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## I-96 Inferno

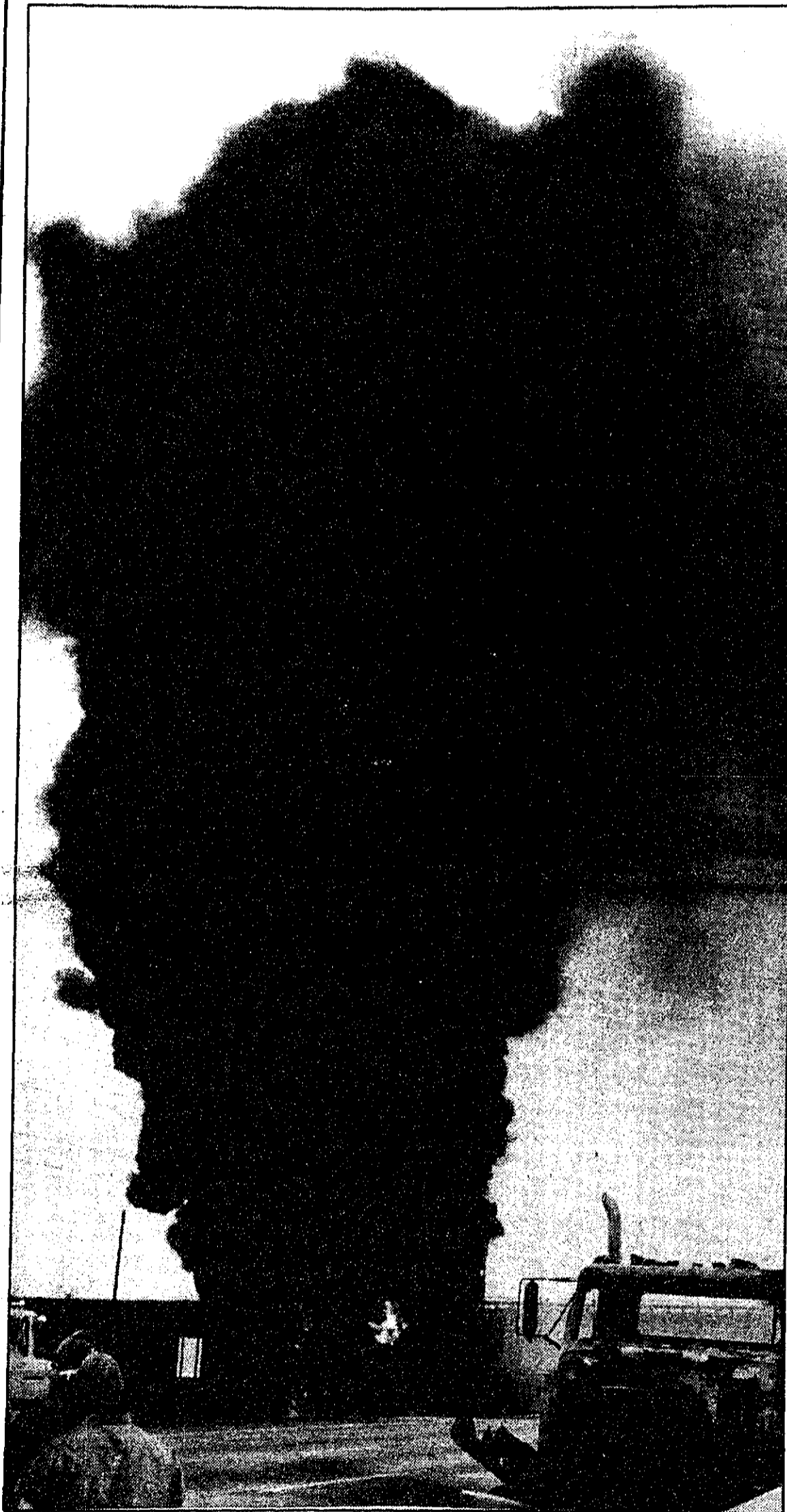


Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

John Ziants was unable to escape the fiery crash of his tanker truck Tuesday. In the foreground, the burned out cab of the truck sits against the center divider while the trailer continues to burn on the side of the road.

## Tire blow-out sparks highway holocaust

By JAN JEFFRES and SCOTT DANIEL  
Staff Writer

John Ziants II never had a chance. The 32-year-old Novi man was behind the wheel of 13,000-gallon fuel tanker truck Tuesday morning when the left-front steering tire on the tractor-portion of the truck blew. The fuel compartment was torn open at the Meadowbrook overpass, flooding I-96 with gas.

Ziants was traveling west-bound, less than a mile from his Highland Hills Estate home, when the petroleum ignited. He perished in a 600-foot long wall of flames that consumed the tractor-trailer, seared the Meadowbrook Road overpass and raced a half-mile through the highway's sewer system, spitting out flames through manholes.

"A guy got out of the truck. It looked like he drove into the wall. He was on fire when he got out. He was alive when he got out, he collapsed to the ground, then there was no movement," said Fowlerville resident Bob Wolf, who was driving east on the freeway when he saw the explosion.

Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan said Ziants was apparently dead when firefighters arrived on the scene minutes after the 11:13 a.m. accident. It would have been impossible to save the man, he added.

Bystanders said the intense heat made the truck unapproachable.

Ziants, a driver for M & L Petroleum of Mt. Pleasant was transporting 6,000 gallons of diesel and 7,000 gallons of gas from a refinery in Taylor.

He lived in a mobile home with his fiancée, Judy Esser. Ziants worked for the trucking firm for two years and was "well-liked" by his co-workers, a receptionist said.

"The whole area was burning where the product burned. . . All kinds of things could have happened. It was unfortunate there was the one fatality but there could have been a lot more," Lenaghan said.

"It blew fuel and hit us like a tidal wave. It was liquid when it hit us. Then it ignited," survivor Carl Ullig recalled shortly after fuel from a ruptured diesel tanker engulfed the pickup truck he was driving. He and passenger Ted Wiley escaped the blaze with only singed hair. The story is on page 13.

The smoke and fire of Tuesday's tanker disaster on I-96 at the Meadowbrook overpass could be seen for miles. More photos are on pages 12 & 13.

"It (the burning fuel) blew off a couple manhole covers. There was some concern about the accumulation."

Far luckier than Ziants were Sterling Heights resident Carl Ullig and New Baltimore resident Ted Wiley, who drove together through the hellish stretch of highway and lived to tell about it. (See related story on page 13.)

