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Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

First day of school

Summer is over and students in the Novi school district headed back to classes Tuesday. Above, Kathy Snow marks bus numbers on students' hands as they arrive at Novi Woods to assure they will be able to remember which bus to take at the end of the half day of classes.

City smooths Eleven Mile rough spots

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

As the city drives ahead with its voter-mandated road bonding program, residents on Eleven Mile Road will now have the option to either sell a permanent 10-foot easement or lease it on a temporary basis to the city.

Homeowners there will also see new faces as the city's engineering firm JCK & Associates works to acquire the property.

"We asked JCK & Associates to reassign different right-of-way personnel to Eleven Mile. We believe it's important we maintain the public trust as to who's negotiating for us in this area," City Manager Edward Kriewall said.

Charges were made earlier by Eleven Mile residents that arm-twisting tactics were used as the city attempted to buy the property, which is needed for work space when the road paving begins. Many have not wanted to release the land out of fears that it will be used for a widening rather than just a resurfacing of the roadway.

City officials said the ten feet on either side of Eleven Mile Road between Wixom and Taft Roads — which was included in the road bond election proposal — would come in handy in the future if sewer

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Joseph Kapelczak
JCK President

and/or water lines are extended there.

Otherwise, the city may have to go back and renegotiate for the property at future, higher land prices.

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Anglers reel in council okay

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Something may soon be fishy in the City of Novi.

The City Council Monday voiced no objections to a plan by Walled Lake sports enthusiasts to restock the lake with a new predator. Provided, Mayor Matthew Quinn warned, they aren't pranha.

The state Department of Natural Resources has already given its blessings to a proposal to introduce walleyes to the ecosystem — but it did not give funds, said lakes area resident Edward

Phelps, who is spearheading the project. The big fish in Walled Lake have historically been northern pike. But development has filled in the shallow creeks and marshes used as breeding waters by the pike, leading to fewer baby pikes.

And fewer pikes to eat the little fish means an overcrowded population of stunted panfish.

Walled Lake fishers hope to correct the imbalance by shipping in over three years about 6,000 walleye fingerlings, starting with 2,000 this fall. The DNR is suggesting they "plant" 20,000 to 33,000 fish, Phelps said, but that would be too expensive for the privately-financed venture.

A DNR permit has been offered, provided the cities of Novi and Walled Lake and the Lakes Area Residents Association approve, he added.

"Myself and other members of the committee are coughing up our own bucks. The DNR won't pay. We brought it up. Their reply was noncommittal because there is, quote unquote, no public access," Phelps said.

The scheme is to "import" the walleye from an Imlay City fish farmer, which for \$50 will truck them down and dump them in the lake. Local volunteers will then have to wade in and disperse

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Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Back in action

The Novi News takes a look at the season ahead for local sports teams. Previews of Novi team seasons begin on page B-1. Above, Jeff Vandoren — said to be perhaps the fastest running back Novi has ever had — takes a handoff during practice.

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Monday Buyers Directory: Pinckney, Hartland, Fowler-ville, Shopping Guides; Pinckney, Hartland, Fowler-ville Buyers Directory; and Wednesday Buyers Directory deadlines will be August 29th at 3:30 p.m.

Monday Green Sheet and Wednesday Green Sheet deadline will be August 30th at 3:30 p.m.

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World comes to Novi

The Novi International Festival, held over the past weekend in the Novi Town Center, was rated by sponsors as a success. It was estimated that perhaps as many as 10,000 showed up for the festivities over the three days of the event. Above, an American Indian dancer from the Dearborn-based group "Wolf Shadow" took part in the powwow featured in the festival's opening ceremonies. More photos are on pages 10 and 11.

O'Branovic bows out from planner's job

By SCOTT DANIEL
Staff Writer

Citing time constraints and family responsibilities, Tom O'Branovic resigned from the Novi Planning Commission last week.

O'Branovic was in the middle of his first term on the planning commission after being appointed in 1989 by Mayor Matt Quinn. In a letter to commission chair Ed Kramer, O'Branovic outlined his reason for leaving.

"New time constraints, including work and personal responsibilities will not allow me to properly fulfill my planning commission duties," he said.

In an interview Monday, O'Branovic said that his job with a local property management firm has "taken a little different direction." He said the job would require more travel and would not allow him to attend meetings and spend adequate time on city planning issues.

O'Branovic described his stay on the commission as both rewarding and challenging.

"I enjoyed it," he said. "But it's a tough position."

The Novi resident served as the city's park and recreation director from 1980 to 1986. O'Branovic has

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Grand Rapids woman killed crossing freeway

By SCOTT DANIEL
Staff Writer

A 34-year-old Grand Rapids woman was struck and killed by a vehicle as she attempted to cross eastbound I-96 between Beck and Novi roads Saturday.

According to Michigan State Police Sgt. Larry Richardson, Mary Jaunais was pronounced dead at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills at 11:41 a.m. Saturday from her injuries. The case has been sent to the Oakland County prosecutor's office for review, but at this time the fault appears lie with Jaunais, he

said. The Grand Rapids woman was on her way to Detroit with a bus tour to see a baseball game prior to the accident, Richardson said. The group had stopped at the rest area on eastbound I-96.

The state trooper said that Jaunais may have gotten into an argument with another passenger on the bus and decided to hitchhike back to Grand Rapids. After leaving the bus, the 34-year-old crossed the freeway to the westbound lanes.

For some unknown reason, RI-

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Community Calendar

Friday, August 30

Slow pitch softball: The City of Novi is hosting the 1991 Amateur Softball Association Women's Major Slow Pitch National Championship. The action gets underway in Power Park behind the Novi Civic Center today. Call Novi Parks and Recreation for tickets and information at 347-0400.

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Monday, September 2

Labor Day: City offices and the Novi Public Library will be closed. Novi News offices will also be closed.

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Tuesday, September 3

Board of appeals: The Novi Zoning Board of Appeals meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Wednesday, September 4

Planning Commission: The Novi City Planning Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Thursday, September 5

School board meeting: The Novi School Board meets tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road. Student enrollment expectations are scheduled for discussion.

Friday, September 6

Concert Band: The Novi Concert Band will perform at the gazebo on Main Street in downtown Northville at 7:30 p.m.

Circus coming to town: The Frazen Bros. Circus will be performing in town for two shows only, 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., at the Novi Town Center. The event is a fundraiser for the Novi Jaycees. Tickets are \$5 each in advance. \$6 at the door. Advanced tickets may be purchased at Kids Klub in the Novi Town Center, the Novi Parks and Recreation office.

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the Novi Civic Center, or through the Jaycees by calling 348-NOVI. Call Mike Mattingly for more information at 546-0464.

Saturday, September 7

Pig Roast: The Novi Lions Club will host its eleventh annual Pig Roast in Lakeshore Park beginning at 3:30 p.m. The event will begin with a happy hour. Dinner will start at 5:30 p.m. and the menu will consist of roast pig, baked potatoes, corn on the cob, salad, cake and coffee. Mountain Express will provide the entertainment. Donations of \$15 will be asked of those in attendance.

Bottle Drive: Novi High School band members and band boosters will collect returnable bottles and cans today from Novi residents in a benefit for the school band. They plan to visit every home in Novi between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. The band has bottle and can drives several times a year. Band director Craig Strain expects the band to collect 40,000 bottles and cans today.

At the Oaks: Art is the order of the day at a show scheduled for West Oaks Mall.

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Monday, September 9

Library board: The board of directors of the Novi Public Library will meet at the library at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 10

Primary election: Novi city voters may cast their ballots in the city primary election. On the ballot will be council races, with 10 candidates vying for three seats. The primary will narrow the field to six for city general election, scheduled in November. Also on the ballot will be a bonding question for the construction of veterans memorial hall.

Wednesday, September 11

Noon potluck: The Novi Senior Citizens Club will hold its regular potluck luncheon in the community center of the Novi Civic Center at noon.

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Council delays street decision

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

At the residents' request, the Novi City Council will not take action on a request to close Willowbrook Drive until September 16.

Novi's administration and consultants have recommended that the road stay open, a move which would be applauded by many Village Oaks subdivision homeowners.

But those who live on Willowbrook Drive south of Ten Mile — part of the Willowbrook Subdivision No. 3 — say that relatively high-speed traffic and the road's configuration pose a safety hazard to their children.

Willowbrook is used as an access road to Village Oaks Elementary School.

In 1971, the school district successfully blocked a city attorney's recommendation to close Willowbrook. Too many requests to close streets are coming forward, Council Member Martha Hoyer warned. That night, the council also looked at a petition from the Meadowbrook Manor Homeowners to shut off Lorac Drive at Eight Mile Road.

"I think we have a very real problem in the community in addressing the number of streets that are being requested to close," Hoyer said.

"I think there's going to have to be some enforcement done, but I think administration is right, we can't close every street that is being petitioned to close. We've seen a lot of these lately. We have to be leery of setting a precedent."

Ruthann Ulasek, who has led the current campaign for the closure, requested that no decision be made until residents on the street could study the city's report.

"There's a fairly long litany of reasons why our agencies have recommended that Willowbrook Drive be closed," Novi City Manager Edward Kriewall said.

Among them are that the drive serves as an emergency route to the elementary school for the fire and police departments; that only two minor non-speed related accidents have happened there within the past three years; that the average 26 to 27 mile per hour traffic speed is not atypical for residential drives; and that the road is used for school buses.

If the city does close the road, a cul-de-sac should be built, Novi engineers advise.

Possible alternatives to shutting off the road recommended by city officials include: building a \$85,000 sidewalk on the west side of the street from Ten Mile to Village Wood Road; cutting weeds at the Willowbrook Drive bridge over Ingersoll Creek and placing advance warning signs at the bridge's curve, as well as continuing police traffic enforcement.

Council Member Nancy Cassis called for the sidewalk, adding that "cutting the vegetation is absolutely essential."

Council Member Joseph Toth, also president of the Village Oaks Homeowners Association, also supported the sidewalk plan and requested a ban on street parking along Willowbrook during school days.

"The school buses do have trouble navigating the cars parked along the street," he said.



Andrew McLallen, left, and J.R. Muldoon explore an apple orchard where they found a weather balloon.

Comerica wins approvals

By SCOTT DANIEL Staff Writer

Plans for a third Comerica branch bank in Novi moved forward Aug. 21 as the planning commission granted a pair of approvals.

Commissioners voted unanimously to grant Comerica revised preliminary site plan and woodlands permit approvals. The branch is planned for the south side of Twelve Mile Road west of Haggerty Road.

"I feel that Comerica Bank is setting a pattern for development in the area," said commissioner Ernest Aruffo. "They have done an excellent job."

City Council approved rezoning of

three acres for the branch last November from residential agricultural to office service district. The bank, in return, agreed to donate right-of-way land on Twelve Mile to the city, which plans to widen the road from a four-lane to a six-lane boulevard.

Comerica would use almost 5,000 square feet of the branch, which would be adjacent to the proposed Cookers Bar & Grille. The branch would have a drive-through and other typical services, according to bank officials.

Revised plans for the bank called for moving its driveway farther away from Cookers. Comerica representative Dick Hamlin told commissioners that the bank was concerned that

patrons of Cookers would use its lot for parking.

"Because of the way Cookers bar is laid out," Hamlin said, "50 percent of our parking lot is closer to the bar than Cookers lot."

Moving the driveway farther away from the bar, and landscaping between lots, would discourage patrons from using the bank he said.

Revised plans also called for nearly double the required parking spaces for the branch.

Comerica had originally hoped to break ground by last spring for the project. But, before construction can begin on the branch, final approvals from the city must be granted.

Sky falls for Novi youths as balloons are discovered

By SUZANNE HOLLYER Staff Writer

They thought it might have been a body bag, or a secret government computer.

Two Novi boys weren't sure what they had stumbled upon when they were playing in an apple orchard near their house last week.

But Andrew McLallen, who will be 10 years old tomorrow, and J.R. Muldoon, age 7, decided to bring the orange parachute and plastic-foam covered contraption to an adult for inspection.

Novi resident Kathy McLallen, Andrew's mother, read the somewhat ripped package and learned the two boys had found a "radioisotope." In simpler terms, the summervacationers found a weather balloon.

The instrument was released last week, Aug. 21, on the same day McLallen and Muldoon found it.

It was sent from a Flint weather station and rose 17 miles above the earth's surface to measure temperature, pressure, humidity and winds at various heights above the ground.

It landed the same day in Novi near Eight Mile and Haggerty roads. The packages are launched by a balloon. The balloons burst at high

altitudes.

National Weather Service spokesman Darin Figsursky said depending on wind conditions the radioisotopes usually land within an hour or two of reaching their maximum altitude of about 100,000 feet.

The U.S. National Weather Service requests the return of the radioisotopes, and McLallen and Muldoon obliged. They were preparing to send the device to Kansas City, Missouri Monday.

Muldoon hopes for a reward. He thinks \$3,000 would be nice, but he wouldn't mind an army knife.

McLallen says a million dollars would be a decent reward considering all the stress they went through when they first spotted the radioisotope.

On first sight, McLallen thought the orange parachute that guided the radioisotope to the ground was a body bag. His second theory was that the device was an animal trap.

After closer examination, the boys decided it was a government computer. They overcame their fear, and the U.S. Weather Service will save a few dollars having their radioisotope returned for re-use.

The service appreciates the return of their equipment, but no rewards are given, Figsursky said.

"This is just a public service kind of thing," he said.

Figsursky said the Flint office usually sends up two balloons a day.

Due to wind patterns, many of the balloons launched from Flint land in the woods or a stream in the thumb part of Michigan and are never found, he said.

Michigan also has a weather service center in Sault Ste. Marie. About 100 national weather centers are located throughout the country, Figsursky said.

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Vandals rock Orchard Hills school

A \$150 window in the Orchard Hills Elementary School was reported broken Aug. 26. Novi Police said someone apparently threw a rock through the window of room 102 sometime between Aug. 24 and 25.

Police News

LARCENY—A resident on Chestnut Tree in Novi reported Aug. 26 that a gold necklace and a gold ring were stolen from a dresser while carpet installers were in the home. In addition, a Nintendo set with game cartridges was reported missing from an unlocked vehicle that was parked next to the carpet installers' truck. The owner of the house told police she left the home at approximately 6:30 a.m. Aug. 21. The carpet install-

ers arrived while she was gone, but her son was home at the time. When the woman returned home at 5 p.m. she went into the bedroom and discovered two drawers pulled out and left on the floor. She told police that, while putting the drawers back, she noticed the ring and necklace missing. Her son discovered the missing video game set shortly after.

LARCENY FROM VEHICLE—An employee at Shield's restaurant on Grand River reported Aug. 26 that someone stole a stereo and radar detector from his vehicle. The employee, a Milford resident, told police he parked his car behind the restaurant at 6 p.m. and returned at 11 p.m. to discover the driver's side window completely broken out and the items missing.

According to reports, the mishap occurred when a 33-year-old Okemos man changed from the right center to the left lane of the highway. As the man was making the lane change, traffic on the roadway stopped. Reports said he was unable to stop his vehicle before striking a 41-year-old Livonia man's car.

GOLF CLUB THEFT: Thieves targeted Brookline Golf Club, 44155 Six Mile Road, for the second time in less than a week, township police said.

The golf club's manager told police someone stole up to \$5,345 worth of video equipment and clothing from the business late Aug. 21 or early Aug. 22.

ACCIDENT: Michigan State Police reported no injuries from a four-car accident Aug. 22 on westbound I-96 near Meadowbrook Road.

Building collapse still mystery

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

An investigation into the Aug. 19 collapse of the W.F. Miller Turf and Industrial Equipment building could be wrapped up by the end of this week. Two 25-foot by 30-foot bays in the warehouse keeled over and the roof caved in sometime during a night of heavy rains. Originally, it was reported that the weight of the water on the roof may have caused the accident.

But the downpour may not have been the sole cause, the building's architect Gale Forbes says. Wind velocity and other factors are being checked.

The water on the roof was a contributing factor. The south wall was entirely off the building. That

was 25 feet high and 70 feet long. It just lifted off the building in a single piece. It was blown ten feet into a sideyard. That's not consistent with what you'd see with a roof cave-in," he said.

"We've been working on it very intensely. There's a lot of different things we're looking at. As of yet, nothing has indicated itself as an obvious problem."

Forbes said the roof was designed to withstand 2.75 inches of rain per hour. An unofficial city rain report taken from a resident's backyard rain gauge indicated that as much as 2.5 inches per hour may have fallen that night in a two-hour period.

Forbes said the building was designed to withstand wind as strong as 80 m.p.h.

W.F. Miller's insurance adjusters, architect and engineer will submit their report to the city's building department.

"We'll take the findings and take a look at the site and determine if the reports can be validated or justified by our department," said Rick Kessler, a commercial plan reviewer for Novi's building department.

"The fire department will also be involved," he said.

Kessler said that when he viewed the site the entire roof in two areas was totally down. The steel beams supporting the trusses had actually rolled and twisted.

The fire suppression system also broke, sending two inches of water streaming out of the warehouse.

Novi Briefs

Brett boosters: "Toots the Clown" is volunteering her time and Peter Panda will be waving the crowds in on Saturday, Sept. 7 when the Brett Schneider Fund holds its first fundraising event. Neighbor Mary Bohme is collecting money to aid the family of the six-year-old critically injured by a downed power line at Lakeshore Park.

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Toots will paint children's faces for \$1 for both cheeks. Novi Town Center's Children's Palace has volunteered the space in front of their store, as well as the panda's moral support. Brett is out of the University of Michigan's Intensive Care Unit and into the rehabilitation ward, Bohme reports. For information on the fund, contact her at 349-1955.

Party for BeGole: A party for retired Novi Police Chief Lee BeGole is scheduled for Friday, September 13 from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Novi Hilton Grand Ballroom.

Anyone who wishes to attend the party is invited. The cost is \$20 per person and must be sent by September 4.

To attend, RSVP with your dinner choice (Great Lakes whitefish, breast of chicken marsala or prime rib of beef) and check payable to the City of Novi to Brenda Borders, Novi Police Department, 45125 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, 48375. For more information call 347-0502.

Buckle up: Motorists on Michigan city streets, county roads, and state highways are the focus of a special law enforcement effort to increase safety belt use. The program, entitled "The Blitz," involves state, county and local law enforcement agencies in paying special attention to the non-use or misuse of safety belts. Motorists not buckled up or having infants and children not buckled up can expect appropriate enforcement action, according to Acting Novi Police Chief Doug Shaeffer.

The Blitz is a national seat belt usage campaign coordinated by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. "It may sound cliché, but safety belts save lives. In Michigan, we spend more than \$750 million on medical costs due to the non-use of safety belts," Shaeffer said.

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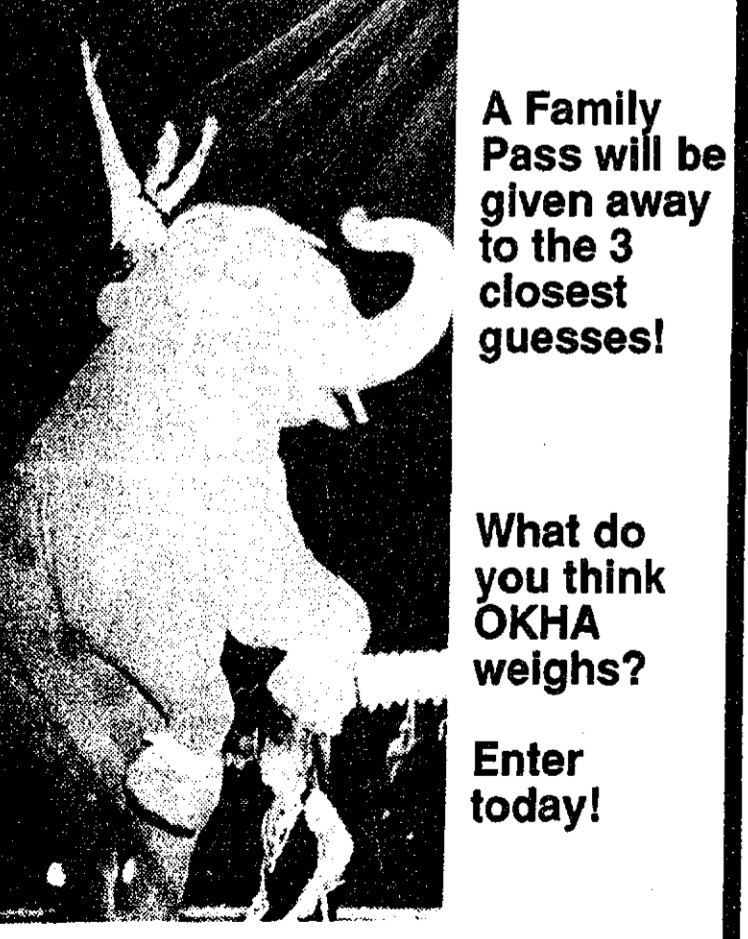
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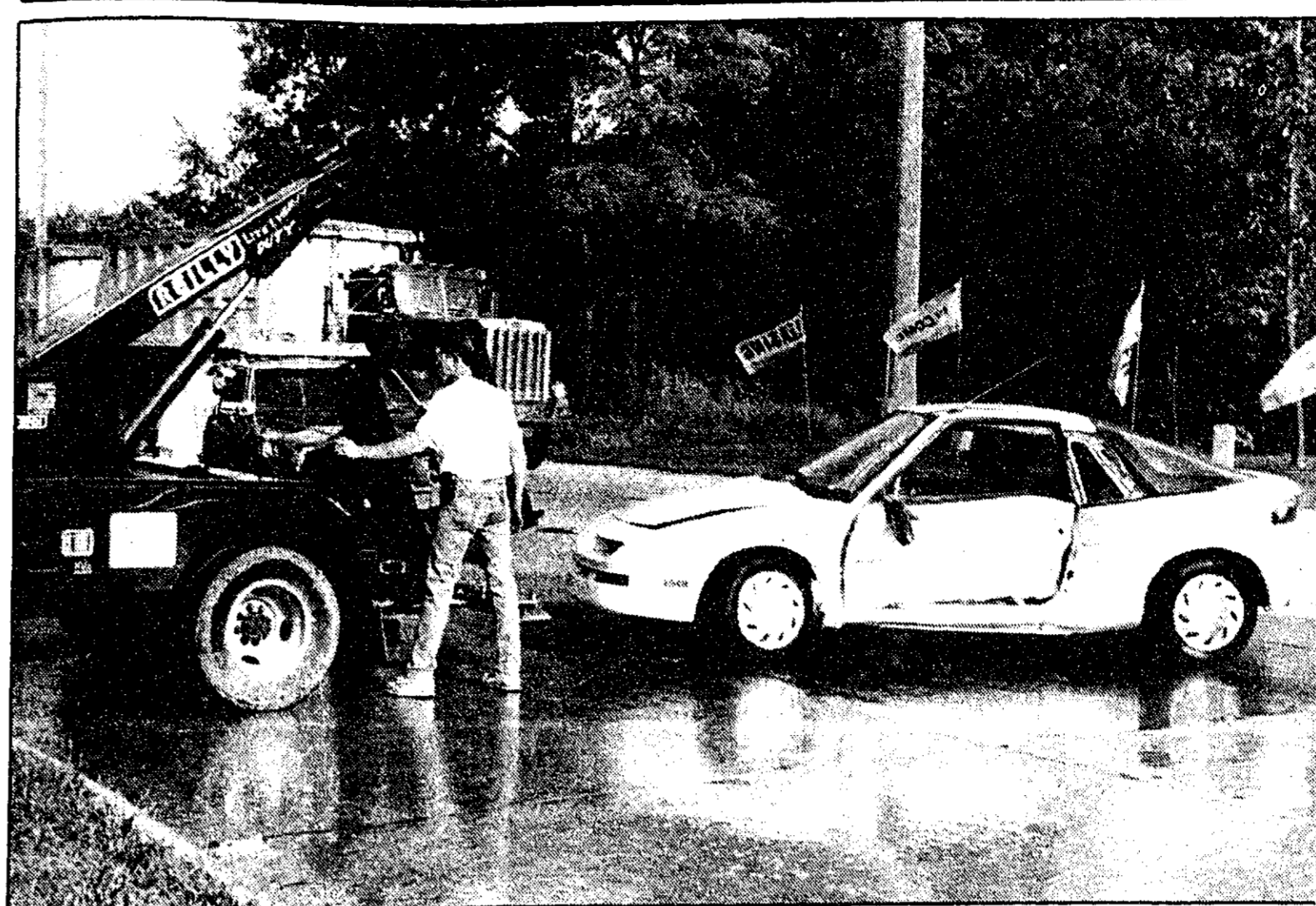
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Rezoning request gets planners nod

By SCOTT DANIEL
Staff Writer

A request to rezone 2.4 acres on Eleven Mile received a positive recommendation from the planning commission Aug. 21. Commissioners recommended unanimously that city council change the parcel from a residential agricultural (R-A) to a single family residential (R-4) zoning. The parcel is located at Taft Road west of Grand River.

