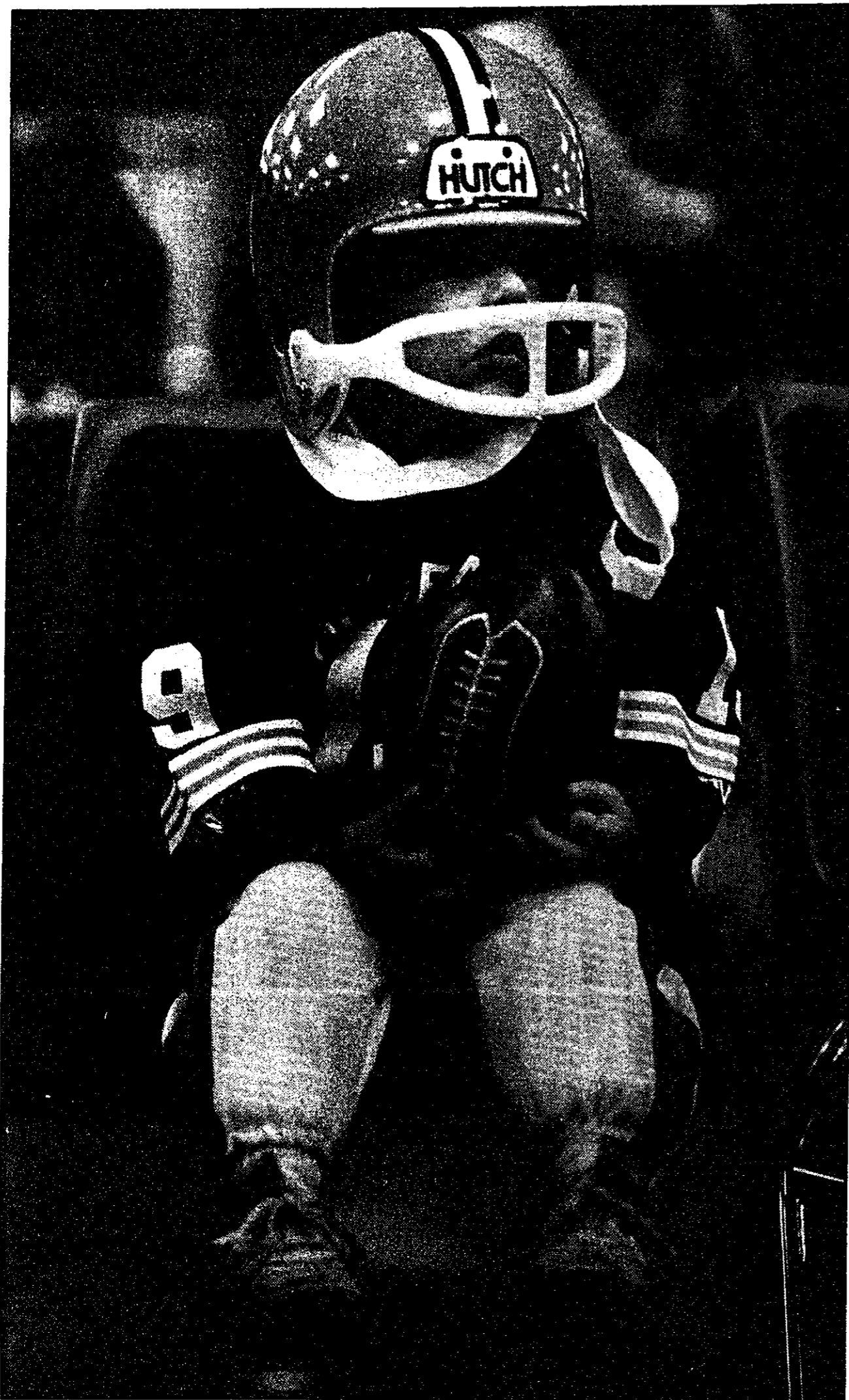
Novi made news during the 1990 year. Some made news through their efforts and community involvement. Others made news because of their involvement in controversial issues. Whatever the reason, what follows is a list of those who ranked as Novi's leading newsmakers.

SIGRI WREN

Sigri Wren, a Novi resident for 18 years, has been the leader of opposition against the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County (RRRASOC) locating a materials recovery facility (MRF) in the city.

Wren, along with friend Ester Miller, formed the "Just Say No To Haggerty Road" committee in June to fight the proposed facility, which would be located on Haggerty Road south of I-96. Since then, Wren and the committee have collected signatures for petitions against the MRF several times. In August the committee presented the city clerk's office with 230 signatures against the site.

