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Tech Link plan redone by schools

By SUZANNE HOLLYER
Staff Writer

Novi schools won't be getting a "Tech Link" after all. Instead, school officials have decided to change the concept and the name of a new addition intended to physically join Novi Meadows and Novi Middle schools.

The addition originally was called a Tech Link because it would not only physically join two school buildings, but because it would link both schools to the future with technology.

The new facility was to be equipped with communications facilities for use in preparing Novi Middle and upper elementary school students for life in the 20th century.

But now, district officials have changed the plan. The new addition will look the same from the outside. But the core, which was to house a media center, will be a technology center providing not just the two buildings, but the entire district, with access to state-of-the-art technology.

A 4-inch conduit will be installed linking the entire Taft Road campus to the main "tech center," acting Superintendent William Barr told the school board at a Thursday school board meeting.

Phone lines will connect the other elementary schools and the high school to the center.

The new project will cost an estimated \$60,000 more, Barr said. But because construction bids have been lower than expected, the project will still come in under budget. A 1990 voter-approved bond issue financed the construction as well as a four-classroom addition at Novi Woods Elementary.

Board members did not give unanimous support to the project. Treasurer John Streit questioned whether the district could change the project after having received voter support for the original plan.

Barr said the bond-financed equipment would be housed in the new facility which would keep the construction within the intent of the ballot language.

Vice President Robert Schram said the bond was approved by all parents, not just those of middle school students.

"That is going to have a tremendous, immediate impact on the entire school district," Schram said. "I strongly support the proposal."

Trustee Raymond Byers said he agreed with the concept, but wanted more definite numbers on the additional cost.

"I'd like to have a lot firmer numbers than we have right now," he said, adding he wanted to know how much extra air conditioning would cost for the entire facility.

Air conditioning will be important, Byers said, if the school year is significantly lengthened.

Barr said he wanted the board to approve the concept before bringing back exact cost figures.

Streit said he was concerned with how the facility will be used. He expressed concern that space for the originally planned media center would be lost.

Barr said plans to expand the middle school's current media center were under way.

Streit also was concerned that the new facility would not be used for instruction.

Trustee Michael Meyer agreed, saying refining education was more important than just possessing technology.

"I'm not clear how this would be better," he said. "I can understand linking (the school district together). I can't understand the space — that much space."

A motion to approve the tech-center concept approved with Meyer, Streit and Byers voting against it.

Students celebrate

By SUZANNE HOLLYER
Staff Writer

The secret was closely guarded. Then at halftime of Friday's homecoming football game the 1991 Novi High School homecoming king and queen were announced.

The crown was passed to seniors Antonio Scappaticci and Amy Ahrens from last year's king and queen, Mike Cowans and Christy D'Agostino.

Scappaticci and Ahrens were chosen from five girls and five boys elected to represent the senior class at homecoming.

The homecoming court, including representatives from each grade level, walked onto the football field through an arch made by band members, and a tunnel made by the color guard.

Representatives were seniors Matt Butler, Chris Gilbert, Elliot Hoops, Stephen Tapley, Krista Golbsky, Kristen Mathias, Beth Patal and Dena Richardson.

Junior class representatives were Randy Naumann and Colleen Duffy.

Representing the sophomore class were Anthony Dixon and Allison Quinn.

Freshmen homecoming representatives were Joe Meyer and Emily Pippas.

Prior to the football game against the Brighton Bulldogs, a parade was held. Beginning at Nine Mile and Meadowbrook roads, high school floats and marchers traveled to Ten Mile Road finishing east of Novi Road.

The theme was nursery rhymes. Freshman decorated a float like the Little Engine that Could.

Sophomores chose Humpty Dumpty as their theme.

The Three Little Pigs were featured on the juniors' float.

Seniors played on the Little Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe nursery rhyme. They included a banner that said: "We're gonna stomp on you Brighton."



Amy Ahrens (right) is crowned homecoming queen by Christy D'Agostino

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

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Board weighs plans for historic home

By SUZANNE HOLLYER
Staff Writer

Land willed to Novi schools could be used for any number of things, said acting Superintendent William Barr.

But he is not ready to say what the school district will do with the Ten Mile Road property adjacent to Novi High School.

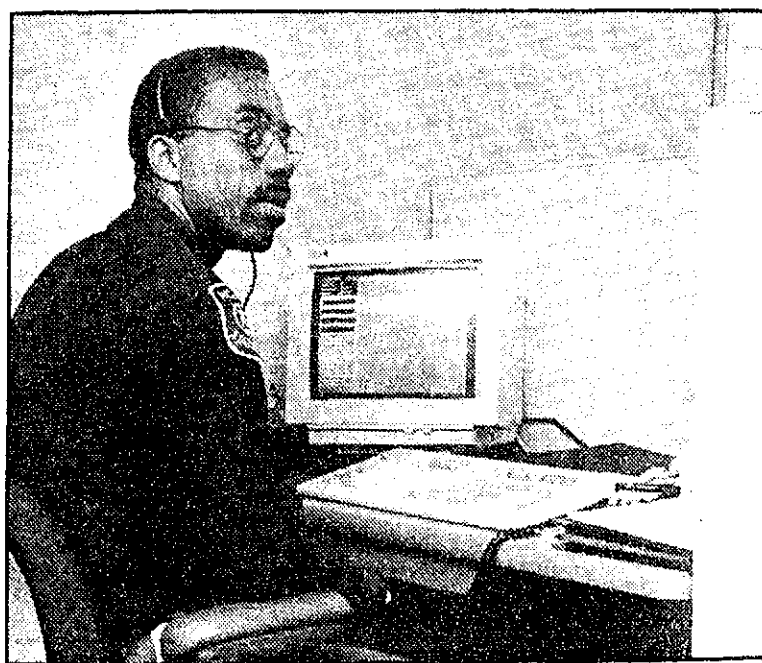
The house itself, once home to

members of the Fuerst family, has been secured, Barr said at a Thursday school board meeting.

"From this point on, I don't know," he said.

He does know the school board has never taken a position on what it would do with the land in Barr's 19 years with Novi schools, he said.

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State troopers have a new dispatch system at Northville post

Photo by SCOTT DANIEL

State cops bring dispatch on-line

By SCOTT DANIEL
Staff Writer

After months of preparation, a five-county dispatching center at Northville's Michigan State Police post is on-line.

Trooper Richard Percy, who helped get the system on-line, said operation officially began at 12:01 a.m. Monday. In its first hours, the system, known as computer aided dispatch (CAD), handled dozens of calls — flawlessly.

"It's going surprisingly well," said Percy. "We haven't had any bugs so far."

The post, which patrols highways in Novi, will dispatch troopers in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, St. Clair and Monroe counties.

State police decided early this year to put the dispatch at the Northville post because it's the only one of the district's nine posts that had room available. A former storage area in the basement has been converted to house the system.

While the dispatch was in operation Monday, only calls from the Flat Rock and Northville posts were being routed through the system.

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State press association honors News

The Novi News captured first and second place in the "Spot or Breaking News" category of the 1991 Michigan Press Association Better Newspaper Contest when the results were announced last week.

The Novi News earned the unusual distinction of taking the No. 1 and No. 2 spots in a category for its coverage of the tornado which struck the city last September and for its coverage of the gas main explosion near Grand River and Beck Road in January.

Of the Novi News' first place tornado coverage, judges had this to say: "The 'crunch time' coverage given when a tornado struck your community after deadline was great. Your staff is to be commended for a job well done."

The tornado coverage was the result of a team effort involving the work of Jan Jeffres, Bryan Mitchell, Steve Kellman, Cristina Ferrier, Angela Predhomme and Sheila Phillips.

Of the News' second place gas main explosion coverage, the judges stated: "Your staff writes stories that carry you through the event. The follow-ups kept your community abreast of the situation."

The gas main explosion coverage was a team effort involving the work of staff members Jan Jeffres, Cristina Ferrier, Scott Daniel, Hal Gould and Bryan Mitchell.

The awards were given in the Class B Weekly category of the contest, sponsored annually by the Michigan Press Association.

Some 121 newspapers from across the state entered the contest this year and a record 1,955 entries were submitted. The entries were judged by members of the Kentucky Press Association. In all, 400 certificates were awarded.

The Novi News' sister paper, The Northville Record, tallied up no fewer than 10 awards in the competition, bringing it the coveted title of "Michigan's Best."

The "Michigan's Best" title is bestowed to the newspaper which earns the highest number of points in the various categories of the MPA contest. On its way to winning the "Michigan's Best" title, The Northville Record won:

- First place for Sports Coverage. Here, overall sports sections were judged and Sports Editor Neil Geoghegan took the honors.

- First place for Special Sections. The Northville Record won this category for its Victorian Festival special section.

- First place in Feature Picture for a photo by Hal Gould.

- Second place in Lifestyle/Family Section. Here, overall feature sections were judged. Reporter Cristina Ferrier took the honors.

- Second place in Picture Story for a photo spread on a rally for returning troops from the Persian Gulf conflict by Bryan Mitchell.

- Second place in Spot News Picture for a photo of a firefighter battling the blaze at the Tiffany Glass shop in Northville by Tyree.

- Second place in Sports Picture for a photograph by Bryan Mitchell.

- Third place for Feature Stories for a piece entitled "English As Their Second Language," by Leslie Perelra.

- Third place for Editorial Writing for commentary of Northville's new cat ordinance by Mike Tyree.

- Honorable mention for Editorial Pages.

Overall, the six newspapers of the HomeTown Newspaper chain took a record 34 awards in the contest. HomeTown Newspapers — which includes The Milford Times, The South Lyon Herald, The Brighton Argus and the Livingston County Press — swept three categories.

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Community Calendar

Today, October 7
City Council: The Novi City Council is set for its regular session at 8 p.m. in the council chambers of the Civic Center.
Voter registration: Today is the last day to register to vote for the regular city election Nov. 5 in Novi.
Parenting workshop: Dr. Ira Glavinicky will speak on Self Esteem in a parenting workshop from 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Woods Elementary School.
Players rehearsal: The Novi Players, a community theater group, rehearse from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Tuesday, October 8
Picture Day: Today is school picture day at the Novi Woods Elementary School.
AAUW Roundtable: The Novi Northville American Association of University Women will present a video and roundtable discussion on the issue of gender bias in education at 8 p.m. in the Northville High School Forum. For more information, call 349-3161.