Novi resident Charles Tvardak is requesting the rezoning. Ernest Aruffo said the rezoning would establish a "pattern" for the area.

Judy Johnson raised a concern about the move, but voiced support. "I feel strongly about not increasing density on a gravel road," she said. "But this is only yards away from a paved road."

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Further, I recommend consideration of rezoning the other R-A zoned parcel to the north along the east side of Taft Road so as to achieve a more uniform zoning pattern. Rogers said in the report.

The commission took no action on that recommendation. Rogers said it would be an "issue for debate" for city council.

Gladden said Tvardak has lived on the nearly 2.5 acre site for six years. He said the resident wishes to divide his property to build a home for his parents.

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O'Branovic hangs up hat

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also served the city in a number of other capacities, including being a member of the woodland ordinance review committee.

The former commissioner said he tried to provide a balancing voice to the planning board.

"I offered a generally balanced view between preservation and development rights," O'Branovic said. He added that he is happy with the direction development is taking in the city.

O'Branovic said he would like to continue to serve the city in the future. He said he was unsure when he would be able to take a more active

role, however.

"I believe in volunteer and community involvement," O'Branovic said.

Commissioners said that O'Branovic made a strong contribution.

"I like what he had to say and the way he said it," said commissioner Ernest Aruffo. "I was shocked to see him leave."

Aruffo recalled that O'Branovic didn't waste time in voicing his opinions after joining the commission. He said O'Branovic, because of his experience with the city, spoke "germanly" on the issues at his first meeting two years ago.

"Tom is a no-nonsense person," Aruffo said. "He liked to get to the issues and get things done."

Judy Johnson said O'Branovic was generally in tune with the city's parkland needs. She added that his opinions helped to balance the commission.

"He contributed quite a lot to the discussions," Johnson said.

Commissioner Kathy McAllen agreed and added that O'Branovic provided an excellent contribution.

O'Branovic's seat will be filled by an appointment from Mayor Matt Quinn. The term runs through the end of June 1992.



TOM O'BRANOVIC

'Leased' easements okayed for roadwork

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said JCK President Joseph Kapelczak.

"Yes, you can buy it cheaper today than you would further on," Kapelczak said that in some places along the road, permanent easements will be required.

"I want more data as to why we need permanent easements. It is more than what they might be used for. People are concerned about what development may be on the way," said Council Member Nancy Cassis.

The immediate approval of the temporary leasing concept — first proposed at a meeting with homeowners in early August — was supported by all council members except Mayor Matthew Quinn.

"What is at issue is that the bond issue allowed ten feet... Right now it's mandated we buy it. I don't think any of us are interested in buying the additional ten feet for unlimited purposes," he said.

Council bought fish story

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the fingerlings.

This coziness could lead to a potential gill complex for the anglers.

"They'll know all you guys ahead of time so they'll have much more personal attachment," Mayor Pro Tem Edward Letninger joked.

He also wondered if dumping fresh fish in the lake would be "fooling with mother nature."

"Walleyes are native to the Midwest. Since it's the best tasting fish, I think its population is going to be checked by its own predators," Phelps said.

Some city council members couldn't resist the chance for a few one-liners.

"Have you had a traffic study?" Council Member Hugh Crawford asked.

"That's the reason the fish go to school," Phelps shot back.

Council Member Martha Hoyer called a halt to the fingerling.

"We have to go the full route here. What are the effects on other fish? Will they attack the swans? Will this bother my well?" she asked.

Assured by Phelps that the walleye will not jeopardize swans, jet skis or boats, the council gave its approval.

Phelps hopes to seek the same from the Walled Lake city council next week. LARA has already given its backing in the form of a pledge to help underwrite the costs.

"From all indications, the City of Walled Lake thinks an excellent plan. I have my fingers crossed," he said after the meeting.

"In the letter I have from the DNR, they scoffed at the amount of walleye we're putting in as minnows. We're putting in the amount we can afford."

Freeway pedestrian killed by car

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chardson said, it appeared Jaunais changed her mind about hitchhiking back to Grand Rapids and decided to return to the tour. She attempted to cross the freeway again and was struck in the left lane of I-96 by William McCloud, 21, of Lansing, he said.

The accident occurred at about 11:10 a.m. Saturday. Grand Haven resident Dave Rutter witnessed the accident.

"I heard the car's breaks squeak," he said, "and then I saw her go up into the air."

Rutter, who was also on his way to the baseball game, said he couldn't tell the extent of Jaunais' injuries. He did say that the impact of the collision had sent her yards down the expressway, cracked McCloud's windshield and pushed the hood of his vehicle down.

State police are currently awaiting autopsy results on Jaunais.

No charges have been filed against McCloud.

Obituary

Gladys L. Lindley
Gladys L. Lindley died Aug. 16 at her home in Novi. She was 73.
Mrs. Lindley was born Aug. 5, 1918 in Martinsville, Indiana, the daughter of Howard and Emma (McLaughlin) Peary.
A member of the Meadowbrook Country Club, Mrs. Lindley spent 26 years in Birmingham, Mich. before coming to the Novi community.
She is survived by her husband, Damon Lindley; sons David of Mt. Pleasant and Kevin of Seattle, Wash.; daughters Joyce Purdy of West Bloomfield and Jane Pond and Jennifer Wesley of Texas; and 10 grandchildren.
Funeral services were held Aug. 20 at the Casterline Funeral Home in Northville, with Rev. Steve Shugert of First Presbyterian Church in Mt. Pleasant officiating. Arrangements were by the Casterline Funeral Home.
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Rain drops kept falling on Novi

By JAN JEFFREYS Staff Writer

For some Novi residents, last week was spent drying off and mopping up after the Aug. 19 "deluge."

A city consulting engineer and staff member met Aug. 21 with 65 homeowners in Village Oaks — the hardest hit subdivision — to discuss enhanced drainage for the lake there, which poured through basement windows, seeped into cars and washed over a backyard deck.

The artificial lake is one of 23 ponds and basins in Novi's stormwater management system.

City-financed improvements to the drainage system, including new outflow pipes for the lake and swales between as many as six homes were discussed, said Joseph Toth, Village Oaks Homeowners Association president.

"That's a very large drainage system that comes within a square mile. The unofficial information is that up to five inches of rain dropped on us in two hours. Several residents had rain gauges in their back yards," Toth, a city council member said.

"We're looking at changing some of the overflow from Village Oak Lake to Village Wood Lake." The swales would be small channels in the grass, indented six- to 12-inches deep between several homes.

"I would form a little gully so when the rain reached a maximum level, it would flow between the homes and not flow into the basement windows," Toth said.

Turtle Creek Lake and Whispering Meadows Lake flow into Village Oaks Lake, which ultimately empties into Bishop Creek. Following the storm, water in the typically-shallow local lakes rose as high as seven to 12 feet.

While the National Weather Service at Detroit Metropolitan Airport in Romulus recorded 1.9 inches of water there, an Oakland County Drain Commission gauge in Farmington at Nine Mile and Farmington roads found that 2.30 to 3.5 inches of rain fell there within four hours on Aug. 19. No records were available for Novi.

"That's a real heavy rain. That's in excess of a 50-year rain. It's more than that," said Joe Kozma, the drain commission's assistant chief engineer. Novi's Superintendent of Public Works, Bruce Jerome, said the city is still reviewing the data to determine if the event was what is known as a 100-year storm. This is a storm of such intensity that there is only a 1-percent chance of one occurring. A 50-year storm has a 2-percent likelihood.

The city had two 100-year storms in June 1989, causing widespread flooding.

Joseph Kapelczak, president of the city's consulting engineers JCK & Associates said at the Monday city council meeting that "the unofficial

word is 5.5 inches in two hours, statistically somewhere between a 100-year-storm and the worst rainstorm ever."

"We're compiling some data and we will have a report to the city council at the first meeting in September on the rain, discussing high water levels in retention ponds and and recommend remedial repairs," Jerome said.

"When we get an official report on how many inches of rain hit us, we will be able to assess it. The preliminary data indicates that it would be in excess of a 100-year-storm... When we talk to people about a 100-year-storm, they say didn't we just have one already. We ought to be set for the next 300 years."

Bruce Jerome Superintendent of Public Works

"Farmington Hills was also high in Deerbrook, Crosswinds and Meadowbrook subdivisions, he added, as well as in the Dunbarton Pines basin.

"All of our ponds took an awful lot of water but the main service problem was at Village Oaks. The storm pretty much saturated that whole system."

Flooding in Novi is much less intense than neighboring Farmington Hills.

"Farmington Hills was built without a stormwater drainage system in place. We had the advantage of not being as developed as they were, so our system went in at a much cheaper cost," said Toth, a former member of the city's stormwater management committee.

"We have in the City of Novi the finest stormwater drainage system in the state of Michigan. I still think that. It's a living system. It's something that's not complete. The system is being adjusted on a day-to-day basis."

Henderson glass squeezes by planning commission

By SCOTT DANIEL Staff Writer

Troy-based Henderson Glass Company's request to move into Novi sparked much debate among planning commissioners Aug. 21 before winning a pair of approvals.

Commissioners voted 5-3 to grant special land use approval for Henderson. Preliminary site plans for the facility were also approved in a 6-2 vote, which would be located on Novi Road just north of Ten Mile.

Planning commissioner Kathy McAllen voted against both measures.

"The problem here is that we have a successful business that wants to locate in our community," she said, "but unfortunately, the site doesn't fit. It's like trying to fit a size 10 foot into a size six shoe."

The glass company proposes to convert a building formerly used by the Evans Mechanical Co. The building sits on a 1.3-acre parcel zoned for light industrial usage.

Henderson provides glass replacement for the automotive and construction industries. The company also sells automotive accessories such as cellular phones, wheel covers and code alarms.

In a report to commissioners, Novi Planning Consultant Brandon Rogers didn't recommend special land use or preliminary site plan approvals. He said plans didn't clarify whether Henderson would be an automotive service or a retail business.

"We have a close call here as to whether this is a retail or automotive use," Rogers said.

The consultant said retail sales aren't permitted in light industrial districts. Allowing retail sales in those areas, Rogers said, could lead to problems for the city.

"I think we have to be very careful we don't set a precedent," he said.

McAllen said Henderson "encouraged retail trade." She said because of the glass company isn't "suited to the site."

Henderson Glass President Carl Ostidiek disagreed with the commissioner.

"After reviewing the zoning ordinance, I felt this was the place where we should go," he said. "We aren't a high volume store. In my opinion, we aren't a retail store."

Commissioners Ernest Aruffo and John Balagala agreed.

Aruffo said he believed Henderson was an automotive use and should be approved. Balagala also voiced his support.

"I'm in favor of the use," he said. "I think Henderson Glass is a fine use and a well-needed business for Novi."

Assistant Novi Attorney Dennis Watson described the company as an "odd-ball" use. He said it was mixed use that did involve retail sales.

Planning Commission chair Ed Kramer said that mixed use was a reason for concern. He said the city's zoning districts should be preserved.

"I'm having great difficulty finding means to support this," Kramer said.

Before renovations to the building can begin, the glass company must win final site plan approval from the city.

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CITY OF NOVI

NOTICE OF CITY PRIMARY ELECTION

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1991

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a City Primary Election will be held in the City of Novi, County of Oakland, Michigan, on the 10th day of September, 1991, from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM, at the places of holding the election in the City of Novi, as indicated below, viz:

Pct. No. 1 — Novi Christian School - 45301 Eleven Mile Road - Corner of Eleven Mile & Taft Road - *Note New Precinct location

Pct. No. 2 — Middle School South - 25299 Taft Road

Pct. No. 3 — Novi Civic Center - 45175 West Ten Mile Road

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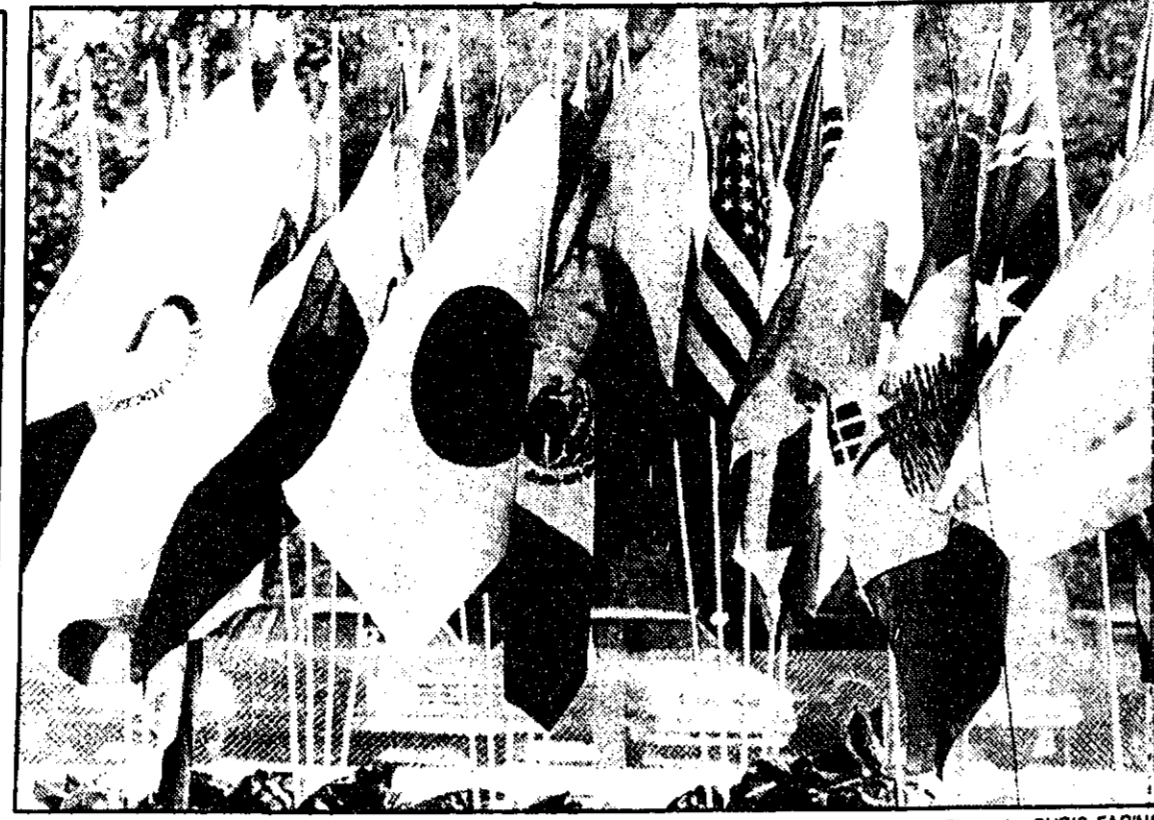
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Photos by CHRIS FARNA

Olive Garden restaurant coming to Novi?

By SCOTT DANIEL Staff Writer

A well known national restaurant chain may soon be coming to Novi. The city Planning Commission voted unanimously Aug. 21 to approve final site plans for the Olive Garden restaurant. The Italian eatery, planned for the Novi Town Center on Crescent Boulevard just east of Novi Road, must still receive administrative approvals from the city on final plans.

According to Novi Planning Consultant Brandon Rogers, the Olive Garden would be the second tenant in the town center subdivision. The subdivision, which has a total of four lots planned, currently houses Pier 1 Imports.

Rogers said the other lots would also likely be eateries - including the west coast-based Red Robin restaurant. The Olive Garden proposes to use 3.26 acres for the facility in the Town Center. A total of 9,100 square feet would be used for the restaurant. The restaurant plans to have 330 seats for dining, 18 more for liquor sales. Olive Garden officials have said that the facility will be similar in appearance and menu selections to its other metropolitan restaurants.

Preliminary site plan approval was given to the development by commissioner June 17. Commission discussion on the project was brief last week, but members did voice support for the project at the June meeting. "This is precisely the appropriate use for this site," said commissioner Eric Schaefer. Planner John Balaguer agreed with Schaefer. He said that he had visited the restaurant in the past and has enjoyed the food. According to Novi planning clerk

Karen Tindale, administrative approvals will likely be given to the restaurant within the next few weeks.

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ENACTMENT ORDINANCE NO. 91-134.01

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As We See It

Novi should proceed with water tower idea

It is starting to sound like the plot of some grade D spaghetti western... you know the kind, where the actors lips move a full two seconds before you hear the words.

In this movie, the guys at the "Big D" ranch control access to the river. The guys at the "Little N" ranch would like to divert just a bit more of that river their way so they can keep their cattle watered. In the meantime, the good people of a little village in between, known as Franklin, of course, don't want the water running through their town.

In the movies of course, the situation has to end in a shoot out.

It would be nice to think that in real life a shoot out could be avoided. But at least if it does occur, it will happen in a courtroom rather than a corral.

We are referring of course to the situation surrounding Novi's water supply. The city buys its water from Detroit, and right now, Novi isn't getting enough of it.

Detroit is being partially cooperative, and is working on a project to run a new 72-inch main out to Novi, but at present the project is hung up in the Franklin area over concerns residents have there about the impact the main's construction will have on the environment.

Now, officials in Novi are talking about the idea of constructing a water tower to help alleviate the problem. With a water tower, the city could draw in water during "non-peak" hours, when others on the system are not using as much water. That stored water could then be released back into Novi's pipes to maintain water pressure here during "peak" hours, when others are using the system to such a degree that it is presently causing water pressure problems for residents in Novi.

As much as that idea would seem to make sense, the City of Detroit is reacting negatively to the plan.

According to Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall, there could be a variety of possible reasons why Detroit doesn't want Novi to have a water tower. For one, the City of Detroit wants to control its water system. And there may be some fear that if it let Novi have a water tower it would set a precedent, and soon other communities on the system would also be asking for permission to put up towers of their own. There may also be some legitimate engineering concerns.

But it also seems possible the City of Detroit merely wants to keep water rates here in Novi at a premium. After all, Detroit charges more for water use during peak hours and having a tower would definitely help the city to lower its water rates.

According to Kriewall, Detroit does recognize the problems we have with water pressure here, but officials there don't seem all that concerned. When the state Department of Public Health first imposed its moratorium on new water taps for Novi, it asked the City of Detroit to adopt system wide water conservation

Development

measures to help alleviate the water pressure problems. Detroit did nothing.

And the problems here are severe. Ask the folks, like Deborah Goldberg, who live in the Ten Mile and Taft area. Goldberg says that at certain times of the day, on a fairly regular basis, water pressure is so low at her house that she cannot run the shower an upstairs bathroom.

It is not just a matter of inconvenience. Water pressure that low, occurring even on an occasional basis, increases the chance of a backflow of tainted water into the system which could contaminate it even after pressure has been restored.

Novi city officials have been toying with the idea of a water tower, and they believe it could well be the best solution to Novi's water pressure problems.