The committee and Wren have decried the site because trucks hauling the refuse would add to already heavy traffic on Haggerty Road and also



Ryan Glass, 2, 'quarterbacked' a preschool Halloween party at the Novi Civic Center

create noise problems. Wren said that the site is improperly zoned.

Questions of whether the site will be home to the authority's MRF now exist. City Manager Edward Kriewall recently said a new site is under consideration. Wren, and the committee, have voiced their objections loudly this year and no doubt played a roll in the city council's cold reception to Novi site.

LENORA JADUN

Formerly the city's director of public works, Lenora Jadun was named general manager of the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County (RRRASOC) in April of this year.

The authority is responsible for putting together a program which will totally control the solid-waste stream from Novi, Southfield, Walled Lake, South Lyon, Wixom, Farmington and Farmington Hills. The goal of the authority is to cut the flow of refuse going into Oakland County landfills by recycling 35 percent.

Jadun's main role with the authority has been to educate the public about recycling and the MRF. She said that many residents think of the MRF as a

landfill or incineration station. She has stressed to residents that the MRF is safe and that the Haggerty Road location is viable.

Jadun has met with opposition from residents and business owners adjacent to the proposed site. The first few months of 1991 could decide how successful Jadun has been in selling the MRF idea to the city.

CHUCK KURETH

Citing personal and business reasons, Charles Kureth Jr. resigned from the Novi Planning Commission in November. Kureth had been with the commission for seven years, two as chairperson.

During the course of his stay on the commission, Kureth became a respected and relied upon source for the city.

Planners sung his praises after his resignation and said he would be missed on the commission.

Mayor Matt Quinn pointed to Kureth's service as chairperson, his role in developing a hazardous waste ordinance for the city and his work on the Town Center Steering Committee as his major accomplishments.

Kureth wasn't afraid to voice his opinion. In October, Kureth took exception to the city rejecting the Grand Plan. He said it would have a drastic and negative impact on plans to develop downtown Novi.

A replacement for Kureth won't likely be found before the end of the year. Meanwhile, Kureth said leaving the commission gives him more time with his family and on business.

BOB GATT

In April, The Novi Police Department named Bob Gatt its officer of the year.

Gatt, a Novi officer for 15 years, was named primarily because of his service in the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program in the city. He also serves the department as its crime prevention officer.

As Novi DARE officer, Gatt's main responsibility is in educating Novi middle school students about the perils of drug use.

"My biggest accomplishment has been the success of the program," he said. "It teaches kids not only about the dangers of drug use but how to say no — not just

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to drugs but in any situation."

More than 300 children have graduated from the DARE program since its beginnings in 1989.

Besides teach students, Gatt acts as the program's chief fund raiser. Selling such items as t-shirts, caps and bumperstickers raise money for the program.

Novi Police Chief Lee BeGole said that Gatt was highly involved with the community and deserved of the award. Gatt's record does indeed make him the best choice for the department award this year.

HARRY AVAGIAN

Novi resident Harry Avagian stirred the pot in the city early in the year.

As vice-president of the Walled Lake and Novi-based Lakes Area Residents Association, Avagian has taken it upon himself to monitor emergency response times for the city's police and fire departments.

In the summer of 1989 a report released by Fire Chief Art Lenaghan showed that emergency calls to Fire Station 2 in the city's north end had gone unanswered or had very slow response times. Avagian and his group went on a campaign to improve the situation. As a result the department initiated a fire-fighter sleepover program and response times decreased.

Avagian also spearheaded a drive to get the city's ambulance company, Community EMS, to add an office in north Novi because of poor response times. In January, the company opened a station at Thirteen Mile and Novi Road.

A Livonia Franklin High School American Government teacher for more than a quarter of a century, Avagian showed in 1990 that one voice in a community can make a difference.

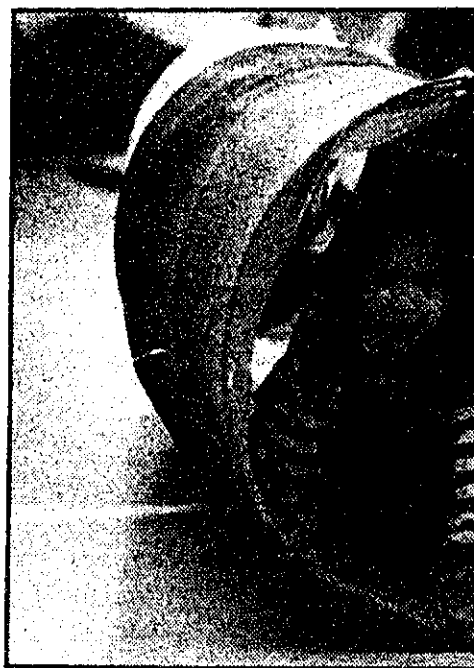
LINDA TOWNSEND

The Grand Plan was laid to rest this year in September, due in Part to Novi resident Linda Townsend.

