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## Civic groups, charities hope for fest windfall

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

The Michigan '50s Festival each year brings in an enthusiastic crowd of 100,000 or so.

And what a perfect captive audience it is for Novi's service clubs, many of which take advantage of the high traffic through town to raise money for pet projects. This way, the dividends from the five-day festival are felt all year long.

Perhaps the biggest of all the fundraisers is thrown by the Novi Rotary, which sets aside 60 percent of the big bucks netted

from its 1950s car raffle for Rotary Park. The remaining 40 percent goes to other pet charities such as the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, DARE, Special Olympics and an annual luncheon for Novi senior citizens.

Raffled off this year will be a raring-to-go, Corvette-yellow 1955 Chevy hot rod formerly owned by Novi resident Brent Canup. The car's value is \$25,000 and the goal is to collect another \$30,000 to \$40,000 beyond that for the park and the other projects, Novi Rotary past president Gary Kelber said.

A previous car raffle raised \$6,000, given to Novi High School this spring for scholar-

ships, among other things.

"It's probably one of the biggest fundraisers in the area," Kelber added.

Tickets are \$2 for one and three for \$5, and will be on sale during the festival near the Entertainment Tent. The winning ticket will be drawn Sunday.

The Michigan '50s Festival itself has a special beneficiary in mind when raking in its cash. Festival President Cindy Stewart said the goal is get together \$50,000 to purchase an outdoor portable stage for Novi's parks and recreation department.

Novi Town Center, which hosts the Michigan Fifties Festival, is also jumping in on

the charity scene. The Linder Company, which manages the shopping center, will supply sunglasses which will sell for \$5 in the Novi Jaycees' booth in the exhibit tent, and also from WOMC's live broadcast booth.

Proceeds from the sales will go to the Jaycees' Christmas in July food program, as well as several children's causes, including the Special Olympics and Reading is Fundamental.

In addition, the Linder Company is supplying water bottles to town center merchants. The water bottles will contain a number which will match a prize to be do-

nated by the merchant.

A variety of local service groups staff the festival's Entertainment Tent with their volunteers. In return, they get a percentage of the take. Pouring out the brew and serving up refreshments on different nights throughout the event will be the Novi Chorales, the Novi Sixthgate Cloggers, the Novi Chamber of Commerce, the Novi Lions Club and the Novi Ambassadors.

"They say it's a really good one-night fundraiser for their groups and it's fun, too," Stewart said.

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## City Council unwraps new salary levels

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

After keeping things hush-hush during negotiations this spring with the Teamsters Union, the city broke its silence on administrative staff salary increases last week.

Novi's 39 non-union employees, primarily department heads and professional staff, will get a 3.75-percent across-the-board boost this year. In addition, as has been a long-time city practice, three staff members will get a salary alignment or increase of \$2,000 on top of the 3.75-percent hike.

The administrative salaries range from a high of \$75,800 for City Manager Edward Kriewall to a low of \$22,600 for a recreation coordinator. The total increase will add \$63,500 onto last year's administrative payroll of \$1.529 million.

In early May during the city's budget talks and negotiations with the Teamsters Union, several city council members protested that Kriewall asked them to keep confidential a proposed wage increase

"I feel some people never get alignments and do a good job and others get alignments every year. You have people who have been with this city 15 years I've never seen an alignment for."

Carol Mason  
City Council Member

for the administrative staff. Kriewall contended that revealing the proposed raises might have an adverse impact on the union negotiations.

The union contract was signed in late May, giving Teamsters a retroactive 4-percent pay increase for