The project has been in the city's 1995-96 capital improvement plan, but Kriewall says the city could move up the timetable for the project easily. The money is already in the budget. He has also suggested the idea of hooking up the old, Mohawk water tower, on the south side of I-96, to the water system. But that probably is not big enough. Kriewall said a second water tower would still likely be needed.

And according to Kriewall, the tower will still likely be needed even after the 72-inch main through Franklin is completed. That main is not expected to provide entirely the needed pressure.

The state Department of Public Health has reacted favorably to the idea and would be supportive of the project. But considering the City of Detroit's reaction to the fast DPH position, it is not clear how much weight that will carry.

Now, we think the City of Novi should proceed with the water tower project with all due haste. Bruce Jerome and Gary Foyt, of the city's water department, are scheduled to meet with Detroit officials soon, and hopefully they can convince them of the need.

But if Detroit cannot be convinced, Novi may have no choice, in our opinion, but to bring pressure to bear on the city. Perhaps that pressure could come in the form of state action, with the backing of the DPH. Perhaps it will have to occur in court.

We fully recognize the desire of Novi officials to avoid litigation. But if the interests of the city cannot get a real hearing from Detroit, the health and safety of Novi residents will have to be higher priority than cooperation between city and suburb.

Finally entering the 1980s



Bob Needham

Look, I know it's not important to you. You'll probably never be able to understand what an ordeal it was around the office here. But we got through it and now, at long last, we have an answering machine.

Yes, I know, this is not really exciting news. Most businesses which have any use for such a device probably got one 10 years ago. But, well, community newspapers as a rule are not exactly lightning-quick in jumping on all the available technology, and I personally have an innate resistance to high-tech machines which aren't my compact disc player.

Make no mistake: This isn't one of those twisted voice mail systems which, as I've noted before, drive me up a tree. Just your basic message-after-the-beep setup.

Anyway, we've known for a long time that an answering machine would be a good thing to have. We're not here in the office 24 hours a day, although sometimes we come close. If someone wants to leave a message after hours or on the weekend, it only makes sense to offer the answering machine as an option.

Getting the thing into the office was a project in itself, but making it operational was almost too much to handle. Our crack front-desk staff, Gina Mathews and Diane Quint, took charge of the acquisition and installation, and it's a good thing. I know I couldn't have handled it.

Even they had some trouble. In particular, getting the message recorded started to turn into a comedy of errors. Gina, who as a member of the Plymouth Community Chorus is the only performer in the office, was the consent choice for the recording. It only took about six tries to get it into presentable form.

Thankfully, Evan Petrie, who does some free-lance photography for us, was on hand to straighten out some details with setting the number of rings.

And now we're up and running. The bottom line is that you can now, if you so desire, leave a message for us here at any time, whether there's someone in the office or not. If you have a story idea that occurs to you at 3 a.m., and you don't want to write it down, pick up the phone. If you want to complain about something and are afraid you might cool off if you wait until business hours, give us a call. Or if you just want to hear how Gina's voice sounds on tape, dial us up. The number, as always, is 349-1700.

So now we've officially entered the 1980s; we have an answering machine. Of course, the calendar says 1991, but give us a chance. Can cellular phones be far behind?

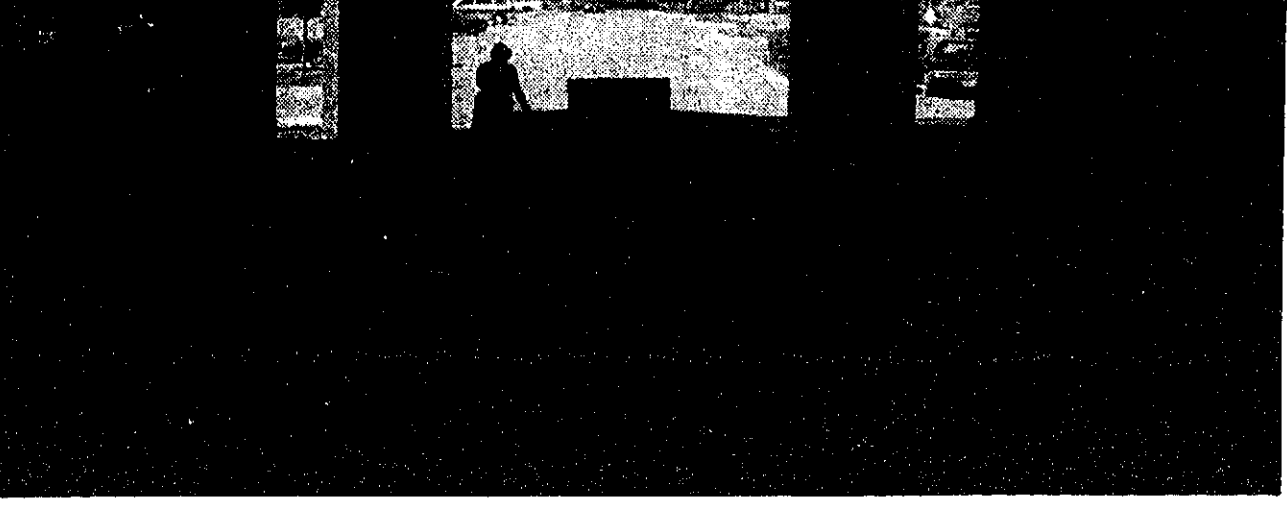
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By Bryan Mitchell



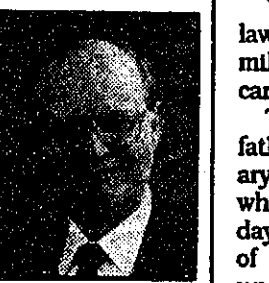
As kids head back to school, state politics is the last thing on their minds. But for school boards, teachers unions, Gov. John Engler and legislative leaders, politics is the biggest worry. Michigan still has no budget for fiscal 1992.

The Republican-run Senate and Democrat-run House are at a stalemate. It's time Lew stopped playing Russian Roulette with the budget and got the job done, Republican Gov. John Engler said last week. Lew Dodak, the Democratic speaker of the House, said his party would submit "continuation" budget bills.



'Tunnel vision'

State is unsafe at any speed



Tim Richard

"I don't care who makes the laws," my hero Alexander Hamilton once said, "as long as I can administer them."

That visionary founding father and first Treasury secretary was a practical politician who made a point still valid today. Lawmakers can pass a ton of thoughtful legislation; but unless your administrators have the energy and resources to do the job, the laws are a waste of time and paper.

Particularly in modern Michigan, where our safety regulations are being shredded.

Think of Michigan's budget as an apple pie with three roughly equal pieces:

1. Social services — It's driven not by the Legislature but by the high divorce and soaring illegitimate birth rates. To Democrats, it's a source of votes, hence sacred. Even Gov. John Engler doesn't want to cut aid to families with dependent children.
2. Education — Democratic Gov. Jim Blanchard increased school and college aid. Republican Engler has made it such a sacred cow that even Democrats don't try to cut it in a recession.
3. Everything else — prisons, courts, state police, attorney general, labor regulations, business regulation, natural resources, public health, mental health, and so on.

Some parts of "everything else," such as prisons and courts, are leaping skyward faster than income and population growth.

But the regulatory side of government has been butchered, and it will get worse.

Engler and the GOP have visions of a \$1 billion school property tax cut. Where will the money come from? "Everything else."

School districts (like Northville and Novi) are suing the

state for categorical aid, and communities are suing for court support. If (when) they win, where will the money come from? "Everything else."

That third piece of pie was squeezed by Blanchard in the 1980s. Engler is squashing it in the '90s. Let's play "connect the dots," the kids' coloring book game, to see the big picture:

- As more stringent anti-drunk driving laws are passed and signed, only one drunk driver in 3,000 is caught. Our 55 mph urban freeway speed law is a dangerous joke, thanks to the State Police shortage.
- MIOSHA, the state's occupational safety and health program, is targeted for zero by Engler.
- You read a year ago about the high accident rate in small auto supplier plants, thanks in great part to the shortage of labor inspectors.
- Child care is a necessity for working moms and dads. But many parents fear state inspection of small facilities. In particular, is dangerously weak.
- Michigan's bridges and highways are being pulverized because we have the heaviest weight limits in the U.S. — 159,000 pounds for an 11-axle truck. Last week the University of Michigan reported some are carrying 230,000 pounds. Tractors in anonymous interviews say it pays to violate the law as long as they are caught only one time in 10.
- Michigan has seen an explosive growth of proprietary trade schools and an equally explosive growth in the minority that are financially shaky, incompetent and dishonest. But we've seen no explosive growth in the number of state regulators (three).
- The attorney general's office, enforcer of laws for many state agencies, has taken a serious budget cut. And as for getting the AG to enforce the Open Meetings Act against sneaky local governments, that stopped 10 years ago. Connecting the dots, one can see Michigan looking like a 1964 Corvair — unsafe at any speed.

Tim Richard reports regularly on the local implications of state and regional events.

The world's second worst vacation



Steve Kellman

Just got back from a few days in sunny Cape Cod last Tuesday.

Of course, the end of my vacation wasn't so sunny, what with all the surf kicked up by that little winds-torn called Hurricane Bob.

Yes, it may have been the worst-timed vacation of all time — or second-worst, right after Michael Gorbachev's recent jaunt down to Mexico. Fortunately, both Gorbachev and I made it back to work last week.

Bob and the attempted Soviet coup took turns dominating the news in Massachusetts last Monday, but the hurricane quickly gained the upper hand as it swept ashore early in the afternoon, cutting electricity, fraying phone lines and demanding the Cape's undivided attention.

I had ringside seats to the awesome display of nature's fury. My younger brother Chris and I had decided to ride out the storm at our father's house in Osterville, on the south side of the Cape. The home overlooking the ocean is a mass of picture windows on the side facing the sea. We awoke before 6 a.m. Monday and spent the morning removing awnings and hammering 4-by-8-foot sheets of plywood over as many of the windows as we could, transforming the stately summer home into a plywood ranch.

By mid-storm, winds clocked at up to 90 mph were howling around — and somehow — through the house, though all the windows were sealed. The sheets of plywood were shak-

ing like cardboard, allowing bursts of light in between the seams, and sending strange shadows dancing around the seaside rooms. We stayed out of these rooms, expecting the wind to blow right through at any moment and shower us with glass.

The surf, some 20 feet below the front lawn, was blown right over the top of the embankment by the wind and into the front of the house.

But worst of all was the wind, howling and roaring like something alive.

At the storm's height, we stood outside the back door and watched the spray-laden wind tear around a corner of the house, listening to trees snap under its force and surveying the debris building up in the lee of the building.

The storm ended within three hours, though the wind continued to howl and the sea churn into the evening. My brother's Volkswagen, parked halfway down the winding driveway to my father's home, was hemmed in by fallen trees. One tree fell mere feet from the car's front bumper.

As soon as the wind died and it seemed the house would stand, we made our way to the street, crawling under and climbing over the half-dozen trees across the winding driveway. Seaweed lagoon lay covered in leaves, like a seldom-used country road in the fall, except in this case all the leaves were green.

People gathered along the street, waving to us as we waved back. We wandered over to one group to swap stories about the damage done by the storm. There's nothing like a good hurricane to bring formerly distant neighbors together, if only for a day.

Within an hour after the storm had abated, the whine of chainsaws could be heard as people tried to cut their way on to, or off of, their properties. Three houses up from my father's, several pitch pine lay across the road, blocking all vehicular access. But residents soon cut away enough branches to create a crude tunnel.

In the center of Osterville, trees that dated back to the 1700s were being twisted and mangled in the streets. Around town, sailboats and motorboats previously moored in West Bay lay on their sides, with some strewn like logs across the formerly immaculate lawns of the harborside homes.

Needless to say, I missed my noon flight from Boston's Logan Airport that day. The plane actually left Logan a half-hour AHEAD of schedule, and an airline spokesman admitted it was "pretty empty." The airport was shut down shortly thereafter.

Our family spent Monday evening tearing down the plywood that we had spent the morning nailing up. Driving to the bus station in Hyannis the next day, my brother and I took turns pointing out more and more improbable sights — tangled mazes of wires draped over houses and cars by fallen telephone poles, sidewalks and streets torn up by the roots of uprooted trees, a huge tree lying completely over a house half its size. My emotions veered between sheer amazement at the evidence of the storm's power and sorrow over the damage it had done.

Anyway, it's good to be back in Michigan, where all we have to worry about are nameless tornados and thunderstorms. To each his own form of natural disaster, I guess.

Budget brings bevy of cuts

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

As kids head back to school, state politics is the last thing on their minds. But for school boards, teachers unions, Gov. John Engler and legislative leaders, politics is the biggest worry. Michigan still has no budget for fiscal 1992.

The Republican-run Senate and Democrat-run House are at a stalemate. It's time Lew stopped playing Russian Roulette with the budget and got the job done, Republican Gov. John Engler said last week. Lew Dodak, the Democratic speaker of the House, said his party would submit "continuation" budget bills.

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The issue, as Dodak sees it, is Engler's insistence that the state Administrative Board can make budget transfers without approval of the Legislature. Meanwhile, 18 budget bills are tied up in House Senate conference committees because the House passed one version and the Senate another. The most controversial surrounds House Bill 4267, which would require out-of-formula suburban school districts to share their business tax growth with poorer city and outstate districts. Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, is the only area member on that panel.

A bitter foe of tax sharing, Faxon is in a bipartisan minority. Faxon also is on the conference committee handling House Bill 4572, school aid. Other conference committees on education budgets are looking at House Bill 4574, community colleges; HB 4579, general education; and HB 4583, higher education. Dodak told reporters he is instructing the conference committees to move ahead on budget bills, with the proviso that they be tied to the "continuation" bills if his battle with Engler remains unresolved.

Last week both chambers held brief sessions Thursday morning, the first time in three weeks they had gathered. They will meet again in three more weeks — on Wednesday, Sept. 11. Said Engler: "I sent him (Dodak) a balanced budget on March 7. We've already waited over five months."

Some effects:

- School districts can't make hiring decisions on teachers who were pink-slipped in June. School districts' fiscal year began July 1.
- Colleges and universities are raising tuition "to compensate for the uncertainty," Engler said. Part of that uncertainty is due to Engler's decision to delay '91 fourth-quarter state aid payments to fiscal '92.

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Holley leaves trail of bad checks

By MIKE TYREE
Staff Writer

Cajunfest promoter Cy Holley continued to drop bad checks across the nation this week.

Holley and his Cajunfest Productions crew apparently marched one step ahead of the law all summer long, from New Orleans to Norfolk to Northville, from Florida and New Jersey to Chicago.

A bounced check here, a cash deal promise there. The list of those who want a word with Holley lengthens. Some indications are that Holley's bad-check end run is almost over, though.

The Northville City Council granted Cajunfest Productions a permit to operate an Aug. 18-18 festival at Northville Downs racetrack. Cajunfest was to feature culinary delights from deep in the bayou, Cajun music, and pony rides. Holley, a smooth-talking southerner with darting eyes and a hurried gait, promised fun for all.

But festival attendance was extremely light in Northville, and the event turned into a debacle when Holley inked his name to a bevy of worthless checks.

Northville Downs, the Livonia branch of the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Porta-John of Shelby Township, Waste Management of Livonia, and Central Distributors of Dearborn were apparent victims of the Cajunfest scam.

Combated, the businesses lost nearly \$10,000 to Holley's bad checks.

And area businesses are not alone. A Florida firm that wrote Holley an invoice policy designed to cover festivals in Northville, New Jersey and Stuckey, Illinois is out \$8,700, said James Pyne, account executive with Allied Specialty Insurance Company out of Treasure Island, Florida.

"We're holding an \$8,700 bad check here," Pyne said Tuesday. The check came back here August 23.

Pyne said the Cajunfest policy was to cover three consecutive weekend events beginning with the Aug. 18-18 show in Northville. From Northville, Holley's crew of cooks, musicians and laborers was to travel to Liberty State Park outside Jersey City, New Jersey, for an Aug. 23-25 gig.

On Aug. 30-Sept. 3 stint at Hawthorn Race Course in Stuckey, Ill. was to follow, Pyne said.

Liberty State Park officials canceled Cajunfest when Holley could not produce proof of insur-

ance, said Norma Horvath, state park office manager.

Holley and his staff had set up in the state park and were poised to hold Cajunfest there until the last minute, Horvath said. She said Holley had written a deposit check for \$660 and another certified deposit check for \$1,000.

But evidence of the bad insurance check prompted cancellation of the festival, she said. Holley was refunded his certified check, but the \$660 check, payable to the State of New Jersey, was not returned, she said.

Total cost of park-related services were not reached \$5,000, Horvath said. "We would have taken a check," she said, expressing relief that the festival was canceled.

Horvath did not know if the \$660 deposit check had bounced by Tuesday.

Any check is sure to bounce if written on Holley's Cajunfest account with the Covington, La. branch of the Whitney National Bank, said bank manager David Lindsey.

"(Holley) made no deposit; he's still writing checks with insufficient funds," Lindsey said Tuesday.

Lindsey did not know how many checks Holley had written. The last deposit made to the account came around the first of August, and Lindsey said he has been unable to contact Holley about continued overdrafts.

Lindsey has been in contact, though, with officials at Hawthorn Race Course in Stuckey, Ill.

Hawthorn officials on Tuesday were ready to shut the doors on Cajunfest.

"We're locked out," said Carolyn Meadows, Hawthorn Race Course director of sales. "We called the (Covington) bank and they said he had no money there."

Meadows said Holley had paid a \$1,000 deposit to use the suburban Chicago race course's field area for "food and entertainment."

Holley also attempted to renegotiate his contract with Hawthorn Race Course. Instead of flat fees for grounds use and a cleaning deposit, Holley asked to pay a gate percentage, a tactic he has used to his advantage at other Cajunfest stops.

Norfolk (Va.) Festivals agreed to accept 10 percent of Holley's gate at a July 19 festival, said promoters director Kathy Conroy. Conroy said approximately 35,000 people attended the Norfolk festival, but by Tuesday, Norfolk Festivals had not seen a dime from Holley.

Weight Loss Surprises Researchers

WASHINGTON—A nutrition organization was hopeful that a nutritionally complete "hi-tech" food tablet would help erase world-class hunger problems, until a study revealed that one of the ingredients could cause significant weight loss.

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Come out and play at new Gymboree

By SUZANNE HOLLYER
Staff Writer

It might look like fun and games to the average adult, but Kathy Cornell knows that when kids play they are working.

Cornell is in the process of opening a play center for kids in the Novi Town Center.

She said kids learn about the world and develop mentally and physically when playing. And the program offered at her Gymboree center encourages that development. Gymboree opens for business Monday. Classes are organized by age for kids between 3 months and 5 years. Age appropriate activities, songs and games are offered in 45-minute classes that run for 12-week sessions.

Gymboree is not a baby sitting service. At least one parent is required to attend for every kid enrolled in the program. Twins are welcome, but both parents will be required to attend class because the program focuses on kids interacting with a parent.

Class leaders also try to teach parents activities they can use at home with their kids.

Cornell said the most important element of the Gymboree program is fun.

Slides, basketball hoops and other kid-sized pieces of play equipment are part of the program.

Teachers who lead the classes undergo a six-week training session before leading a Gymboree class. They also are trained in first aid.

Cornell got involved with Gymboree in 1987 when she had her first baby. She took her daughter to Gymboree and was so impressed she bought into the company.

Cornell was a manager for Meijer Inc. in 1987.

Now she owns five Gymborees and has three children who participate in the family business.

Over 350 Gymboree centers have been sold in the United States, Canada, France, Australia and Israel. Cornell is not unlike many of the owners—99 percent are women who combine family life with business ownership.

But dads should not feel intimidated about bringing their children to Gymboree classes. Cornell said many fathers join their kids in class.

Classes cost \$77 for a 12-week session that meets once a week, or \$115 to come twice a week. Siblings get a special deal with weekly classes costing \$47 per child. Sessions are held during the day, at night and on weekends.



Cathy Shapero and her son, Neil, play at Novi's new Gymboree

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Red light flashes for auto mall

By SCOTT DANIEL
Staff Writer

Potential traffic problems led planning commissioners to table plans for a proposed multi-dealership auto mall on Haggerty Road Aug. 21.

Commissioners voted unanimously to table the proposed Bill Cook Novi Auto Mall. The project is planned between Grand River and Ten Mile Road.

"It's going to be very difficult to get in and out of the site," said Novi Traffic Consultant Rodney Arroyo. "It will be difficult to make a left."

The auto mall would house four dealerships including Mitsubishi, Infiniti, Lexus and Chrysler. Cook is a Farmington Hills-based Buick dealer.

Just more than eight acres would be used for the development on a general business zoned site. Approximately 57,000 square feet would be used for the four dealerships.

In a report to commissioners, Arroyo said the auto mall's proposed driveway is off-set 60 feet from the Pepper Square Center driveway across the street. He said safety concerns are raised by the off-setting driveways because of potential left turn conflicts.

"The plan should be revised to line up the driveways," Arroyo said.

According to Cliff Selber, project engineer for the auto mall, changing the driveway alignment would cause a major problem for the development. He said the Infiniti dealership would likely be lost if they are aligned.

Selber said he would meet with the city within a few weeks to resolve the conflict. He said Cook hopes to have plans back before commissioners by the end of September and would like to break ground on the project later this fall.

Because of the high volume of traffic between Grand River and Ten Mile, on Haggerty Road, Arroyo said, a center left turn lane should be added to the road to serve the auto mall. Arroyo's report noted that the Oakland County Road Commission would like to improve Haggerty, from Ten Mile past Grand River to the Face Warehouse, from two to three lanes.

The center left turn lane would be added on the segment as well as one lane on each side of Haggerty. Cook, who told commissioners he had met with county officials on the matter, said such improvements would be funded through a special assessment district.

"That project will absolutely proceed ahead," Cook said.