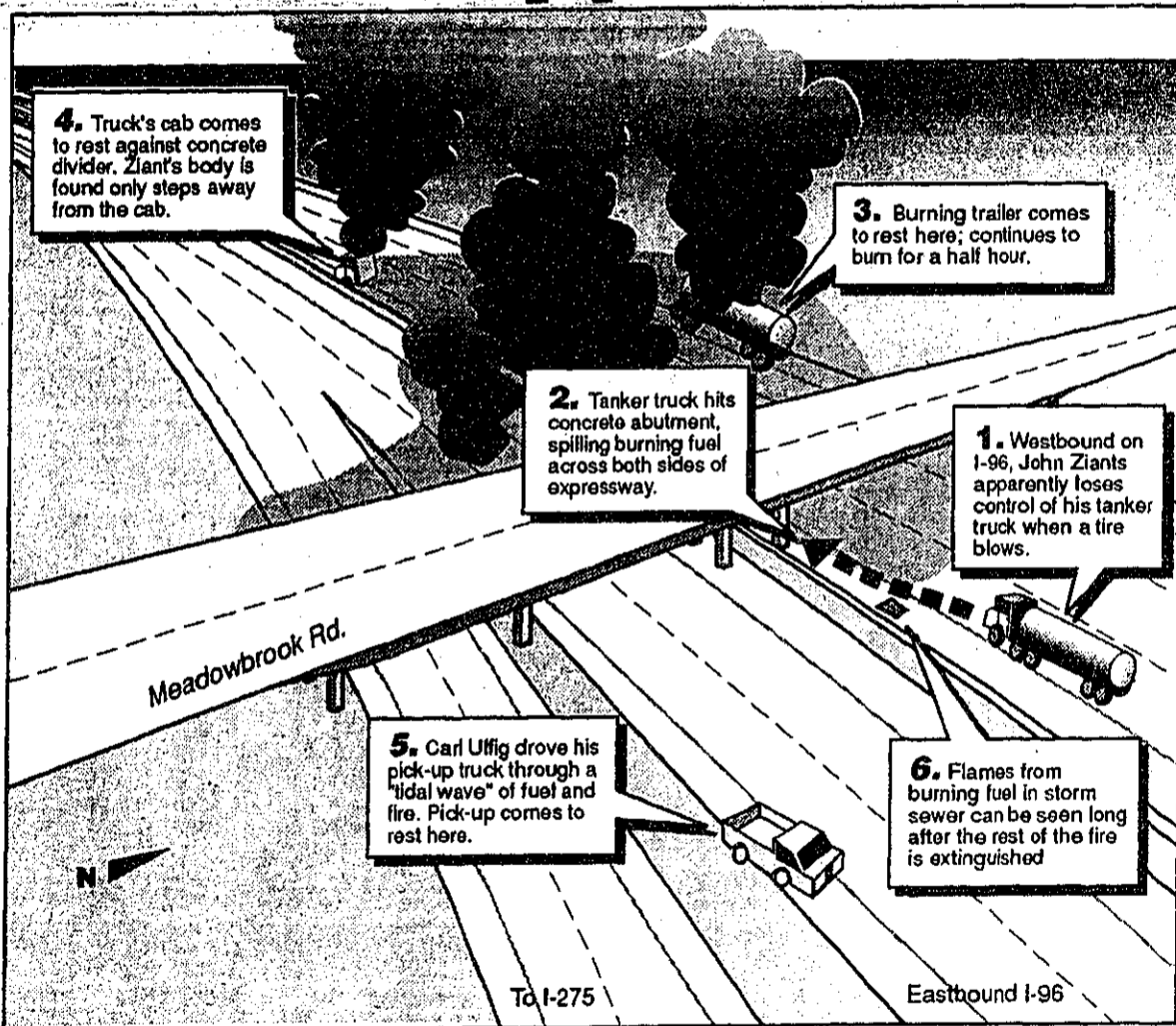
"All you could see here was a big ball of fire. The heat was too intense to get down to the cab to save anybody," Wiley said.

The Modern Engineering employees were traveling eastbound when the fuel swamped their pickup truck and ignited. They managed to jump to safety when the flames died down.

A car and a van were forced off the road by the fire, but the passengers were uninjured.

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## How it happened



Graphic by ANGELA PREDHOMME

## Three in running for top schools job

By SUZANNE HOLLYER  
Staff Writer

The school board on Tuesday took one giant step forward in selecting a superintendent to fill the shoes of retired Superintendent Robert Piwko.

The names of three male superintendents currently employed with school districts in Michigan were announced after a month of inter-

viewing by a consultant and school board committee.

The search, which began in June, resulted in a field of 87 applicants. That was narrowed to 12 semi-finalists and again to 3 finalists.

Kenneth Harper, Emmett Lippe and Jon Reynolds will be interviewed by the school board in open session on Nov. 21, 22 and Dec. 5.

School board Trustee Raymond Byers said at

a Saturday board workshop held before the names were made public that any of the three selected by the committee would be able to serve Novi well.

Byers chaired a search committee that interviewed nine candidates. The meetings were closed to the public and to school board members not on the three-member committee.

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## Plug pulled on holiday parade plans

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

The parade's passed Novi by, for 1991 at least. The Novi Chamber of Commerce recently decided to hold off on plans for a holiday parade until next year. This will give the organizers more lead time, chamber Executive Director Connie Mallett said.

"The board of directors decided not to do it un-

less we could do it right. We just didn't have the funds," she said.

"We had too short a period of time. We were trying to get bands. We doubted we had enough time left to do a decent job."

The chamber first began looking into the idea early this year. A Sunday, Dec. 1 date was set, with a parade route snaking through the city's major shopping centers, Twelve Oaks, Novi Town Center and West Oaks. Santa Claus tenta-

tively made room in his appointment calendar to accept the key to the City of Novi at that time.

But parade-planners had difficulty making a connection with the Detroit Thanksgiving parade management, said Mallett. They had hoped to rent floats from the bigger event.

The chamber's under-achieving Halloween Express also played the role of the grinch who stole Christmas. Mallett said the attendance of

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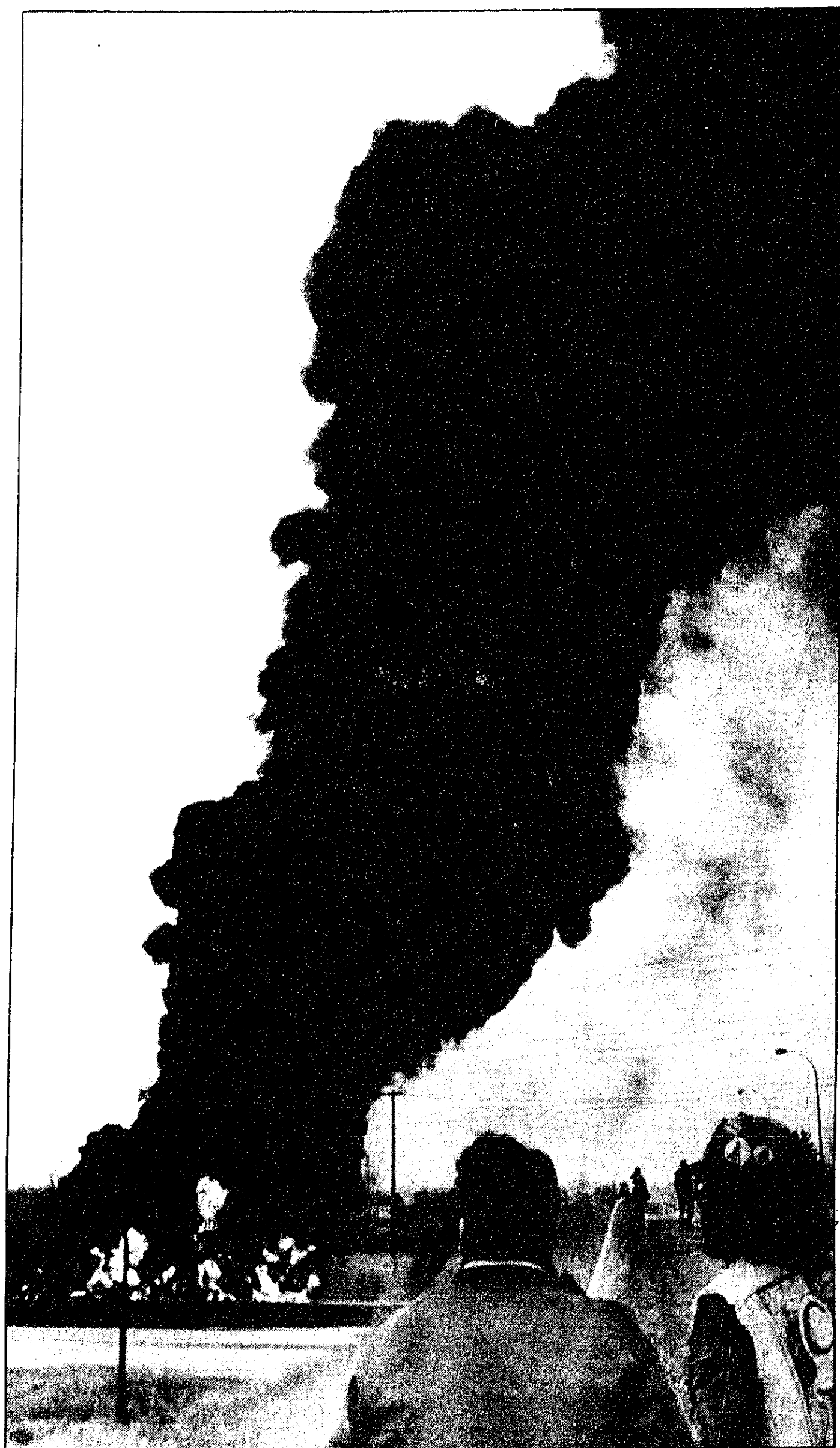












The scene from Meadowbrook Road. At one point, flaming fuel from the tanker spread across all lanes of I-96, on both sides of the Meadowbrook overpass.