College night: Schoolcraft College will host its annual College Night Program beginning at 6:45 p.m. Representatives of 65 colleges and universities will be available to answer admissions questions.
Band rehearsal: The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. in the band room at Novi High School. Craig Strain directs. For more information on the group, call manager Warren Ledger at 348-2955.

Wednesday, October 9
Potluck: The Novi Senior Citizens Club will hold its regular noon potluck lunch in the Novi Civic Center.
Hall of Fame Friends: S.P.A.R.K. — Friends of the Motorsports Hall of Fame will hold an organizational meeting at 7 p.m. in the Novi Expo Center. The center is located in the former Mohawk building, west of Novi Road via Fonda Street to Mohawk Drive. The purpose of this new group is to establish a corps of volunteers to help organize events to raise funds for the Motorsports Hall of Fame. To start, the group will be involved in the pre-grand opening for the museum in January. In the future, they will assist in its operation. For further information, contact Maggie Champagne or Ron Watson at 349-RACE.

Thursday, October 10
Plays rehearsal: The Novi Players, a community theater group, rehearse from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.
Youth baseball: The board of directors of Novi Youth Baseball meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. The meeting is open to the public.
Parks meeting: The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission meets in the Novi Civic Center at 7:30 p.m.
Historical meeting: The Novi Historical Commission will meet in the civic center at 7:30 p.m.
Garden Club: The Novi Garden Club will be planting 1,000 tulip and daffodil bulbs outside the Novi Civic Center at 10:30 a.m. Anyone who would like to help with the city hall beautification project can just drop by. The raindate will be Oct. 17.

Genealogical society: The Northville Genealogical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Mill Race Historical Village, on Griswold north of Main Street. The topic will be "Early Circuit Riders and their Connection with Northville," to be presented by the speaker Rev. Douglas Vernon of the First United Methodist Church of Northville. For more information about the group, call 348-1718 or 349-6370.

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Friday, October 11
Rummage sale: The Women's Service Club of Meadowbrook Congregational Church will hold a Rummage Sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The church is located at 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads.
In the name of progress: "The Community's Responsibility to the Developer," the Developer's Responsibility to the Community, will be the topic of discussion at a luncheon scheduled for 11:30 a.m. at the Sheraton Oaks Novi. Mayor Matt Quinn and Michael Horowitz, President of the Selective Group, will address the topic. The luncheon, sponsored by the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors, is open to the public. Tickets are \$12.50 for members and \$15 for non-members. Reservations must be made by Oct. 8. Call 478-1700, ext. 241 to reserve a seat.
Rummage sale: The Women's Service Club of Meadowbrook Congregational Church will hold the second day of its Rummage Sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Las Vega Night: The Novi Lions Club will host a Las Vegas Night from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Novi Bowl, 21700 Novi Road. Admission will be \$3 per person. The event is fund-raiser for Lions Club charities, including Leader Dogs for the Blind and the Penitence Center for Blind Children.
Novi Fanfare: Eight to ten high school marching bands will compete in this festival hosted by Novi High School. The competition runs from 1-4 p.m. at the Novi High football field.

Monday, October 21
City Council: Novi city council is set to meet at 8 p.m. in the Civic Center.
Candidates night: The Novi Jaycees will be hosting this evening with the six candidates running for City Council in the November election. The questioning begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.
Seniors meeting: The Novi Senior Citizens Club will hold its monthly business meeting at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Tuesday, October 22
Halloween Express: The City of Novi will play host to a Halloween Express to six area hotels from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. The activities will include dancing to the entertainment and prizes for costumes. Entertaining will be the Bonnie Kaufman Trio at the Wyndham — Novi; Sunrise at the Embassy Suites — Livonia; Higher Ground at the Holiday Inn — Farmington Hills; Rare Blend at the Hotel Baronne in Novi; Radio City at the Sheraton Oaks in Novi; and Tango at the Novi Hilton. Ticket prices will be \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. The event is sponsored by the Novi Chamber of Commerce, the Miller Brewing Company and WOMC.

Wednesday, October 23
Seniors meeting: The Novi Senior Citizens Club will hold its monthly business meeting at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.
Friday, October 25
Halloween Express: The City of Novi will play host to a Halloween Express to six area hotels from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. The activities will include dancing to the entertainment and prizes for costumes. Entertaining will be the Bonnie Kaufman Trio at the Wyndham — Novi; Sunrise at the Embassy Suites — Livonia; Higher Ground at the Holiday Inn — Farmington Hills; Rare Blend at the Hotel Baronne in Novi; Radio City at the Sheraton Oaks in Novi; and Tango at the Novi Hilton. Ticket prices will be \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. The event is sponsored by the Novi Chamber of Commerce, the Miller Brewing Company and WOMC.

Edison chief talks on storm

By BOB NEEDHAM
Editor
 John Lobbia had a busy summer. The president, chairperson and chief executive officer of Detroit Edison had not spent enough time with his family and he was not working long enough for people to do more, Lobbia said.
 Then came accusations that Detroit Edison had not spent enough time on maintenance. Lobbia said in hindsight the company could have spent more, "but we didn't consciously make a decision to cut it (maintenance spending)."
 The CEO also refuted the notion that repair crews were the "fat cats' first," saying, "We have a rigid system of priorities" for making repairs and that system never changed.
 One particularly frustrating experience was the television report of uneven drinking, partying, and giving people rides in trucks while supposedly on duty. The incident supposedly occurred around 6:30 one evening, but the station didn't call the company for a comment until about 10:45. Edison asked for the truck numbers; the station supplied those at 11:15. The shift ended at 11:30, not leaving the company any time to investigate the situation itself.
 Nevertheless, Lobbia found himself on television the next day, talking to Bill Bonds about how the actions of a few can tarnish the hard work of many others.
 Lobbia said Detroit Edison had power restored to 97 percent of its customers by the Friday after the storm, adding, "That news did kind of go unnoticed."
 Ironically, a massive system-improvement program was already being planned in May and June, Lobbia said, and that's still in the works. The utility expects to spend between \$175 million and \$200 million in the next couple of years — on top of regular maintenance expenses — to improve the system. "That's our job and we're about trying to do that," he said.
 Scarcely had the storm news quieted down when the possible sale of the Detroit incinerator to the city became big news. A disorganized series of votes and attempted votes at the Detroit City Council somehow evened up with Detroit Edison being criticized for not supporting the city, Lobbia said.
 Talks between the city and the

Overcrowding looms at several school buildings

By SUZANNE HOLLYER
Staff Writer
 A recent editorial in the *Wildcat* floor, a Novi High School student publication, decried overcrowding at the high school. The opinion piece cited full classrooms, crowded halls and a lack of chairs in the commons area during breaks.
 And fourth-grade enrollment figures show student populations have increased at the high school. Over 600 new students are enrolled.
 But overcrowding will be a more immediate problem at the elementary and middle school level.
 In all, the district's fourth-Friday count totals 4,101, up from 3,930 last year, continuing a 3- to 4-percent annual growth trend that has existed since the mid-1980s.
 School districts are required to report enrollment figures on the fourth Friday of classes following Labor Day. The figures are used to determine per-pupil state aid. Novi schools receives no per-pupil aid.
 Instead, enrollment figures for Novi schools will be one factor in calculating the amount of money the district will not get — what will be reprogrammed — to fund required projects like special education and social security payments.
 Enrollment figures help administrators project future growth expectations in each building, and are also used to determine the high schools' level of athletic competition.
 Parlow Elementary expects to have the most immediate space problems. The school, which opened in September for its third year, has 429 students enrolled. The number is expected to grow by 100 over the next four years.
 Principal Joseph Emrick said, using art, music, and community rooms the school can accommodate growth for two years by 1994-95. The school will be unable to handle its projected population.

John Lobbia speaks recently on Edison's busy summer
 Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Both schools expect to have adequate space thanks to the addition which should be ready by next fall.
 Novi Meadows has a fourth-Friday population of 536 this year. That's expected to grow by at least 100 by the 1994-95 school year using a straight-line growth projection.
 Novi Middle School has a 613-student population this year. The middle school is projected to have 648 students by 1994-95.
 But the straight-line projection method is usually inaccurate, said acting Superintendent William Barr.
 Both schools expect to have adequate space thanks to the addition which should be ready by next fall.
 Novi Meadows Elementary has plenty of room to accommodate its 436 students, said principal Jackie Lawrence.
 Four new classrooms were added to the school this year. The Novi Woods population is expected to increase by 100 student in the next four years, but Woods said the additional rooms will provide ample space.
 Village Oaks and Orchard Hills elementaries have enough classrooms to accommodate their stable populations. The Orchard Hills student population is expected to remain close to the 400-student mark.
 Village Oaks has a student population that has stabilized around 500.
 Principal Robert Youngberg is expected to report on classroom needs at the high school at a future meeting. The district also has hired a consultant to examine the needs of the district, especially the facility needs at the high school.

Novi students picking and queen

A dance was scheduled for Saturday in the high school commons. The dance ended a week-long celebration that included spirit days. On Monday, students wore ties. On Tuesday, they wore flannel. Wednesday, the theme was tie-dyed clothing. Thursday, the spirited students wore slippers.
 And Friday, students showed support to the Wildcats by wearing green and white. The school colors.

Friends of Library seeking support

"For the eighth straight year, the Friends of the Northville Public Library benefit dinner was at Gemini's Hole-in-the-Wall restaurant."
 John and Toni Geritelli and members of their staff all donate their time and the food for the annual event, so the \$20 ticket price goes right to the Friends for projects to benefit the library.
 "They have been so generous to the library," dinner organizer Geraldine Mills said of the Geritellis while welcoming the attendees Monday night. "We really appreciate all they do for us. We also want to thank their staff, who so generously donate their time... It's very important to the Friends that we are able to continue this kind of

work."
 Friends programs include continuing micro-filming and indexing of back issues of *The Northville Record*; supplying new library cards; funding the remodeling of the library; sponsoring the Oral History Program; offering the welcome baby gift packets; sponsoring the Children's Summer Reading Program; sponsoring Christmas programs; and sponsoring the gift book program. The Friends have given the library a computer and printer, microfilm/microfiche reader/printer, copying machine, film projector, display case, and more.
 Library Director Pat Orr took time "to let you know just how much we value the service and support of the Friends."
 Lately "the library is having a bad time" financially, Orr said. The library now spends \$1.84 per capita on books, and \$16.30 per resident for its total operating budget, she said.
 "We need help. We need continued support from the Friends. We need different support from the community," she said. "You can't provide service for \$16.30."
 In 1992, Orr said, the library expects to see 90,000 people pass through the doors, asking 20,000 reference questions and borrowing 131,000 items.
 "You're getting a real good deal for your dollar," she said.