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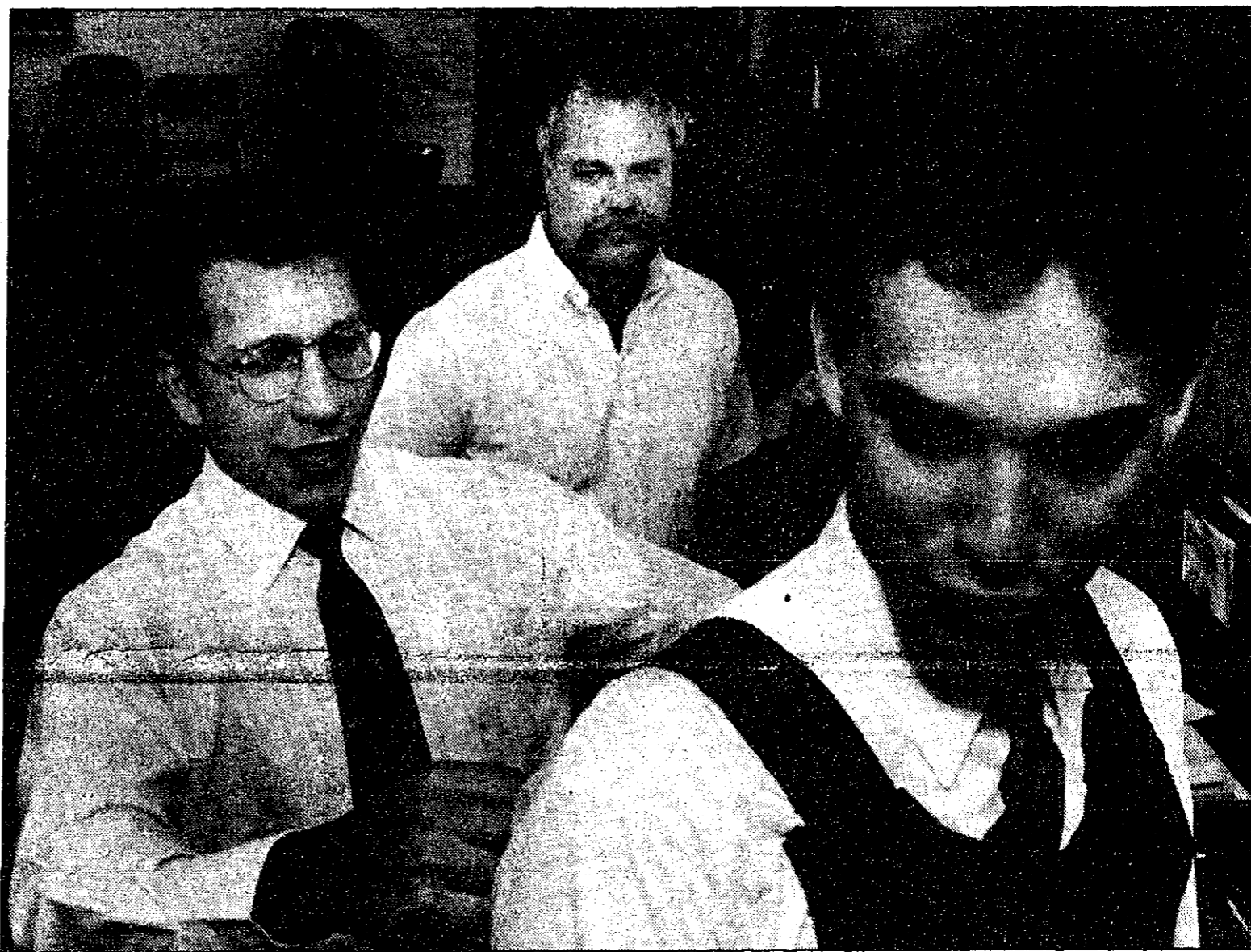


Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Norm Slesoff Jr. (left) fits Patrick Fanning for a bulletproof vest, while Frank Brennan (back) approves.

## Vests are a victory for Novi man

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

Monday was a day to remember for Frank Brennan.

That's when the Echo Valley Estates resident got to see his months of hard work pay off, as 16 Novi police officers were fitted for bullet-proof vests.

Brennan began the one-man campaign Protect-A-Cop in October because he felt strongly that the well-being of local police officers should be guarded by the vests.

At the time, the police union purchased the \$400 vests for newcomers, and veterans had to pay for replacements out of their own pockets. Brennan's action changed all that.

"I felt very proud. I also felt a bit relieved,

knowing that all this time nothing happened to anybody and now all of them are going to have their vests," he said.

Since he organized Protect-A-Cop, the Novi City Council set aside money in the 1993-1994 city budget to purchase bullet-proof vests.

His fundraiser has brought in about \$5,600, Brennan said, which means there will be money left over for more vests after the first 16 arrive.

"I talked to the guys and looked at the vests. They're pretty neat," Brennan said.

"The vests were all very appreciative, which made it all worthwhile."

The vests are being purchased from Second Chance, a firm owned by a retired cop in Central Lake, Mich.

Weighing in at about one pound, they are made of a high-tech, bullet-proof material called

Kevlar and are fastened by Velcro. Each vest has a small pouch in front where an additional protective metal plate, weighing several pounds, may be inserted at the officer's discretion.

A bullet-proof vest lasts from three to seven years.

"It depends on how much the guy sweats. The technology changes too," Brennan explained.

Brennan says he hopes publicity over the fittings at the old Novi Fire Station will generate more dollars for the fund.

"With the money from the city and from the union, there should be no reason why a cop should be out there without a vest now," he added.

To donate to the fund, send checks to Protect-A-Cop, in care of First of America, P.O. Box 1135, Southgate, Michigan, 48195.

## 1950s Novi had its thrills and chills too

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

Guess what they were doing for fun in Novi in July 1955 — at least according to yellowed, old copies of *The Novi News*.

The Novi Blue Star Mothers promised that their card party, apron and pie sale at the Community building would be cool and comfortable "for there will be several electric fans in operation."

The second annual Turtle Derby Race was celebrated. Someone with the last name of Trickey was

named Novi Township treasurer. The Novi Mission Band held a pot-luck supper.

And women were given tips for calling their husbands the same way they would call a hog.

Could be that the Michigan '50s Festival, which commemorates the era, will be a heck of a lot livelier this weekend.

The event really starts swinging into gear tonight and will run through Sunday.

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## A family waits for its day in court

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This is the first in a series of articles dealing with two lawsuits filed against the Novi Community School District which are scheduled to go to trial on Aug. 3.

The suits allege that the district's actions contributed to the suffering of a Novi High School sophomore when she was raped in the fall of 1987 by a volunteer diving coach.

That student, Victoria Carlesco, and her mother, Anna, have decided to tell their story to *The Novi News*.

By RANDY COBLE  
Staff Writer

In just a few weeks, it will be six years ago that Victoria Carlesco, your average teenager, began her sophomore year at Novi High School. It was one that began in promise, and ended in pain.

Now, more than half a decade after being twice sexually assaulted by a volunteer diving coach at the

# AFTER THE RAPE

school, Victoria Carlesco and her family are hoping for their day in court.