## I-96 inferno kills trucker

Traffic snarled for hours by cleanup

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The 150-foot high torch could be seen from Twelve Oaks mall. Heavy black smoke darkened the sides about Nov. The diesel fuel burns "sooty," Lenaghan said.

The fire was out within the hour. The Michigan State Police in Northville are currently investigating the accident. No fault has yet been determined.

"We are looking at the vehicle for mechanical failure," Sgt. Larry Richardson said.

Marine Pollution Control finished pumping out the diesel fuel and gas from the highway's water runoff system Wednesday. Petroleum was skimmed from the ditches.

"A guy got out of the truck. It looked like he drove into the wall. He was on fire when he got out. He was alive when he got out, he collapsed to the ground, then there was no movement."

Bob Wolf  
Fowlerville resident

A geologist will test the soil at the scene and determine how much—if any—needs to be removed, Marine Pollution Control spokesperson Bert Falbaum said. A state permit will be needed to remove the dirt.

This work will be charged to the trucking company, Lenaghan said.

"Because the ground is not frozen, this has been absorbed into the soil," he added. The aftermath of the accident led to major traffic snarls, with segments of west-bound I-96 closed until 9 p.m. The east-bound freeway was closed until 4 p.m., as was a portion of Meadowbrook Road.

Michigan Department of Transportation investigators found no structural damage to the blackened Meadowbrook Road bridge over I-96. A non-electrified Detroit Edison line was shaken to the ground by the fire.

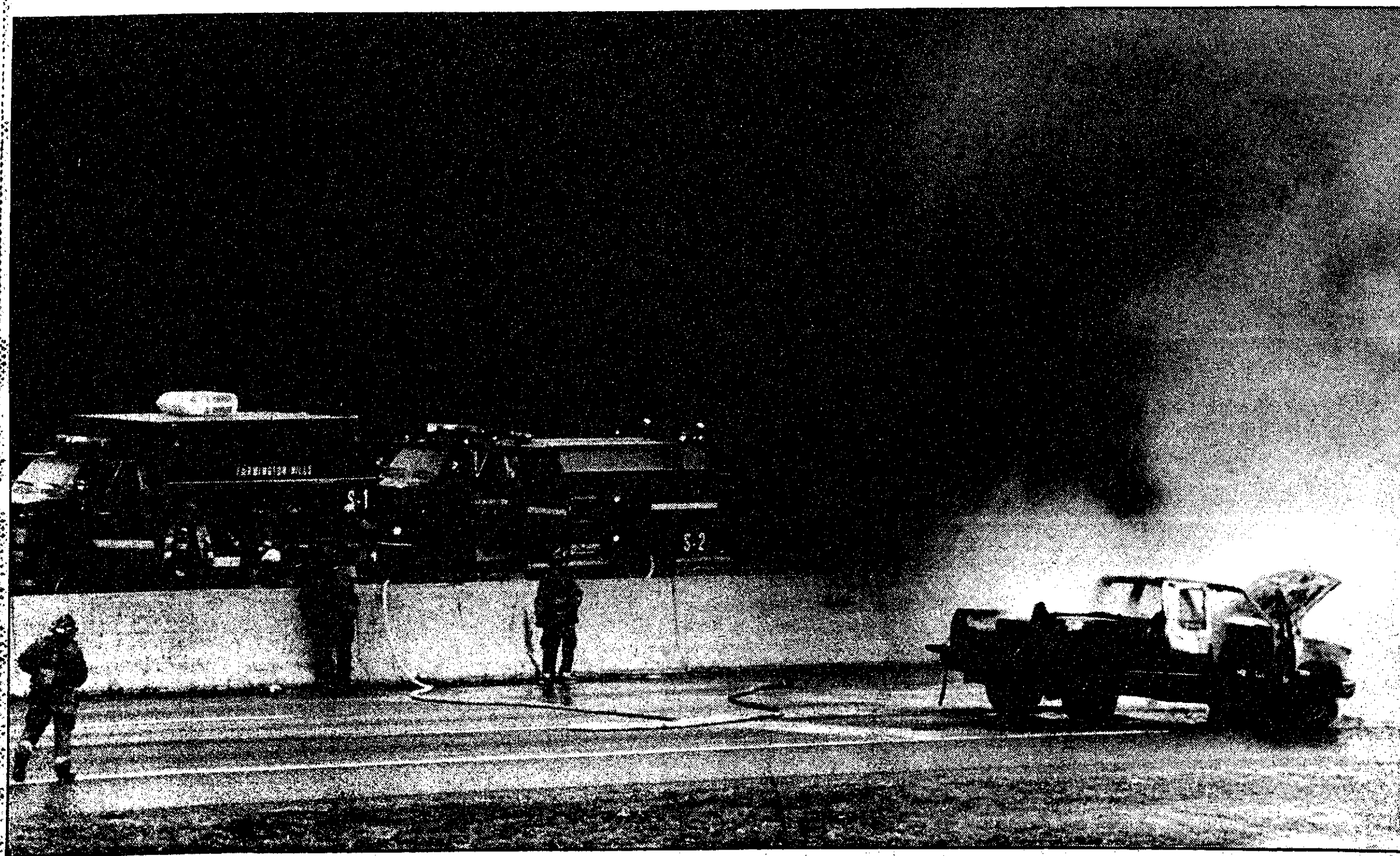
The highway remains charred, with patches of the concrete spalling off 300 feet west of the overpass.

Ziants lost control just east of the overpass. The tanker careened across two lanes of traffic, striking the bridge's pillar with the fuel compartment.