Police launch new dispatch

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 Pery said the remaining posts in the five county area would have phone line connections made within the next few weeks.
 State police explained how the dispatch works. Calls from the public, emergency or service, are first routed to computer operators. The operators then send the message across the room by computer to the dispatcher handling the area from which the call came. Dispatchers then assign troopers from appropriate posts to handle each incident.
 Besides dispatching, the system will allow for computer information checks. Troopers on patrol are now able to get information from the checks directly from dispatchers.
 Each post will have public phone numbers that give direct access to dispatchers. In addition, Pery said, 911 calls from cellular phones in the dispatch area will be directly routed through. Each will also have separate phone numbers for speaking to personnel at respective posts.
 Pery said a minimum of seven dispatchers would be operating the CAD system per shift. The new system will allow the post to start closing its doors after 5 p.m.

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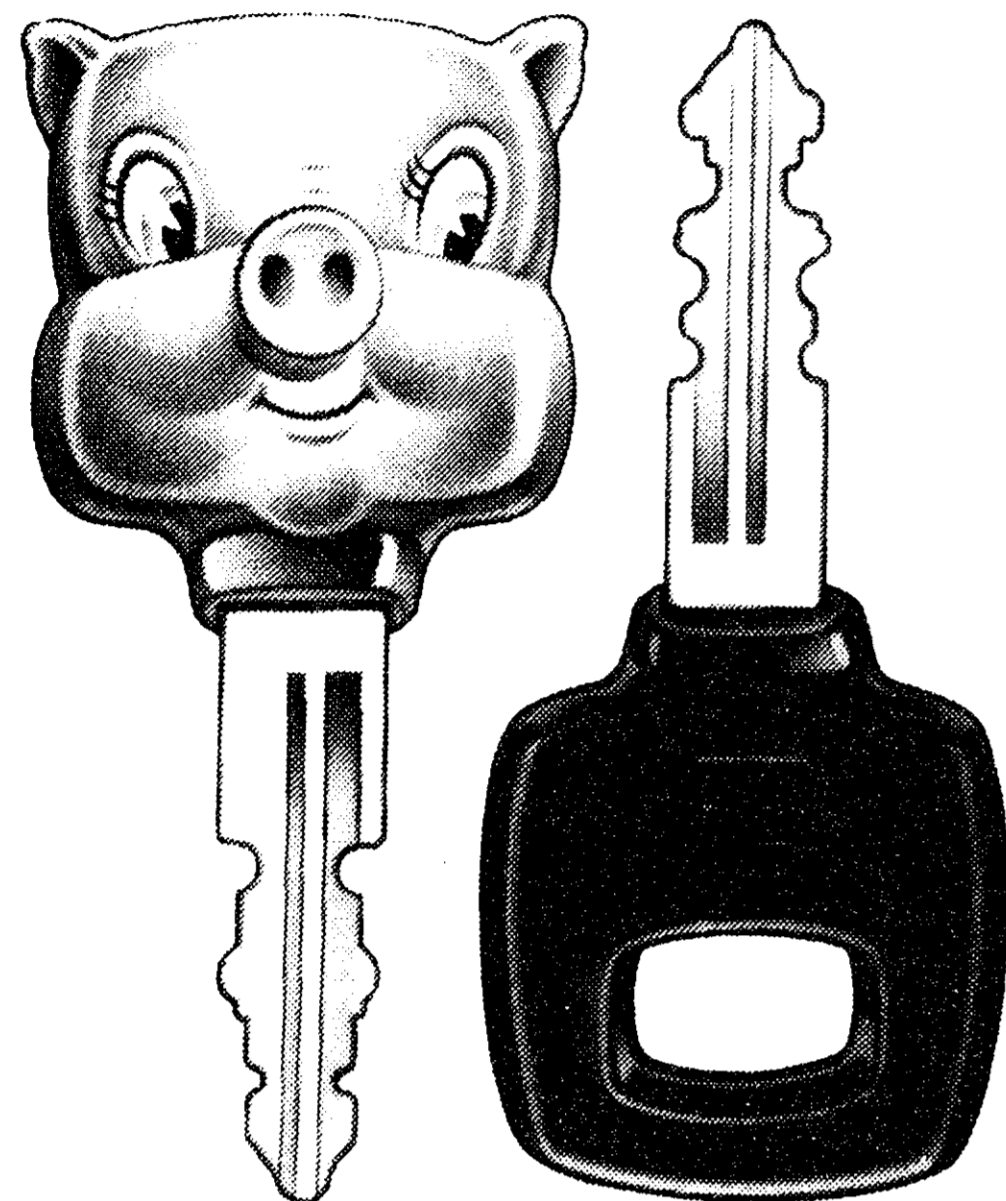
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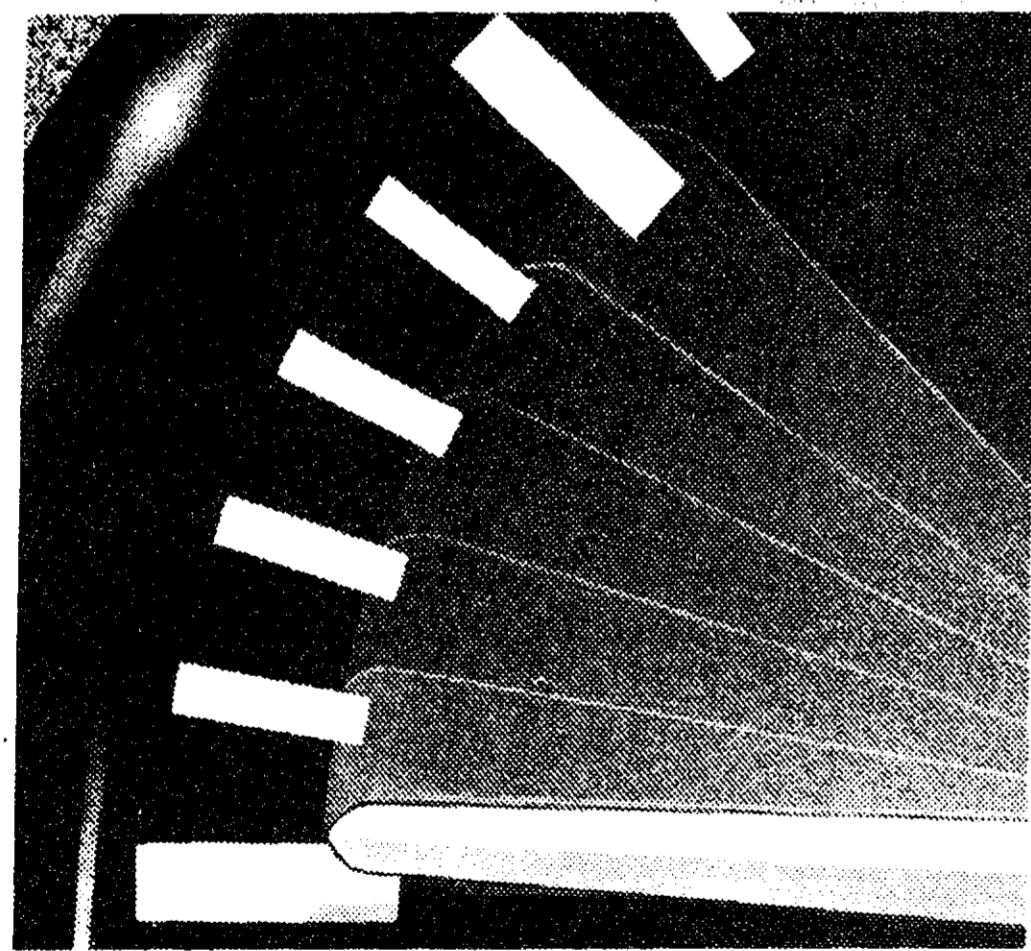
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 Barr personally has expressed his opinion in the past about what the school district should do with the land, he said.
 "But none of his opinions include tearing down the house as some local historians now fear.
 The house is safe, at least in the near future, in the eyes of board President Stephen Hitchcock.
 "No one is going to wake up and find the house torn down," he said.
 Barr will bring possible opinions at a future meeting for what the school district will do or will not do with the property, Hitchcock said.