At issue are two lawsuits Carlesco and her mother have filed against the Novi Community School District and its officials. The suits — which could cost the district up to \$1 million in damages, according to one estimate — are scheduled for trial in Oakland County Circuit Court twelve days

from now.

They allege that school district officials bear part of the blame for what happened to the sophomore at Novi High School in the fall of 1987. The following is a brief version of the suits' account of the events that took place:

At the start of the 1987-88 school year, Carlesco, then 15, joined the high school's varsity girls swimming and diving team. Soon after that, in mid-September, the mother of Timothy Pelfrey, then 23, approached head swim coach Harold "Rick" Anderson, offering her son's services as a dive coach.

Pelfrey, a Novi resident and landscape laborer, was said to have diving experience both as a team member and coach.

Anderson spoke briefly with Pelfrey himself soon after that and agreed to let him act as a volunteer coach with the girls' dive team.

Pelfrey, the suits allege, soon be-

gan making sexually suggestive comments to team members, including Carlesco. Within weeks, the other three or four members had quit the diving team.

On Sept. 28, Pelfrey took Carlesco into one of the high school's weight rooms during a practice. There he sexually assaulted her. Three days later, on Oct. 1, the suits allege, she told assistant swim coach Meredith Somers in guarded fashion what had happened. Somers in her deposition testified that she then discussed the matter with coach Anderson and urged that he dismiss Pelfrey immediately.

(Anderson in his testimony said that Somers did not say anything about inappropriate sexual behavior taking place. Instead, Anderson said that Somers told him Carlesco said she was afraid of Pelfrey

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Monday, July 26

**City Council:** The Novi City Council will meet at 8 p.m. in the council chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

**Health tests:** Community EMS will sponsor blood pressure testing and cholesterol testing in the Novi Civic Center from 7:30-9 p.m. in conjunction with the Novi City Council meeting.

**TOPS:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at Novi High School, Room 109. For more information, call 348-9691.

**Bereavement Support Group:** Dr. Michael Meyer, bereavement counselor, facilitates a monthly support group for anyone in the community who has experienced the death of someone they loved and is in need of help. The group meets 7:30-9 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile. Topic will be "Finding the Light," with Fr. Gerald McEnhill of St. Gerald's. For more information, call 348-1800.

Tuesday, July 27

**Youth Assistance:** Novi Youth Assistance board will meet at 7 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

**F.E.M.A.L.E.:** The Novi area chapter of F.E.M.A.L.E. (Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge/Lose Ends) meets at 7:30 p.m. For more information, please call 684-6096.

**Band rehearsal:** The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. in the band room at Novi High School. For more information on the group, call manager Warren Ledger at 348-2955.

**Camera Club:** The Novi Camera Club meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. For more information, call Hugh Crawford at 349-5079.

**Chess Club:** The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tim Sawmiller, 344-9833 evenings after 6 p.m.

Wednesday, July 28

**Lions Club:** The Novi Lions Club will meet at Kim's Gardens at 6:30 p.m. for dinner followed by a meeting.

**Seniors business:** The Novi Senior Social Club will meet at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center for its regular monthly business meeting.

Monday, August 2

**City Council:** The Novi City Council is scheduled to meet in regular session at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

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**Village Oaks PTO (VOICE):** The will meet 7:30 p.m. in the Village Oaks School Library on Willowbrook Road.

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Tuesday, August 3

**Seniors meeting:** The Novi Center Seniors will hold their general meeting at 11 a.m. in the Community Center of the Novi Civic Center.

**Board of Appeals:** The Novi Board of Appeals will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

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Wednesday, August 4

**Athletic Boosters:** The Novi High School Athletic Boosters Club will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in room 107 of the high school.

**Planning Commission:** The Novi Planning Commission will meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

Thursday, August 5

**Novi schools:** The Novi schools Board of Education will meet in regular session in the Educational Services Building.

Monday, August 9

**City Council:** The Novi City Council will meet at 8 p.m. in the council chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

**Library Board:** The Novi Library Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi library building.

**American Business Women's Assoc.:** The Novi Oaks Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will meet at Country Epicure Restaurant on Grand River. Social Hour is at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. followed by a general membership meeting. Cost is \$15. All working women are invited to join. For reservations call 349-6281.

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## These Platters ain't pretenders

When you think of rock and roll today, what comes to mind is a dominant beat driven by a bass guitarist and drummer. Back in the early 1950s, when The Platters were working their way to the top, their sound was pure "doo wop" or vocal harmonizations. Yet hits like "The Great Pretender" and "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes" sum up the classic rockers as much as any Elvis Presley tune does.

The Platters who will appear at the Michigan '50s Festival on Saturday night are not the original group but are under the management of Martha Robi, widow of original Platter Paul Robi.

Robi, who did the arrangements, conducted the group and sang baritone, died in 1989 after winning a 20-year court battle to retain control of the band's music and name.

The Platters were a stereotyped "overnight success" story. In other words, after working at their music in California for years and recording on a minor label, their song "The Great Pretender," done for Mercury Records, hit No. 1 in 1955. A chain of hits followed: "Only You," "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes," "The Magic Touch," "Harbor Lights," "Enchanted," "My Prayer," "Twilight Time," "You'll Never Know," "Red

Sails in the Sunset" and "Remember When."

As black rhythm and blues singers in the tradition of their rock 'n' roll predecessors The Ink Spots and The Mills Brothers, they were considered a "crossover group" when they made their way to the pop charts and an "Ed Sullivan Show" appearance in 1957.