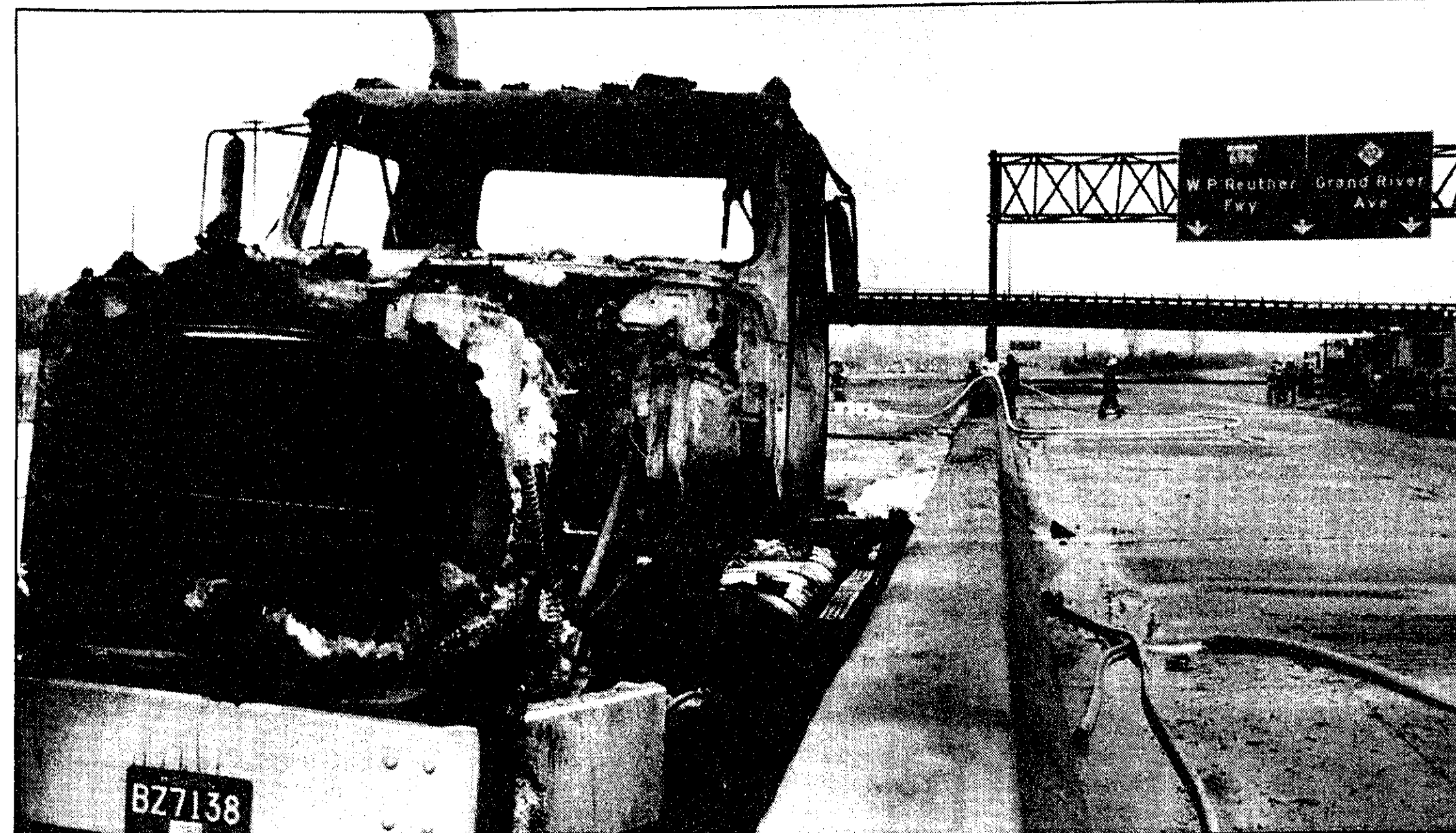
The tank then jackknifed and separated from the cab, rotating until it stopped in a ditch just north of the shoulder of the road. The cab continued along, scraping against the median.

"It was like a flamethrower," Richardson said. Fire departments from Commerce Township, Farmington Hills, Walled Lake, Wyom and Northville assisted at the scene or filled in at Novi's fire stations.

Photographs by  
Bryan Mitchell



Carl Ulfig drove this pickup through a "tidal wave" of fuel and flames. Although the pickup was gutted, Ulfig and his passenger escaped with nothing more than singed hair.



The aftermath of the collision. Driver John Ziants apparently lost control when a tire blew and his truck hit the center divider.

## 'All you could see was a big ball of flame'

By JAN JEFFRES and SCOTT DANIEL  
Staff Writer

"It blew fuel and hit us like a tidal wave. It was liquid when it hit us. Then it ignited," survivor Carl Ulfig recalled shortly after a ruptured diesel fuel tanker turned I-96 into a 600-foot long inferno.

Singed hair was the only injury suffered by Ulfig Tuesday when he leaped — along with passenger Ted Wiley — from the fireball that swallowed up his pickup truck.

The force of thousands of gallons of fuel billowing over the I-96 median knocked the pickup, traveling east in the middle lane, sideways. Ulfig was doing about 55 miles per hour. He managed to bring the truck to a halt on the freeway's shoulder.

The men waited until the flames died down to three feet high before jumping from the vehicle.

"We saw nobody else come through it. I didn't. Ted warned me not to open the door because we were in flames. I saw fire on his legs when he was going out," the Sterling Heights resident said.

Wiley, 48, of New Baltimore, was not burned. But both were cold and badly shaken not long after the accident, which left M & I Petroleum Company tanker driver John Ziants, 32, dead.

"It felt like hours. But it was probably only a few minutes," Wiley recalled. "All you could see was a big ball of flame." Ziants was headed west when a tire blew out.

The incident occurred at the Meadowbrook Road bridge. Ulfig said they feared the truck would flip over the side of the median. Both braced themselves for a possible impact with another vehicle or a roadside ditch. But their luck held out; that didn't happen.

The Modern Engineering Service Company employees were returning to their Roseville base from a business trip to the firm's Novi office.

Ulfig, 39, a tool room supervisor, noticed the tractor-trailer careening along the concrete median. He watched as the ruptured tank and cab "blew-up" shortly after 11 a.m.

Ulfig's window was partially open and some fuel seeped in, igniting and crimping his brown hair. "The kids don't know how close I was," Ulfig said.

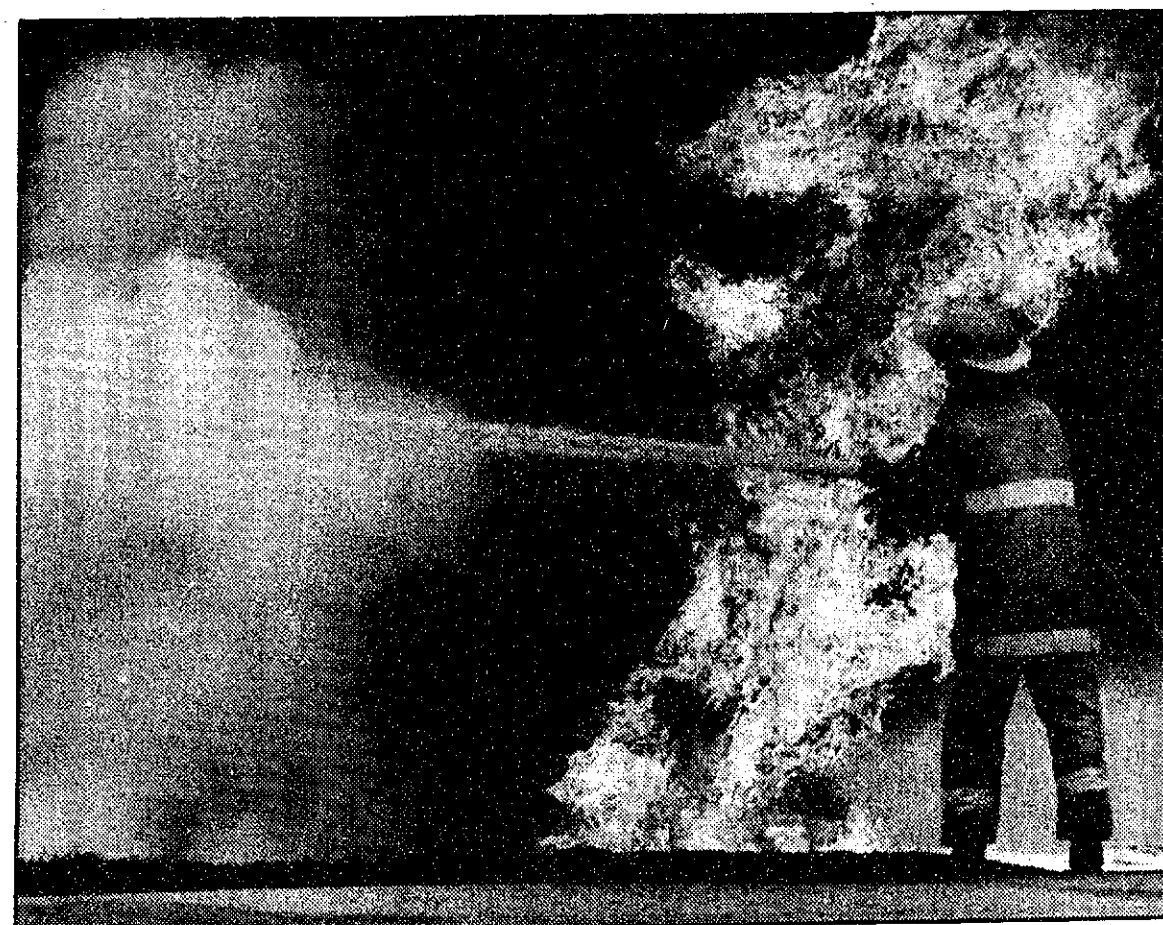
Ulfig said he saw firefighters to aid him in escaping the disaster: "I saw the movie and applied it to our experience. I cut off all the air supply."

