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Novi gets first mile of 'greenway' park

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Developers spent the 1980s bulldozing through Novi's woods, fields and former farmlands. Now, local officials are hoping the same key individuals will — with equal gusto — donate land for a 35-mile long natural park system.

Feb. 25, the city's ambitious "Rhythms, A Linear Greenway System" will leave the drawing boards and become a reality as developer Sam Blumenstein gives the first segment of what may become a meandering network of hiking, biking and running trails running through pristine woodlands and wetlands.

"Basically, when we get it all in place, you'll be able to go through the city on these pathways without going onto a major road," said Linda Lemke, a city planning consultant specializing in woodlands and landscape architecture.

Lemke and city planning consultant Brandon Rogers designed the

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linear greenbelt system in 1988. It was adopted by the city council in 1989.

Persuading developers to deed the easements to the city should be a snap, according to Lemke. Most of the land, already in state- and city-protected wetlands or in woodlands guarded under the city's ordinances, would remain open anyhow.

But the developer would be paying taxes on it.

"It's (the greenbelt) an amenity for the developer and they can do this good neighbor thing for the city," Lemke said.

"We haven't met with any resistance from developers we've approached. They're pretty excited about it."

The greenway system may take as long as 20 years to complete. When it's done, woodchipped hiking trails, hard-surface bike and jogging trails — complete with a nature interpretation area and benches for the restful contemplation of nature — will wind throughout Novi.

An urban segment may roam along the Rouge River in Novi's downtown.

The award-winning design is unique, Lemke said: "This one was definitely a labor of love. I haven't heard of anything like this."

Most greenbelts are built along rivers or on abandoned railroad routes.

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Photo by MICHAEL MALOTT

Tripping the light fantastic

Nearly 500 fathers and their daughters turned out at the Novi Civic Center Wednesday and Thursday evening for the Parks and Recreation sponsored Daddy-Daughter Dance, a Valentine's Day special.

Above, Gary Vermeulen of Novi gives daughter Carolyn, 7, a spin to some '40s-era Big Band music. It was Carolyn's first dance ever, according to Dad.

N'ville Twp. drops CMS; Novi happy with service

By JAN JEFFRES
and MIKE TYREE
Staff Writers

While the Novi Fire Department has occasionally had gripes about Community Emergency Medical Service (CEMS) in the past, Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan said Friday he is satisfied with the company's overall service.

The Novi-based ambulance carrier was recently dropped by Northville Township due to what officials there described as lengthy response times, lack of minimum equipment for patient care, no portable oxygen, failure to assess pa-

tients properly, rudeness to patients and their families, units getting lost, and lack of a second unit in multiple-injury accidents.

The complaints Novi shares with the township are incidents of rudeness to patients and lack of back-up units in multiple-injury incidents, according to Lenaghan.

"I'd say it (CEMS service) is adequate. For the most part, they're right there; and when there's a problem, their management people come in and discuss it," he said.

Lenaghan routinely compares CEMS response times reported by Novi firefighters with those provided to his department by the com-

pany. In January, CEMS began sending him computer print-outs of its dispatches, rather than averages prepared by the firm's management.

"It came out pretty good," he said.

Novi's state-based operating guidelines provided to CEMS in December 1989 call for a response time of 10 minutes or less 90 percent of the time. Earlier that year, the company reportedly had several long response times.

However, Lenaghan agreed with the Northville Township contention

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Photo by CHARLIE CORTEZ

Slippery conditions and excessive speed led to tragedy on I-96 Thursday morning

One killed in five-car collision

By THOMAS VARCIE
Staff Writer

A 38-year-old Redford Township man died Thursday, Feb. 14 after his car spun out of control and was struck by oncoming traffic on I-96 between Wixom and Old Plank roads.

The accident, which involved four other vehicles, occurred about 8:20 a.m. on the slush-covered expressway near the western border of the City of Wixom.

In addition to the fatality, two other people were injured. They were treated and released from Providence Hospital Novi Center, Michigan State Police officials report.

John Gabbert of Redford, driving a Ford Tempo, died at the scene from multiple wounds he sustained in the crash, according to Trooper Rose Shiel of the MSP Northville post.

Police report Gabbert was driving in the left lane of westbound I-96 when he spun out-of-control,

went through the median and was side-swiped on the passenger side by a Grand Prix traveling eastbound.

After the first impact, a Ford Escort then broadsided, or "T-boned," Gabbert's driver's side door.

Two other passenger cars, a Dodge Laser and Dodge Diplomat, received minor damage after drivers attempted to swerve around the wreckage.

Lyon Township Fire Depart-

ment officials assisted at the scene to clean up the wreckage, which closed eastbound I-96 for almost 30 minutes between Milford and Wixom roads. Community EMS of Novi transported the two injured drivers to the hospital.

Shiel said the accident occurred because "he (Gabbert) was simply going too fast." Several witnesses at the scene told police Gabbert's vehicle was traveling between 60 and 80 mph. Shiel said the surface was snow-covered and slushy.

Engler's cuts make Faxon plan useless

By SUZANNE HOLLYER
Staff Writer

With the arts now targeted for budget cuts, a local legislator has called his own proposal to provide money for the building and equipment needs of cultural organizations, "like buying a new dress for a corpse."

Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, introduced a bill in early February to ask voters to authorize the sale of \$300 million in bonds to provide grants for state cultural institutions.

Grants would be awarded for capital improvements through the Michigan Council for the Arts, the Michigan Bureau of History, the Michigan Department of Management and Budget and the Commission on Art in Public Places.

But Faxon was surprised when Gov. John Engler proposed putting an end to state grants for the arts. A House committee rejected Engler's plan, and a 9.2-percent across-the-board cut is being implemented.

Faxon said he is surprised by En-

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Novi to stay with CMS

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that a back-up ambulance is sometimes not available: "They do have a problem getting a second unit to cover."

In a car collision with four injured people several months ago, Novi transported a non-critical patient when both CEMS ambulances were on a run, he said.

Novi guidelines require the company to respond with an advanced life support unit, which it is doing at this time, Lenaghan said.

Lenaghan said he complained to CEMS after Novi firefighters reported a paramedic was rude to a patient several months ago: "Our people felt the attitude by the ambulance attendant was uncalled for and unnecessary. It was my understanding that disciplinary action was taken with the employee."

A request that specific paramedics preferred by the department be stationed in Novi has generally been honored by CEMS, Lenaghan said.

Northville Township has dropped its CEMS as its primary care ambulance provider in favor of a Wash-

naw County-based ambulance firm. The township board last Thursday agreed to drop the company based on the recommendation of Fire Chief Rick Roselle.

Huron Valley Ambulance, based in Ann Arbor, will take over township emergency runs beginning March 15.

Close scrutiny of CEMS activities over the last quarter of 1990 and early 1991 led to the decision, Roselle said. A list of concerns culled from fire department and CEMS reports was presented to the board Thursday evening.

Repeated conversations with CEMS management did not remedy the township's concerns, Roselle said.

CEMS President Greg Beauchemin said he was blindsided by the township's action.

"I had no knowledge there was a problem," he said. "I was totally taken by surprise."

Beauchemin said he was notified of the decision by a hand-delivered letter Friday at 11:37 a.m. He said it was "quite disturbing" to learn of the change after the board meeting.

"We weren't able to present facts to the township board," he said. "This is something, in 10 years of EMS work that I've never experienced."

Beauchemin disputed fire department claims about slow response and other alleged problems. He said the township was not in frequent communication with him, as stated to the township board.

"My office has not received complaints in writing," he said. "My only reaction (on response times) is that it's subjective and not verifiable. "I can't respond to verbal accusations," he said. "I have to say it's (the change) the first order of business for a new township fire chief."

Huron Valley Ambulance handles all emergency care runs in Washenaw County, according to Dale Berry, company executive director.

HVA's fleet includes 20 advanced life-support ambulances, Berry said. Locally, the firm operates two ambulances out of Plymouth's Fire Station Two on Spring Street, he said.

Those ambulances will work with Northville Township's first-responder units to adequately cover the township, Berry said.

Murder case awaits date

By CRISTINA FERRIER Staff Writer

Nelson Cobas, who is charged with the murder of a Detroit man whose body was discovered along Twelve-and-a-half Mile Road in Novi Nov. 9, is still awaiting a trial date.

Cobas was arraigned in circuit court Feb. 11 before Judge Gene Schmeizler after being bound over Jan. 28 by Walled Lake 52nd District Court, Division 1 Judge Harold Bulgarelli on an open murder charge.

Cobas, of Grand Rapids, is one of two suspects in the murder of 33-year-old Dorlando Kenney. Kenney died after suffering 13 stab wounds, some of which were in his back. Novi Police said evidence at the Twelve-and-a-half Mile Road scene indicated that Kenney was killed after a struggle.

The second suspect, Felipe Planes, also of Grand Rapids, is still at large.

Cobas was originally charged with kidnapping, felony murder and first degree murder, but Bulgarelli dropped the kidnapping and felony murder charges because he said there was no testimony indicating Kenney was kidnapped.

He changed the first degree murder charge to open murder to allow a jury to decide on which homicide charge, if any, Cobas should be convicted.

Cobas is currently being held in Oakland County Jail without bond. Testimony during the preliminary examination by a witness who said he was with Cobas, Planes and Kenney a few hours before Kenney's death indicated that Cobas and Planes killed Kenney because "someone had to pay" for a \$27,000 drug deal gone bad.

The witness, Domingo Martin, said he had seen Cobas and Planes up with Kenney so that Kenney could arrange a cocaine deal for them.

He testified that Kenney arranged the deal, but that the "cocaine" the dealer sold them turned out to be powdered sugar.

Martin said the four drove around Detroit trying to find the dealer to get their money back, but were unsuccessful. He then testified that Cobas became angry with Kenney because he believed Kenney was responsible for the incident.

Martin, Cobas and Planes are all natives of Cuba who speak Spanish fluently. Kenney spoke only English.

Martin testified that Cobas began telling Planes in Spanish that they must "pressure," "intimidate" and "tame" Kenney and that "someone has to pay."

Martin testified that before they dropped him off at home—with Kenney still in the car—they asked in Spanish for directions to Grand Rapids.