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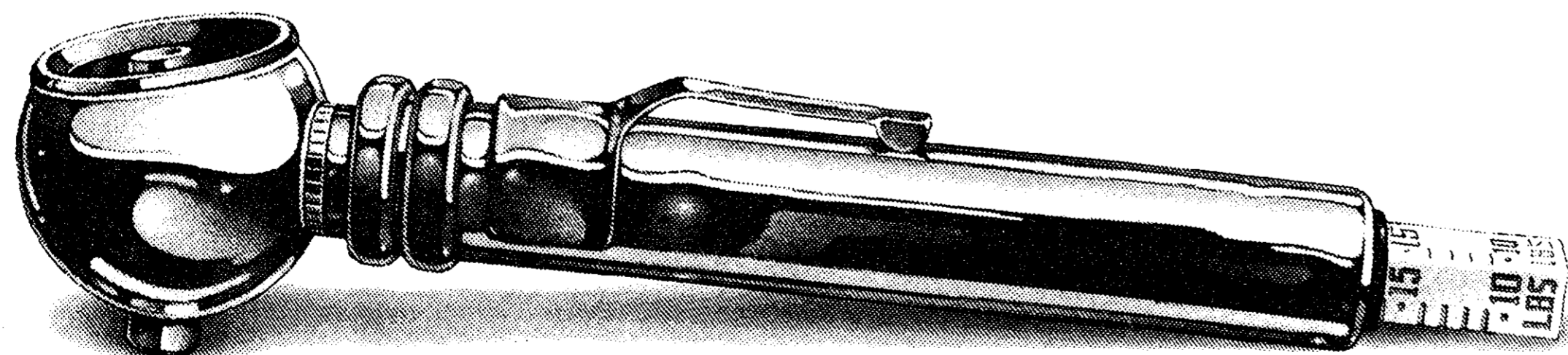
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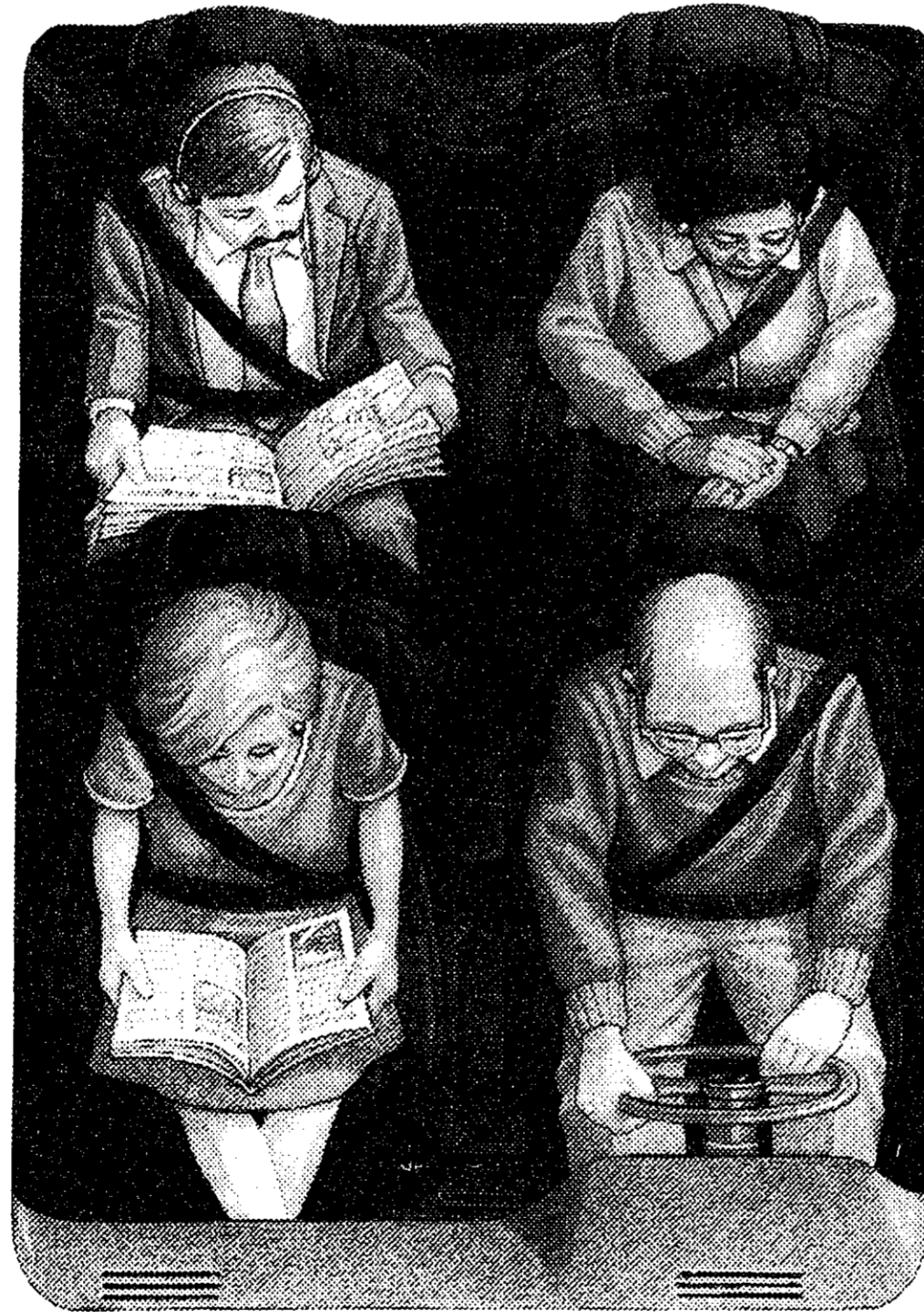


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Stolen cars lost & found at Hilton

Police News

A 1985 conversion van containing over \$2,000 in tools was reported stolen from a parking lot at the Novi Hilton, Oct. 3.

At the same time Novi Police recovered a stolen 1983 Buick Riviera from the lot.

The Riviera, owned by a Farmington Hills woman, had just been reported stolen from Twelve Oaks Mall.

The owner of the van told police he parked and locked his van there around 6 p.m. and returned at 9 p.m. to find it missing.

The Riviera was parked in the space next to where the van had been parked.

QUIL: A 30-year-old Redford man was arrested for OUII, Sept. 23 by Michigan State Police.

The man was traveling on westbound I-96 near Novi Road at 1:55 p.m. when police noticed his vehicle weaving, according to reports. The

HARASSING PHONE CALL: A female employee at a furniture store in Novi reported Oct. 2 that she received a harassing phone call at work.

The woman told police that the man on the phone came into the store Sept. 9 and had apparently masturbated onto a display couch near the

front corner.

The employees said they did not realize what the man had been doing until he left, although they had noticed he was "acting nervous."

The woman said she answered the phone Sept. 30 and a man who asked for her in particular began to describe the incident.

She said she hung up on him and he did not call back.

LARCENY FROM AUTO: Two residents on Cranbrook in the Lakewood Parkhomes reported burglaries from their vehicles Sept. 24.

The first resident reported that someone entered his car through an

unlocked rear door and took his car phone and radar detector.

The second reported her portable television/radio stolen from the front passenger area of her car.

LARCENY FROM AUTO: A guest at the Sheraton Oaks hotel reported Oct. 2 that miscellaneous surveyor's equipment was stolen from his truck.

Police said the unknown suspect smashed a rear window and broke into the vehicle.

LARCENY FROM AUTO: A resident on Lamier reported Oct. 2 that his golf clubs and drill were stolen from his 1991 Pontiac Grand Prix.

Police said the incident took place between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. The owner was unsure whether his vehicle had been locked.

Citizens with information about the above incidents are urged to call the Novi Police Tip Line at 349-5887.

State police budget holds steady



Jack Moulik commands the State Police post in Northville

shut supervisors — sergeants who work each shift.

What are some of your administrative duties?

Moulik: It entails personnel matters, what we are going to be doing and how we are going to be doing it — the overall strategy of our operations.

What was your budget this year?

Moulik: In the past our budget has been limited to contractual services, supplies and materials. That's heat and lights and those kind of things. Last year, that part of it was \$105,000.

What is the main expense?

Moulik: Salaries and wages, without a doubt.

What percentage of that \$4 million to \$5 million is wages and salaries?

Moulik: Salaries, wages and overtime account for about 90 to 92 percent of that.

How does your budget compare with other nearby posts such as Farmington Hills or Romeo? Are they about the same?

Moulik: Proportionate to the number of people they have, no.

Do you have one of the busier posts in the state?

Moulik: That's true. This is one of the top two or three posts in the state in terms of activity.

Right now, other than the Detroit freeway post, in terms of personnel, it's the second largest in the state.

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Accident at Beck/Eight injures two

By MIKE TYREE Staff Writer

A 48-year-old Pinckney woman was hospitalized Oct. 3 with injuries suffered in a two-car collision at the Eight Mile/Beck Road intersection.

Township police said the woman was driving a Mercury Marquis eastbound on Eight Mile at about 8:15 a.m. Oct. 3 when a Ford pickup driven by a 24-year-old Canton man drove through a stop sign on northbound Beck Road.

The woman's vehicle struck the pickup, injuring her and causing extensive damage to her vehicle.

The woman was hospitalized at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor. The man was driving a Lucas Nursery and Landscaping Co. of Canton company truck. He was transported to Providence Hospital in Novi with minor injuries.

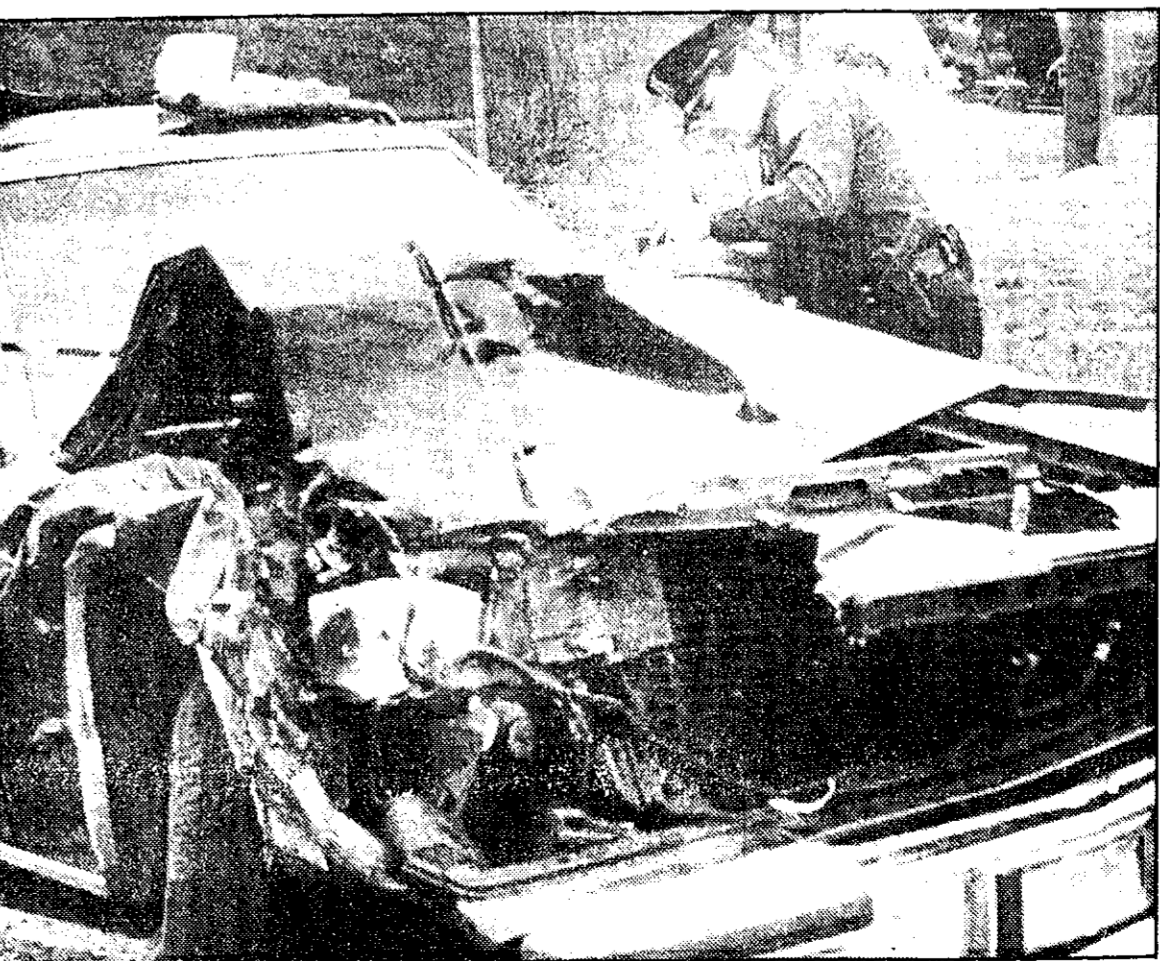
Police said the Canton man was cited for disobeying a stop sign.