The vehicle and its contents were a total loss.

"Anything that could burn in our truck burned. We saw nothing but flames. We couldn't see beyond our truck," Wiley, the Roseville plant supervisor, said.

"We are lucky to be alive. We really are." The two stood at the spot, "freezing our butts off," while firefighters from Novi and elsewhere battled the fire. Smoke — visible for miles — blackened the sky overhead.

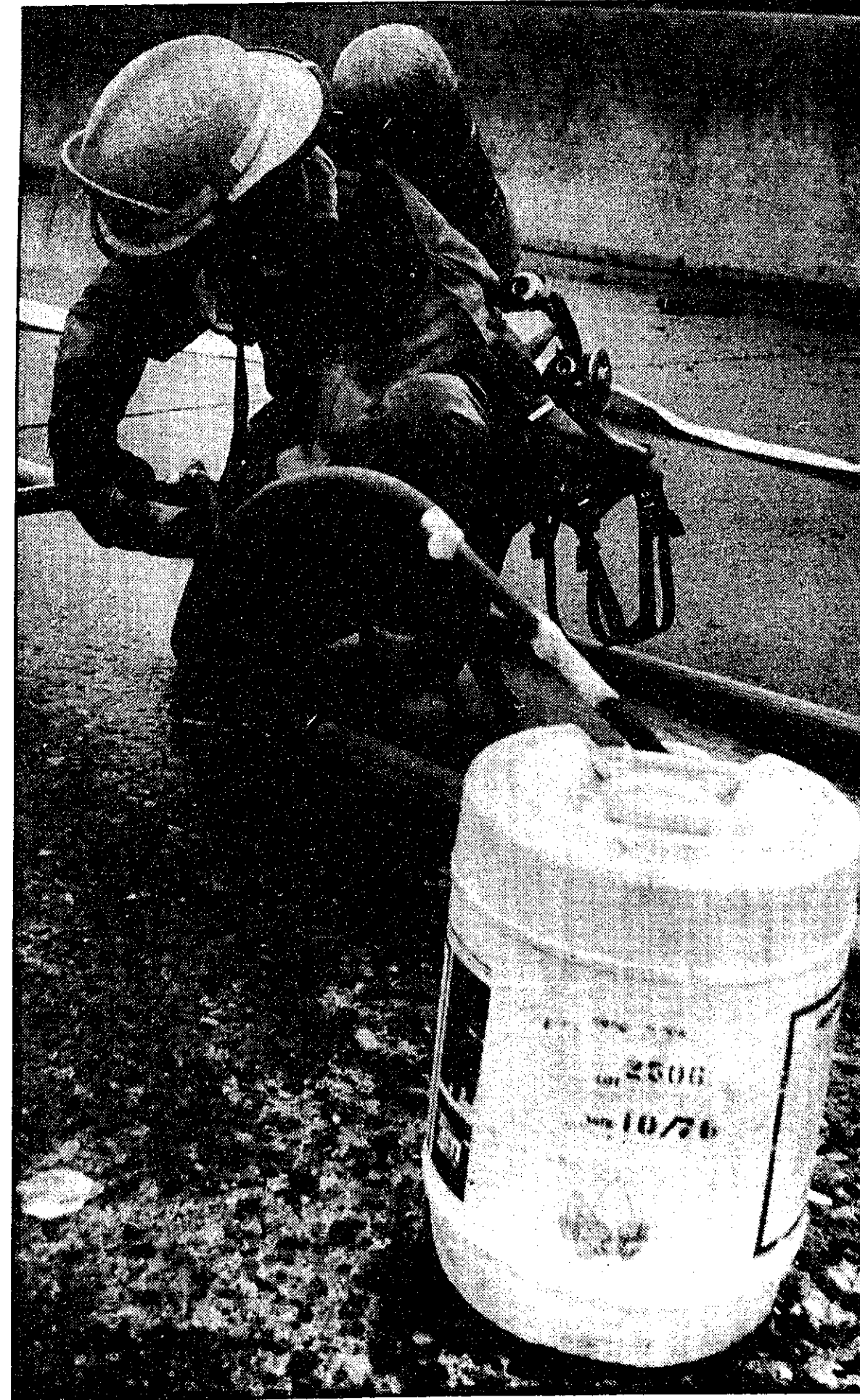
Both praised the Novi police and fire departments' rapid arrival on the scene.



Firefighters had to battle the blaze to keep it from destroying nearby high power electric transmission lines.



Ted Wiley, passenger of the pickup truck, describes how he and driver Carl Ulfig, in background, drove through the wall of fuel and flame.



A Novi firefighter prepares the foam used to fight fuel fires.











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## Death with dignity

Hospice allows terminally ill to share last days with family

By **CRISTINA FERRIER**  
Staff Writer

Maudie Alford is starting to die. Just as her family was told to expect, her body is shutting down. The process of death has begun.

She no longer raises her arms so her nurse can pull the covers over her. That's a sign.

She no longer wants to eat. That's a sign.

Her speech is slowing and becoming impaired. They're all signs.

Outside Maudie's house, the world goes on. People drive to and from work. They eat. They talk and laugh. They shop. They don't know that Maudie will be leaving, her family and friends left with her memories to carry on.

But in spite of the sadness that pervades Maudie's home, she and her family are able to share what little time they have left

together without physical pain and without the emptiness of never having said goodbye.

Maudie is enrolled in Ann Arbor-based Arbor Hospice, one of several area hospice programs that allow dying people in the Northville-Novi area to spend their last days at home with their families. Hospice programs employ skilled nurses who administer enough medication to keep the patient's physical pain at bay, while allowing them to remain alert and able to speak with loved ones.

Lois Housman of Northville is Maudie's hospice nurse. Her bright smile is genuine, and even though she knows her patients will die soon, she allows herself to become very attached to them as well as to their families.

"I think for a hospice nurse to be able to get patients, learn to love them and care for them and then lose them, you have to have dealt with your own losses," she said.

"People always ask me if it's depressing. It's never depressing,"

she added. "Sure, I'm sad [when patients die], and I've cried before, but that's OK because that makes me human. I will be very sad when Maudie dies, because she will be missed here."

"The joy for me and celebration is that I can help a family through this terribly difficult time."

Maudie's family knows that she is in her final stages of life, and they recognize the signs of death.

"Lois told us there would be a stage when this would start to happen, that it's the progress of the disease," said Maudie's daughter, Margie Easley. "They kind of pave the way for us so when it happens we are at least partly prepared."

Maudie has three grown children and so many friends that her house was actually too busy at one point, and visitors had to be limited so she could rest.

"They're good to me," said Maudie. "I have a lot of people who visit."