He then testified that over the next several days, after Kenney's body was discovered, he received numerous phone calls from Cobas, asking whether Kenney's body had been discovered and warning him not to say anything to police.

Community Calendar

Today, February 18

President's Day: Novi City offices will be closed for regular business today.

Informational meeting: The Novi School District will be holding a community information meeting to answer voters' questions about its upcoming millage renewal election. The meeting will be held in the Educational Services Building at 7:30 p.m. Anyone who would like information about the millage, but is unable to attend the session should contact Superintendent Robert Pwko or Associate Superintendent William Barr at 348-1200.

Historical society: The Wixom Historical Society will present Dr. Weldon Peiz as a guest speaker at this regular meeting of the society. This is Peiz's 16th appearance before the group and his topic will be "Lincoln and Religion." The meetings are held in Wixom City Hall at 49045 Pontiac Trail in Wixom.

Back to school: Mid-winter recess ends, and regular classes in the Novi School District resume today.

Band Boosters: The Novi High School Band Boosters meet in the media center of the high school at 7 p.m. The organization consists of parents who seek to support for the school's band programming. The high school is located at 24062 Taft Road.

Wednesday, February 20

Planning Commission: The Novi City Planning Commission will meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. today in the Novi Civic Center.

All about beauty pageants: This class at the Novi Hilton will cover how to get started in pageant competition, what are the legitimate expenses, and how to avoid getting "ripped off." Information on upcoming Michigan beauty pageants will also be available and a professional in the field will be available to answer questions. The free class for children and teens will begin at 7 p.m. Pageants for single adults will be addressed at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. pageants will be the topic of the 8 p.m. session. For more information, call 422-8700.

Career day: A career day will be held for Novi High School ninth graders. The Novi Optimist Club is sponsoring the event, which will be held at the Novi Civic Center. Thirteen career categories will be represented by three or four speakers each. Sessions will be held from 12:15-12:55 p.m. and 1:05-1:45 p.m.

Thursday, February 21

Historical Society: The Novi Historical Society will hold its regularly scheduled meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Newcomers Club: The Novi Newcomer's Club will hold its regularly scheduled meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Novi Meadow Elementary School at 25549 Taft Road.

Board of Education: The Novi schools Board of Education will meet in the media center of the Novi Meadows Elementary School at 7:30 p.m. The school is located at 25549 Taft Road.

PTO meeting: The Parent-Teacher Organization of Education will meet in the media center of the Novi Meadows Elementary School at 7:30 p.m. The school is located at 25549 Taft Road.

Sunday, February 24

DARE to care: It costs money to support Novi's successful Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program and one way the funds are raised is through the annual DARE Dinner. This year's event, the second, will be held at 8 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center's community center. The \$25 per person donation will be used to support the innovative program, aimed at sixth graders in the Novi Meadows school. A buffet dinner, entertainment and door prizes are planned for the event. Tickets are available through the Novi Parks and Recreation Department, Phyllis Barber-Styling at 41370 Ten Mile Road, and the Novi Chamber of Commerce, at 25972 Novi Road. Home delivery of tickets is also available. Novi Council on Substance Abuse member Judy Maxwell will drop off tickets anywhere in the city. Contact Maxwell at 348-8585.

'Greenway' park plan to create path through city

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"I'm happy that Novi is the first city in the metropolitan area that has adopted a massive greenway plan. It's fantastic. We're happy to participate. We hope every developer will follow suit," said Classic Construction's Blumenstein, the developer of the Maples of Novi.

The closest thing to Novi's greenway system is a plan for nature paths just getting underway in West Bloomfield, he said, but it's not as extensive as the Novi project — "not even close."

Blumenstein estimated the easement he's handing over to the city, a portion of the Maples' southern woodlands, is worth \$75,000 to \$100,000. The city's segment will link into four miles of woodland and wetland nature trails within the Maples, at Fourteen Mile and Decker roads. The developer will put the woodchip trail in for the city.

Three more developers may soon follow Blumenstein's example, Lemke said. Lee Walter is expected to sign over land adjacent to his Briarwood development at Ten Mile and Beck Roads; the Puller Corporation may hand over an easement at Jamestown Green at Taft between Ten and Eleven Mile roads; and Singh Development land at the Westford Townhouses just south of the Maples of Novi.

This — together with the Maples site — will give the city one of its 35 miles.

The proximity of the green space may be a selling point for subdivisions, Blumenstein said.

"I think it gives you an opportunity to get away from the city stress and the concrete. People are into nature. People like to walk around," Blumenstein said.

This first developed section of the linear greenway will be named "Furnace" to reflect Novi's not so distant past. Lemke said the plan has 12 segments, each thematically reflecting the city's history, present and future — the "Rhythms" of Novi.

In 1990, the design won the Honor Award from the Michigan chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects.

"It started because we had preserved woodland and wetlands areas within a development and there wasn't any public access to it. So we came up with this plan," Lemke said.

"We're really kind of excited about this."

"Rhythms" will also offer sanctuary to Novi's wildlife as their habitats are increasingly threatened by new construction, said Chris Pargoff, one of the 10 members of the city's Natural Resources Implementation Committee. The committee is helping the greenway system take shape.