The accident was the fifth reported at the Beck Road/Eight Mile intersection since the stretch of Beck between Seven and Eight Mile was resurfaced and opened in late August.

Northville Township police said.

Stop signs currently are posted on north- and southbound Beck Road.

The intersection is slated to be equipped with a traffic light later this year.



A 48-year-old Pinckney woman was injured in a two-car collision at Beck and Eight Mile

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Breakfast for Brett: A pancake breakfast to raise funds for Brett Schneider, the 6-year-old injured by a downed electrical wire, will be held on Oct. 26 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Spirit of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, 40700 Ten Mile Road.

Organizer Mary Bolme said the Novi Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will be selling the \$3.50 per person tickets, as well as working the event. Bob Evans of Novi is donating pancakes and sausage — and chefs. McDonald's on Haggerty Road in Novi is also providing pancake mix, coffee and orange drink.

To buy a ticket, grab the nearest Boy Scout. Or for further information, call Bohme at 349-1555.

Superintendent search closes: Novi schools closed its superintendent search Oct. 1. A total of 85 candidates submitted applications. Trustee Raymond Byers said the total number could be slightly higher if some expected applications arrive in the mail soon.

Byers leads a three-person superintendent search committee. The committee will now meet with district consultants to narrow the field of candidates.

Sometime in mid- to late-November the board is expected to meet in open session to interview finalists.

Debaters recognized: Five Novi High School debaters won awards at debate camps this summer.

Alan Stevens won the final tournament at Ferris State University's camp. Adam Lambertus also received an award at the Ferris State camp.

At Wayne State University's debate camp, Randy Jupp made it to the semifinal level, Kristin Moretto made it into the quarter finals, and Todd Pfeiffer received a trophy.

Tom Crowley, Vanessa Zizza, James Kovacs, Ryan Pfeiffer and Brendan Best also performed well at debate camp this summer, debate boosters report.

The debate team brought victories home from a Central Michigan University tournament on Sept. 14.

Novi High School hosts the Kensington Valley Conference Debate League this year with competitions on Nov. 5, 12 and 19 from 2:30-6 p.m.

Tulip time: October planters bring spring flowers. The Novi Garden Club will be sinking 1,000 tulip and daffodil bulbs outside of the Novi Civic Center on Thursday, Oct. 10 at 10:30 a.m.

If you'd like to get your fingers dirty too, you're more than welcome to join in the City Hall Beautification Project.

The Novi Garden Club meets the third Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. If you like gardening, good conversation and fun, call President Elinor Holland at 477-7913.

Future meeting topics include: Oct. 15 — make dried flowers and herb wreaths; Nov. 19 — create a Thanksgiving arrangement with pumpkins; Dec. 17 — an hors d'oeuvres and dessert exchange.

Heart smart: The Novi Fire Department is offering free blood pressure tests beginning Saturday, October 12 from noon to 4 p.m. at Fire Station One, 42975 Grand River Avenue.

From then on, residents can drop in anytime for the free tests at any fire station from Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. In addition, Fire Station One will continue the Saturday noon to 4 p.m. schedule.

The tests will be conducted by the department's emergency medical technicians.

The program's starting up as a community service, Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan said. "We've got the equipment and the people here."

Home Watch: The Novi Police Department is beginning a new service to the citizens of Novi called Home Watch. Effective immediately, Novi residents who will be away from home for several days can request increased patrol activity in their neighborhood and added attention to their residence by calling the Novi Police Department's Crime Prevention Office at 348-7100.

Citizens will be asked their address, departure and return dates, and a local resident who can be contacted in the event a problem is detected. The resident will be sent a package of information informing them of several things they can do before leaving to help keep their property secure while they are away.

How green was my Novi: On October 5, Novi will spell re-leaf with 12 new trees behind the Civic Center.

The annual fall planting day is sponsored by the Novi Rotary and Global Relief, a national organization dedicated to putting up trees.

Anyone who wants to help city forester Chris Pargoff and the Rotarians plant the 12 saplings by the Power Park ballfields is welcome to lend a hand at 10:30 a.m.

For more information, call Pargoff at 347-0495.

Ring around-the-clock: Consumers Power Metro Region's customer service center will now have a phone line open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, the firm announced recently.

The Royal Oak-based customer service lobby at the utility's 46000 Coolidge Highway headquarters has also extended its hours until 6 p.m. on Thursday and Fridays and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

Consumers Power made the switch to make it easier for customers to reach Consumers Power with billing and service requests, a company spokesperson said. Consumers supplies natural gas to customers in the Novi area.

Cluggin' the night away: For the first time, Novi Parks and Recreation is now offering nighttime clog-dancing classes. High-stomper can go through the paces on Tuesdays until Nov. 26 — and it's not too late to sign up.

The evening session for beginners is at 6:30-7:45 p.m. and costs \$24 for Novi residents. An intermediate session and an open dance drop-in runs from 8-10 p.m. at a \$2.50 per week charge.

The daytime howdown still gets down on Mondays and Wednesdays. For information, call 347-0400.

Living with a worst-case scenario: The Novi Fire Department has recently published a brochure on how to cut your losses in the event of a fire. Advice includes how to inventory your goods, pet care, cleaning and salvaging tips, smoke odor reduction and clothing and furniture restoration.

For information, contact the fire department at 349-2162.

Novi arts council: The Novi Arts Council will be launching a new program this January, holding a dinner-dance to raise money for a new scholarship fund of the Arts Council and to help raise money for future programming. The event has been scheduled for Jan. 18 at the Hotel Baromette. Information and tickets will likely be available as early November.

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 more things change, the more they remain the same."

Alphonse Karr, 1849

Like our commitment to outstanding community newspapers for example.

It was only a couple of weeks ago that we changed our name from Sliger/Livingston Publications to HomeTown Newspapers. But you've probably noticed that nothing else has changed. We're still bringing you the same excellent community newspapers that you've learned to depend on for everything you need to know to live in your home town.

The Michigan Press Association (MPA) hasn't noticed much difference since we changed our name either. In fact, the MPA acknowledged our continued commitment to excellence by awarding us a total of 21 awards in the recent Better Newspapers Contest. That makes HomeTown Newspapers the most honored newspaper chain in the state. Here's a look at how we did.

The South Lyon Herald: 1st place - Use of Graphics; 1st place - Special Sections (Neighbors), 2nd place - Local News Reporting, 2nd place - Editorial Pages, 3rd place - General Excellence

The Milford Times: 1st place - General Excellence, 1st place - Local News Reporting, 1st place - Sports Coverage

The Northville Record: 3rd place - Sports Coverage, 3rd place - Lifestyle/Family Section

The Novi News: 2nd place - General Excellence, 2nd place - Feature Stories (Bob Needham), 2nd place - Sports Coverage, Honorable Mention - Lifestyle/Family Section

The Livingston County Press: 1st place - Lifestyle/Family Section, 2nd place - Special Sections (Neighbors)

The Brighton Argus: 2nd place - Use of Graphics, 2nd place - Lifestyle/Family Section, 3rd place - Use of Color, 3rd place - Feature stories, Honorable Mention - Sports Picture (Scott Piper)

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As We See It

Enforcement, planning needed on East Lake

For longtime residents of Novi's lakes area, accepting the changes in the city has been no easy adjustment. It was not so long ago that the shores of Walled Lake were ringed with charming summer cottages, and East Lake Drive was a placid country road.

But things are different now. Those charming cottages are no longer seasonal retreats; they are full-time residences. And many more homes, condominiums and apartments have sprung up in the area north and east of Walled Lake. It remains one of the fastest-growing areas in Southeast Michigan.

Along with that growth has come the inevitable increase in traffic through the lakes area, made worse by the I-96 expressway and shopping districts around Twelve Oaks and in Walled Lake.

To residents of East Lake Drive this isn't news. They need only look out their front windows to the line of cars and trucks streaming up and down the roadway every day, most traveling in excess of the posted 25 mph speed limit. Residents have complained for years of speeding cars, knocked-down fences and injury accidents. In the wake of disabling injuries to 10-year-old Marcus Hesano, the Novi City Council took action.

East Lake Drive is now closed to through traffic from Thirteen Mile Road to Fourteen Mile Road for the next 90 days. Left turns are restricted on Erdwell and East Lake at Thirteen Mile. Paramount is also closed to all but local traffic.

It's unfortunate that it took a tragedy for the city to react to life, but now that the wheels are in motion, we hope they keep turning. A 30-day report on the impact of the traffic measures will be filed, but we can already predict the results. While there may be a reduction in traffic volume and accidents, the restrictions may prove meaningless and their benefits only temporary without aggressive enforcement and further action.

Think about it: To determine if a driver is violating the through-traffic restriction, he must be tailed the length of the road by police. Furthermore, residents allege that most cars now traveling the roadway are speeding. If the police up until now haven't been able to catch the speeders, how are they going to catch other violators?

Police must make a commitment to reducing traffic and speeds on East



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Lake. If it takes a patrol car at each intersection and radar traps every inch of the way, so be it.

The City Council must do its part as well. Issuing stickers to identify the vehicles of area residents would be a big help to patrol officers, and could perhaps be accomplished in concert with the Lakes Area Residents Association.

These measures cannot remain a permanent part of the landscape, however. While we all want East Lake Drive to be a safe place to live and drive, we must remember that it is a public roadway. We fear that closing the road, or making it a private thoroughfare, will be one more step toward turning Walled Lake into a private pond, accessible only to those who live alongside it. The amount of public money that goes into the lake and the roads around it make them part of the public domain.

City Council Member Martha Hoyer suggested that the city's Walled Lake Sector Study could be hurried through to completion. We stand behind this proposal as well, in the hope that it yields creative intermediate solutions to East Lake's adversity.

Looking further down the road, if you will, we can foresee that the extension of Decker Road from Thirteen Mile to Novi Road may well bear much of East Lake's burden — provided the extension is designed to encourage through travel on Decker, and discourage turns onto Thirteen Mile or Novi Road. Construction of the Haggerty Connector may also alleviate southbound traffic destined for I-96 and southeast Novi.