Primary caregiver Donnie Doolittle (left), and Hospice nurse Lois Housman help Maudie Alford into bed

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Photos by **KAREN LANGER**

Hospice nurse Lois Housman (left) chats with patient Maudie Alford (center), her son Keith Alford and daughter Margie Easley

## Volunteer gains new love of life

By **KELLY McMANUS**  
Special Writer

Each day someone dies. And with cancer as America's leading cause of death, it takes the lives of many.

However, terminally ill patients of cancer are no longer left alone to die in a hospital. With today's hospice program, patients can go home to die in the company of a hospice volunteer.

Carrie Semeyn is one of those volunteers who offers her friendship to cancer patients in their last days of life, usually with only six months or less to live.

Semeyn is a resident of Northville, a mother of four and a wife of 24 years. Semeyn has been watching people die of cancer for two and a half years.

She becomes the patient's friend, companion, and listening ear. She becomes the family's savior. But when that patient dies she loses her friend. Semeyn loses many friends every year.

How does she deal with death every day? Semeyn said that confronting death has given her a new outlook on life, a greater sense of spirituality and a better feeling about herself.

"I leave this house and the kids are fighting and the house is a

mess. Then I get over to somebody's house where a man or a woman is dying of a brain tumor and I think, 'I'm lucky to have this mess to go home to.'"

Semeyn sipped her coffee as she sat at her kitchen table in her home in Edenderry and told a story about one situation in which she developed a close bond to the family of a person for which she cared. "Once I was over at one of my patient's house; the man was dying of a brain tumor. I was sitting at the kitchen table with him and his wife and we just sat there crying all of us. It was so sad," she said. "I become so close to these families that I become a part of them. I really start to love them as if I'd known them forever."

Semeyn said that although death is usually a sad event, it's often a relief as well. "Most of these people just want to die and get out of this life, they're all in so much pain," she said as she glanced blankly outside. "I'm a caring person and I just want to see these people move on."

Not only is Semeyn caring, but she said that she's also a good listener. "Listening is the most important thing. These people are dying, and they need to talk," she said.

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### Volunteer



**TONYA BRANNAN**

## Out of town guests

By **DOROTHY NASH**  
Special Writer

The French Connection is the name of the exchange student program which brought Barbara, a 17-year-old girl from southeast France, into the home of the Brannans — Mark and Tonya and their children, Christopher, age 10½, and Elizabeth, 8 — for three weeks in August.

The Brannans and 21 other Oakland County families hosted 17-year-old French boys and girls.

They provided room and board and showed them the American way of life through group activities Tuesday through Thursday and family living the rest of the week.

In describing some of the group outings, Tonya said, "We went to Lansing, saw the capitol and also Michigan State. The school was really interesting to them. It was so big! And it's not free?"

They went to Boblo. "They loved

dancing on the boat."

Another day, Tonya said, they went to a Tigers game. "They really enjoyed it."

Greenfield Village. "They were bored to death," but one thing they really loved was Fairlane Mall.

"Weekends were a family thing," Tonya said. Barbara worked with the Brannans and their horses.

Once they took her to a wedding. "I got her all dolled up — dressed her in my clothes."

Oh, and one weekend, Tonya said, they took her camping. "This was the favorite thing she did. She swam in Lake Huron and loved it — wavy water without salt."

"I had my hands full," Tonya commented about being an exchange student host, but she said the biggest complaint from everyone was "it wasn't long enough."

For more information or to volunteer for this type of summer program, call Joan Atkinson, coordinator, at 347-1555.

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Although Halloween itself has drifted into memory, its treats may still hang around your home Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

## Halloween treats can destroy diets

Halloween is one of the toughest times for dieters. Forget Thanksgiving and Christmas — the enormous mountains of candy that Halloween provides can cause any sweet tooth to shift into overdrive.

Although Halloween itself has drifted into memory, its treats are likely still hanging around your home. Therefore, here is a stark reminder of their caloric content (all listings are based on a one-ounce serving, unless otherwise noted):

*Baby Ruth* — 130 calories  
*Butterfinger* — 130 calories  
*Brach's butterscotch disks* — 110 calories  
*Brach's Indian Corn* — 100 calories  
*Kraft caramel*, one piece — 35 calories

*Sugar Babies* — 180 calories  
*Twix* — 70 calories  
*Rollo* — eight pieces — 270 calories  
*Oh! Henry* — 140 calories  
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*Tootsie Pop* — 111 calories

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*Milky Way*, 2.15 oz. bar — 280 calories  
*Junior Mints* — 120 calories  
*York Peppermint Pattie*, 1.5 oz. — 180 calories  
*Charleston Chew!* — 120 calories  
*Goobers*, 1.38 oz. — 220 calories  
*Reese's Pieces*, 1.85 oz. — 260 calories  
*Twix*, 1.77 oz. bar — 130 calories  
*Reese's peanut butter cup*, 1.8 oz. — 280 calories  
*Snickers*, 2.07 oz. bar — 280 calories  
*3 Musketeers*, 2.13 oz. bar — 260 calories  
*Tootsie Roll* — 112 calories

Have a nice day.

## Weight loss class offered at Grand Slam

Ellie's Weigh weight loss classes are being held each Saturday morning at 10 a.m. and again at 12:30 p.m. at Grand Slam USA in Novi on Ten Mile Road.

For more information, call 682-1717.

**\$1 Foot examinations:** Local podiatrist Norman H. Brant is offering an initial foot examination for \$1 during the months of November and December.

The funds collected will be donated to Farmington Families in Action. To make an appointment, call 476-0500. Dr. Brant's office is located at 38471 W. Ten Mile Road near Haggerty.

**New Attitude Aerobics:** Registrations are now being accepted for Northville Community Recreation's fitness program New Attitude Aerobics.

A wide variety of classes are available, ranging from beginners' high or low impact aerobics to free weight circuit training. Unique features include: a.m. and p.m. child care, flexible scheduling, easy-to-follow workouts and certified instructors. The one-hour classes are held six days a week, year-round at the Northville Community Recreation building.

For class description, schedules and more information, call 349-0203 or 348-3120.

**Veterans Day run for life:** The community is invited to get out its running shoes and jogging suits for "Run for Life, Veteran's Day '91" to be held on Nov. 10.

The 5K (3.1 mile) run and one-mile walk will kick off at 11 a.m. from the Activities Center at Madonna University in Livonia. Novi Trackers will assist all runners.

The entry fee for the 5K is \$10 and the one-mile walk is \$7. Fee for faculty and staff of sponsoring organizations is \$5. To receive a registration form, call 347-0400 or 591-5166.

Open to everyone, this event will also include health screening tests along with nutrition and health information and health career counseling. Walkers and runners will receive custom T-shirts, medals, ribbons and a special drawing for prizes.

**Aerobic fitness:** Aerobic Fitness is a complete one-hour exercise program designed to improve overall fitness, increase endurance, strengthen and tone muscles. Morning and evening classes are now available.

Six-week classes run continually throughout the year. Fee is \$36 for two classes per week; \$48 for three classes and \$58 for unlimited classes. For locations and schedules, call 348-1280.

## Fitness Notes

**Jazzercise classes offered:** Juli Huddleston has started Jazzercise classes in Novi this month. A unique combination of effective exercise, jazz-movements and popular music, Jazzercise is the number-one fitness program in the world. The 60-65 minute class includes warm-up, a dance-aerobic segment followed by a cool-down, muscle-toning and flexibility exercises and a final cool-down. Huddleston offers classes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 9:30 a.m. and Mondays through Thursday at 5:45 p.m. at Grand Slam USA in Novi. There is a babysitter at all of the classes for a small fee. For more information, call 426-9096.