This will let people see what the natural surroundings were like before the developers," Pargoff said.



Slow dancin' Donald Duda of Novi and daughter Lauren, 2, one of two dances the city held for fathers and daughters for Valentine's Day. Of course, the Novi Parks and Recreation's Daddy Daughter Dance Thursday at the Novi Civic Center. It was

Cuts make art grants moot

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gler's "hostile" attitude toward the arts.

"This is something that had never been articulated in all the campaigning," Faxon said. "I don't think anybody had any idea this was going on."

Faxon introduced the same bill last year, he said. Engler, a senator at the time, supported the bill, which passed the Senate and died in the House.

"I had no idea the governor was going to eliminate arts funding altogether," Faxon said.

Faxon now may rewrite the bill to provide funding support for the arts which he says is as important as providing financial support for Michigan's natural resources and schools.

"We don't think people have to make a choice (between the arts and other state-funded programs)," Faxon said.

"When you serve a dinner that doesn't mean you can't serve dessert. Maybe it makes it better and it's a small portion of the cost of the meal."

Faxon's interest in the arts is personal.

"I'm an artist myself," he said. "I perform with the Michigan Opera Theatre and a number of symphony orchestras throughout the state."

He sponsored the original legislation establishing the Michigan Council for the Arts.

"I've been a strong supporter of culture from the beginning of my legislative career," he said.

Engler does not understand the importance of culture in Michigan life, Faxon said.

"I'm hopeful he might change his mind and decide that promoting culture is not an adverse circumstance for the future of our state," Faxon said.

The state Legislature is still struggling with the budget. Faxon said he will wait until the budget issue is resolved before pursuing further legislation supporting the arts.

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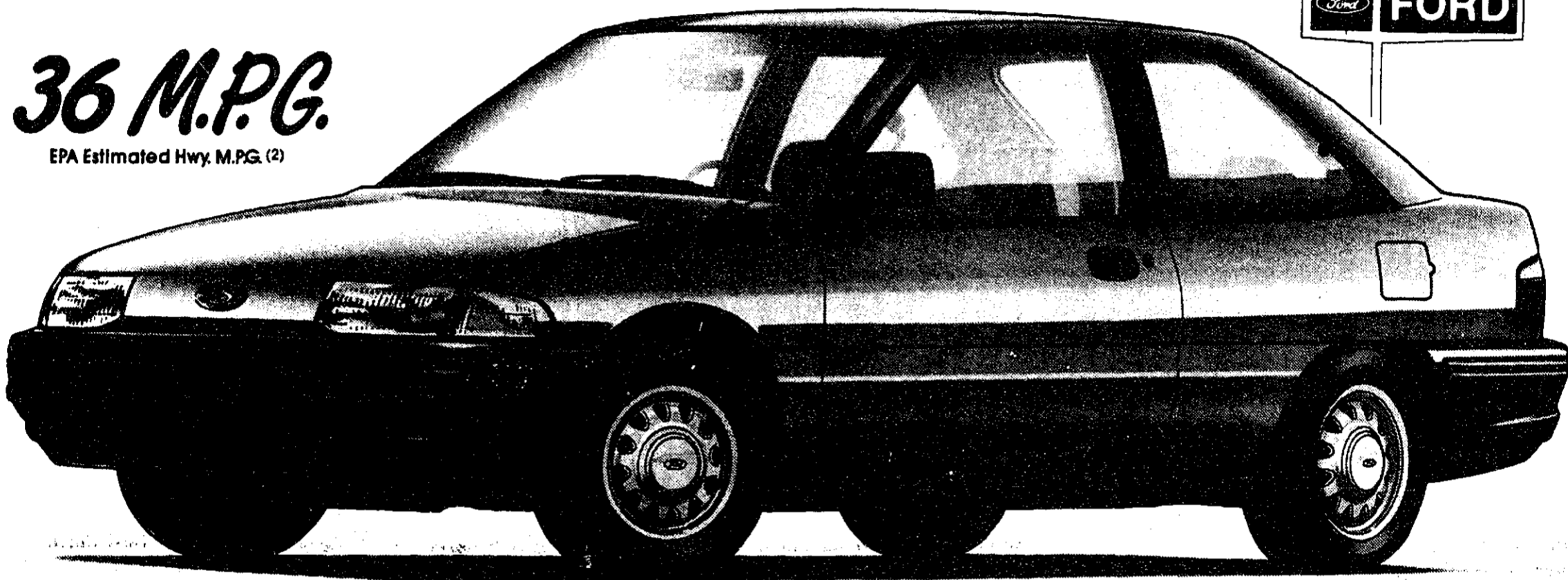
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Hacienda covers spectrum well

Wine shops display a plethora of brands, labels and grape varieties from France, Germany, Spain and California. Shopping for wine is easier when you know the name of a full-spectrum winery that you can trust. One name to look for is Hacienda, a small California winery that still remains relatively undiscovered by most of America's wine-consuming public.

Hacienda Winery is in Sonoma County, where Count Agoston Haraszthy, a Hungarian nobleman, first planted vineyards of European grape varieties in 1857. Here, Hacienda handcrafts seven vintage-dated varietals: chardonnay, chenin blanc, sauvignon blanc, gewurztraminer, pinot noir, zinfandel and cabernet sauvignon.