But both of these projects are years from completion.

Until then, one thing is certain: A wait-and-see attitude, which has been recommended to the city in prior studies, is unacceptable to people who call East Lake home. The city took a proactive stance by closing East Lake to through traffic. Between now and the completion of nearby thoroughfares, the city must anticipate the needs of the area and act accordingly.

As You See It

Support Vet's Memorial

To the Editor:
It has recently been brought to my attention that there is a proposal to be presented to the citizens of Novi which would request their support in building a Veterans Memorial Facility. It is also my understanding that this building would be utilized in support of the many worthy veteran and civic organizations which contribute immeasurably to the community.

I would like to extend to you, the chairperson, and all others committed to this project my enthusiastic support of such a notable endeavor. As a lifelong resident of Novi, and

an active duty member of the United States Navy (12 years), I cannot think of a more worthwhile and creditable opportunity, which is also a testimony to all residents of the sacrifices which the men and women of our Armed Forces have made in support of home and country.

I would urge the citizens of Novi to support this proposal, and it is my hope that upon my return home following three years in Okinawa, Japan, that I may be able to utilize this Veterans Memorial Facility in some way.

R.A. Faulkner Jr.
RPCS/WI, USN

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

This newspaper welcomes letters to the editor. We ask, however, that they be issue-oriented, confined to 400 words and that they contain the signature, address, and telephone number of the writer. The writer's name may be withheld from publication if the writer fears bodily harm, severe persecution, or the loss of his or her job. The writer requesting anonymity must explain his or her circumstances. Submit letters for consideration by 4 pm Monday for that Thursday's paper. We reserve the right to edit letters for brevity, clarity, libel, and taste.

The week prior to an election, this newspaper will not accept letters to the editor that open up new issues. Only responses to already published issues will be accepted, with this newspaper being the final arbiter. This policy is intended to be fair to all concerned.

Submit letters to: Editor, The Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167.

A little chest-thumping



Phil Jerome

This one's for me, folks. Most — almost all — of the time, I try to write columns which (hopefully) are interesting and amusing. But every so often I take advantage of the 10 inches I get on the editorial page every Monday to write something for myself. And one of the weeks I write something for myself comes just about this time every year.

What's happening is that Oct. 6-12 is National Newspaper Week — a week for celebrating the role of newspapers in a free society. You know, Freedom of speech. Freedom of the press. All that heavy stuff. The thing is that I feel really good about my chosen profession... that what I do for a living is really important to the people of Novi and really important to this rather remarkable concept of government called democracy.

And I feel particularly good about community newspapers — particularly the one you're reading.

Does that mean I think we're perfect? That we're doing as good a job of covering government, schools and the community as well as we ought to be? Not by a long shot. That's not a put down, merely an assertion that I want us to constantly strive to improve.

There are some pretty alarming trends out there in the journalism business. And, even though they've been developing over a long period of time, they seem to have become more pronounced.

What I'm talking about is the trend toward sensationalism, best illustrated by the popularity of such television shows as *Hard Copy*, *Inside Edition* and *A Current Affair*.

What's disturbing is that the same emphasis on sex and

violence appears to have permeated Detroit television news and has just about taken over the front pages of the Detroit dailies as well.

With all the important things going on in the state and the world right now (for any other time for that matter) does the PeeWee Herman story rate above-the-fold coverage? Does the Liz Taylor wedding merit front-page exposure? What made the editors decide to run that story about the prostitute/nymphomaniac from Florida on Page One?

The answers, I'm afraid, are not very pretty. The answers, I suspect, have a lot more to do with market share, finances and economics than they do with journalism or the public's right to know.

Which brings me back to what I was saying about feeling particularly proud about working for a community newspaper in general and *The Novi News* in particular.

Look at last Thursday's paper, for example. The front page alone had stories about traffic on East Lake Drive, a proposed 300-foot tower off West Road and how Novi schools are adjusting to changes in the mathematics section of the Michigan Education Assessment Program, not to mention the first in a six-part series of profiles of the city council candidates.

Not a single PeeWee Herman story among them. I don't mean to suggest we're not concerned with "market share, finances and economics." We have to be. If I had my way, there would be city ordinances requiring every resident to subscribe to *The Novi News* and every merchant to advertise in *The Novi News*.

But that's not likely to happen and, in the meantime, I will settle for the comfort associated with being a part of a newspaper which treats people like responsible citizens instead of leering perversities. Hey, it's National Newspaper Week, and I'm celebrating.

In passing

By Hal Gould



'Twins'

A pair of flower girls prepare for their mother's wedding at M1 Race in Northville.

8 Mile takes dangerous turn



Rick Byrne

Sometimes I think I'm a truck driver who just got too damned much education. For some inexplicable reason, I just love to drive.

I'll drive ridiculously long distances, like a recent 500-mile trek to North Carolina that I covered solo. I regularly drive to New York City to visit Mom.

But any driving I have to do on Eight Mile road is too much. I know I've covered this subject in this space before when a chunk of the roadway the size of a telephone book leaped up and mauled my tire.

However — and this is no news to anyone who travels Eight Mile — things have gotten worse. First, let's take another look at the pavement. Chunks continue to come up like hair off a shedding dog. Road crews have gone through and cold-patched the deepest craters, though there is no truth to the rumor that they found a guy in a Volkswagen driving aimlessly around the bottom of one of them.

Just east of Meadowbrook Road, a couple of "speed bumps" have sprung up out of the pavement in the last few months (despite the fact that we haven't gone through any freeze-thaw cycle during that time). Someone with a twisted sense of humor has since come along and painted

them white. Not a bad idea, really. I learned to drive in New York City, where potholes are such an accepted part of the landscape that people give them pet names.

I spent the better part of the last 10 years in Ann Arbor, where they imported a device from Brazil that used lasers to measure the severity of the bumps in the streets — and the streets broke the machine.

Never — NEVER — have I seen any road as broken up and neglected as Eight Mile in Northville and Novi.

Lately, though, Eight Mile has become not just an annoyance. It's become a hazard. And if things keep going as they have been, it could turn fatal.

We've previously said on this page that the intersection of Eight Mile and Beck needed a traffic light. With the paving of Beck between Seven and Eight Mile, the volume of traffic has grown faster than spring crabgrass.

And now accidents are starting to increase. There've been five at the Beck/Eight intersection since the completion of the paving. The most recent appears in this edition. For all of last year, there were just two accidents at that intersection.

In a coming edition of this paper, we'll be taking a deeper look at the traffic situation at Beck and Eight Mile, with comments from all the communities involved. It should be an eye-opener.

As for me, I can say that if things don't improve, the next time I use Eight Mile will be to move out of town.

Police post holds steady

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How has the budget cut affected this post?

Moulik: The biggest impact this year is in our supply of materials that we would have normally purchased within the year.

We've gotten what we needed to operate. Operationally it hasn't had an impact on us. We've still been able to do the job.

What it has meant, more than anything, is managing the resources a little more closely than we have in the past. By that, I mean vehicle mileage. We basically lease our cars from the Department of Management and Budget motor transport division. We pay them so much a mile for the privilege of driving the cars.

In past years, if we had a 30 percent increase in mileage or 30 percent decrease in mileage... it wasn't something we had to watch closely. This year, we had about enough money in the budget to drive our cars roughly the same number of miles we did the year before.

Only to the fact that we had about the same number of people here, it was relatively easy. Had we had an increase in people, but had to live within the same mileage budget, that would have created a problem.

But, basically it's a matter of monitoring it and making sure that we don't go over. It's a matter of managing the resources.

What the budget situation has done, is to make us manage our resources better. More closely monitor, make decisions about how we are to expend those resources and not just assume that they are available to expend.

What is the outlook for your budget in the years to come?

Moulik: I suspect they are going to stay tight as long as they economy stays tight.

Even though it's going to be a tight budget this year for the state police we aren't going to have a whole lot of slack in it. From everything I've heard and seen, we are probably going to be in better shape than a lot of other agencies.

Some departments are still taking cuts. We are at least, at this point, (running on) a continuation budget. We aren't going to be able to improve anything, but at least the services won't deteriorate.

Is there a point when services would be affected with continuation budgets?

Moulik: The biggest thing that makes our services deteriorate is the number of people that we have. That's our main resource, our people.

We don't produce a product. Our main resources are people. Every year, as a department, we lose through retirement 50 to 100 sworn officers. If we don't have the ability to train new officers to take their places, ultimately that's going to have an impact on our ability to deliver service.

If we go a year or two or three years, depending on how many we lose through retirement, and we don't have the ability to replace them, yes our service is going to deteriorate, there is no question about that.

We've been fortunate so far, in that we haven't had to lay any people off.

Administrative personnel were given several days off this summer to save money. Do you feel that was effective?

Moulik: It probably did save some money. However, in my job as an example, when I'm not here the things I need to do don't get done. There is nobody to step in and take my spot when I'm not here to do my job.

So these furlough days did have a negative impact?

Moulik: They had a negative impact to the extent that we are in the throes, and have been for the past six months, of putting together the dispatch center. Obviously that robbed me and my assistant and my secretary of four days of doing those type of things.

Yes, it has an impact. It didn't have an impact that the person driving down the freeway would notice, but yes, it had an impact in trying to get what we need to do done.

Have you heard anything about further furlough days in the new fiscal year?

Moulik: It's been rumored anywhere from five to 25, but who knows. There are rules that (Legislators) have to live by when they are deciding on those kinds of actions.

They have to declare there is a budget crisis. They can't say everybody is going to have to take days off next March because we are going to have a crisis. We don't know if there is going to be a crisis next March. That's something that has to be addressed if and when it happens.

Is there a negative feeling among the state police against the Engler administration because of the cuts?

Moulik: No, I don't think so. Generally, the people are pretty loyal and dedicated to what it is they do. They look upon themselves as state police officers and not just as state employees.

Racing hall hopes to spark finances

By SCOTT DANIEL
Staff Writer

Detroit Tiger Manager Sparky Anderson won't be there, but that doesn't mean Wednesday night will be without spark at the Novi Expo Center.

An organizational meeting of the Society for the Preservation of American Racing Knowledge (SPARK) will be held at the center beginning at 7 p.m. The group will be dedicated to the growth and vitality of the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America.

According to Organizing Chairperson Maggie Champagne, the group will be the fund-raising arm for the shrine. She said officials are hoping SPARK will increase interest in the hall.