**Joan Akey's fitness class:** Joan Akey's Fitness Class is now being offered on Mondays (9-10 a.m.) and Thursdays (8:45-9:45 a.m.) at the Northville Community Center. This low impact fitness session uses all new techniques with lively upbeat exercises choreographed to popular music. This class is designed to work every inch of your body, as well as promote your well-being. For registration information, call Joan Akey at 981-6605.

**Open swimming offered:** Northville Recreation Department will offer open swimming at the Northville High School pool on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:45-3:45 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8:15-9:15 p.m. Locker rooms and showers are available. The fee is \$1 per person. For more information, call 349-0203.

**Schoolcraft health club:** If you're thinking of joining a health club, Schoolcraft College has something for you. The Livonia junior college is offering a Health Club and a Gym and Swim program. The health club is designed for families to enjoy unstructured activity in a modern, fully equipped physical education facility. A nominal fee of \$3 is charged per visit and you will have the use of gyms, racquetball courts, weight machines and saunas. A membership fee of \$25 per individual or \$65 per family will

cover the entire fall session. The club meets on Sundays from 1-5 p.m. for 26 Sundays.

The Gym and Swim program is offered on Thursdays and on Saturdays from 8 a.m.-noon. This program costs \$3 per visit on Thursday and \$2 on Saturday, and uses facilities including: the pool, weight training equipment, handball/paddleball courts, gyms and saunas. Call 462-4413 for more information.

**Yoga classes:** Seven-week yoga classes are being offered in Northville. Diane Siegel-DiVita, past president of the Yoga Association of Greater Detroit, is the instructor. The classes will be offered on Thursdays (7-8:30 p.m.) and now Mondays (7-8:30 p.m.) at the Northville American Legion Hall. Yoga effectively trains the body to develop strength, flexibility and balance. Cost is \$28. For more information, call Siegel-DiVita at 344-0928.

**Fitness after 50:** Schoolcraft College's Continuing Education Services is offering a serious physical health course especially recommended for persons over 50. Instruction includes the latest health concepts and conditioning exercises. The 12-week class costs \$59 and is offered in two separate sessions. Call 462-4400 for more information.

**Rent a pool:** For those who like to keep fit by swimming, the Novi High School Pool is available for rent. Groups may rent the pool on Fridays from 7:30-9 p.m. If interested, call the Novi Community Education office at 348-1200 at least one month prior to date requested.

**Health screening:** The Novi Parks and Recreation Department offers a variety of health screening events each week. One is blood pressure screening for senior citizens. This free service is offered each Wednesday in the Novi Civic Center from 11 a.m.-noon.

**Walk at the mall:** People who enjoy walking are invited to use the climate-controlled corridors at Twelve Oaks Mall. Walkers are welcome Monday through Saturday at 8 a.m. and Sunday at 11 a.m. All walkers must register at the Twelve Oaks security office. The lower level track is five-tenths of a mile, while the upper level track is eight-tenths of a mile. A complete trip around the mall is one and one-third miles.

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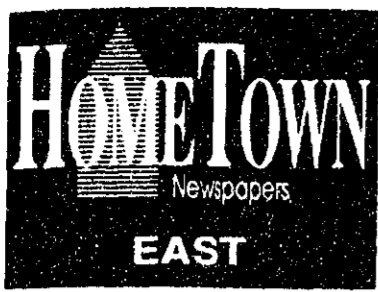
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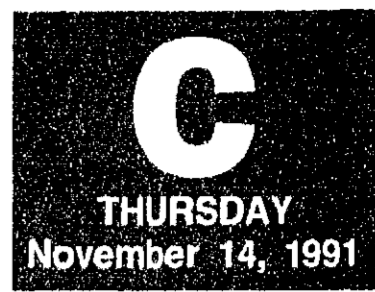
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## REAL ESTATE

### Soviets learn about real estate U.S. style

By James M. Woodard  
Copy News Service

Forty-four Soviet real estate managers arrived for a three week study of our real estate theory and practice. They focused on several regions of the country.

"Russia is beginning to take its first steps toward market-driven real estate development," said John M. Stone, president of Commercial Investment Real Estate Institute (CIREI), hosts for the study group. "The Soviets are at a crucial transition point and, as far as real estate is concerned, they must master our methods of anal-

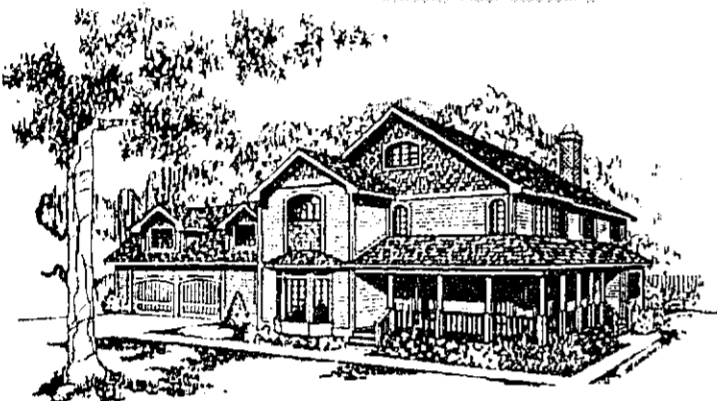
ysis, evaluation and marketing in order to truly understand a free real estate market in their country."

The unique international program started with a special real estate course in Moscow Sept. 10-19 by Institute leaders and instructors. It was the first-ever real estate course in the Soviet Union and produced by real estate professionals in this country.

The course was developed from a CIREI educational program initially launched at UCLA. That course, primarily focusing on real

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## HOME DESIGNS



### Sheppard designed for the large family

By James McAlexander  
Copy News Service

With five bedrooms upstairs, a full spectrum of family living areas downstairs and abundant storage space, the Sheppard definitely is designed with the needs of a large family in mind.

At its hub is a spacious country kitchen, the heart of family life. Like spokes, the family room, eating nook, dining room, utility room and stairway to the upper floor radiate from this center.

No need to miss out on family fun while cooking or cleaning up here. Jutting out at odd angles, the twin eating bars are all that separate the food preparation area from a bright eating nook and a family room large enough for whatever you can think of to put in it—a pool table, a Ping-Pong table, computer and video game center. Whatever.

French doors provide access to the deck from a family room with a fireplace and its own storage closet for games, folding chairs, etc. A walk-in pantry is tucked into a corner of the nook. Glass double doors on the opposite side open onto a long, wide country-style wrap-around porch complete with columns and rails.

Utilities hide behind pocket doors in a room that could be an

exercise room, a den, study or hobby room as easily as a utility room. A chute from the upper floor feeds into the laundry hamper in the corner.

Columns flank the entry arches to the dining room and living room, bringing an ambience of formality to this area in an otherwise informal contemporary home.

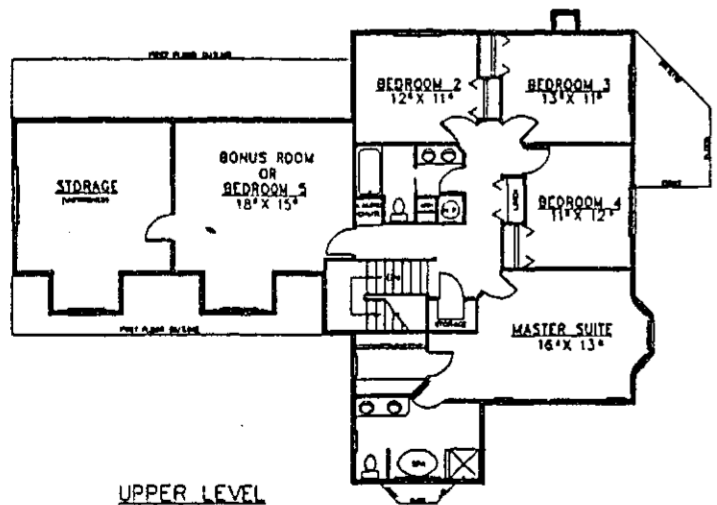
The master suite has all the luxurious amenities, including a large walk-in closet, a spa and double vanity in the bathroom. No need to be shocked by shower water that's too hot or too cold here. The nozzle of this shower is turned on and adjusted outside the walk-in stall.