Believing that great wines are grown in the vineyard, winemaker Eric Laumann harvests and ferments each lot of grapes separately. This labor-intensive and time-consuming practice allows the fruit from each vineyard to be evaluated individually for constant improvement in grape selection.

Laumann creates the Hacienda wines with moderate alcohol, a balance of fruit and oak flavor and a subtle beauty that will enhance fine food.

Over a glass of 1980 Hacienda Dry Chenin Blanc we recently had the opportunity of speaking with Bob Cooley, winery representative and national sales manager.

"Chenin Blanc is fresh, fruity and fun," Cooley explained. "This is a rich man's chenin, not a poor man's chardonnay. Chenin blanc is not a second-class citizen compared to chardonnay. This wine showcases ripe California fruit that goes so well with an appetizer of fresh melon wrapped in thinly sliced prosciutto."

Cooley has the right idea. The wine world is filled with tremendous variety, but when selecting wine most consumers request chardonnay or cabernet.

Tasting two vintages (1985 and 1988) of Hacienda Chardonnay side by side was an education in the flavor evolution of white wine. The more mature wine showed toasty oak aromas that were inviting but with less emphasis on fresh fruit. The youthful version was alive with bright, fresh flavors and creamy feel. Our rule of thumb calls for aging most white wine no longer than three to five years past the vintage.

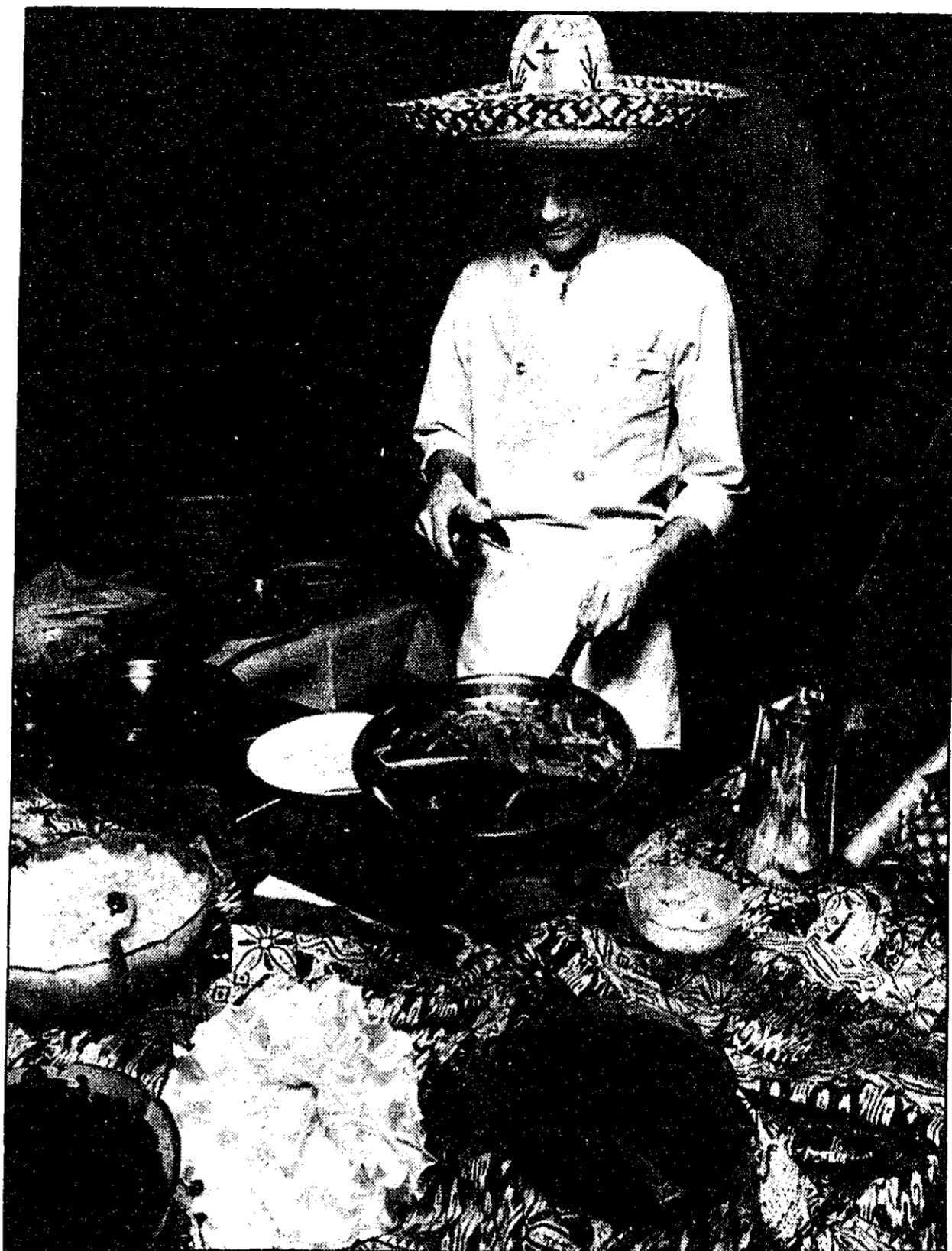
Hacienda Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon is released from the winery six years after the harvest. The current release is the 1984, a wine with three years' barrel age and three years' bottle age. When a Hacienda Cabernet arrives in the marketplace, the consumer can be confident that it is ready to drink. The 1984 exhibits lush fruit, smooth texture and attractive spice.