The original five—along with Robi lead vocalist Tony Williams, tenor David Lunch, bass Herbert Reed and alto Zola Taylor—racked up 90 million in record sales. Their hit "Only You" has been sung by other vocalists in over 20 foreign languages.

While the days of the doo-wop group were numbered by the time of the Beatles-led British pop music invasion of the mid-1960s, The Platters managed to still sell albums of their golden hits as late as the 1980s.

The original group is also a member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland. Catch the performance of the reconstituted Platters, along with Rocky and the Rollers, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday night in the Entertainment Tent at the Michigan '50s Festival. Tickets are \$5. Audience members must be over 21. And be prepared to do some old-fashioned slow dancing.



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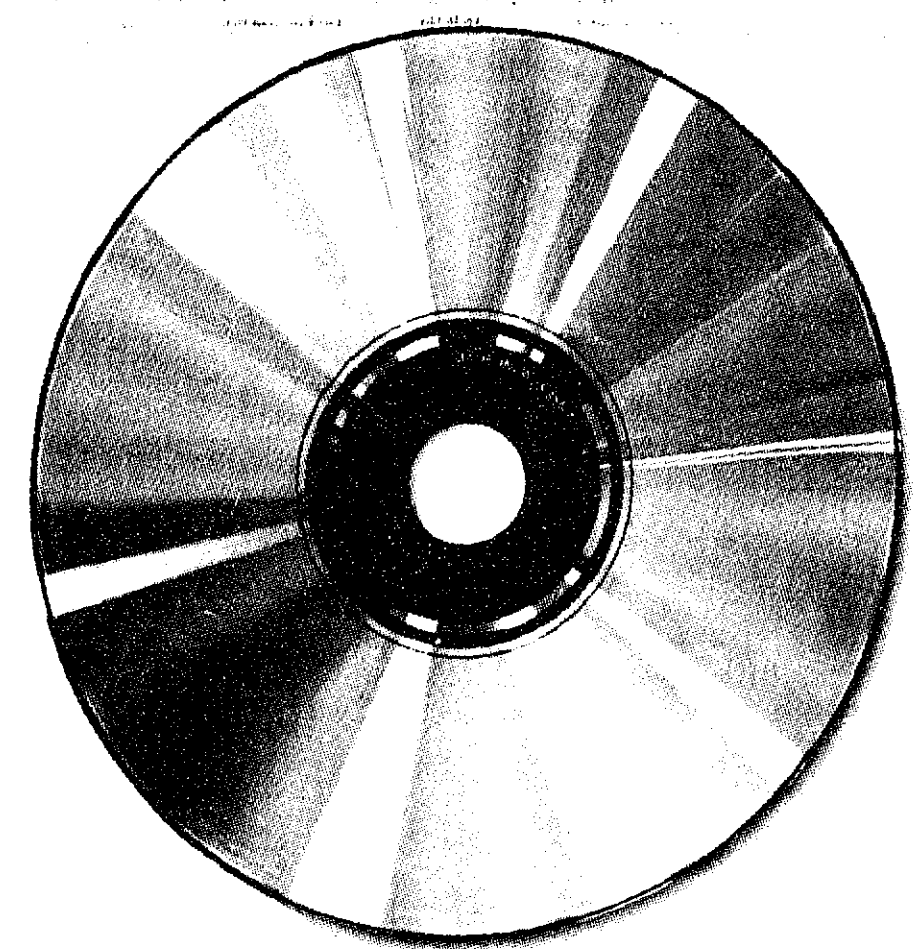
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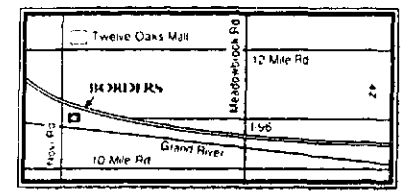
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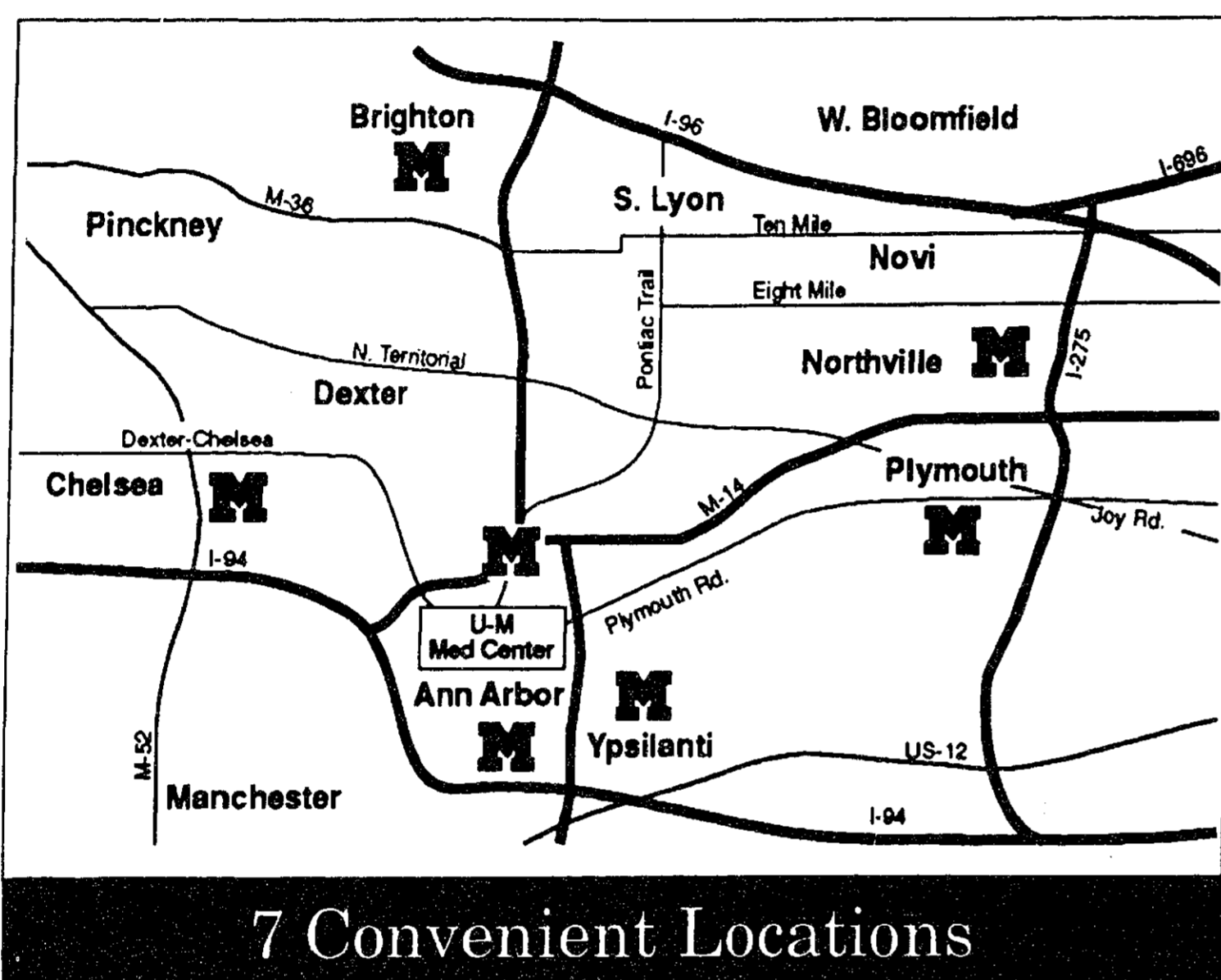
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## Senate votes out property tax for school funds