A founder of Neighbors Against Poor Planning (NAPP), Townsend spearheaded resistance against the Grand Plan. The plan called for relocating industries in Novi's downtown to an industrial park that would have been located in the northern part of the city — bounded by Wixom, Twelve Mile and Napier roads.

The plan was conceived in November of 1989 as a "friendly relocation." But, Townsend and NAPP saw nothing friendly about it. They took aim against what they saw as potential dangers if the industrial park was built: increased traffic, pollution and devaluation of their property.

Townsend coordinated a petition drive, circulated flyers, spoke at numerous meetings and planned neighborhood meetings against the plan. The industrial park, which would have backed up to the



Kimberly Karakashian crawls through



The Pinkettes (Shannan Bjerke and Michelle Koons) were hits at the Fifties Festival



Erika and Sean Degler, go wedding

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Angel Meyers tries his luck at a little kite flying

Novi Schools:
A Look at 1990



It's been an exciting year of new challenges and fresh achievements for the Novi Community School District.

The Class of '90 graduated with an impressive array of awards and credentials. At the head of the 274 member class were five valedictorians and two salutatorians. As a class, the students earned over \$700,000 in scholarships. Additional credits include: 38 students on the four-year honor roll; two National Merit Scholars plus two finalists and six Letters of Commendation; 26 students recognized by Phi Beta Kappa; 60 Presidential Academic Fitness Awards; one West Point appointment and three full ROTC scholarships.

The achievements of the graduates were echoed throughout the student body. For the first time, a Novi student, Niloo Said, was awarded a Gold Medal in the National Scholastic Art Competition. The High School's Odyssey of the Mind team placed second at the state competition. Jessica Fritz and Eric Haenke received the Caption Award, a special recognition for drum majors, also a Novi first. Awards ranged from a grand prize and winners in four out of five categories at a woodworking competition, to a second place at the Metropolitan Detroit Chemistry Olympiad. Some of the other many achievements to be applauded: six high school students placed at a state level business competition; middle school students took second at a state

level mathematics competition, six *Detroit Free Press* writing awards, and seven Science and Engineering Fair awards.

The High School's bands and choirs continue to excel. This year the marching band had an opportunity to play in the Detroit Thanksgiving Day Parade. And 14 choir members were selected for the Regional Honors Choir.

1990 was an exciting year for the Novi sports teams. The boys' cross country team ran to a ninth place finish at the state competition, with Brian Molloy receiving All-State recognition for the second consecutive year. Girls' tennis netted a winning season with a team that included the K.V.C. doubles champions. Novi wrestlers left the mats with second place in the K.V.C. to their credit. And the boy's basketball team played their way to second place in the league. Plus dozens of individual recognitions and awards were received by Novi athletes. All the Wildcat teams had a season to be proud of.

But the achievements of our students aren't the only area that makes 1990 a special year for Novi Community Schools. A variety of changes within the district will have a great impact in the years to come.

In September, Novi voters passed a \$5.2 million bond issue to build a "techlink" between Novi Middle School and Novi Meadows Upper Elementary. The addition will not only provide space for the increasing student population, it will provide facilities for the latest in educational technology.

In the spring, Novi instituted a recycling program in the lunchroom of every school. And Novi's newest elementary, Parkview, was selected to receive the prestigious Shirley Cooper Award for excellence in design of an educational facility.

Another big step forward for Novi Schools this year was the addition of the Ford Academy of Manufacturing Sciences to the high school curriculum. Developed through a partnership with Ford Motor Company, the FAMS program is the first of its kind in the nation to focus on manufacturing.

The support of the community continues to keep our programs strong and growing. Overall, it's been a year of excitement, hard work, and new achievements. Looking back, however, increases our anticipation for the new visions and opportunities that lie in the years ahead.

Best wishes for a Happy New Year!



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day, Vockler with her 20-month-old daughter Lauren, drove her car into the Knockout garage and rushed Linda and Jimmy to the basement. Less than a minute later, the four heard the ranch house at the corner of White Plains and Amherst drives blow to pieces over their

As a result, Vockler was honored by the city. A commendation was presented to her by Mayor Pro Tem Edward Leininger who said, "tragedy always brings out the best in people and you never know who's going to be the hero and who's going to get the award." Vockler and her family were also presented with Team Novi pins.