Without the improvements, commissioner Tim Gilberg said Haggerty Road couldn't handle the auto mall development.

"As Haggerty Road stands, it's insufficient," he said. "I don't believe we have adequate public facilities to handle it."

Despite tabling of preliminary site plans, the auto mall did win a pair of other approvals. A woodlands permit was granted as was special land use approval.

Commissioner Judy Johnson said she preferred to see the project tabled until problems traffic were resolved with the city.

"I like the idea of a multi-dealership at one site," she said. "But I think it needs to be tabled to work out traffic questions."

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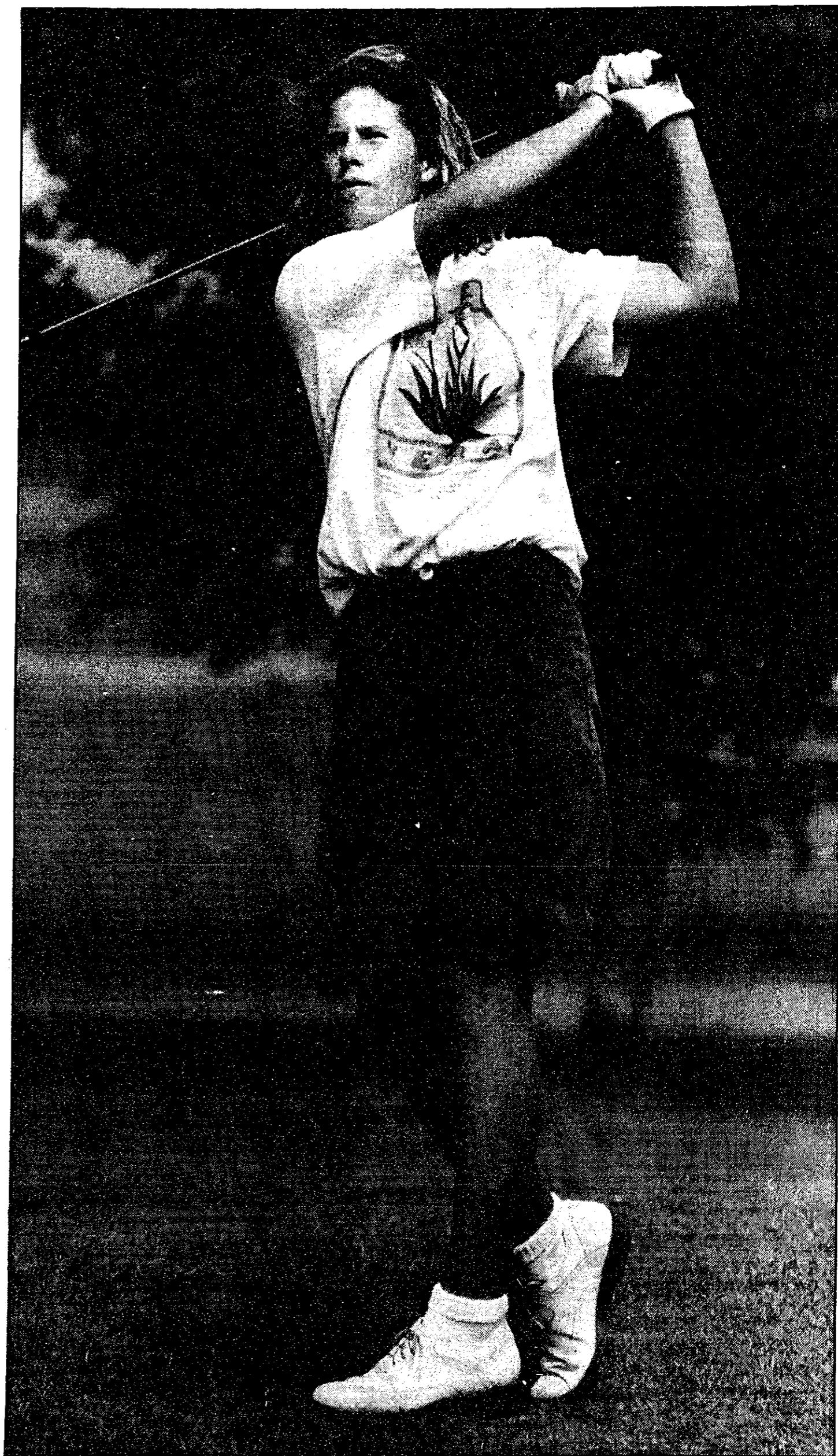
FORE SIGHT

BY NEIL GEOGHEGAN
STAFF WRITER

Novi's Tanya Shepley may be the first prep athlete in state history to make the All-State squad in a sport that was her second choice when the season began.

In fact, Shepley only went out for the Wildcat golf team a year ago after being turned down by girls' basketball coach John Hoffman. She actually missed the golf opener, but the whole episode proved to be a blessing in disguise as Shepley went on to have a phenomenal season on the links.

Shepley had the second best nine-hole average (44) during the 1990 season for Novi Coach John Pezce, which is amazing when you consider that Novi does not field a girls' golf team. Yes, Shepley played on the boys squad last season, and showed the entire Kensington Valley Conference how to play winning golf with accuracy and consistency, rather than raw power.



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Novi's golf surprise Tanya Shepley.

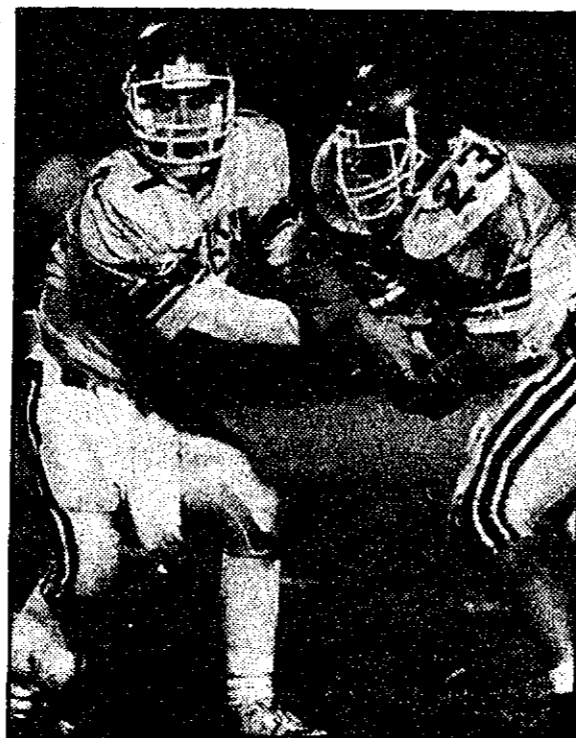
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Ladycat cagers rebuild after losing 4 starters

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN
Staff Writer

Having had five different head coaches in five years, Novi girls' basketball coach John Hoffman is back after struggling through a 6-14 record campaign.

But with just one starter and two letterwinners back from that team, it could be another long season for the 29-year-old mentor.

"We are light-years ahead of where we were at this stage last year, but that doesn't mean we'll win every game," he said. "We're very young and inexperienced, but I feel good that we have the program in place. We're probably already where we were half way through the '90 season. I think we'll be more competitive."

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Not only did Hoffman lose starters like Tara Humphrey, Joanna Pasucci and Jennifer Foxworth to graduation, he also will be without senior Heather Humphrey — the top scorer last season (9.2 points per game).

"Heather decided she didn't want to play basketball this year," Hoffman said. "It's not the end of the world — it won't be a big problem finding replacements."

The lone returning starter is 5-foot-9 senior forward Tammy Snider, who led the Cats in rebounding (4.6 per game).

"Tammy is our captain and she'll have to provide all the leadership," Hoffman said.

The other projected starters in the frontcourt are letterwinners Jamil Wilkins (Sr.) and Kristin Kenry (So.). Wilkins (5-11) will be the center and Kenry, who made the varsity team as a freshman, will play opposite Snider at forward.

"Jamil did a lot off-season work, so she's improved a lot," Hoffman said. "Kristin is going to be a very, very good player down the road but she still has a ways to go."

Three young and inexperienced players will be fighting it out for the starting guards slots. Junior Ann Soper was the J.V. point guard in '90 and is a candidate along with freshmen Christine Edwards (5-6) and

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Novi Coach

Jeanette Lucy (5-7).

"Two of those three will be starting — it could be the two freshmen," Hoffman said. "We have some kids who can play, but we are so young, they are going to make a lot of mistakes."

Other players who will contribute are junior forwards Kelley Barton (5-11), Kate MacKenzie (5-9) and Liz Letniger (5-8). Junior guard Sheila Clark (5-9) and sophomore guard Julie Swinehart (5-6) will provide depth in the backcourt.

"As you can see we have only two seniors on the team," Hoffman said. "This season we will play a lot of kids and try to get them the experience they need. I don't have any qualms with using all six of our forwards and rotating them in and out."

Hoffman is trying to turn around a program that's gone 21-63 since 1987, but it may take more time. With two freshmen and two sophomores on the team — and with the possibility of an all-freshmen backcourt — the first winning season since '86 may be several years away.

Novi will host Northville on Sept. 3 in the 1991 opener.



Forward Tammy Snider (41) is Novi's only returning starter.

Golf Notes

Makoski takes 21st at PGA: Novi's Bob Makoski placed in a tie for 21st place at the \$80,000 First of America Championship of the Michigan PGA. The tournament was held on the 6,814-yard par 70 old course and the 6,916-yard par 72 new course at Indianwood Country Club in Lake Orion. Makoski shot a three round 70-77-74 — 221 and finished nine strokes off the lead. Andy Soley and Todd Greenlee of Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville also competed. Greenlee fired a 73-75-76 — 224 to place 33rd and Soley (74-79-73 — 228) was 37th.

Leslie Park facelift: Leslie Park Golf Course in Ann Arbor has undergone extensive remodeling of the clubhouse in an effort to offer more than just 18 holes of golf. A full service concession is the major focus of the clubhouse facelift. The facility is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 a.m.-8 p.m. daily and can accommodate up to 40 people. Outdoor barbecues can also be arranged. As an added feature, Leslie Park golfers can now phone the clubhouse from the ninth tee to order lunch. The Park is located at 2120 Traver Road. For more information, call 994-1163.

Northville Alumni Golf Outing: The 11th Annual Northville High School Alumni Golf Outing will be held on Sept. 21 at Bogle Lake Country Club in Commerce Township. Tee off is at 1 p.m. The cost for 18 holes of golf and dinner is \$40 per person. Golf only is \$24 and dinner only is \$16. If interested, send a check to: Tom Bingham, P.O. Box 156, Wall Lake, MI 48390. For more information, call Bingham at 624-1531 or Howard Ambinder at 548-1773.

Sweepstakes qualifier: Joe Helm of Northville scored a hole-in-one at Plumhollow Golf Course in Southfield to qualify for the 31st annual Drumbeat Rusty Nail Hole-In-One Sweepstakes. Helm's ace came at the 142-yard 14th hole. Helm is now eligible to win the grand prize: a one week trip for two to Scotland and \$1,000 cash.

Beaumont Golf Outing: William Beaumont Hospital's fourth annual golf scramble benefiting stroke patients in the Speech and Language Pathology Department will take place on Sept. 7 at the Rochester Hills Country Club. Tee-off time is 1:30 p.m. The \$50 entry fee includes 18 holes of golf with cart, hors d'oeuvres and lunch. A cash bar will be available and prizes will be awarded. To register, call 258-1090.

Soapy Williams Golf Classic: Iowa Governor Tom Harkin will be the guest speaker for the lunch portion of the seventh annual Soapy Williams Golf Classic, to be held on Sept. 6 at the Shenandoah Country Club in West Bloomfield. The fee is \$30 and includes lunch and one drink ticket. The buffet lunch will start at 11 a.m. For reservations, call 435-4044.

Great Lakes Tour: The Great Lakes Amateur Golf Tour has expanded to Western Michigan and four regional tours: 1.) West Metro Detroit, 2.) Northeast Metro Detroit, 3.) Kalamazoo/Battle Creek, 4.) Grand Rapids/Muskegon.

The Great Lakes Amateur Tour is every golfer's chance to play "The Tour." Patterned after the PGA tour, the players will compete with others of equal ability in four different handicap divisions. The players must play two 18-hole qualifying rounds in May to earn their "Tour Card" and be eligible to compete in their section of the Great Lakes Amateur Tour.

Booths at the golf shows in Grand Rapids and Rochester this month have generated a strong response for this year's tour. Brochures and entry forms are available in most of the retail golf stores and the pro shops of the courses hosting tournament events for the Great Lakes Amateur Tour this year, or by calling the Great Lakes Amateur Tour at 227-0720.

Osborne hopes for return to winning ways

Depth, injuries a concern

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN
Staff Writer

The Novi football dynasty ended last fall when the Wildcats went 5-4 and allowed Brighton to wrestle the Kensington Valley Conference title away after a four-year, 26-game dominance.

Long-time coach John Osborne would like nothing more than to return the program to the heights of the '80s years of 1986-89, but depth and injury problems will probably prevent that from happening. Novi will feature some excellent players, but even Osborne admits that the talent pool is depleted.

"Our depth is a big concern," he said. "We have some good players but our pool of solid players is somewhat depleted compared to years gone by."

Osborne is expecting a varsity team of about 36 players, but many top-notch performers will be needed on both sides of the ball. That's why injuries will play such a big factor.

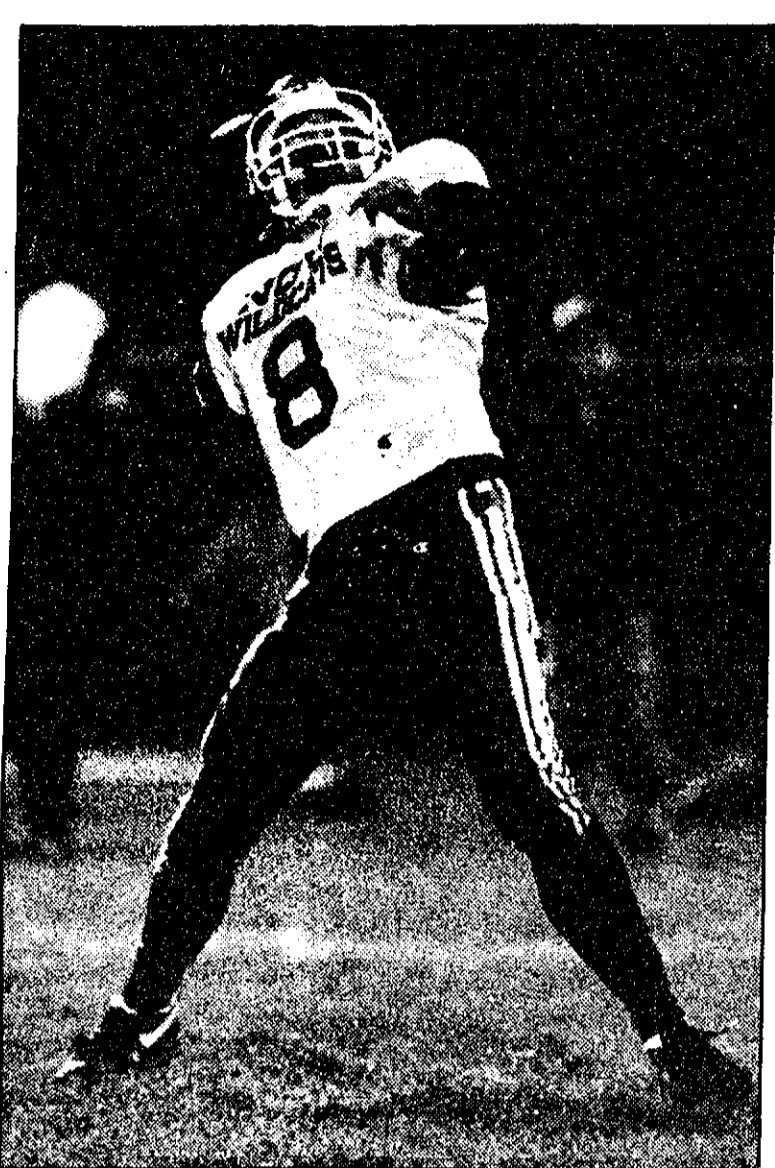
"Injuries and absences have put a monkey wrench into our grand scheme of trying to platoon most players," Osborne said.

Offensively, the Cats will boast two of the more exciting runners in the area. Big bruising senior Matt Kobe (6-2, 210) will team with speedy Jeff Vandoren (5-8, 155) and give Osborne an impressive 1-2 punch. Kobe started last season but wasn't the weapon many thought he would be on the offensive side of the ball. Vandoren is a returning letterwinner who's worked hard in the off-season.

"Kobe didn't get the ball much last season, so he really wasn't a disappointment," Osborne said. "Vandoren is, maybe, the fastest player we've ever had at Novi. He's running times comparable to what former All-Sitton Scott Wladischkin did several years ago."

The quarterbacking duties will fall on the shoulders of senior Ryan McCarthy (6-2, 190), who lettered a year ago and saw limited action.

"Ryan's paid his dues and he's ready to step up into the limelight," Osborne said. "He's got good arm strength but we're working with him



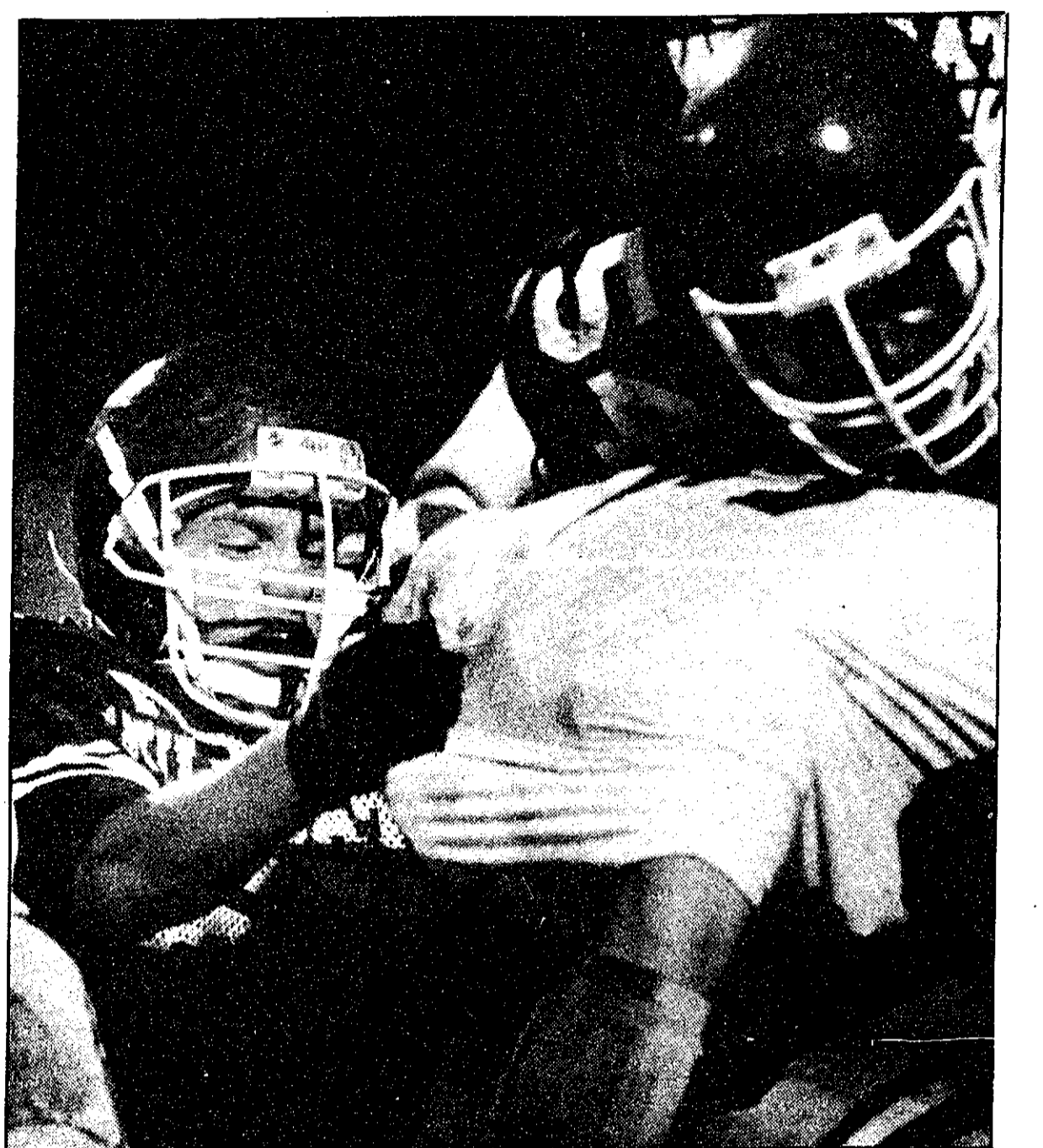
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Senior Ryan McCarthy is the new starting quarterback for the Wildcats

on his footwork and his touch." McCarthy's favorite target could be junior wideout Randy Naumann (5-8, 145), who compares favorably with dangerous former receivers like Randy Parker and Craig Berry. Naumann was the star of the junior varsity last fall, but played well in his only varsity game.

"This guy is an exciting player," Osborne said. "You get the ball in his hands and next thing you know, 'bam!' is a returning letterwinner who's worked hard in the off-season. The rest of the starting receiving corps includes split end Dan Svelter (5-10, 165) and tight end Derek Speersneider (5-9, 165). Both are senior returnees who are in great physical shape."

The offensive line — with five candidates well over 200 pounds — could be a good one, but the uncertainty surrounding brothers Aaron (6-4, 235) and Brian Oldenburg (6-3,



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Lineman John Piggott (left) hauls down an opposing runner in action last season

The starting guards will probably be seniors Steve Tapley (5-11, 220) and Josh Riggs (5-9, 175). The two split time as starters a year ago and have shown great promise, but Riggs has been hampered by a wrist injury.