By TIM RICHARD  
 Staff Writer

In a surprise move, state senators voted to eliminate local property taxes as the chief means of operating public schools. They didn't decide how the lost \$5.6 billion in local revenue would be replaced. Most likely candidates: an income tax increase, a voter-approved sales tax increase, liquor and cigarette tax increases.

"All of this is just pie in the sky," said Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, after the Senate's 11 p.m. vote Tuesday. Faxon predicted "incredible harm" to suburban districts because some lost revenue wouldn't be made up.

"We promised too much," agreed Sen. William Faust, D-Westland. "It's too large a bite without telling how the revenue would be made up." Faust disliked cutting business taxes along with residential.

"The train was on the tracks, and it's running without brakes," said Sen. Michael Bouchard, R-Birmingham. "Everybody believes the property tax needs to be removed as the sole source of funding. But I'm going to be one loud voice we do not destroy good districts and begin the largest Robin Hood plan we've ever seen."

"If the House passes it in its present form," said Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, "then the Legislature looks for replacement money. School aid is unaffected. Most legislators have found their constituents want massive property tax relief."

Senate Bill 1 was approved 33-4 with one absence. Voting yes from this area: Geake and David Honigman of West Bloomfield. Voting no: Democrats Faxon and Faust. The other two no votes came from outstate Republicans Harry East of St. Joseph and John Schwarz of Battle Creek.

## Racing commish selected

Horse racing has a new state commissioner. Nelson W. Westrin, an assistant attorney general, was appointed last week by Gov. John Engler for a four-year term ending Dec. 31, 1996. Senate confirmation is required. He succeeds Luke Quinn.

Westrin, of Grand Ledge, has been legal advisor in the lottery and racing division of the Attorney General's office since 1984. From 1977 to 1984 he specialized in fighting health care fraud.

"Nelson Westrin's experience and professional expertise will help protect the integrity of the sport and encourage its growth in Michigan," Engler said.

Westrin earned a bachelor of arts degree cum laude in 1969 from Michigan State University and a juris doctor degree in 1974 from Detroit College, where he was a scholarship student.

From an office in Livonia, the racing commissioner oversees pari-mutuel horse racing in Michigan, including the Ladbrooke DRG track in Livonia and Northville Downs.

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## WE ARE THE MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF GIFT SALES OR MAGS AS MOST PEOPLE REFER TO OUR ORGANIZATION.

We took over the empty Northville Square Building in 1979. It represents 100,000 square feet of the total 550,000 square feet of downtown Northville.

Our building and its tenants pays one-fifth of the various city taxes of the downtown business area tax base. To help you with the perspective, since 1979 that translates into over \$1,000,000. for the Northville School System.

One of the reasons we located in Northville was the amount of parking available for our business in 1979. It wasn't quite enough but far more than we had in our previous downtown Detroit location.

Today we have less than half the parking we need to effectively run our business.

Each month we bring 1,000 to 3,000 business people from Michigan, Ohio and Canada to Northville.

It is our understanding that the city of Northville issued public bonds to build the parking lot south of our building and the developer in turn made yearly payments of \$20,000. to the city for the next 10 years. This lot, the lot everyone refers to as "The MAGS parking lot" was to be dedicated to our building. As the city of Northville grew, city officials did not adequately address the parking needs that growth required. As citizens you've probably shared the parking problems in Northville.