If you are in the market for a special heritage blend of cabernet sauvignon, merlot and cabernet franc, consider the 1987 Antares from Hacienda. This is connoisseur's wine and needs three more years' aging. This wine bursts with young fruit flavor and rich, structured tannins. As always, our advice is: If you like it, drink it.

When visiting in California wine country, give Hacienda a call at (707) 938-3220 to arrange a personalized winery tour. Visitors are invited to picnic under the oaks surrounding this historic Sonoma landmark or participate in a complimentary wine tasting from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

WINE SELECTION OF THE WEEK

1980 Hacienda Chenin Blanc (\$9) is a benchmark, dry-style California chenin blanc. Its true-to-type varietal style, quality fruit and resultant charm make it easy to match with food such as shellfish, salads, grilled fish or poultry. According to Madeline Trifon, sommelier at the Rattlesnake Club, this is the best chenin blanc made in California.



Dave Carter whips up fajitas at La Casa Fajita in the Novi Hilton

Photo by HAL GOULD

Sea Cruisin' in Novi
Hilton's theme buffet is a fantasy fiesta

By RICK BYRNE
Copy Editor

Think of it as dinner and a show. Friday evening buffet dinners at the Novi Hilton have taken on a fun, uptempo style with the hotel's newest promotion, dubbed the S.S. Novi Hilton. This mythical cruise ship docks in a new port of call every few weeks, and the menu in the hotel's cafe highlights a selected country's cuisine. But the theme doesn't end at the buffet line. Servers greet you in the native tongue, decorations capture the atmosphere of the host nation, and you enter via a gangplank at the doorway.

On Jan. 25, the S.S. Novi Hilton put in at a Mexican port. According to Edwin Rios, food and beverage manager at the Hilton, the original plan was to keep the Mexican theme for a month before changing to something else.

"Now we find we're going to have to do it for about seven weeks," said Rios. "We found there was more demand than we expected. We'll keep each new theme for about six or seven weeks."

Diners choose an a la carte appetizer from among Nachos de Queso (corn chips with cheese, jalapeno peppers and other goodies), Queso Flameado (a flaming sausage and cheese dish) and several other selections, including a Mexican salad bar. The main course offers Quesadillas (two tortillas filled with chicken, cheese or shrimp), Enchiladas, a marinated flank steak or a marinated red snapper. Or you can hit the Fajita station — "La Casa Fajita" — a thatched-roof hut serving all the fixings for fajitas, hot and fresh.

Said manager Bonnie Kirschke, "The fajitas are great. You can walk in the hotel and smell them cooking from one end to the other."

Hot sauce, placed on your table when you arrive, comes in three varieties: mild, hot and "volcanic."

"The volcanic uses lots of jalapeno," said Kirschke. "It's almost green in color."

Several dessert options are tempting as well, but the requisite stop for most diners is the Cantina. There, one can purchase Corona and Dos Equis beers, a notorious Cancun Kicker or a margarita. In researching the Mexican theme, Rios learned that "you've got to have a good margarita."

And Rios is quick to point out that the Hilton kitchen staff, led by head chef John Silvia, and the floor staff led by Kirschke, really did their homework before putting on the Mexican spread.

"After choosing Mexico, we visited three or four Mexican restaurants," said Rios. "We looked at the menu, and go to go behind the kitchen to learn the preparation

... We made a couple of contacts in Mexican grocery stores so we have authentic Mexican products and preparation methods.

"We would have been shooting in the dark if we'd attempted to teach ourselves. One of our banquet people, his father owns the Old Mexico restaurant (in Livonia). The Old Mexico was a big help to us."

The staff gets into the act with Mexican dress, and some of them have played their roles to the hilt. One staffer likes to work the Fajita station in sombrero, handlebar mustache and a pair of six-shooters holstered at his sides.

Then there's Antonio, a strolling guitarist. A native Mexican, he plays in matching sombrero and costume, and has demonstrated the talented to segue from "La Bamba" to "Twist and Shout" without missing a beat."

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Chef Mary Brady

Picka pounda pasta pleasure

Pasta is a mainstay of the Italian diet, especially in Italy where it is eaten at least once and many times twice a day. Pasta is served with a sauce for lunch and in a broth for dinner.

In our own country pasta popularity has risen to new heights. A simple staple, pasta has a long history. The first record of pasta in Italy was in 1279 when it was listed on an estate inventory as a valuable. This challenges the theory that Marco Polo brought pasta from China as it pre-dates his travels by several years.

The first published recipes appear in a 13th-century cookbook and pasta was being made commercially by the 1400s. In the earliest of times pasta was a means of preserving the wheat crop by drying in the sunny, windy coastal breezes. The industry developed rapidly in Naples around the 1800s.