Senior Murray Kamish (6-1, 190) — a top back-up in '90 — will probably be the starting center.

On defense, Novi's strength is up front, with Young and Wohlfeil at the tackle spots. Jeff Piggott (6-0, 200) and Greg Fortner (5-10, 195) are the top defensive end candidates, but the Oldenburg brothers may break into the line-up.

"I think Young and Wohlfeil are better on defense than they are on offense, so it should be an area of strength," Osborne said.

Kobe heads up a linebacker crew that also features Kamish and junior Pat Whitehead (5-10, 175). Kobe was Novi's No. 2 tackler in '90 and named to the All-Area squad. Kamish is returning to his starting spot and Whitehead is a good athlete. Sophomore Brian Cordias (5-10, 170) will be the top back-up.

Naumann is the potential star in the secondary. He picked off a pass in his only varsity appearance as a so-

phomore and will hold down a safety position along with senior Matt Butler (5-10, 170). The cornerbacks will be Svelter and sophomore Kevin Serra (5-10, 165).

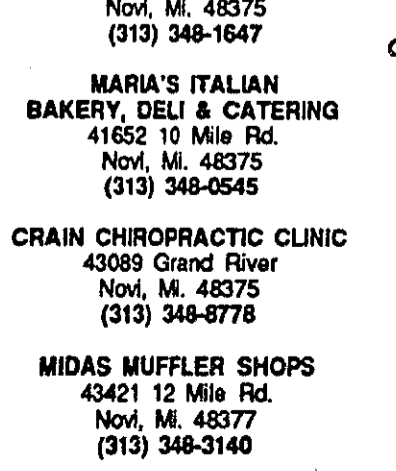
"Serra is a fine football player," Osborne said. "All he lacks is experience."

Butler will again handle the kicking chores and Kobe will be the punter.

Novi lost eight All-Conference performers to graduation, including two-way stars like Jeff Schram, Jason Wladischkin, Mike Gowans and Aaron Federspiel.

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Novi runners set to battle the rest of the KVC elite

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN
Staff Writer

In any other year, the Novi boys cross country squad would probably be the Kensington Valley Conference favorites heading into the season. Wildcat Coach Bob Smith lost just one of his top seven runners from last year, and Novi placed ninth in the state. Smith also has two-time All-Stater Brian Molloy for his fourth and final season.

But KVC cross country is stronger than ever, and traditional powers like Milford, Lakeland and Brighton have improved as well. "I'm really excited," Smith said. "This is going to be a tremendous season in the KVC. It's going to be the clash of the titans every week. We have three of the top nine teams in the state from last year, and then you add Brighton."

The Wildcats were 5-3 overall last season, good for fourth in the KVC, and only No. 2 man Rob Herman has

been lost to graduation. "Everybody in the KVC was young last year," Smith said. "Milford and Brighton only lost one of their top seven runners and Lakeland returns their top three."

Heading the Novi pack is Molloy, who placed second in the KVC meet, second at the MHSAA Regional and 14th at the state meet. He is a four-year standout who is poised for a great season.

"He's a great foundation to build on," Smith said. "He's running with a lot of confidence and he seems to be a lot stronger."

Senior Ken Fenchel and a host of juniors — Joe Leahy, Brian Grem, John Crawford and Vince Meehan — will be fighting it out for the No. 2 through 6 spots in the line-up. All five were contributors last season with Fenchel leading the way at No. 3. "Vince was our No. 7 guy last season, but he could move all the way up to No. 2," Smith predicted. "He will be a big surprise to some people. But I

don't think there will be more than 10-15 seconds separating any of these five guys."

There are three strong candidates for the seventh and final spot in the line-up. Senior Dave Lykins (No. 8 last year), sophomore Shady Sardy and freshman Shawn Kelly — who challenged most of Molloy's middle school records last year — are all in the running.

"We're 21 runners strong," Smith said. "The key to our success will be getting a light pack time. I feel pretty good about our depth through eight or nine guys. If we have nine guys fighting for second spots, it will be a good competitive situation."

"I think we will come into this season in better shape than we went into last year. We'll try to win the KVC, but if we trip up early, we'll refocus our goals."

Novi opens the conference season on Sept. 5 against Lakeland.

A two-time All-Stater, Novi's Brian Molloy is one of the state's best distance runners

Former Schoolcraft coach takes Novi soccer position

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN
Staff Writer

After a four-year layoff, Larry Christoff decided to get back into coaching because he wanted the challenge of building a soccer program.

He will get that chance at Novi starting this fall. The Wildcats were 7-9-1 a year ago and many of the standouts from that team have been lost to graduation. It will certainly be a challenge. "I'm very excited," he said. "I wanted to work in the program we can build."

A native of Greece, Christoff played soccer for Michigan State University and later spent 10 highly successful seasons as the head coach at Schoolcraft College. He inherits a program that has yet to keep pace with the elite teams of the area — particularly Kensington Valley Conference foe Brighton.

"We have approximately 40 kids out for the varsity and J.V.," Christoff said. "We're pleased with the numbers but I don't plan to cut anybody."

Forwards Phil York and Steve Lovelady have graduated, so senior Tony Wise is expected to carry much of the scoring load. He notched eight

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Larry Christoff
Novi Coach

the top returning defender is senior Whit Neubauer. He will be joined in the backfield by senior Brian Kuzkuz, who lettered as a midfielder in '90.

"I expect (Neubauer) to hold the backfield together this season," Christoff said. "The goaltending chores will be handled by junior Matt Bendernagel, who was a top back-up last year with a 1.90 goals against average. "Matt needs a little more confidence," Christoff said.

Other seniors like Chris Polcinsky, Todd Pfeiffer, Tim Hweeler and Shane Joyce are also expected to contribute.

"I'm confident we'll do well this season," Christoff said. "I'm not saying we'll win every match. We are building toward the future but playing for today. I expect everybody to contribute something. I'll give everybody a chance to prove themselves because I don't like to have players warming up the bench."

"Our number one goal is to win the KVC, but if we don't win it, our opponents will know they've been in a game. We have heart, so the talent a skills will come with experience."



Forward Tony Wise (20) will have to pick up much of Novi's scoring slack this fall

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Norgren is singing the blues

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN
Staff Writer

If fall is approaching, chances are that Novi girls' cross country coach Norm Norgren is singing the blues about injuries.

This year, however, Norgren may be in a legitimate bind because his top runner — junior Tanya Frank — suffered a hamstring injury in pre-season workouts. Frank — an All-Conference Second Team pick as a sophomore — had looked very strong before going down and the extent of the injury was not known at press time.

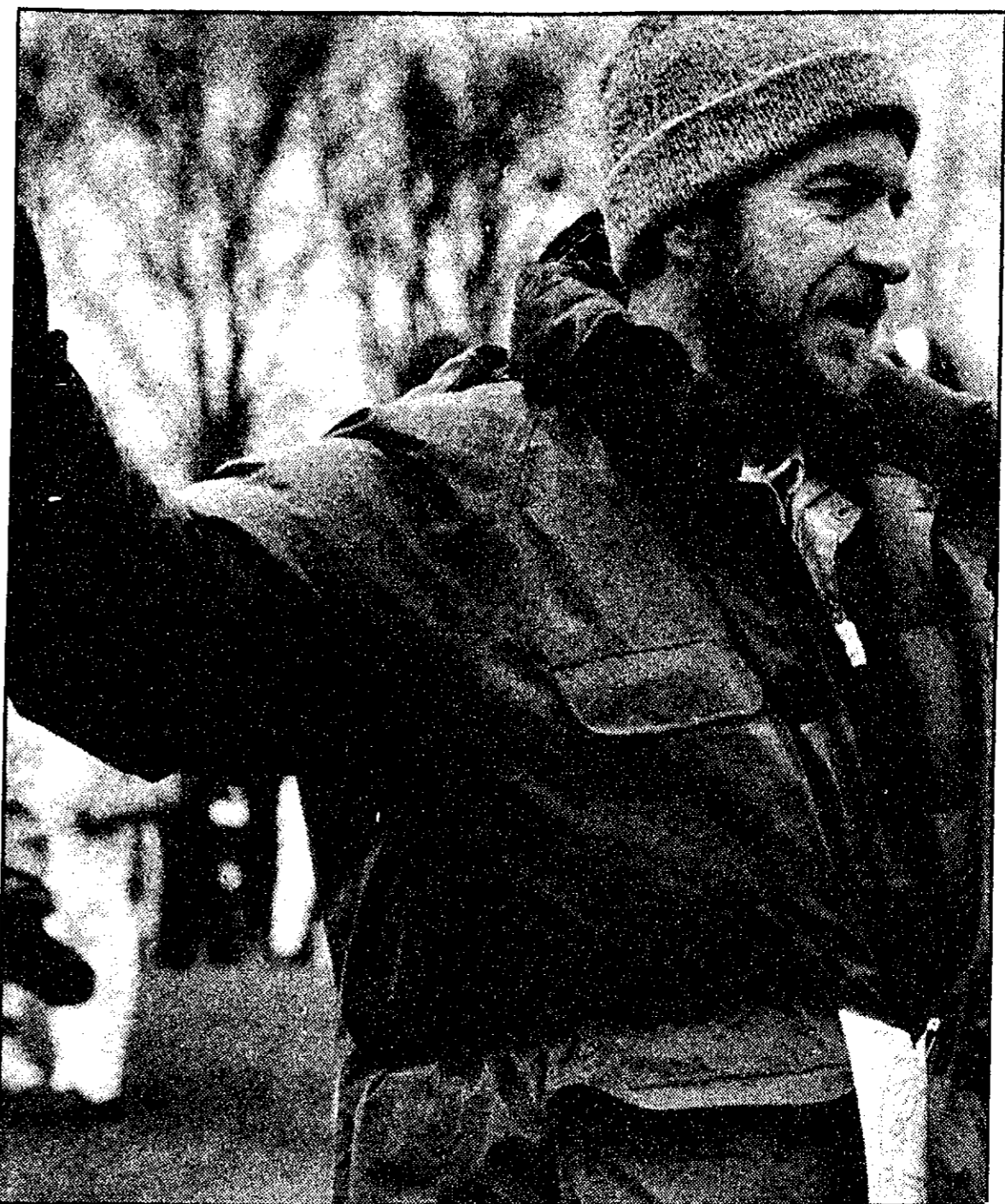
"We are very glad to have her returning, but she's hurt and we don't know how serious," Norgren said. "When we went down to Cass Elementary Park for the first time to check out the course, it was like visiting the moon — hardly anybody had been there before."

The only other returning letterwinner is sophomore Kari Jettie, who was Novi's No. 5 runner in '90. Another promising sophomore is senior Schanz, who moved to another school district while freshman Diane Ahrens recently had foot surgery and is out for the season.

"Practice has been going well but we are a very, very young team," Norgren said. "And, of course, the injuries have been a problem. The rest of the team features newcomers and inexperienced runners. Seven of the remaining eight performers are either sophomores or freshmen."

"They are all so new, I really don't know what to expect," Norgren said. "When we went down to Cass Elementary Park for the first time to check out the course, it was like visiting the moon — hardly anybody had been there before."

Sophomore Lia Cook ran on the team last season and is back, but she



Injuries and graduation losses may have a disastrous effect on coach Norm Norgren's cross country squad

did not earn a letter. Other 10th graders who should contribute are tracksters Christy Carmichael, Erika Strausberg and Laura Johnson — all newcomers. Others like junior Alexis

Johnson, sophomore Katie Herman and freshmen Tiffany Goley and Audrey Messer are also hoping to make a mark. "We'll do the best we can but we

are rebuilding," Norgren said. "It's hard to tell how we'll respond." The Wildcats open the Kensington Valley Conference season on Sept. 5 against Lakeland.

Shepley is phenomenal on the links

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"When Tanya came to Novi, we didn't even know she played golf," Peace recalled. "She didn't tell anyone about her extensive experience in Canada. She didn't know if she would be allowed on the boys team and we thought she was a basketball player."

A native of Windsor, Ont., Shepley learned to play the game at a young age (10) in a most unlikely place — Mexico. At age seven, Shepley and her family moved to Mexico for three years when her father — an employee of the Ford Motor Company — was transferred there. When the family returned to Windsor in 1986, Shepley was 11 and already showing promise on the golf course.

Soon after that, she joined the Hy-deaway Golf Club, started to get professional instruction, and started to play competitive tournaments. Shepley's first big title came three years ago when she won the 1989 under-14 Ontario Provincial Championship.

It was during that year that the family moved again — this time to Novi. As a sophomore, Shepley played basketball, volleyball and soccer for the Wildcats, but not golf.

"The move to Novi was a tough one for me," Shepley admitted. "I didn't want to do it at first, but everything's

worked out. Now, I like Novi a lot. I feel very comfortable here."

The summer of 1990 featured one highlight after another and vaulted Shepley into the spotlight as the latest in a long line of top-notch young women golfers from the Windsor area. Suddenly, she was being compared to former standouts like Joyce McAvoy and Audrey Bendick.

"Being compared to Joyce and Audrey made me feel good, because they are my heroes," Shepley said. McAvoy, a teaching pro at Sandwich West Driving Range, told the Windsor Star: "Tanya seems to have a lot of talent and potential. What's more, she loves the game, she's a very hard worker and is very good at immediately absorbing teaching material."

Shepley placed first in a total of eight tournaments in the summer of '90, including the Tournament of Champions Junior Ladies Division at Bleheim in September. She also placed in the top 40 of the Canadian National Junior Girls Tournament at Credit Valley in Toronto, but missed the first two weeks of basketball practice back in Novi because of it.

"When I got back, I was told that the girls basketball team was already set," Shepley explained. "That's when I decided to go to coach Peace and see if I could play golf with the guys." As a member of the boys team,

Shepley did not get any of the customary breaks normally afforded women golfers. The biggest disadvantage was that she had to hit from the men's tees.

"The guys can hit a lot further than I can, but I don't feel insecure because I know I can make up some strokes in the short game," she said. "I was really nervous to start with but I think I finally won the respect of my teammates. I feel a lot more comfortable."

In addition to the fine prep season last fall, Shepley continued her rigorous tournament schedule. Last November, she placed third in the girls age 15-17 division at the George Holiday Memorial Junior Classic in Myrtle Beach, S.C. Against a total field of 288, she fired an 82-80-162.

Last spring, Shepley was named to the 1990-91 Detroit News Class A All-State Girls Golf Team even though her season with the boys ended months earlier.

"It was a great thrill making All-State," she said. This summer she placed third at the under-18 Ontario Provincial Ju-

nior Tournament — thus qualifying for the National Junior Girls Tournament in Winnipeg as a member of the Ontario team — and added another third place finish at the Golf Association of Michigan Junior Tournament in Alma. Shepley has also dominated play on a Windsor-area Burger King Golf Tour for four years. She is a perfect 20-0 on the tour since 1988.

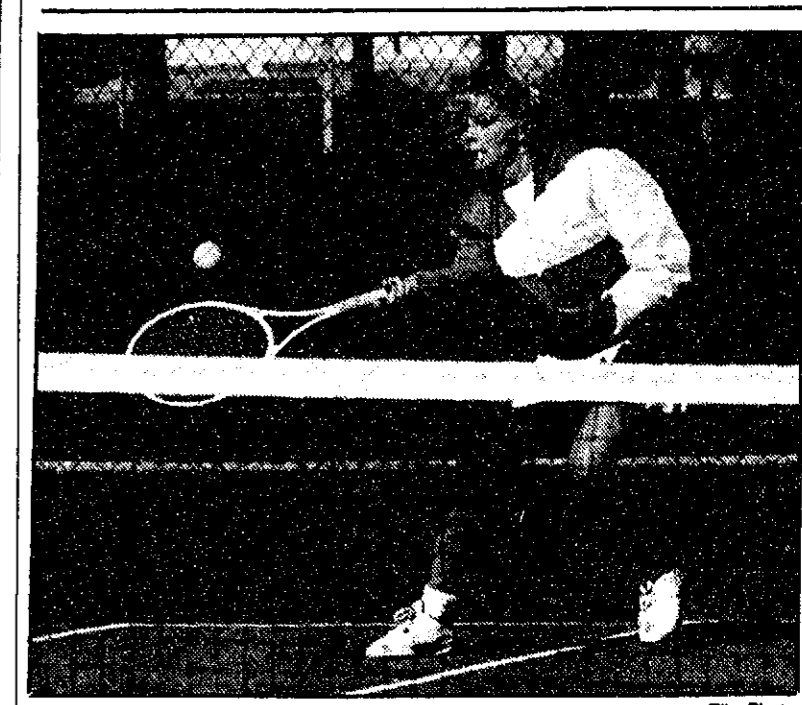
"Tanya really strikes the ball well," Peace said. "When she started with us, she was averaging in the low-90s. Now she's in the mid-80s. She is very, very steady and her work ethic is outstanding. She has the potential to be a first-rate college golfer."

"I'm pretty excited about the high school season," she said. "I have more experience and I know what to expect."

Shepley's short range goal is to earn a golf scholarship at a major university. Her long range ambition is to play golf professionally in either Canada or the United States.

"She's already been offered a full-ride scholarship at the University of Nebraska," Peace said. "I would think more offers are on the way."

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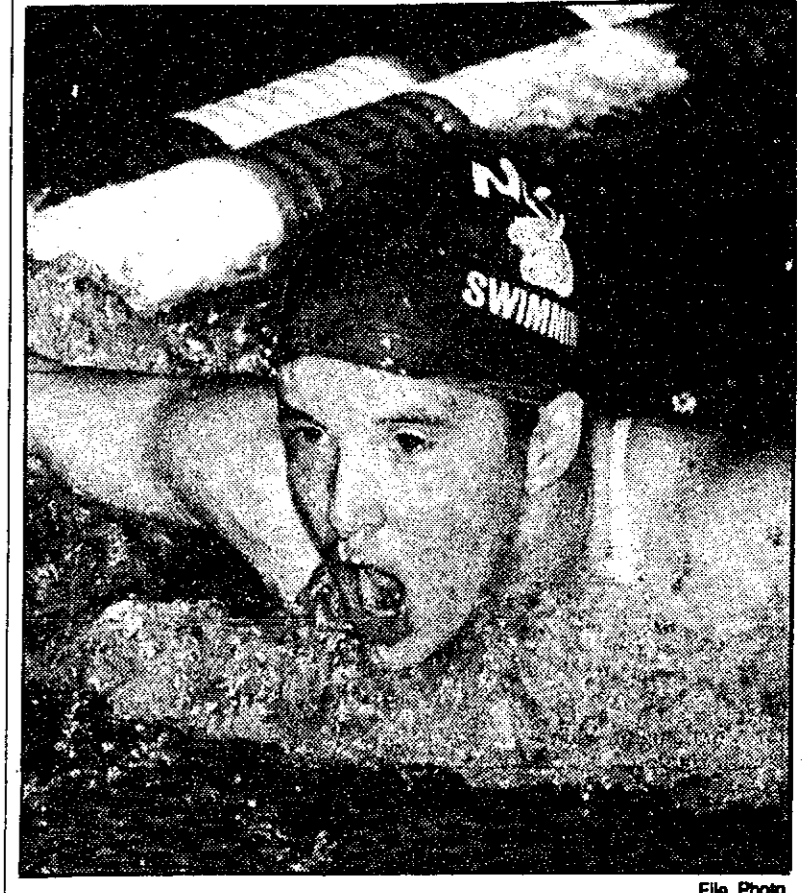
Novi singles player Kristen Patee in action

Novi Girls' Tennis: In coach Jim Hanson's seven-year reign, the Ladycats have never finished lower than second place in the Kensington Valley Conference. That probably won't change in 1991.

Novi and the defending champs from Brighton will probably fight it out again. The Cats were 9-3 overall and 5-2 in the KVC last season and return three of four singles starters. In all, graduation accounted for the loss of five, top-12 players.

In the singles flights, Hanson will have seniors Niloo Sali and Jo Johnson back, giving Novi a strong 1-2 punch. After all, they were the No. 1 and 2 singles players a year ago. Junior Kristen Patee — the KVC's No. 4 single player — is also returning, and will probably move up to No. 3.

Sophomore Bethany Vanderhoff — who played doubles as a freshman — is also a singles candidate or a high doubles pick. Hanson was unavailable for comment.



Senior Ellen Surowiec heads the Novi swim team

Novi Girls' Swimming: Ross Bandy is taking over the coaching duties from long-time mentor Larry Teahan. The Ladycats are coming off a disappointing 1990 season that featured a 3-8 dual meet record and no state meet qualifiers.

But only two seniors were on that team, so Bandy has a solid nucleus of returning swimmers to work with. Heading the list is senior Ellen Surowiec, who missed qualifying for the state meet by a fraction of a second. Other senior standouts include Lynette Rowlands, Julie Munger, Heather Ejerke and Kathy Gannon.

Novi opens the season on Sept. 5 at home against Plymouth Canton.

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Peace is looking for consistency

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN
Staff Writer

Several months ago, Novi golf coach John Peace thought the '91 campaign was going to be a rebuilding one, but now he's not so sure. The Wildcats appear to have more depth and are developing the kind of consistency that Peace is looking for.

"I don't think it will be as much of a rebuilding year as I originally thought it would be," Peace said. "Brighton should probably win the KVC, but then you'll probably have five teams fighting it out for second place. It could be anybody and we're hoping it will be us."

The Wildcats placed third in the conference (3-3 record, 5-4 overall) a year ago and finished sixth at the Oakland County Meet. The biggest graduation loss was four-year starter Steve Megees — along with letterwinners Mark Chirgwin and Jamie May.

The team's top returnee is senior Tanya Shepley, who averaged 45.2 last season and has been shooting in the low 40s in practice. Despite playing with the boys in the fall, Shepley was named to a number of All-State girls teams last spring (see feature page B-1).