City officials are aware that MAGS needs parking spaces. Despite that fact, the city of Northville promised a portion of our lot to the Singh Development Company when they were considering their Main Center development. We were never consulted.

The city of Northville needed another quick parking fix when presented with parking shortages for downtown area employees. Their solution was to promise another portion of our lot for the infamous "Orange Dot Program". Again, we were never consulted.

The city finally caught on that they had hurt our business.

Since last year we were consulted about the comprehensive Mainstreet '92 centralized parking deck. It made sense for MAGS and the citizen's of Northville. Several months ago this plan was scrapped and a poorly-planned temporary stop gap solution was adopted. Another quick fix is on a fast-track to be built. The reasons are unbeknownst to us.

The city of Northville now promises that MAGS and the citizens of Northville will have more parking by building a table-top parking deck in the MAGS lot that's dedicated to Main Centre. The city can't tell us how many more parking spaces are being dedicated to MAGS, only that in "theory" we should have moved.

We all know how well governmental theory works.

At MAGS we have personal experience of how much their promises are worth.

We were led to believe the city was interested in helping us solve their parking problems.

The time has come for us to make a decision.

You can help with that decision

On July 27th the city of Northville needs our approval to issue the \$3.5 million of bonds to pay for the current \$4.2 million parking proposal. If these bonds are approved, then this parking program will be implemented and we will have been slapped in the face for a third time.

MAGS likes Northville. Northville has been good for MAGS and MAGS would like to think it's been good for Northville.

MAGS would like to stay here. MAGS is willing to work with the city to help solve the city-wide, self-induced parking shortage. But these shortages cannot continue to be "fixed" at MAGS expense.

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**NOVI HIGHLIGHTS:**  
Hope Lutheran Church  
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**A MAN WITH A HEART:**  
Novi alumnus Sanjay Gupta  
steers his medical career/3B

**LISTINGS:**  
Here's what's happening  
in and around town/5B

By MICHELLE HARRISON  
Staff Writer

Area youngsters are making quite a splash during the summer months, only it's not at any local swimming holes.

Instead, they're immersing themselves at their local libraries in books.

Both the Northville and Novi public libraries are once again offering summer reading programs. This year's theme, handed down by the Michigan Library Association, deals with water.

In Northville, the local library has adopted the theme "Make A Splash."

"Each year we choose a theme . . . and build our program on that," said Joanne Dewey, who is in charge of youth services at the Northville Public Library. "There's material available from the state — the Michigan Library Association — and our local cooperative, WOLF (Wayne-Oakland Library Federation). We look at those materials and pick and choose what we want to use. Plus, we make up our own."

Northville offers two programs, one for children who can read and one called "Read to Me" for youngsters who can't yet read.

In the latter program, children are given a game card entitled "Fishing for Fun Books." The other group is given game cards called "Hooked on Reading." Both are bingo type games where readers get stamps or stickers for visiting the library, reading a book or participating in a library program. Once the card is filled, readers get

## REVVING UP TO READ

Photos by Bryan Mitchell

a coupon for a free personal size pizza from the Pizza Cutter.

Youngsters in the "Read to Me" program who have completed all their game squares are eligible for a free ice cream cone at Shopping Center Market.

All readers are also given a "lottery ticket" for a grand prize drawing to be held at the close of the program.

"Our aim is to get children to continue to read after school is out," Dewey said.

At the Novi Public Library, the focus of the summer reading program is adopting whales. It takes 25 kids to read 10 books each in order to adopt one Humpback whale, said Nancy Silverrod, one of the children's librarians. The local Jaycees are also donating money to help with the project.

"We know kids are fascinated by whales," Silverrod said. "They certainly need preservation and conservation of whales."

The whales are being adopted through a group called Whale

Watch, a part of the International Wildlife Coalition in Massachusetts.

Both libraries also offer storytelling and craft programs.

On Mondays, the Novi Public Library holds story-time for 4-year-olds and up from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Craft classes are at 11 a.m. for fifth and sixth graders and at noon for seventh graders and up on Tuesdays.

Wednesday is the feature program, usually a slide show. Today, "I Wonder What's Under" will be presented. It's a slide show featuring pictures of sharks and underwater life taken by Silverrod's brother while visiting Moorea, an island near Tahiti.