Pasta, which literally means paste, can be divided into two categories — fresh and dried. The notion that fresh pasta is better than dried is erroneous. Comparing the two is likening apples to oranges.

Dried pasta is traditionally from Southern Italy and is historically made from just flour and water. The best is made from durum wheat/semolina flour. The flour has a high gluten content which improves the strength of the pasta and allows it to cook al

dente, tender and firm.

Seminola produces a fast-drying pasta which contains less fat and more proteins and vitamins than fresh pasta. The gluten shields the nutrients from being lost in the cooking water. When purchasing dried pasta look on the label to verify that it is made of durum wheat and semolina flour.

A strong case can be made for the superior quality of Italian pasta mainly because the government imposes regulations that the U.S. doesn't. Additionally, Italian companies are smaller and usually family run which means limited, quality-controlled ingredients and final products.

Fresh pasta is traditionally from Northern Italy and is lighter and richer due to the use of all-purpose flour and eggs. Fresh pasta needs a more delicate sauce because of its lightness. Again, neither is superior to the other. Dried is by far a better value than fresh, is easier to store and has a longer shelf life.

Pasta sizes are as varied as sauces for a particular reason. Long strands are used preferably for tomato sauces and pestos. Short, thick tubular shapes are coupled with robust sauces since it is desirable to have quick contact between spices and the mouth and they require little or no chewing. Short pastas are matched with peas or beans and flat pas-

tas are used with cream and cheese sauces.

When cooking pasta use at least one gallon of water per pound of pasta. This will assure the water will return to a boil rapidly after the pasta is added and allow the pasta to have room to float freely. Salt can be added but there is no reason to add oil. Stir occasionally to keep it from sticking.

About 1/4 -pound of pasta per person is usual but allow a bit more for fresh. Cooking time varies: fresh is done almost immediately while dried takes longer. The only sure way to check for doneness is to taste, and remove and drain while it is still firm/tender, or al dente.

Drain in a large colander giving it a few shakes. Do not rinse with water. Toss with the sauce and place on a hot serving platter or plates. Pasta cools very quickly so the hot dishes are a must. Eating pasta fast also helps.

The number of recipes for pasta are endless. It is possible to eat pasta twice a day for a year and never repeat a dish. Many sauces can be made ahead of time and reheated. Making pasta at home is fun and can be a family affair on a dreary afternoon. Let your imagination lead you to meals that are adventurous, nutritious and reasonable to prepare.

PASTA WITH CHICKEN AND PEPPERS

- 6 large garlic cloves
- 2 tsp. olive oil
- 1 small red onion, thinly sliced
- 1 yellow/red bell pepper, thinly sliced
- 2 scallions, cleaned and thinly sliced
- 1/4 tsp. red pepper flakes
- 1 1/2 cu. julienne chicken (smoked, if possible)
- 12 ounces penne (tube pasta)
- 2 bunches escarole, trimmed and cut into 1-inch ribbons
- 12 cherry tomatoes, halved
- salt, pepper, and Parmesan to taste

Roast garlic in a shallow pan, drizzled with 1 tsp. olive oil for 20 minutes at 400 degrees. Cool. Peel and chop. Heat a large skillet. Add 2 tsp. olive oil and saute red onion, green onion, bell pepper, and red pepper flakes until crisp and tender. Add chicken and garlic. Set aside. Boil pasta for 6-8 minutes. Add escarole and cook 4-5 minutes. Drain and rinse. Return pasta and escarole to pot. Mix in chicken and vegetables. Season with salt, pepper, and Parmesan.

STUFFED SHELLS FLORENTINE

Simple Tomato Sauce:

- 1-pound can of tomato purée
- 8-ounce can of tomato sauce
- 1 crushed clove of garlic
- 3 tablespoons of Italian seasoning

Mix together the ingredients for the sauce, set aside.

Stuffing:

- 5 ounces Parmesan cheese (1 package)
- 2 pounds low-fat cottage cheese (1 1/2 percent milkfat)

10-ounce package frozen chopped spinach thawed, or 1 pound fresh spinach jumbo macaroni shells (1 package), available at large grocery stores or at stores specializing in Italian foods.

Cook the shells. When they are done, drain them and cover them with cool water. While the shells cook, prepare the stuffing. In a food processor grate (pulverize with the steel blade) the Parmesan cheese, or grate by hand. Put the cheese in a large bowl. Process the cottage cheese in the food processor until it is only slightly grainy. If you do not have a food processor, use ricotta cheese, but it will have more calories. Add the cottage cheese mixture to the cheese in the bowl. Squeeze as much moisture as possible from the spinach. Mix the spinach and cheeses together thoroughly. Drain the shells and stuff with mixture. Place stuffed shells in a large pan or dish and pour the sauce over them evenly. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 40 minutes, until bubbly. 70-80 calories per shell with sauce. Makes six servings.

This tree died of a heart attack.

Carving hearts on trees seems harmless enough. But the fact is, it cut short the life of this majestic oak. By gouging into the bark, vandals crippled the tree's vascular system. So, like thousands of other innocent victims each year, the tree slowly died.