Another senior — Steve Shultz — was right on Shepley's heels last season (45.6 average), and has shown a lot of potential. His biggest drawback is inconsistency. Senior Dan Lowes is also a potential contributor, but like Shultz, consistency has been a problem.

The sleeper of the bunch could be senior Kevin Bainbridge, who missed most of the '90 season with an ankle injury, but is back and 100 percent. "Kevin has his game under control, so will probably surprise some people," Peace said. "If guys like Lowes and Shultz can get more consistent, they will be big weapons for us."

Underclassmen like Dan Gourley (So.), Jeff Benit (Jr.) and Dave LeClear (So.) are also key pieces to the puzzle. Gourley has moved up from the junior varsity ranks, and according to Peace "has been one of our steadier golfers." Benit and LeClear both lettered in '90.

"LeClear will play when we are on the shorter courses — like Pebble Creek," Peace explained. "He's got a good short game — chipping and putting."

Novi got its first look at the rest of the conference on Aug. 28 (after the Nov News deadline) at the KVC Pre-League Meet at Kensington.

"We have more depth than the last two seasons than we've ever had," Peace said. "I think having a J.V. team is starting to pay off. We'll be very competitive this season."

NORTH FARMINGTON INVITATIONAL: The Cats opened the season



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Sophomore Dan Gourley shot a 44-44 — 88 at the North Farmington Invitational last week

on Aug. 22 in this 12-team event at Kensington. Novi placed fifth with a score of 432.

"It was a good tournament to open the season because it was played at Kensington, where our pre-season conference meet will be held," Peace said. "I was very pleased, especially

since we were without Tanya (Shepley) — one of our more consistent golfers."

Bainbridge and Lowes paced the Wildcats by firing a pair of 83s. Bainbridge went 44-39 on the par 72 course and Lowes went 45-38.

"They both did a nice job on the

back nine," Peace said. "As a matter of fact, the whole team did well on the back nine."

The other Novi scores came from Shultz (45-43 — 88), Gourley (44-44 — 88) and Benit (45-45 — 90).

Rec Briefs

National Softball Tournament: A softball tournament featuring 30 to 38 teams from throughout the United States will compete for the national crown during the Labor Day weekend in Novi. The Women's Major Slow Pitch ASA National Championship is slated for Aug. 30-Sept. 2 at the Ella Mae Power Park.

Opening ceremonies are scheduled for 6 p.m. on Aug. 30 with the first game starting at 7:15 p.m. Games will continue all day Aug. 31 beginning at 9 a.m. and at 10 a.m. on Sept. 1-2. The championship game is slated for early afternoon on Sept. 2 with the closing ceremonies at 3 p.m.

The Raiders of Farmington Hills will serve as the host team. Tournament passes are on sale through the Novi Parks and Recreation Department. Call 347-0044 for more information.

Fall Softball Registrations: Novi Parks and Recreation fall softball team registration is now under way. All interested teams should call 347-0400.

NYBL Needs Volunteers: The Novi Youth Baseball League is looking for volunteers — particularly league directors. The NYBL is a non-profit organization, and league directors meet once a month to organize and govern a summer program for 400 local youths.

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It's Magic! Local boy holds unique job

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

Don't even ask Drew Koszewnik, 8, to explain his magic tricks. And don't ask his dad, who helped him develop the tricks, either. It's a secret. A magician never reveals the secrets of his tricks.

But knowing the tricks would spoil the fun, anyway. All the neighborhood kids, as well as some of their parents, have assembled in the Koszewnik living room in Novi for one of Drew's shows. Usually he performs for pay at birthday parties and other events, but this show is free.

"Mom? When does the movie start?" asks little Alex Del Ferral, 3.

"Drew's going to be the movie," her mother, Lou, whispers. "He's going to do some tricks for us."

Children like Alex are Drew's favorite because they aren't skeptical, and they don't try to figure out the magic tricks. "They still believe in magic," he said.

The show begins with a trick about two rabbits. Blackie and Whittie, who magically switch places. Then he goes on to colored balls that switch order and ropes that magically change lengths, then go right through a volunteer's body.

A silver dollar disappears and reappears. Pictures in a coloring book magically become colored when the audience "throws" colors from their clothing at it.

A pullout chops through a finger, only to leave the finger whole. A stack of cards retains the same number, even though Drew keeps throwing more cards on the floor.

A magic box makes things disappear. They reappear inside a pan on another table. And finally, a volunteer from the audience fires a gun at some cards, making them all fall except the one he picked earlier.

Drew, who wants to be a magician when he grows up, found inspiration in local magician Chris Voz and local live performances by David Copperfield and Harry Blackstone.

Last spring he decided he wanted a summer job, so his father placed an ad in the paper for a magician for hire.

Since then he's done about 12 shows, including birthday parties, family get-togethers, and a local street fair. He plans to continue doing shows throughout the year.

He's pretty good, surprising people who expect nothing more than a kid with a few simple tricks.

In addition to tricks that would make David Copperfield proud, Drew has a repertoire of "sucker tricks" that fool people who don't expect much. "Those are the tricks where everyone thinks they know how to do it," Drew's father, John Koszewnik, explained. They always turn out to be something other than what the audience expects.

"People expect him to do 'baby tricks,' then he leads them on and he surprises them."

"One time there was this 11-year-old that thought he knew how all the tricks worked," Drew said. "But he only knew how one worked. I kept asking him, 'Did you know how that one worked?' but he would just be tongue-tied."

Before doing a show in someone's home, Drew and his father always check with the parents to make sure the gun trick won't scare anyone. If it does, they just pretend to shoot it.

They also ask parents to help make sure the kids are seated and will pay attention to the show.

"The adults are usually really helpful," John said.

Drew never gets flustered during his shows. Although tricks don't always go the way he planned, he is able to improvise and cover up for mistakes — making some other trick out of the one that went wrong.

"I just think of something really fast that would be a different trick," Drew explained. The audience never knows the difference.

It's a lot of work being a magician. "There's a lot of packing up, then when you get home you have to check everything to make sure it's all there," John said. For each half-hour show, there is two hours of work involved.

But in spite of all the work, Drew feels it's worth every minute.

"I like when the people look at me with faces like this," he said, mimicking different faces that show interest, bewilderment and wonder.

"I think it's going to go well then. I think it's gonna go better than when people say, 'Oh, magic isn't real.'"



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Local magician Drew Koszewnik, 8, has found a unique way to earn summer cash — by performing at birthday parties. Above, he demonstrates a rope trick on some of his friends. At right, his sister Kyle assists him with his disappearing milk act.



Volunteer



MARY LOUISE CUTLER

Work with youth leads to Toastmaster award

Mary Louise Cutler has achieved the Distinguished Toastmaster award (DTM), the highest award in Toastmasters International. Cutler has been a member of Toastmasters International since 1978 and currently is a member of the Motor City Speak Easy Club of Northville. She also is a Northville resident.

Toastmasters is a non-profit international organization where individuals learn to become better speakers, better listeners and better thinkers.

The Distinguished Toastmaster award is the fifth and highest award in Toastmasters. To receive it, an individual must have received their Certified Toastmaster Award and Able Toastmaster Award and:

- maintained four years' continuous membership to date;
- coordinated at least on Speechcraft and one Youth Leadership

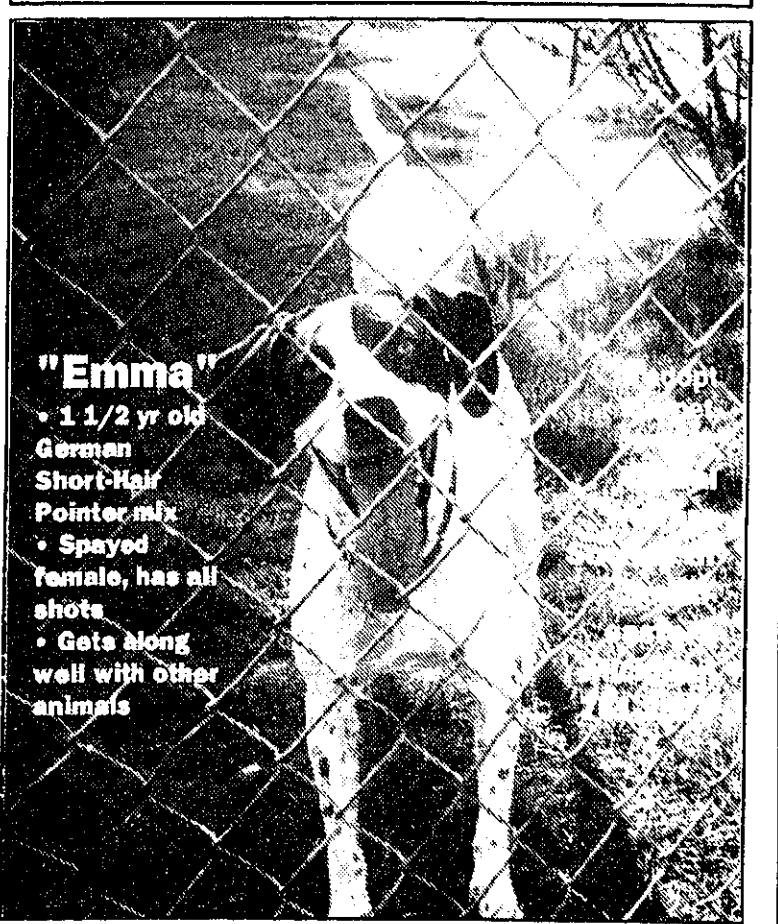
course within two years of application;

- given at least five speeches before non-Toastmasters groups for a Toastmasters speakers bureau;
- served a full term as a club officer and district officer;
- sponsored five new members within one year of application;
- been a sponsor or mentor for a new club, or rebuilt a weak club as a club specialist within four years to date.

Cutler has been president, educational vice-president, administrative vice-president, secretary, area governor, division governor and now is Youth Leadership Coordinator of District 28, which includes western Wayne County, south Oakland County, Washtenaw County, Northwest Ohio and Windsor.

For further information about Toastmasters call 349-8855.

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Al Weiss receives good news from Washington

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

Local resident Al Weiss has received an appointment from Washington D.C. as Deputy Representative at the Veterans Facility in Ann Arbor. His duties will be working with the residents several days a month.

Bernice Fredrick has just returned from 13 days on an Alaskan tour. She reports having a great trip. However, there was a lot of rain. Despite that, she traveled by train, plane, bus and boat.

The big one was the Pacific Princess, which included seven days and seven nights with entertainment as well as sightseeing when the cruise docked at Ketchikan, Juneau, Sitka, Ketchikan, Juneau, Sitka, Ketchikan, Juneau, Sitka. Her tour also included some time in Anchorage and at Mt. McKinley. She also was in Fairbanks before returning home.

She has many highlights such as being asked to be in a fashion show on board. She also enjoyed the gorgeous flowers at Fairbanks and the friendliness of the people in the area as well as those on board the Princess.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chase and daughters Channon and Christa have returned from 11 days vacation starting with a family reunion of the

Novi Highlights

Campbell family. They then went to Nashville, followed by several days in Chattanooga for a few days and more time in Florida before returning home.

Novi Girl Scouts
An organizational meeting was held last Wednesday at the home of Mary Kay Marks. Those working on the upcoming plans for the Novi area are members of the TEAM and they include Barb Michael, who is returning this year as Neighborhood Service Unit Director. Connie Lake-Noble, Registrar and Treasurer, Mary Kay Marks, Novi Woods Troop Service Director, Nancy Wheeler, Parkview Troop Service Director, Angela Jean, Novi Meadows Troop Service Director, Chrysandra Kuhl, Middle School Troop Director.

Presently there is a need for a Troop Service Director at both Village Oaks School and Orchard Hills. Any one interested can call Barb Michael at 348-2598 for additional information regarding the job description.

The Daisy program is for kindergarten, grades 1, 2, and 3 are Brownies; grades 4, 5, and 6 are Juniors and grades 7, 8, and 9 are Cadettes. There will be special roundup day at all elementary schools the second week of September. If your youngster does not bring home information on a meeting call either the number up above or Connie Lake-Noble, registrar, at 348-3621.

Anyone new in the Novi area wishing to know more about the program or the possibilities of being a leader and the training available can call the above numbers. There will be a leaders meeting on September 17 at 7

p.m. Several of the troops have been busy this summer and one of them is Junior Troop 1849 led by Marcia Harder and assisted by Nancy Hilton and Corrine Lake-Noble. They were planning a camping trip to Maybury but got rained out on the overnight trip. They completed the weekend the next day.

They have also played Laser Space Golf and visited Metro Vision while working on their Video Games. There are 11 girls in the troop and while now in the fifth grade have been together in scouting since the first grade.

Novi Jaycees
September 6 is the day that the Jaycees are sponsoring a family event for Novi residents. They have contacted the Frazen Brothers Circus for two shows — one at 3 p.m. and another at 7 p.m. — with tickets at \$5. For additional information call the Jaycees House at 348-NOVI, the chairman is Mike Mattingly.

Other upcoming events include the annual Haunted House that everyone in the community looks forward to. Plans are already being made with chairperson Melissa Beert.

August has been a busy month with many of the Jaycees attending the Summer Convention in Lansing on August 18, 19 and 20. They also helped with the Tollgate Farms Polo Match held in Milford.

Social events for members this month have included a VCR movie night, "Fright Night II," as well as the Fourth Annual "Trashier" party. Later in the month was the Drive Inn Dy-

namics, which was the second annual outing to a Drive In Theater. This time plans were made to go to the Ford-Wyoming Drive In in Dearborn, which is one of the last in the area.

The annual "Trouting Outing" was also this month with a trip to the Spring Valley Trout Farm in Dexter. The Jaycees All Star game had Novi representation by Mark and Jill Winters, Linda Sides, and Karen Murphy at the Jaycee co-ed Softball Game.

This past weekend a canoe/campout trip was planned. The Board meeting was held last Monday for additional plans that include a candidate's night October 22 and an arts and crafts Fair November 30 and December 1. Anyone wishing more information on the Jaycees membership or any of the above items can call the Jaycees Hotline listed above.

Novi Pin Pointers
This local women's league will be resuming bowling on September 5 at 9:30 a.m. They will be bowling at Bel-air Lanes every Thursday and baby-sitting is available.

They will have 10 teams this year and will complete their bowling at the end of April. Substitutes are needed on Wednesdays. Call 348-1020 or 347-8968 for more information.

Novi Senior Citizens
The Novi Senior Citizens Club held their monthly business meeting Wednesday, August 22, at the Novi Senior Center. The meeting was held at 7:30 p.m. in room 107 of Novi High School. Novi Athletic Director John Fandoukian and many other coaches are usually in attendance.

The members feel this is a good group and a great way to get involved in Novi High School athletics. The new officers for the 1991-92 year are President Dale Myers, Vice President Steve Riggs, Treasurer Linda Crawford, Secretary Sue Barton and Jim Roe will be handling membership. The family passes will again be available for \$35. This enables the whole family to attend all home KVC games.

Presently, there is a need for someone to run the concession stand.

Whoever offers will be able to have the group put \$200 towards the athletic banquet of their choice for running the stand. This is really not as hard as you might think, as there are many Boosters who will help, but the need is for someone to read it up. If interested, call Dale Myers at 349-6317 or any of the officers listed above. Again, the invitation is out for not only parents of the athletes but anyone in the community who would like to assist the group in their goal of obtaining special equipment for the students or to help them in anyway they can.

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Church: 348-2421, School: 348-0645
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Sundays School: 9:45 a.m.



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More preschools are available

In addition to 14 local day care and preschool programs listed in the August 22 edition of the Novi News, two more local schools are currently taking new students.

The Creative Center for Young Children, located on the corner of Twelve Mile and Beck, and the Novi Co-Op Preschool, which meets in the Novi Methodist Church, offer fun and exciting programs for preschool age children. They were inadvertently left off the original list.

The Creative Center for Young Children accepts children age 2-6 and is an educational nursery school with extended care programs. Hours at the Creative Center for Young Children are from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Full and half-day programs are available.

For rates and information on enrollment, contact Debbie Lantieri at 348-3820.

The Novi Co-Op Preschool is a non-profit, parent-administered school managed by a board of directors elected by the general membership. The preschool encourages children to develop liv-

ing and learning skills as well as problem-solving techniques.

Parents are involved in the activities by participating on a rotating basis in their child's school session.

Rates at the Novi Co-Op Preschool are \$35 for 3-year-olds and \$50 for 4-year-olds.

The 3-year-old class meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. Classes for 4-year-olds are available Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 to 3 p.m.

Faxon to judge big opera contest

Warm up those vocal chords and hurry over to the Birmingham Theatre at noon on Friday, Sept. 6.

Come out with 16 bars of any article from any opera and you'll receive two free tickets to "Lend Me a Tenor," the outrageously funny play starring Broadway's Barry Nelson, Ron Holgate and Jane Connel.

An additional prize to the "star" judged best by opera aficionados Sean Jack Faxon, will be an invitation to appear in one of Michigan Opera Theatre's 1992 Spring productions.

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Anniversary



LaVerne H. and Evelyn Redwanz Reinke

LaVerne H. and Evelyn Redwanz Reinke of Novi celebrated the 25th anniversary of their marriage on Aug. 13, 1966 at Christ Lutheran Church with the Rev. H.F. Dornbrock officiating.

Mr. Reinke is employed at the Ford Motor Company and his wife is employed as a public health nurse with Oakland County.

They are the parents of David L. Reinke, a senior at Central Michigan University, and Leslie A. Reinke, a sophomore at Western Michigan University.

Engagement



Pamela Horton/Barry Anderson

Horton-Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Horton of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Pamela, to Barry Anderson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Anderson of Novi. A May wedding is planned.

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TINY TUMBLERS - Ages 3-4 - 5:30 p.m.
BEGINNER GYMNASTICS (Lower Gym) - Ages 7-13 - 4:15-5:15 p.m.

TENNIS CLASSES

Thurs., Sept. 5th
JUNIOR BEGINNER - Ages 6-15 - 4-5 p.m.
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Thurs., Sept. 10th
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Engagement



Carolyn Ann Dragon/Eric Edward Swayze

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Dragon of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Carolyn Ann, to Eric Edward Swayze, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clark E. Swayze of Midland. The bride-elect was the valedictorian of the Class of 1985 of Northville High School and graduated summa cum laude from the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in engineering in 1987. She earned a master's degree in theoretical and applied mechanics from Northwestern University in 1989 and is employed by Automotive Systems Laboratory in Farmington Hills.

Her fiancé graduated from H.H. Dow High School in 1985 and received a bachelor of science degree in chemistry from the University of Michigan's Honors College in 1987. He is now pursuing a Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Michigan. The wedding will be held in the spring of 1992.

Birth

James and Jane Ross of Novi are the parents of a new daughter, Rachel Danielle, born on Father's Day, June 16 at Providence Hospital, in Southfield.

Rachel weighed in at 7 pounds, 12½ ounces.

She is the granddaughter of Peggy Peterson of Novi, Tom Peterson of Birmingham, and Carl and Grace Ross of Safety Harbor, Fla.

Great-grandparents are Earl C.



Rachel Danielle Ross
Wilson of Woodridge, Ill., and Julia Battelle of Parma Heights, Ohio.

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Ford revived the schoolhouses



Barbara Louie

One-room schoolhouses, dating back to the early 1800s, once dotted the southeastern Michigan countryside. As the communities grew, the old one-room schools became over-crowded, outdated and obsolete.

By the early 1900s, when many of these buildings were being used for storage or merely left to rot, Henry Ford began a quest to round up a number of these schools and begin a whole new school system.

Ford owned a number of farms at the time throughout southeast Michigan, within a 100-mile radius of his home in Dearborn. In 1932, he made educational history when he restored several one-room schoolhouses and began his own tuition-free school system, open to local area children.

Based on the teachings of educator William H. McGuffey, the Greenfield Village School System included a dozen schools—mostly located near Dearborn, Macon, Tecumseh and Ypsilanti—

including a couple of Ford's former schools.

It all started in 1923 with the Scotch Settlement School, which Henry Ford had attended as a boy. In restoring his former schoolhouse, Ford was careful to re-create the proper atmosphere, drawing from his own memories and that of other former students and teachers. In this setting, Ford hoped to sponsor new methods of instruction which included the appreciation and study of local history.

After a year, a second school, the Town Hall School, was opened to handle the increasing number of students. Town Hall School taught grades one and two; grades 3-5 were now taught at Scotch Settlement.

By 1931, Ford had added four more schools to his growing Michigan school system; at its peak in 1937, the schools enrolled nearly 300 children.

Ford's schools were not limited to Michigan alone. The Wayside Inn Estate, located in South Sudbury, Mass. and owned by Henry Ford, was home to three schools that had been opened in 1928.

Another out-of-state venture by Ford was the involvement of Ways Schools in Ways, Georgia. Though the schools in this system remained segregated, Ford supported both factions of this

system. His support, in fact, helped to give the Ways School its state accreditation, and gave an education to black students that no other school system in the country had thus far provided.

Other schools to open in Ford's system eventually included the Edison Institute High School and McGuffey School, both opened at Greenfield Village in 1934, and even a college-level institution known as the Edison Institute of Technology, opened in 1937. This three-year, work-study engineering college closed in 1943 due to World War II.

According to Edison Institute High School graduate Betty Deitner, who currently works at Greenfield Village, Henry Ford's plan of "learning by doing" was an innovative teaching idea for its time. High School students worked one day a week for minimal pay in any job of their choice—from the assembly line at Ford Motor Company to teachers' helpers in the schools.

The last graduating class of Edison Institute High School took place in 1952. In 1969, the elementary school closed its doors and the Greenfield Village School System came to an end. But the students who had been fortunate enough to attend these unusual schools had, in the words of Ms. Deitner, "a very unique experience."