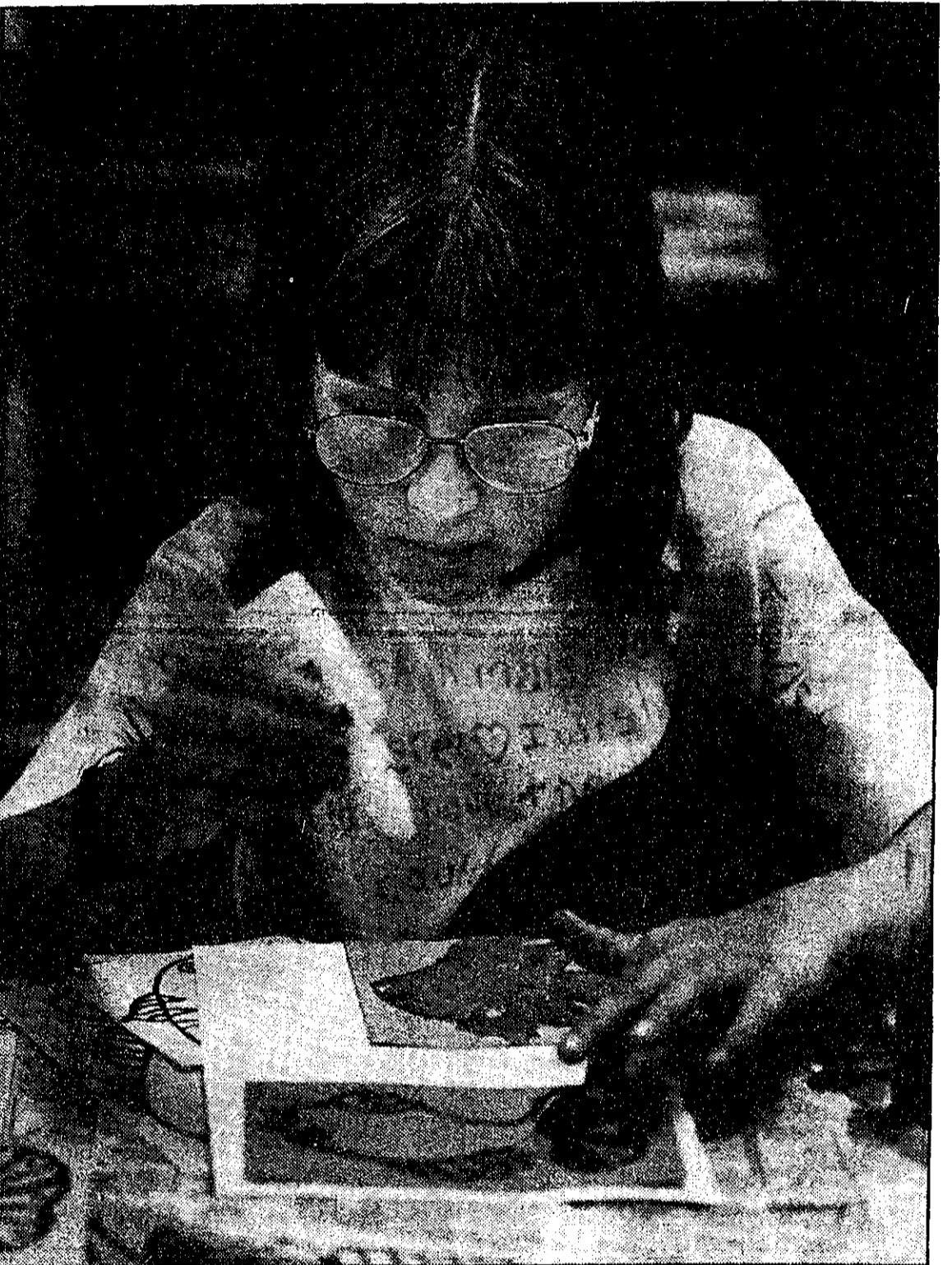
On July 28, the Wednesday presentation will be about underwater shipwrecks and is for students in second grade and up.

Another craft class is offered on Thursdays for students in the fifth grade and up at 1 p.m.

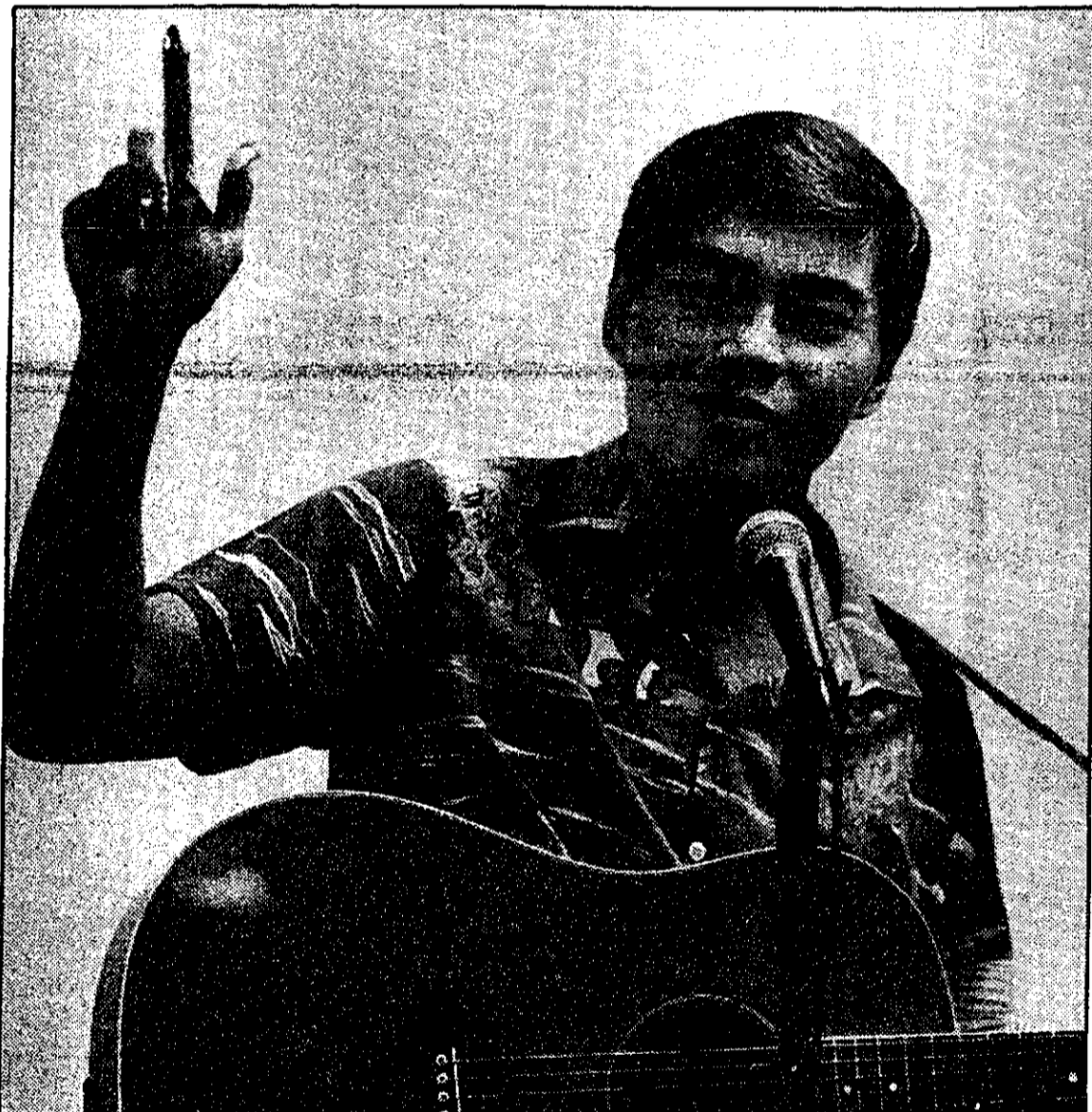
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Ming the Magnificent plays songs for the kids at the Novi Public Library, singing "Rubber Blubber Whale." It is just one of the activities that are part of the library's summer reading program.