NEAL SOSIN

Developer Neal Sosin, of Farmington Hills, made news this year by purchasing two major industrial parks. He also held an option to buy the industrial park in which the city had marked for its "Grand Plan".

The relocation plan died in September of this year. Sosin's option was for the 300-acre industrial park in Section 18 of the city, which was bounded by Twelve Mile, Napier and Wixom roads. The Grand Plan was to be a joint private sector and municipal development with land transactions to be handled by Thompson-Brown realtors of Novi.

Sosin's other two sites are: 180-acre parcel located north of Twelve Mile Road and east of Beck Road, and a 116 acre site located north of West Road and west of Beck Road.

The developer ran into trouble on the West Road site when workers drained wetlands on the site. The matter is still unresolved, but Sosin did later gain a variance from the city's Zoning Board of Appeals to farm a portion of the site.

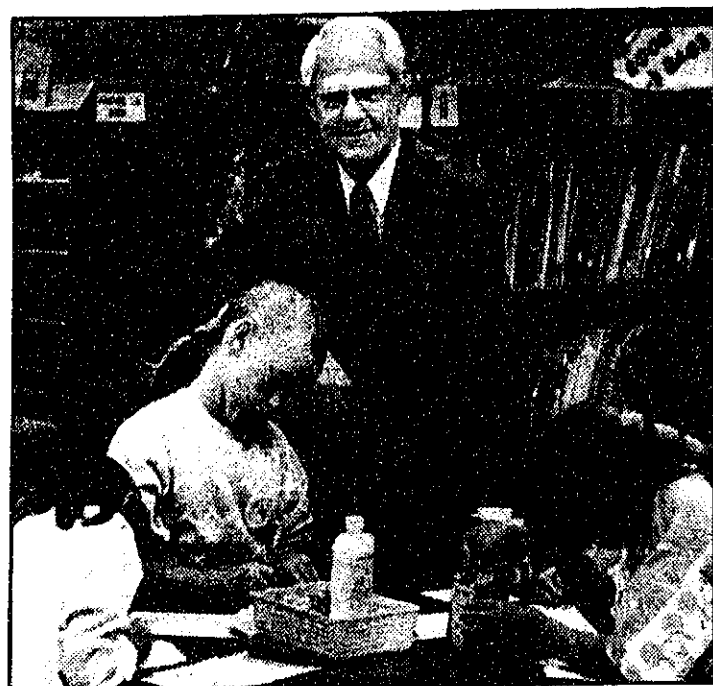
FRANK BRENNAN

Resident Frank Brennan fought the Southern Michigan Oil Company's (SOMOCO) attempt to win permits to drill an oil well in the city.

The fight for Brennan, a resident of Echo Valley Subdivision, began in 1985 when SOMOCO attempted to tap into petroleum reserves under the subdivision's 40 acres. The company sent out \$100 checks to residents for subsurface oil rights, but opposition by homeowners stalled the bid.

SOMOCO then turned its attention to win permits from Novi to drill an oil well one-quarter mile from Echo Valley. The city, however, refused to grant those permits and the company took them to court on Nov. 14. SOMOCO stands to make an estimated \$13 million in profits from oil and natural gas at the site if they win the battle.

Contamination of well water and adverse impact on property values is why Brennan and other homeowners fought the company from drilling in the subdivision.



Roy Williams retired as principal of Novi Woods



The Novi band continued to reap many honors



Novi High School students do the wave during the Pro Challenge

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Natalie Arfosteo and Katie McCanna line up toothpicks at Parkview Elementary

TIM POPE

Novi City Councilman Tim Pope had a busy year in 1990.

In May, Pope along with council members Joe Toth and Nancy Cover proposed to roll back the millage to 1989 levels and cut \$864,000 from the budget. The move was termed "budget terrorism" by council member Hugh Crawford. The group's proposal was only partially successful as the council finally agreed to a budget that did cut spending on such items as office equipment.

In August, Pope led the charge to write a "disclosure policy" that would let residents know of gifts received by city officials valued at more than \$25. Pope called it a matter of "public trust."

The council adopted in concept ethic guidelines drafted by Mayor Matt Quinn in June. Pope's disclosure policy was a follow up to those guidelines.

In November, Pope fought the \$18.8 million road bond on the ballot. The bond was designed to make improvements in Eleven, Twelve and Thirteen Mile roads, among others. The bond passed despite Pope's charges that it's plans were too great in scope.

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