Madonna to offer hospice class

Madonna University will offer six Hospice Care courses this fall which may be taken for either college credit or continuing education units. Continuing Education is a systematic approach to meeting the life-long learning needs of area adults and a college degree is not necessary for enrollment.

"Introduction to Hospice Care Concepts (HSP 321)," presents the history of the hospice movement and its philosophy of care. It is a humanistic and interdisciplinary in nature, emphasizing the therapeutic community and the hospice team. The course will be offered on Tuesdays, Sept. 3 through Nov. 5, from 4-7 p.m. The cost is \$266, for two college credits or \$155 for 3.0 continuing education units.

"Management of the Bereavement Process (HSP 331)," presents a basic

foundation for interventions in the management of the bereavement process. The course will be held on Monday, Sept. 9 through Nov. 11, from 1-4 p.m. Cost is \$266 for two college credits or \$155 for three continuing education units.

"Spiritual and Ethical Considerations in Hospice Care (HSP/RST 350)," focuses on the ethical principles involved in problem-solving of moral issues for clients, families and/or care-givers. Classes will be held on Thursdays, Sept. 5 through Dec. 12, from 4-7 p.m. The cost is \$399 for three college credits or \$215 for 4.5 continuing education units.

"Managing Hospice Services (HSP 482)," concentrates on the general functions to various hospice models. Accreditation and licensure of

agency services, as well as standards and legal aspects will be discussed. Prerequisite for this course is HSP 321 or department approval. Beginning Sept. 9 through Nov. 11, the class will meet on Mondays from 4-7 p.m. The cost is \$266 for two college credits or \$155 for three continuing education units.

"Emerging Issues in Interdisciplinary Hospice Care (HSP 475)," discusses current issues and emerging trends in the evolution of hospice care. The course will be held on Wednesdays, Sept. 4 through Nov. 6, from 4-7 p.m. The cost is \$266 for two college credits or \$155 for three continuing education units.

For additional information on any of the courses, call 313-591-5188. Madonna University is located at 1-96 and Levon Roads in Livonia.

Novi Sheraton Oaks to host telethon phone volunteers

It won't be long before the 1991 Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon kicks off in support of the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA), and this year some of the action will be taking place in Novi.

Ernie Backalar and Dave Otis, pledge center coordinators at the Novi Sheraton Oaks Hotel, will supervise hundreds of volunteers as they answer phones and take pledges during the 2 1/2 hour telethon. WJBK (Channel 2) news anchor Joe Oliver will host the telethon to be aired on channel 2 from 9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 1 through 8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 2. Funds will be raised to help MDA carry on its fight against 40

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Art through pipe cleaners?

Immobilized by a childhood illness and confined to a hospital for an extended period of time, Laura Butler broke through her boredom by applying herself to the figments of her imagination.

Nobody would have guessed that an unassuming pack of pipe cleaners given as a gift to conquer the blues would give rise to a whole new art form—but it was on that fateful day in 1971 that Butler shaped what was to become a part of her destiny.

Twenty years later, Butler is now setting a precedent in a branch of art in which she shares no peers. Throughout her teens, Butler continued to develop her style and technique, graduating from one-dimensional reproduction work to creating in three dimensions the vivid and animated characters with which her imagination continually supplied her.

Butler's passion for her "hobby" was fueled all the more when a prospective customer convinced her there was a definite market for her whimsical conformations.

On his suggestion, she began displaying her work in prestigious art shows and entering her novel sculptures in a variety of competitions.

Since then she has racked up a "Best of Show" or first place prize in every contest she's entered.

She has also discovered, much to her surprise, that her medium was entirely unique and still is, with the exception of a few admirers, who are now attempting to learn her craft—imitation being the sincerest form of flattery.

Butler now concentrates the majority of her efforts on custom commissioned pieces, undertaking everything from people, to their pets—even their cars.

Her biggest kick, however, still comes from designing psychological composite creatures and sculpting famous media personalities, right down to their eyelashes.

Of her exceptionally life-like figures, she humbly declares, "I take the greatest amount of pride in the realism I achieve without the use of any internal forms or molds."

To coincide with the variety of "Earth Awareness" efforts, she is currently working to shed greater light on endangered species, sculpting a series of birds and animals that fall into that category, including the Michigan wolfvine.

In addition to her pipe cleaner sculptures, she also dabbles in metalwork, creating custom jewelry of a celestial nature. For more details on her pipe cleaner sculptures and order information, interested parties can call Butler direct at 313-486-8725.



Artist Laura Butler found a way of fighting boredom by creating life-like figures such as these with everyday household pipe cleaners.

Try a little karaoke at Novi Hilton

The Novi Hilton's Whispers Lounge is looking for a few good singers. It will be holding Karaoke-assisted auditions on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Singers are asked to reserve performance times. Phone 349-4000 for reservations or more information. The Novi Hilton is located on Haggerty Road just north of Eight Mile Road.

Music: Mike Berst, a dulcimer musician renowned for his recordings and concerts, will appear for one evening at the Marquis Theatre in Northville.

Berst has been playing the dulcimer for over 20 years and is probably the best known and most widely respected performer to emerge from the Michigan tradition. He learned directly from surviving traditional players and plays by ear, as it has been done for centuries.

Throughout the 1970s, Berst introduced thousands of people to the dulcimer through his performances at such diverse locations as Greenfield Village and the Ann Arbor Art Fair.

Berst will appear Sept. 18 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5. For more information, call 349-8110.

In Town

Charlotte's Web: "Charlotte's Web," the classic children's story about a young girl, her pet pig Wilbur and Charlotte, the spider that saves his life, is back by popular demand at Northville's Marquis Theatre.

Running for the final time Aug. 31, this production is full of the songs, dancing and drama that captivated audiences last spring.

Prior to the performances, the cast will sing happy birthday to any children in the audience whose parent contacts the Marquis Theatre Box Office at least one day in advance.

Performance times are Aug. 31: 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. All tickets are \$5.

Purchase advance tickets at all Ticketmaster outlets or at the Marquis Theatre Box Office. Phone orders accepted with Visa or Mastercard. Tickets also available at the door. Reserved seating for 20 or more. Please, no children under 3 years old.

Nearby

"Interrogating the Nude," a murder mystery-fantasy exploring the genesis of Marcel Duchamp's famous painting, "Nude Descending a Staircase," will fill the new play slot on the Hilberry Theatre's 1991-92 season, playing in repertory from Oct. 18 through Dec. 12.

The play, a sort of Dada-surreal work, is by Doug Wright, whose fictional murder mystery captures the whimsy and sinister wit of Duchamp, one of the most enigmatic and influential artists of the 20th century.

Introduced at Lloyd Richards' Eugene O'Neill Summer Playwrights Conference in 1988 and produced by the Yale Repertory Theatre in 1988, "Interrogating the Nude" won the HBO Playwrighting Award and the Charles MacArthur Award. It is scheduled for publication by Heinemann Books.

"Interrogating the Nude" will join

Border's calendar: Border's Book Store has announced its summer 1991 calendar. The following features are upcoming: Saturday, Aug. 31, from 1-2:30 p.m. Cool Browning featuring mellow jazz guitar by Frank Schraner.

Fall art: Northville artist Linda Banks Ord will be opening her home and studio to the community this fall for an exhibition, sale and studio tour, tentatively scheduled for Oct. 27.

It will be open to all, but for a personalized invitation with directions to her home/studio, please write or call Ken Ord, Kelly Services Inc., 889 Big Beaver Road, Troy, MI 48064, 362-4444, Ext. 528. Linda Banks Ord's work is available year round at Artium Gallery of Northville, 113 N. Center, 349-4131, or by contacting the artist at her home.

Fall festival on tap in Plymouth

The annual Plymouth Community Fall Festival was started by the Plymouth Rotary Club in 1956. Over 35 years ago the local Rotary Club had the idea to host a community picnic at a neighborhood park to raise funds for playground equipment for that park.

The Rotarians banded together and served 500 chicken dinners at Hamilton Park (Wing Street and Harding Street).

While the Plymouth Rotary Chicken Dinner has grown in size over the years, the one day community picnic has grown into a full blown four-day event. The four-day event now serves the needs of many Plymouth community non-profit organizations.

This annual event (since 1956) will take place between Thursday, Sept. 5 through Sunday, Sept. 8. City officials expect several thousand visitors in the town of Plymouth during the event.

Play: The Hilberry Theatre, part of Wayne State University's Department of Theatre, announces a new play for the 1991-92 season.

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DESTINATION EUROPE

It's getting to be a game, isn't it?

Every year we hold our breath in anticipation, knowing that the airlines will offer dramatically low fares to Europe during the fall season.

This year, with sales off because of the Persian Gulf War and the recession, it was inevitable.

There are only minor differences between British Airways, Northwest Airlines and Delta Airlines: buy your ticket before Sept. 18, fly after Oct. 8, don't expect a refund.

The fare to such cities as London and Frankfurt is \$446 round trip from Detroit. It goes down to \$386 if you fly Dec. 25 through March 15, minor variations in between. Stay six days to six months.

British Airways also has a special fare if you buy by Sept. 11, fly from Oct. 15 through Dec. 1 and return by Jan. 4 — \$518 round trip.

If you plan to go, renew your passport now. A 10-year U.S. passport will cost \$55, five-year passport \$30. After Nov. 1, an increase of \$20 and \$10 respectively. The State Department says it's because we need a "more tamper-proof and secure document."

DESTINATION USA

WASHINGTON, D.C.'S 200th birthday will be celebrated in grand style on Pennsylvania Avenue from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday and Monday, Oct. 13-14 (Columbus Day weekend), when the city's first TASTE DC festival is held. A quarter million people are expected to attend, with foods available from 30 of D.C.'s top restaurants.

THE CHATTANOOGA CHOO-CHOO'S Golden Anniversary Special tour leaves New York's Pennsylvania Station and whistles through eight states before arriving in Chattanooga, Tenn., on Tuesday, Sept. 10.

The Choo-Choo celebrates the 50th anniversary of the well-known Glen Miller recording and follows its route. The number of seats has been doubled from 200 to 400, so rates have been reduced to \$2,225 single or \$3,850 a couple. That's a great deal more than anybody paid 50 years ago, but it includes air fare on Delta to New York City and back from Chattanooga plus hotels at either end.

If you think that nothin' could be finer than to be in Carolina in the morning, call the Chattanooga Convention and Visitors Bureau at (615) 756-8687.

THE NATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS Museum opens Labor Day weekend in Memphis, Tenn., making it the first civil rights museum in the country.

There are mixed reviews on this 10,000 square-foot museum built on the site of the Lorraine Motel, where Martin Luther King was killed April 4, 1968. The museum will have 15 interactive exhibits highlighting significant events and places in the movement. A laser beam traces the path of the bullet shot from across Mulberry Street.

THE NATIONAL LABOR DAY Weekend Blues Bash also will be held in Memphis — in the restored areas around Beale Street. It features winners of the Blues Amateur Talent Contests held throughout the U.S. Memphis also has a Memphis Music Festival Sept. 1 and a Black Family Reunion Celebration Sept. 13-15.

THE NATIONAL STORYTELLING Festival will be held for the 19th time Oct. 4-6 in Jonesborough, Tenn. More than a dozen storytellers will convene on the tents and grounds of this mountain town to tell tall tales.

It costs \$56 for the whole weekend, if you pre-register by Sept. 6, but you can buy single days.

For information, contact the National Association for the Preservation and Perpetuation of Storytelling at (615) 753-2171.



Dining car guests on the Napa Valley Wine Train are pampered in an atmosphere of relaxed elegance and sophistication

The Cabernet Express

'Wine Train' provides luxurious excursion through Napa Valley

By CHARLENE BALOSKEY
Special Writer

"Welcome to Napa Valley" the sign reads "our wine is bottled poetry."

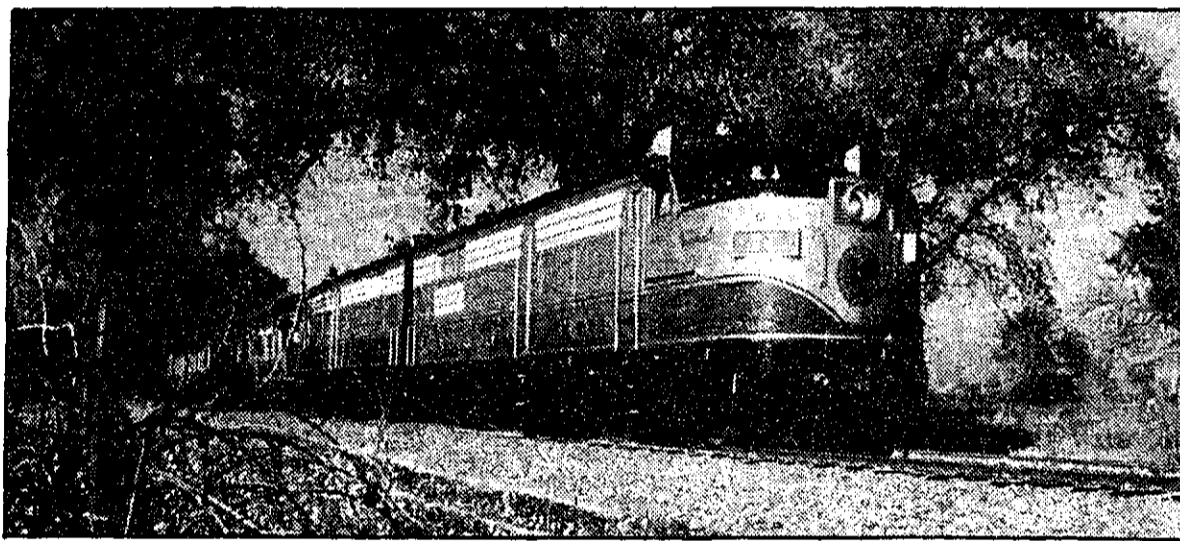
We are on Highway 29, on the way to another kind of poetry, the Napa Valley Wine Train, a luxury train that offers daily dining excursions through one of the world's premier wine-growing regions.

Lunch trains operate daily, dinner trains every day except Monday, on 36-hour round trips between Napa and St. Helena, California.

Because it allows passengers to see the valley in daylight, the valley is particularly beautiful in the fall when grapevines are heavy with purple Cabernet or green Chardonnay grapes, and grape leaves are brilliant red and orange.

San Francisco millionaire Vincent DeDomenico, who gave America Rice-A-Roni, "the San Francisco treat," bought rights to the Southern Pacific tracks in 1987, had eight vintage railroad cars refurbished to sophisticated 1920s and '30s standards by local crafts people and began service in September 1989.

Our Pullman car, vintage 1915, was a burgundy-and-champagne colored coach with mahogany paneling, crystal chandeliers and etched glass partitions.



The train rolls through the heart of California's famous wine region

The train rolled slowly past wooden barns, Victorian houses and turn-of-the-century schoolhouses. Roses bloomed beside the tracks. Grapevines trailed gracefully over low trellises.

We passed 25 of the more than 200 wineries that are the heart of Napa Valley.

The Wine Train is not a gilded tour, so no chipper, loud-speaker voice exhorted us to look at the Mondavi Winery on our left or the Christ-

mas tree farm on our right. Nothing detracted from the feeling of serenity.

Shortly after boarding, I moved from the lounge car to the dining car for the first lunch seating. The Wine Train has two meal seatings on each trip; you can eat on the way to St. Helena or on the return trip.

The dining car was a scene from a romantic old movie. Lunch was served at linen-covered tables set with bone china, sterling silver and crystal stemware.

Creating culinary magic in a rolling kitchen requires some ingenuity, but Schloss has come up with workable solutions like using ordinary squeeze bottles to apply those extraordinary wine sauces.

After the main course, the friendly waitstaff moved us efficiently back to the lounge car for dessert and coffee (the Chocolate Decadence was sensational).

The five-course candlelight dinner, which costs \$65, is even more elaborate than lunch. Dinner service includes hors d'oeuvres, a sorbet course and an oenivider, a sort of entrees.

The dress on the dinner train is semi-formal and the setting romantic as twilight settles over the Napa Valley.

On Saturdays and Sundays, the Wine Train also operates a champagne brunch train (\$55) and a family car with special rates for children and an optional a la carte continental breakfast. Prices include the train, meal, taxes and service charges but not wine.

The train leaves Napa, about an hour's drive from San Francisco. A shuttle service also runs to Napa from San Francisco area hotels. For more information call toll-free (800) 522-4142.

Secluded vineyards are ideal for picnics

By CHARLENE BALOSKEY
Special Writer

Ah, the California picnic. Cloud-spangled skies, grassy slopes, casual elegance.

The perfect picnic requires a great location and great food. The California wine country provides both.

More than 60 Napa Valley wineries have picnic sites, each with its own personality. There's the wooded grandeur of Rutherford Hills, the flowery hilltop elegance of Vichon or the one-stop convenience of V. Sattul with its on-site delicatessen.

My favorite is a charming, secluded picnic site at Villa Mt. Eden, a small, but prestigious, winery off the beaten path (from Highway 29 drive east on Oakville Crossroad.)

Villa Mt. Eden's narrow dirt driveway winds through fields of grapes, passes a farmhouse and a white clapboard winery, and ends in front of a small courtyard with trellised rose bushes, ivy-covered doorways and three picnic benches.



A couple enjoys a picnic at the Vichon winery

The winery dogs, Daisy and Sheba, who had been sleeping in the sun, strolled over to greet us. The beauty of this winery is its serenity. In an area dominated by large wineries and crowded parking lots, Villa Mt. Eden stands out as a peaceful, friendly oasis — and as a perfect picnic site.

"People like this place because there's no traffic," said Barbara Harriman, assistant hospitality manager.

Barbara said the picnic benches are available to customers who purchase a bottle of wine — standard "admission" to winery picnic sites.

Because they have only three picnic benches, she suggests calling ahead during the busy season to be sure a table is available (a good policy to follow at any winery.)

I learned about Villa Mount Eden at a fine gourmet shop called Oakville Grocery on Highway 29, where you can create your own lunch from a wide selection of cheeses, salads, pates and desserts, or order a box lunch 24 hours in advance for \$10 to \$12.

For information on picnic sites, check area tour maps, or contact the Napa Valley Chamber of Commerce (707) 226-7455.

'Romantic experience'

"If I had to characterize the Napa Valley Wine Train, I would say that it's a very romantic experience."

That's Vince Sarrecchie of Novi, who traveled on the wine train with his wife Florence last spring.

They offer one important tip to prospective passengers — Take the second seating.

"When we traveled north toward St. Helena, we enjoyed seeing the valley in what was left of daylight," Vince said.

"We had wine and hors d'oeuvres and still had a chance to enjoy the view."

"On the return trip south it was already dark, and they served a candlelit dinner, so we had the best of both worlds."

"I particularly remember the suns setting over the hills," Florence said.

"When I got home, I wrote a paper for my Italian class about watching that beautiful sunset."



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REAL ESTATE

Exchanging is good way to deal for real estate

By James M. Woodard
Copley News Service

The exchanging of two or more properties is sometimes a viable alternative to selling a property outright and purchasing another. Exchanging, involving real estate, has been one facet of market activity in this country since pilgrims landed on the shores of the New World. One of the earliest exchanges occurred in 1624 when Peter Minuit traded some cloth and trinkets for Manhattan Island. Today, a particularly appealing type of exchange for real estate investors is the like-kind, tax-deferred exchange. As the name implies, it allows an owner of an income-producing property — any real estate held for investment or used in business — to exchange the property for a like-kind property without immediately paying a stiff capital gains tax. It's definitely not tax-free. But the tax liability is deferred to a future time. It's spelled out in Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code. It makes it possible for an investor to parlay a modest cash investment in real estate into a sizable estate via a succession of tax-deferred exchanges, with larg-

er and larger properties being acquired. However, it's the exchange of equities that's tax-deferred. Cash or other "boot" (anything other than equity) will probably be taxable. Fred Short, a Realtor who specializes in brokerage of income-investment properties and exchanges, has included a variety of boot items as part of exchange transactions. Farm and garden equipment, trailers and wheelbarrows are examples. In some cases, autos, boats, jewelry, stocks and bonds are used as boot in exchanges to equalize equity amounts. The tax-deferred Sec. 1031 exchange became even more appealing to real estate investors when the IRS recently established new regulations and guidelines for this section, issued last May. It provides more clearly defined criteria for qualified properties. It's particularly helpful in transactions involving guarantees, escrow accounts intermediaries, or other special situations. The new long-awaited IRS regulations are welcomed by most brokers, prop-

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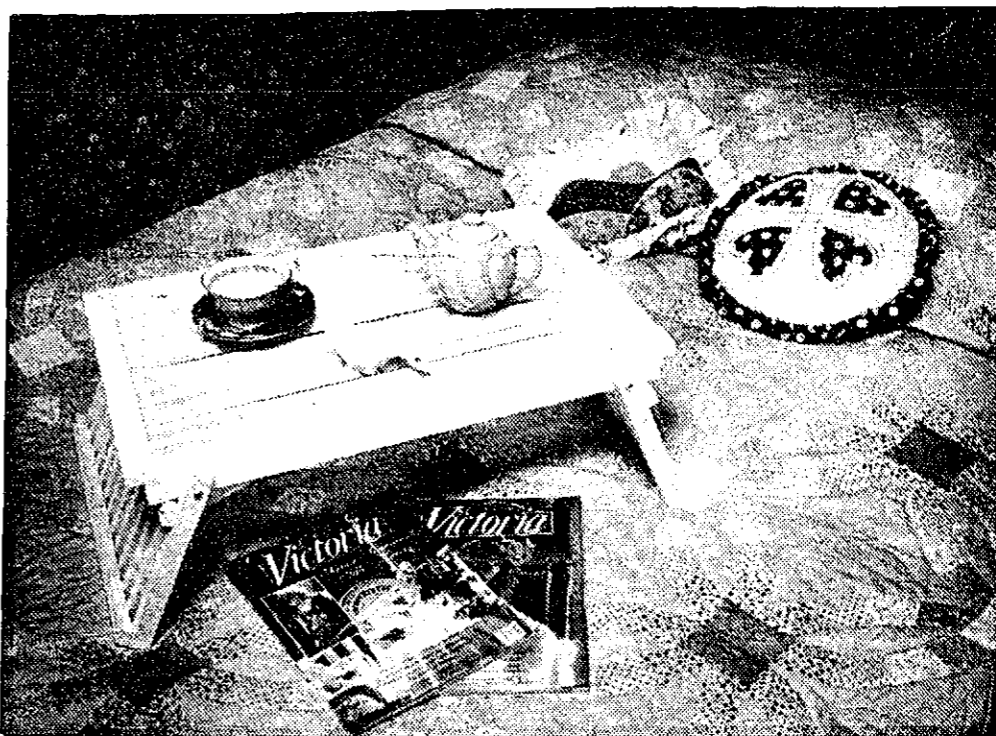


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Barbara McGrew named Edith's Flower Garden Room after her mother. Located on the second floor, this cozy room is decorated in flowery fabrics and features McGrew's stenciling.