"We would like to see as many people as possible get involved," Champagne said. "It's necessary to develop a cadre of volunteers."

The meeting will be used to familiarize SPARK members "with the work of the museum," she said. Committee members will also be established to help organize upcoming hall events.

"They will be hands-on people," Champagne said. One such event will be the hall's

first major fund raiser. The event, which was first planned for next month, will be held in January.

A motorsports display, which will include powerboats, dragsters and Indy cars, will be featured at the fund raiser. Scheduled guests, thus far, include Tom D'Eath, a hydroplane champion, and NASCAR rookie sensation Ted Musgrave.

Champagne said the event was moved back to accommodate guests and hall officials' schedules. She added that the extra time would help to produce a better fund raiser.

SPARK members will act as hosts for racing celebrities for events. Champagne said. At the hall's annual induction ceremony, she said, members will drive racing legends around town.

Champagne anyone interested in participating should attend the meeting. She added that there is no age requirement for SPARK members.

"Anybody that has an interest in promoting Novi or the Motorsports Hall of Fame should come," Champagne said.

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Eleanor & Ray Heald/Wine

Lead content is no cause to be alarmed

Since early August, there has been significant misinformation in the press about lead levels in wine. Together with totally misleading statements, there have been insinuations that leave the reader questioning.

"Even the lead capsules on bottles are under scrutiny," one writer remarked. This is poor journalism because the issue was not explained in the story.

As a health-conscious consuming public, you should be aware of the facts that put the lead issue into perspective.

Nearly all foods contain trace amounts of naturally-occurring lead introduced predominantly from ground water, soil and the atmosphere.

The Food and Drug Administration is concerned about levels of lead in food products, but has yet to establish specific standards for regulating lead content.

The FDA Total Diet Study lists fresh and processed foods that contain lead. These include green leafy vegetables, legumes and root vegetables, fresh fruit, grain and cereal products.

Studies currently in progress suggest that California wines have less lead than many commonly consumed foods and much of the nation's drinking water. The Environmental Protection Agency standard for drinking water has been 50 parts per billion of lead, based on the consumption of one-half gallon of water per day over a 70-year period.

California wine contains about 21 parts ppb of lead, about the same as an average-size chocolate chip cookie! By comparison, a navel orange contains 33 ppb and fresh or frozen spinach has 39 ppb.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the national regulatory agency for wine, beer and spirits, has performed tests on over 500 foreign and American wine samples over the past two years.

The agency released its study findings in August with a disclaimer (that we rarely saw in press commentary) stating that the survey was incomplete and no inference should be made about a product because it was selected to be analyzed.

Consumers do not risk ingesting harmful amounts of lead from wine. A wine drinker is exposed to less lead from wine than from many other foods and drinking water. Wine is not consumed by infants and children — the groups thought to be at greatest risk from excessive lead exposure.

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WINE SELECTIONS OF THE WEEK

1990 Benziger Fume Blanc (\$11) is one of the most appealing renditions of sauvignon blanc we've tasted. It has attractive, tropical fruit aromas and flavors with vanilla oak accents. The solid palate is designed for food, yet makes a delicious pre-meal sipper.

1990 Riverside Farm Chardonnay (\$7.50) Each vintage, it gets to be the exception rather than the rule, that a lower-priced California chardonnay has good flavor. This gem, produced by Fopplano Vineyards, has toasty notes over tropical fruit with gentle touches of vanilla. The flavorful marriage of fruit and oak is exceptionally attractive at its price.

1989 Kenwood Vineyards Jack London Vineyard Zinfandel (\$17) is always in the winner's circle. Ripe, balanced black raspberry aromas and flavors abound in this approachable red wine. Place it with grilled chicken or beef — it's most versatile.

1989 Robert Pepl Colline di Sassi, Sangiovese Grosso (\$30) represents one of the best wines in California's new Italian varietal craze. Expensive, due to its rarity, it will be released on Columbus Day, Oct. 12. If you are a collector or just inquisitive, get your request in with your favorite retailer now. Bright fruit is the dominant feature of the wine that receives solid structure from 12-percent cabernet sauvignon in the blend.

In-cider Information

Area cider mills hard-pressed this season

By RICK BYRNE
Copy Editor

Let's be honest here. The best thing about fall in Michigan isn't the changing of the leaves. Oh, the Fall Colors get a lot of hype, but in reality, the leaves change color pretty quickly and they're on the ground within about two weeks of the first frost. Don't blink or you'll miss'em.

No, the best thing about fall in Michigan is the apples. Whether its trees are green, or orange, or bare, Michigan's apples are always big, fat and juicy come harvest season. That's when it's time to head for the cider mill.

This area is privileged to be home to two operating cider mills — Foreman's Orchards and Cider Mill at 50050 W. Seven Mile Road in Northville Township, and Parmenter's Northville Cider Mill at 714 Baseline Road.

This season, Parmenter's is under new ownership. Rob and Cheryl Nelson and Mel and Diane Jones took over the mill at the end of August from the Bodker family who had owned it for 24 years.

In fact, the Nelsons and the Joneses are old family friends of the Bodkers, so it's almost like the mill is staying in the family.

"Our parents all went to high school together," Diane explained. "Mr. and Mrs. Bodker will be staying on with us through the first year to

see us through. Before the Bodkers bought the mill in 1967, it was owned and operated by generations of Parmenters, dating back to 1873. It is believed to be Northville's oldest retail business. And the original building, with various additions, was used until 1977, when it was destroyed by arson.

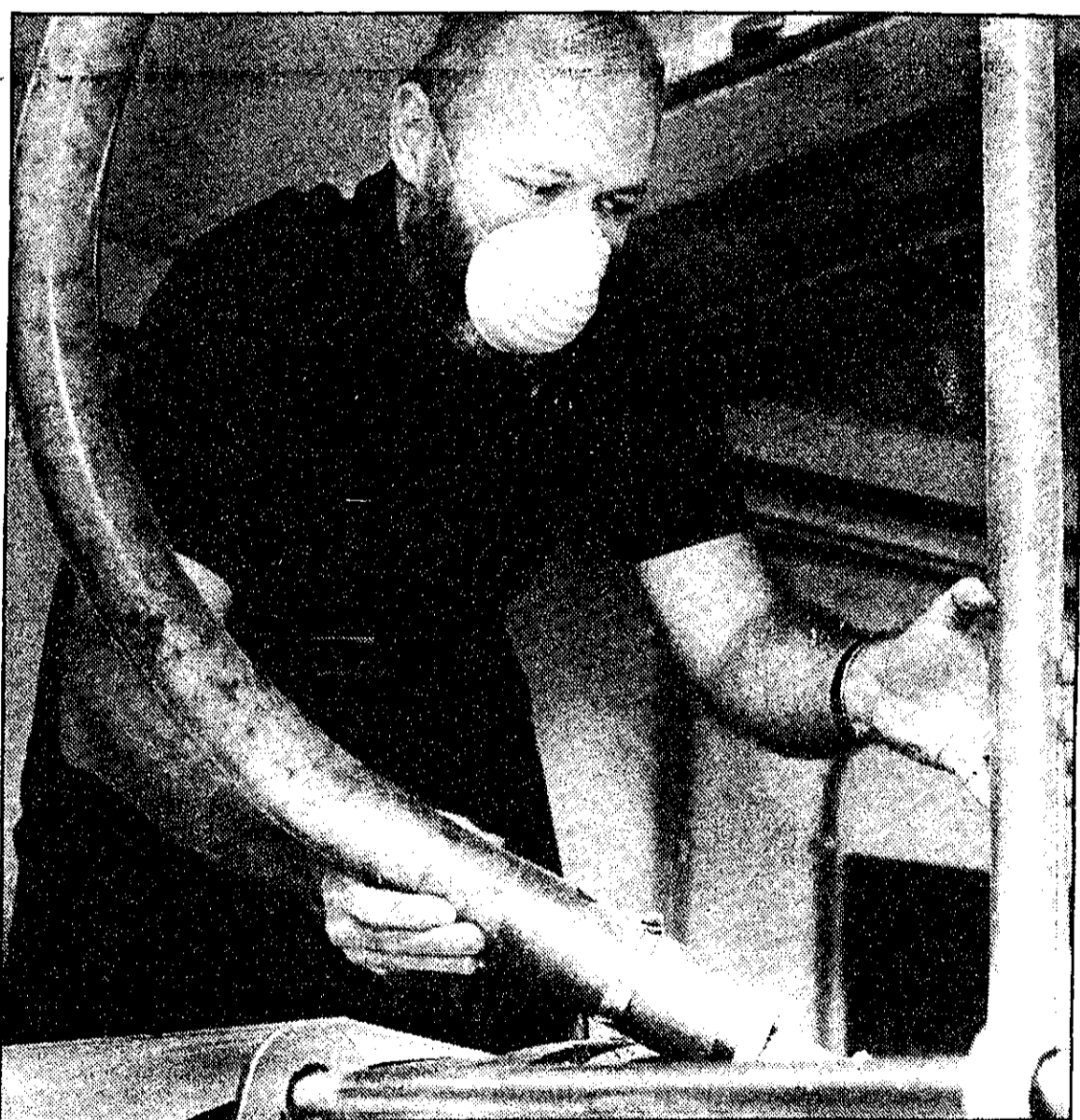
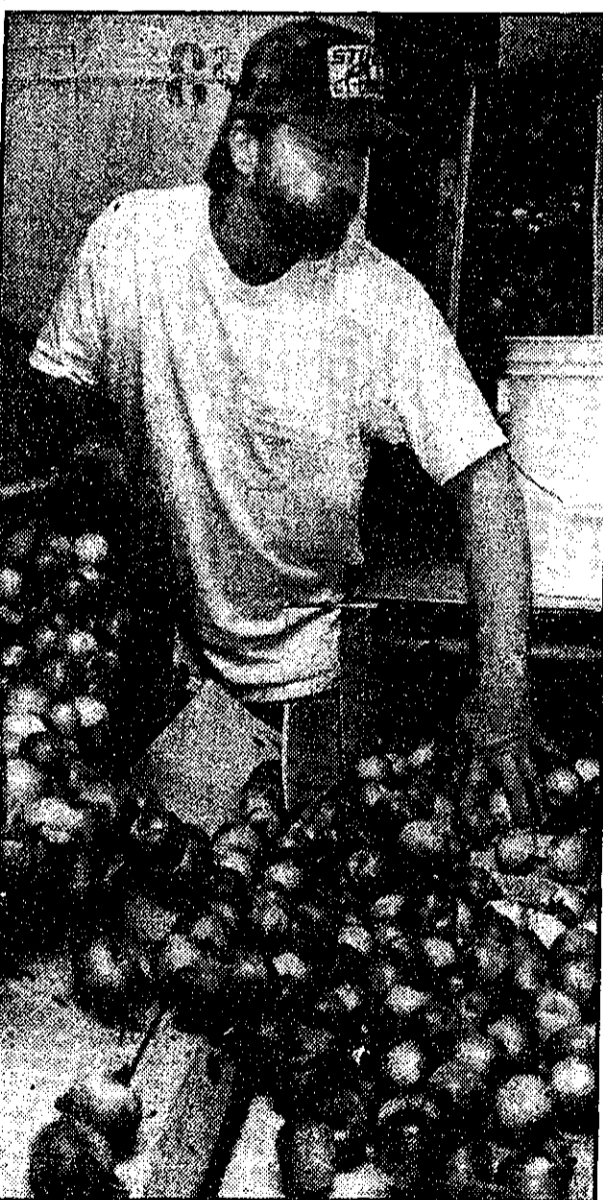
The Bodkers rebuilt the mill from the ground up, since very little was salvagable. Drawing on his experience as a dairy operator in the Redford area, Vern Bodker designed and built the clean and efficient cider mill that you can see in operation today.