Four other bedrooms share a compartmentalized bathroom, allowing two or three siblings to bathe and primp at the same time.

The unfinished storage area over the garage has a dormer window to match the one in the bedroom next to it. Combining the two rooms would create a large, bright playroom or studio.

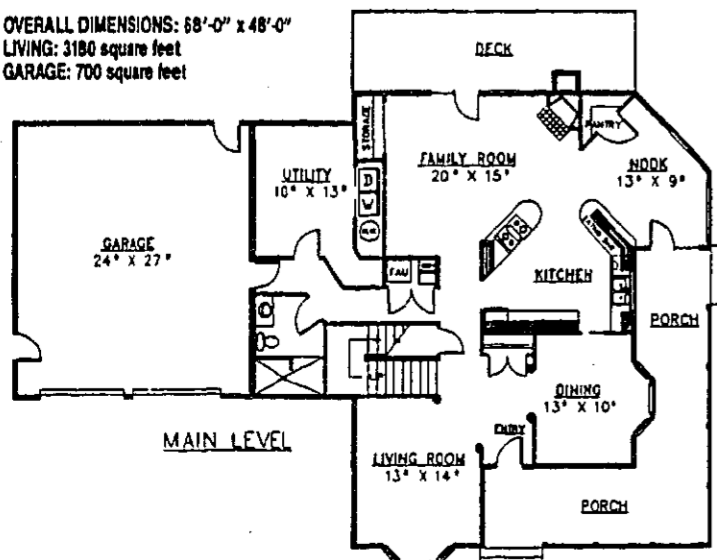
The deep double garage is roomy enough for cars, storage and a workbench.

For a study plan of the Sheppard (400-01), 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.)



UPPER LEVEL

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MAIN LEVEL



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Dennis Flynn (L) and Siegfried Lucka inject a moisture sensitive material into a crack of a basement wall. When it hits water, it expands rapidly and adheres to the concrete surface.

# Cracked up?

If leaky basements are a problem, a new method of sealing cracks may be the way to go

ew things cause a homeowner more hassle than a leaky basement. If, after spending money and labor on pumps and dehumidifiers, you're lucky enough to find the confounded leak, conventional methods of repairing masonry walls are iffy at best, not to mention the fact that they usually include costly excavating.

But a new company called Corrective Systems Michigan has imported a European method which seals cracks and leaks in masonry or poured concrete permanently. In addition, Corrective Systems works without excavating. The process, which involves the high-pressure injection of a resinous material, is almost as quick and simple as having your gas meter read.

The Birmingham company is owned and operated by Dennis Flynn and Siegfried Lucka. Lucka says the system was developed in his native Germany by engineers who wanted a way to seal rock fissures in mineshafts.

"I used this method in Germany, and went to school with the son of the manufacturer of the material," says Lucka. "He built up his company 12 years ago, and brought it to Canada."

In 1983, the process was introduced to the United States, and now operates in Chicago, as well as locations in Wisconsin and Minnesota. Corrective Systems Michigan began with one office last March, and already two new locations in Bloomfield Hills and Troy are getting as much business as they can handle.

Lucka says the system is fast (a two-man crew can do three jobs a day), and simple too.

"Our material is injected into the crack under high pressure — about 2,500 to 3,500 pounds per square inch," Lucka says. "The material is moisture sensitive, so when it hits water, it expands rapidly. Yet it adheres to the concrete surface."

While existing methods of concrete patching may require excavation to expose both the inside and outside of a crack in the wall, Corrective Systems works entirely from the inside of

the building. A crew will drill a hole two-thirds of the way through the wall at the site of the crack, and insert a wand which injects the resin. The compound seals on impact, but it remains flexible for the life of a building. According to Flynn, this is an important advantage over concrete or conventional epoxy patching.

"The freeze and thaw cycles we experience in Michigan cause expansion and contraction in the wall," Flynn says. "A crack develops because there is a stress point. Our material flexes, while a standard patch of concrete or epoxy dries hard. The next time the wall expands or contracts, it breaks the seal at the stress point, and you have the same problem again."

The pressure used by Corrective Systems assures that the crack is filled all the way through, both inside and outside. The material also tolerates dirt and grime well. Most other processes require a perfectly clean and dry surface to adhere to, no easy task in basements we know of.

"Patching is just a quick fix," says Flynn, "and it will last maybe six months to two years."

How do the costs compare? Flynn says his company can permanently repair an 8-foot crack in a basement for \$375 to \$425. A conventional

patch requiring excavation would run around twice that amount, and only provide a temporary fix. The only other permanent method for solving a leak — installing an extensive tile and drain system — runs into the thousands of dollars for a similar job.

While homeowners have come to Corrective Systems to repair nagging leaks, Flynn says his company has done a lot of work for real estate agents as well.

"Real estate people love it," says Flynn. "They can't sell a house with a leaky basement. They run the risk of a lawsuit."

Property management companies like the system for repairing apartment and condominium basements. Commercial enterprises like office buildings and parking garages have used Corrective Systems as well.

"Basically anything that's below grade level can benefit," says Flynn. Lucka adds, "We've been able to do jobs that other companies have walked away from; for example, an elevator shaft in the center of a building. You can't dig it up to get at it from the outside."

Branches of Corrective Systems elsewhere have found some gee-whiz uses for the process, too.

In one instance in British Columbia, a dam was leaking water at a rate of 5,500 gallons per minute. Corrective Systems sealed the crack completely.

"The water was just flowing in like it was coming out of a garden hose," Lucka says. "It worked like magic, like someone was turning off a tap."

Another project in Las Vegas illustrated the fact that the resin works even when wet, and is non-toxic (it is EPA-approved for use in contact with drinking water).

Tanks which held performing dolphins for the Mirage hotel/casino developed a leak. Without even draining the tanks or removing the ever-curious dolphins, divers were able to seal the cracks.

Other uses for the material include soil stabilization, and isolation of contaminated soil in cases of toxic spillage. With the use of a 25-foot lance, the resin can be injected into the ground to form an impenetrable "curtain."

It's even being considered by the Michigan Department of Transportation to cure lingering spawling problems with the Zilwaukee Bridge.

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# Baby store is for wise shoppers

By RICK BYRNE  
Copy Editor

Aside from death and taxes, there is one other sure thing: kids will grow out of clothes almost as quickly as you can buy them.

Some people are perfectly willing and able to spend a fortune on their kids' clothes, and toss out things that have only been worn a couple of times. For the rest of the world, however, there is Baby Baby, a consignment shop for children's clothing at 144 Mary Alexander Court in Northville.

A consignment shop is where people can buy and sell used items, with the seller and the store owner splitting the buyer's purchase price. Owner Diane Wise admits that some people are put off by the idea of used clothing stores, but once they try it, the quality and prices will get them hooked.

"People have a misconception about resale shops," Wise says. "They think everything is all old and smelly. But I've had people who come walking in and don't know it's a resale shop. They look at our things and look at the prices, and they ask why the prices are so low. That makes me feel good."

The idea of a consignment shop is really catching on. I just have to keep up the quality. Keeping the store



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Continued on 2 Diane Wise owns the children's clothing consignment store Baby Baby in Northville

## Money Management

### Don't leave research out of business plan

If you dream about opening a small business, you should know that there is nothing small about the amount of skill, hard work, perseverance and time needed to start a venture, advises the Michigan Association of CPAs.

One of the most crucial steps in launching a business is research. Some people are so convinced about

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