By Laurie O'Dell

Barbara McGrew's favorite saying is "we make you kindly welcome." This Shaker saying, which originated in Kentucky, best describes the approach she takes with guests at the Hibbard Tavern Bed and Breakfast in Milford. McGrew opened up her home to travelers just over two years ago. She said it's a venture that's been both exciting and rewarding. McGrew is warm and friendly. Those qualities are reflected in the atmosphere of the inn. She has surrounded herself with collectibles and family heirlooms that seem to beckon travelers. "The house itself seems to call out to visitors, inviting them to come inside, have a cup of tea, enjoy a quiet moment on the porch or curl up by the fireplace. A big part of running a bed and breakfast is making people feel welcome and at home. So when guests arrive, McGrew takes them into the parlor for a little chat and then shows them the bathroom they will be sharing with other guests and finally their room. "I treat them like company," explained McGrew. "There is always someone here to greet them. If I can't be here, I'll have a neighbor or one of my daughters welcome them." During the last two years all sorts of people have entered the little white gate and traveled the stone path that leads to McGrew's door. She finds many of them fascinating and interesting. She's welcomed missionaries, guest speakers, young couples, newlyweds, businessmen and out-of-state travelers searching for a unique getaway. "Most of my guests come here for the historic aspect," explained McGrew. "They like the quaint, strange things about the house, such as the basement door in the floor, the water cistern in the kitchen floor and the historic marker out front. They don't mind that I only have two bathrooms that must be shared." Some people might think that having com-



A fluffy quilt and tea served in a china cup are just two of the tiny details which make the Hibbard Tavern perfect for a weekend getaway. The entire house is decorated in country-style furnishings and collectibles.

plete strangers in their home would feel like an intrusion, but that isn't the case for McGrew. She said she enjoys the companionship. Consequently, she's never lonesome. When she does need a moment of privacy, McGrew said there are enough nooks and crannies in the house for those quiet times. "It's very unusual," she explained. "I wouldn't say it's for everybody. I look at myself as the present curator of a museum." The bed and breakfast has quite a history, from its early beginnings as a stagecoach stop to the Hibbard and Coe families who have inhabited it. McGrew said the home has been carefully tended throughout the years. She's simply carrying on that tradition. The innkeeper said the Hibbard Tavern evokes memories of her childhood when her parents operated a flower shop in Allen Park. "We lived above Dad's flower shop. I'm a perfect prototype for this lifestyle. Allen Park was a village in the '50s when I was growing up. You might say I've come back to my roots."

Like any job, running a bed and breakfast can be hectic and a little bit stressful at times. That's why on Monday callers get McGrew's answering machine. This is her day off. If one day off isn't enough, McGrew will take a two- or three-day respite and leave the inn to the capable hands of her two daughters.

McGrew said she also is lucky to have a close group of friends, including Carol Ford and Mickey Eldridge who enjoy helping her with special events. "They're part of this adventure too," explained McGrew. "I helped Carol plant her vegetable garden. She calls it 'our garden.' She's always bringing me her harvest so that I can use fresh green pepper and onion in my omelets."

Although McGrew doesn't consider guests an intrusion, she does have to keep her home neat and tidy.

"To keep things immaculate I sometimes stash things away and misplace paperwork," said McGrew. "I have a file cabinet and an office upstairs and I'm usually organized. But like anyone I have a habit of grabbing things

up and putting them away before guests arrive." One of the biggest rewards for the innkeeper is knowing guests are comfortable with her and feel at home. She remembers the weekend an accountant and her husband came for some relaxation. McGrew said the accountant felt so relaxed she stayed in her bathrobe the whole time, sitting by the fireplace, reading on the front porch and watching videos. Not only does McGrew have a way of helping people relax, but her two pets, Ollie and Peony, also help make the inn feel like home. Ollie is a big, beautiful black feline that enjoys following guests around. Peony is an adorable lop-eared rabbit that loves fruit. Many times when McGrew serves breakfast outside, she sees guests offering strawberries and other goodies to Peony. One of the challenges McGrew faces each year is how to handle the holidays. She said having guest during the holidays can be tough to juggle at times.

"I have to ask myself how much privacy I want for my own family. I had so much family come home last year that I didn't offer rooms between Christmas and New Year's."

An important part of being an innkeeper is being a good judge of character, said McGrew, who usually gets a feel for what people are like even before they walk through her door. She follows up their initial call with one of her own and talks about the bed and breakfast and some of the house rules.

For those who have never stayed at a bed and breakfast, McGrew gives a crash course on what an inn is all about. If she has a feeling the Hibbard Tavern isn't what they're looking for, she often suggests another place.

McGrew said in her business it's important to make people want to come back and recommend the Hibbard Tavern to their friends.

"When they arrive there must be something on the stove, fresh flowers, wood in the fireplace, if it's the right time of year, or at least candles burning. Guests must always feel welcome. They must feel like I've been waiting for them to come."

HOME DESIGNS



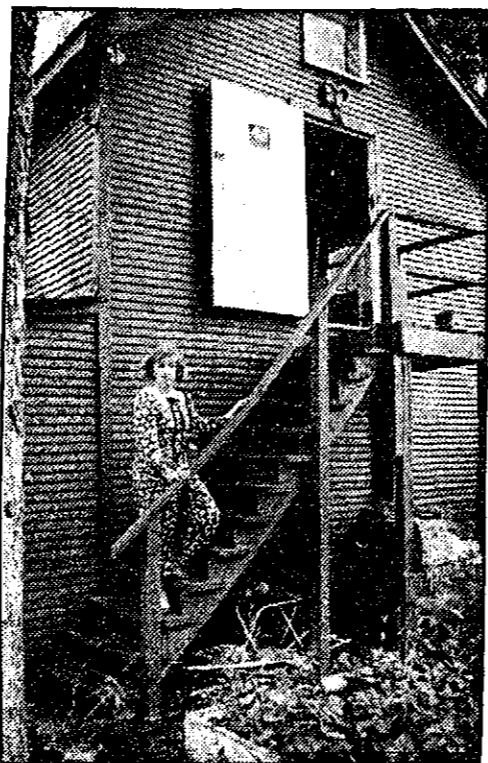
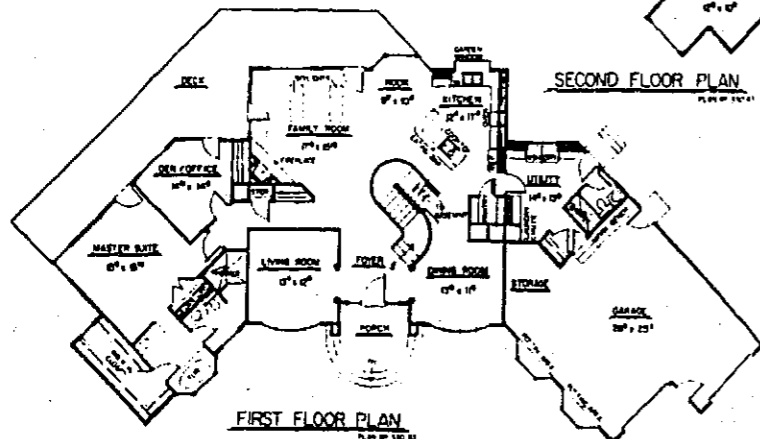
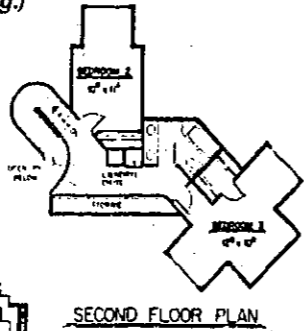
Freesia 3 combines traditional with contemporary

By James McAlexander
Copley News Service

While the Freesia 3's exterior blends Tudor and Queen Anne styling, most of its interior is totally contemporary and rich in the amenities today's families want. Mullioned bay windows, varied in shape, provide visual interest and a tasteful touch of elegance across the wide brick facade. At center front, columns flank an impressive two-story entry, also richly windowed. Once inside, the feeling of stately formality is enhanced by the two-story foyer. The living room and dining room are traditionally placed, with their twin-columned entries on the left and right sides of the foyer. An open-railed S-shape stairwell curves gracefully upstairs. Its midpoint curve providing a natural vantage point for overlooking activities in the totally informal high-vaulted family room and nook. Bathed in light from windows, doors and skylights, this high-ceilinged and luminous group living area acts as a natural magnet for both friends and family. On long winter evenings, the fireplace offers twin pleasures of fanny-warming and fire-watching. While dwarfed by the adjoining family room, the lower-ceilinged kitchen is still plenty large. A corner of its L-shape cooking island/eating bar juts into the

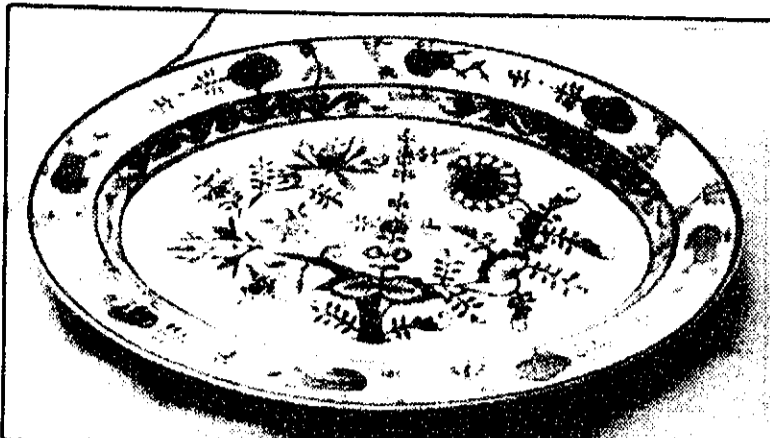
family room, visually connecting the two. An oversized utility room, conveniently close to the kitchen, has its own bathroom, a laundry chute and a closet for storing clothing. The two-car garage also has a built-in workbench and plenty of extra storage space. The elaborate master suite is a whole world unto itself with a double-size walk-in closet. For those long, relaxing soaks, an oversized tub is tucked into its own bay-window nook. One vanity is in this part of the bathroom complex, and another is in the water closet, where there is also an oversized shower. The suite includes space for a sitting area, an additional cedar-lined closet and opens onto the deck. If desired, access to the den/office/exercise room/studio (you pick), could be only from the master suite, expanding this private area still further. The two oddly shaped bedrooms upstairs are easily spacious enough for several children to share. Extra storage space is also available on this level. Built over a full basement, no end of storage is available below the main floor.

For a study plan of the Freesia 3 (330-63), send \$7.50 to Landmark Designs, c/o HomeTown Newspapers, 323 E. Grand River Ave., Howell, MI 48843. (Be sure to specify plan name and number when ordering.)



This outdoor stairway leads to the Tree Top Suite, a favorite among honeymooners who are looking for a private hideaway.

German punch bowl valuable



By James G. McCollam
Copley News Service

Enclosed is a picture of a blue and white platter that is 20 inches by 12 inches. Also enclosed is a picture of the mark "Villeroy & Boch, Dresden."

Can you tell me something about its origin and value? A. This Blue Onion pattern platter was made by Villeroy & Boch, a company that made all kinds of ceramics in Dresden, Mettlach and seven other cities in Germany.

Your platter was made in the late 1800s and would probably sell for about \$165 to \$185.

Q. The attached mark is on the bottom of what I think is a German punch bowl. It holds about 1 gallon and has an underplate. It has a scene depicting a drunken man clutching a barrel and the handles are formed by drunken men.

Please tell me about the origin and value of this bowl. A. Your punch bowl was made in Mettlach, Germany, by Villeroy & Boch during the late 1800s. It

ANTIQUES

the hands of known collectors and violinists. They don't change hands very often, but when they do, the price is usually more than \$1 million.

Stradivarius made the finest violins the world has ever seen in Cremona, Italy, during the early 18th century. In the late 19th and early 20th century, thousands of fake "Stradivarius" violins were produced in Germany, France and Czechoslovakia. These sold so well that they also used the labels of Giuseppe Guernierius, Carlo Bergonzi, Jacob Stainer and Nicolo Amati.

The Wall Street Journal reports a physicist claimed to have performed extensive tests on his violin and determined that it was 400 years old. Unfortunately it was also labeled "made in Czechoslovakia," a country that wasn't founded until 1918.

The best of these fake Strads might be worth \$150 to \$200, depending on their musical quality.

If you do have an "antique" violin, take it to a local musician or museum for a qualified opinion.

Send your questions about antiques with pictures, a detailed description, a stamped, self-addressed envelope and \$1 per item (limit one item per request) to James G. McCollam, P.O. Box 1087, Notre Dame, IN 46556. All questions will be answered but published pictures cannot be returned. McCollam is a member of the Antique Appraisers Association of America.

Property exchanges beneficial

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erty owners and investors. Even individual homes are occasionally exchanged. As a personal example, in 1982 my wife and I planned a move from Santa Barbara, Calif., to Denver. But we couldn't find a buyer for our home in Santa Barbara. While visiting with a Realtor at a restaurant, he told me about a couple who wanted to move the other way—from Denver to Santa Barbara. But they needed to dispose of several Denver-area properties before relocating.

After several discussions with the couple, and inspection of properties, we worked out an exchange. For our Santa Barbara home, we would acquire a four bedroom home and a condominium in Denver, plus a carryback note secured by a second trust deed on our Santa Barbara property.

It all came together nicely. We lived in the Denver-area house and rented the condo, giving us a comfortable residence plus a tax-sheltered income.

Q. Is purchasing a guest ranch in a scenic mountain area generally considered a good investment?

A. Prospects are good at this point, according to several real estate and financial analysts. "Construction financing for new housing has been virtually nonexistent during 1990 and 1991 in many regions," said Andrew Kane, director for Arthur Andersen & Co.'s Real Estate Services Group. "In 1990, the housing supply increased because consumers, lacking confidence in the economy, stayed out of the market. This pushed home values down as much as 20 percent or more in some areas."

"Since the (Persian Gulf) war has ended and the economy has shown signs of rebounding, there has been an increase in demand, especially in the entry-level market. However, residential construction is not keeping pace with demand. The vanishing supply of residential real estate will create upward pressure on home prices."

With this same basic rationale in mind, some experts are predicting up to 20 percent increases in home values over the next year.

The most popular way is steaming, using a special machine. Wallpaper steamers can be rented. However, they are bulky, somewhat unwieldy and rarely come with appropriate instructions on usage.

However, on drywall you do not want to soak any more than necessary. It's a tricky procedure of soaking the top layer just enough so it starts turning loose and coming off without damaging the underlying face of the wallboard.

To help the process, go strip by strip, using a dull removal tool, such as a broad knife. An instrument that is too sharp, such as a razor blade, will tend to slice into the drywall and damage the surface. It is best if the wall can be hand-scraped without using any type of scraper.

To facilitate the steaming process, you can abrade the surface so the water penetrates more easily. You can use a rough sandpaper or a special tool designed to perforate wallpaper, such as one called the Paper Tiger, manufactured by Wm. Zinsser & Co. and available at paint and wallpaper stores.

The trick is to apply just enough pressure to cut through the top layer of wallpaper and avoid any penetration of the wallboard.

A key to removal is to steam or soak the paper long enough so that the moisture penetrates through to the adhesive. If you don't wait long enough for the paper to loosen, there's too much resistance, and you can end up gouging the wall.

When all of the paper has been removed, you have a clean surface. Soakable vinyl coverings and are very easy to remove. If this is the case, by all means strip off the existing paper. However, if the old wallpaper is non-strippable and in good condition, without any loose seams, you can remove of the existing wallpaper.

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Wallpaper removal can be a difficult task

By Gene Gary
Copley News Service

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Brickscape Gardens employee Rachel Martin puts out some flowers.

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Brickscape is really two stores in one

By RICK BYRNE
Copy Editor

Bigger isn't necessarily better, and Joe and Diane DiRado have been proving that with Brickscape Gardens, a complete garden supply store in Northville.

The building on Old Novi Road north of Eight Mile occupies just 2,500 square feet, cozy by most standards. But it's chock full of unique and high quality garden accessories, tools and supplies. It's also a step up from the tiny 400-square-foot garage Brickscape occupied until last winter.

"We used to just be in a 20-by-20 garage," said Joe DiRado. "It's made a difference in our business between this year and last year."

Brickscape Gardens is really two businesses in one. Joe runs the original brick paving business which sells brick pavers for paths and driveways.

He also does contracting on brick paving jobs.

The nursery and garden store are overseen by his wife, Diane. In Northville, where people like to make a statement with their homes, both ends of the company enjoy a receptive audience.

"The things we try to carry are on the higher end and of higher quality," said Diane. "People in Northville expect that, I think. We're very particular about the growers we deal with. There isn't just one source. We have to spend a lot of time researching the different things to carry."

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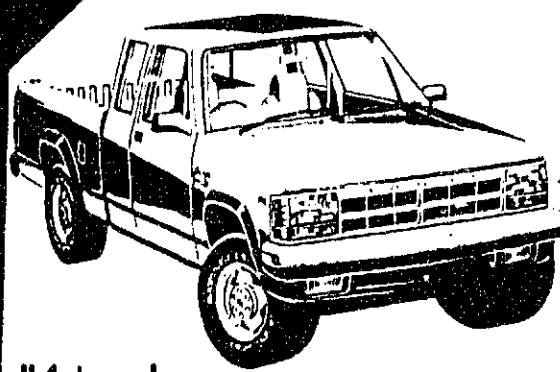
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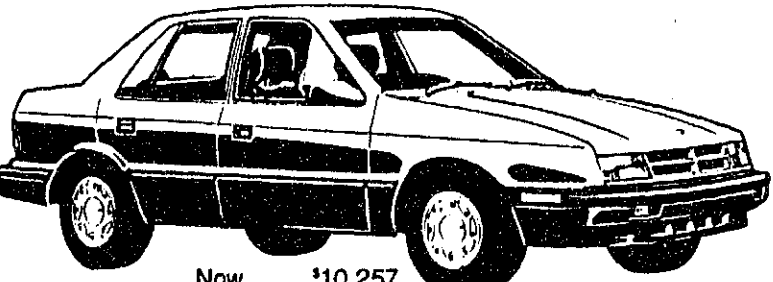
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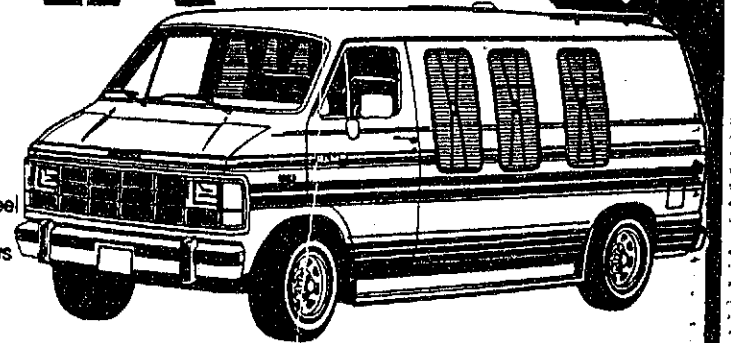
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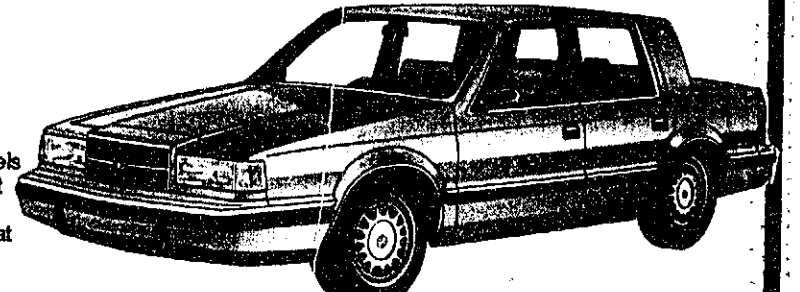
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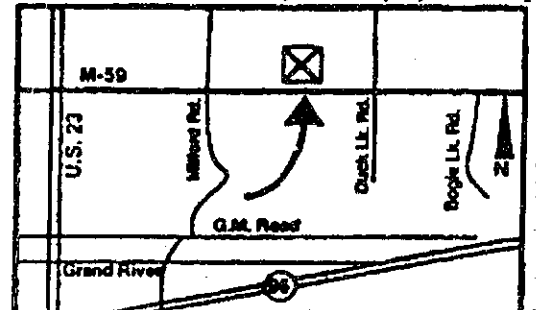
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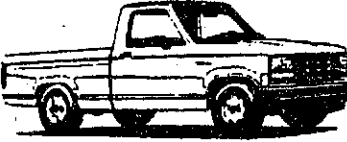
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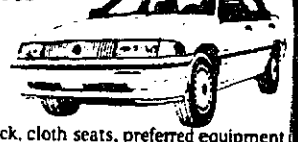


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