"The important thing is keeping the cider cool," said Rob. "It will turn to vinegar if it's not refrigerated. Refrigerated cider has a shelf life of seven to 10 days, depending on a number of factors. But if it's not kept cool you'd be lucky to have it last two days."

So from the minute the cider is squeezed from the apple pulp and sent into a holding tank, to the time it's handed across the counter to a customer, Parmenter's cider is refrigerated at a temperature between 30 and 40 degrees.

Bodker's machinery makes pressing the cider look fairly simple. In fact, the whole operation fits in a space about the size of a two-car garage. Everywhere you look, there is stainless steel and spotless concrete.

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At right, Pat Hunter prepares Caramel Apples for sale at Parmenter's Northville Cider Mill. The process of cider-making begins with sorting, below, before the apples are loaded into the press, below right.

Photos by BRYAN MITCHELL

Lois Thieleke/Home Economist

Comfort foods come on like a warm blanket

Hot homemade soup, old-fashioned pudding, fresh-from-the-oven bread or biscuits, or anything chocolate are all comfort foods.

These seem to evoke fond memories of foods you loved as a child. We never seem to outgrow the taste for these delightful comfort foods as we think of the simple pleasures in life. Take care making your comfort foods memorable.

In a hurry for your pudding comfort? Use the microwave. Microwave cooking of pudding occurs from all sides rather than only the bottom. This eliminates the possibility of scorching. For added convenience, measure, mix and cook pudding in a four-cup glass measure.

You may have given up on pudding thinking it is too fattening. Make some changes. Use skim milk, egg substitutes, cut down on sugar by adding more vanilla and use reduced-calorie margarine. The pudding will

still be good and smell as wonderful as you remember.

The "queen" of old-fashion pudding is bread pudding, blending lemon and vanilla flavors. Old favorites also include rice, tapioca, vanilla or chocolate puddings. (Homemade, of course.) Basically, pudding comes in two versions, top of the stove or baked.

For a top-of-the-stove pudding, use a double boiler, being careful that the heat is not too high or the egg will toughen. Baked versions are set in hot water in the oven. Bake until they are "set." The water allows for a gentle heat to avoid the break or curdling of the pudding.

When fresh from the oven, steaming-hot bread or biscuits say, "Welcome!" The aroma alone gets the memories going. Yeast breads are easy to make and now you can use the microwave to cut the rising time in half.

Place the yeast dough in a well-greased microwave bowl, grease the top and cover

loosely with wax paper. Set the bowl in a baking dish and pour hot water to the depth of about one inch in the bottom dish. Microwave at medium-low (30 percent power) two minutes, let stand in microwave for five minutes. Repeat this procedure three times or until dough is doubled in bulk. Give the dish a quarter turn after each microwaving period. If the top looks dry, carefully turn the dough over in the bowl.

Fiber-rich whole grains give breads and biscuits a robust flavor. For a light and flaky biscuit, handle the dough as little as possible. Too much mixing makes them heavy and tough. The most tender biscuits are made with solid fat such as shortening or butter. Biscuits should be cut close together, leaving as little dough as possible to reroll. Do not knead the scraps. Simply press together, reroll and cut. Too fattening for your diet? Try to serve steaming hot. There is no need for additional butter and jam.

A simmering pot of soup is a welcome, comforting sight any day. Serve soup in mugs to spark appetites and offer comfort. The secret to flavorful soup is the broth or stock. A tasty broth can be prepared with little effort. To make a great broth let the mixture simmer slowly. If the liquid boils the broth will be cloudy.

Add vegetables and herbs for extra flavor. Carrots and onion deepen the color of the broth and add sweetness. Remember to strain several times and remove fat to make a lighter and healthier broth. Chilling helps to degrease broth and stock. The solidified fat can be easily removed before reheating. Soups make large batches, so the enjoyment can continue, especially since many taste better the second day.

The above comfort foods are healthier than the following one but certainly not tastier. Small amounts once in awhile. What

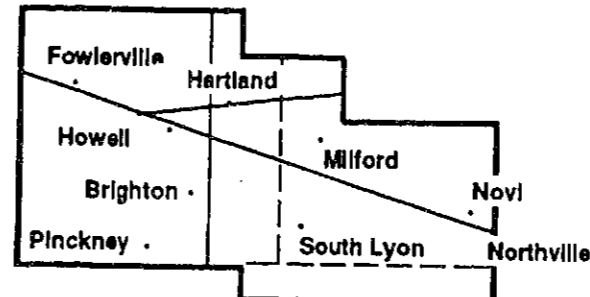
can it hurt? Just like kids, many of us will eat anything as long as it has chocolate on it. A real chocolate fantasy would be not only a bar but a chocolate dessert filled with chocolate and frosted with chocolate. That's comfort!

Chocolate scorches easily, so take care to melt slowly over hot water. When moisture gets into melting chocolate (even a drop of water), it hardens, stiffens and turns grainy. Then you have a problem. Keep containers and utensils bone dry and melt uncovered so no steam can condense and get into the chocolate. Whether you eat the chocolate chips right out of the bag or wait for the chocolate product to get done, there is no doubt chocolate is a comfort food.

Everyone seems to have a food or foods that mean comfort by representing a fond memory of childhood. On a stress-filled day, try one of your favorite comfort foods.

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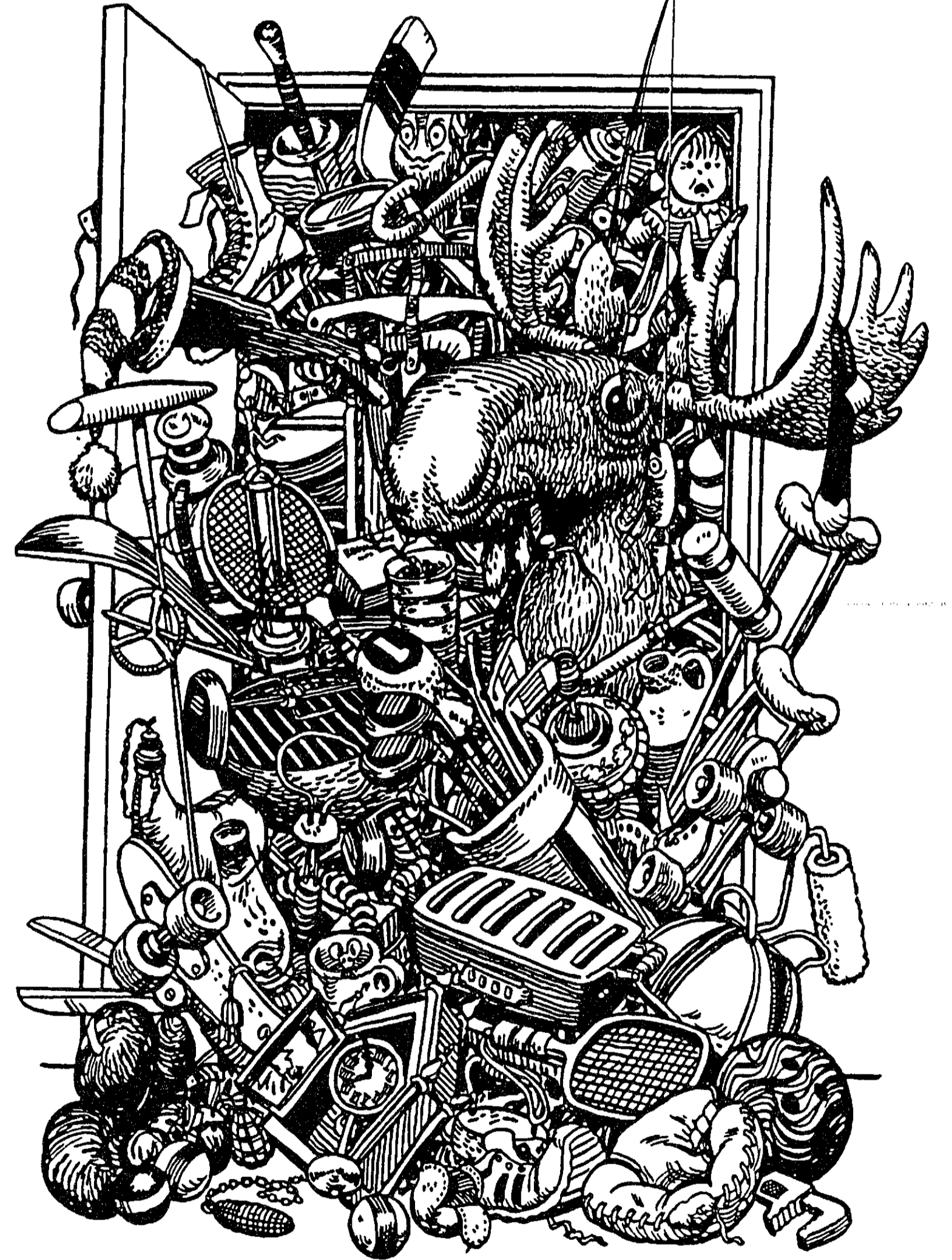


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