But the fight against vandalism is gathering strength from the example of Lynn Brauer and Carol Eichling. When vandals girdled a 300 year old Chinquapin Oak near their Marthasville, Missouri home, they wrapped the wound in sphagnum moss and tended the tree daily, despite blizzard conditions.

If not for the severe winter, arborists feel the Chinquapin might have survived. We believe miracles can take root. When people care enough.



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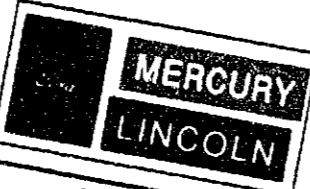
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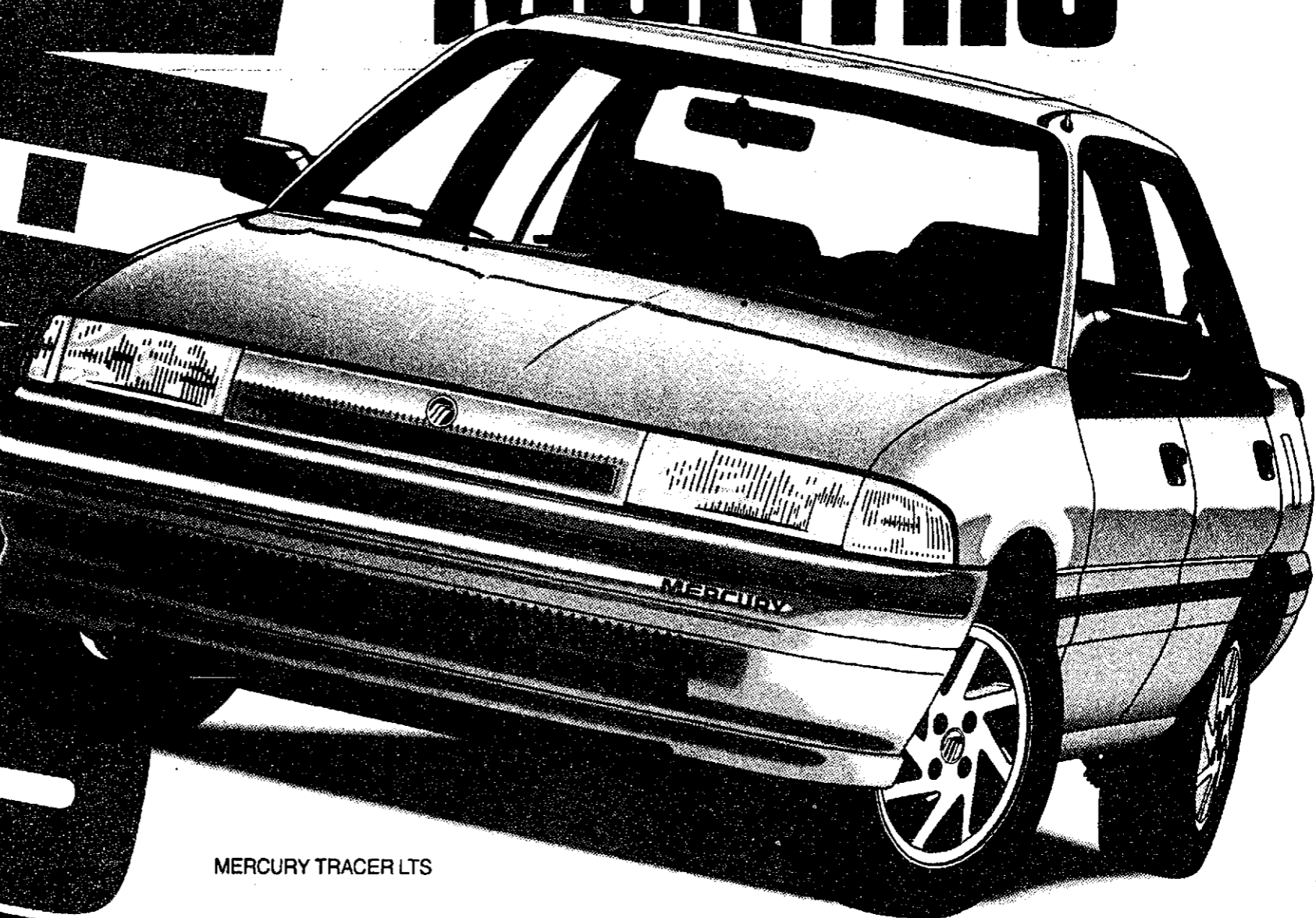
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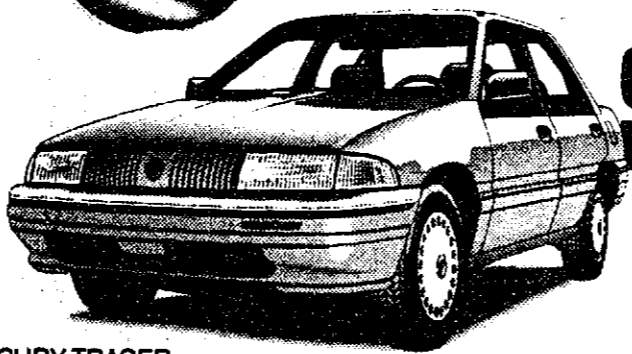
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