Alicia Hirshfield, 10, works on her sand painting as part of crafts day at the Novi Public Library. The young artists trace an outline with glue and sprinkle colored sand on the glue to perfect their artwork.



Ming the Magnificent encourages children to participate in his singing program. Each year, the Novi and Northville public libraries sponsor such activities as part of their summer reading programs.

## Volunteer



Bradley Heureux

## Listening is key skill for volunteer success

By DOROTHY NASH  
Special Writer

"I know that teenage suicide is a problem," Bradley Heureux said, because of an experience with a friend, and so he decided, "The least thing I could do was to help somebody out."

He signed up last year for a six-week training course to be a counselor for Northville Youth Assistance.

In three hours, one evening a week for six weeks, he learned communication skills, how to be a listener, how to determine a problem, and how to relate to a child.

In November he was assigned to a 10-year-old boy with whom he now meets once a week and sometimes more. They do things together like go to dinner, to the movies, the arcade. Sometimes the boy invites friends along, and they all play basketball.

"We have a great relationship," Heureux said. "He knows I'm there — somebody to talk to."

Just a few months after Heu-

reux started counseling, he was asked to be a member of the Northville Youth Assistance Advisory Council. Three representatives from the township, three from the city, and one from the school system are on the council. Heureux, as owner of Bradley Advertising, represents the business sector. Or maybe he's there because he's the only member who is a counselor.

Lately, he said, the council has been talking about finding a new office location — one more accessible for everyone concerned.

"My input as counselor," Bradley Heureux said, is that "I'd like to see a community center more workable for the kids — a place to play sports, a place to go to. Too many kids are wandering around."

If you want to know more about the activities and thinking of the Northville Youth Assistance Advisory Council, you're invited to attend a meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. at Cooke School.

## It's A Fact

### Household Income

There are 12,730 households in Novi. The median household income is \$47,518.

Less than \$1000	168
\$1000 - \$1999	299
\$2000 - \$2999	530
\$3000 - \$3999	1429
\$4000 - \$4999	1721
\$5000 - \$5999	2497
\$6000 - \$6999	3344
\$7000 - \$7999	1610
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Fitness Notes

American Cancer Society: The American Cancer Society is making it easier for cancer patients, their families and friends to obtain information and services.

Weight loss: Elle's Weigh weight loss classes are being held each Saturday morning at 10 a.m. and again at 12:30 p.m. at Faith Community United Presbyterian Church in Novi.

For more information, call 682-1717.

Legion squad moves into third

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Ahead 2-0 in the third, the Post made a laughing out of the game with eight runs.

For the game, Salomonson had two hits and three RBIs.

Samolin faced the league's best team July 14 and made mincemeat of them.

The left-hander, a recent Novi High graduate, tossed a four-hitter, striking out six and walking five.

"He was really zipping the ball in there," Pintar said. "You could tell he wanted to pitch hard and strong."

Novi scored the winning run in the third.

NYBL stars will shine

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arms in a long distance throw and be timed running the bases.

Games start at 10:30 a.m. with the Major division contest.

At the conclusion of the games, division championship trophies will be handed out.

Closing the day will be a tribute to Paul Bosco. The NYBL will recognize the Novi citizen for the use of his property for more than 20 years.

Refreshments will be served. Hot dogs, chips, pop will highlight refreshments as will more than 1,000 cupcakes courtesy of the Ralston Purina Co.

Bosco Field is located on Beck Road between Ten and Eleven Mile roads.

Delwal beats Wendy's 2-0

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That was it for the scoring until the seventh.

Delwal exploded for four runs in the top half of the inning. Grigg reached on a fielder's choice.

Novi scored single runs in the first and fifth innings in support of Wirebaugh.

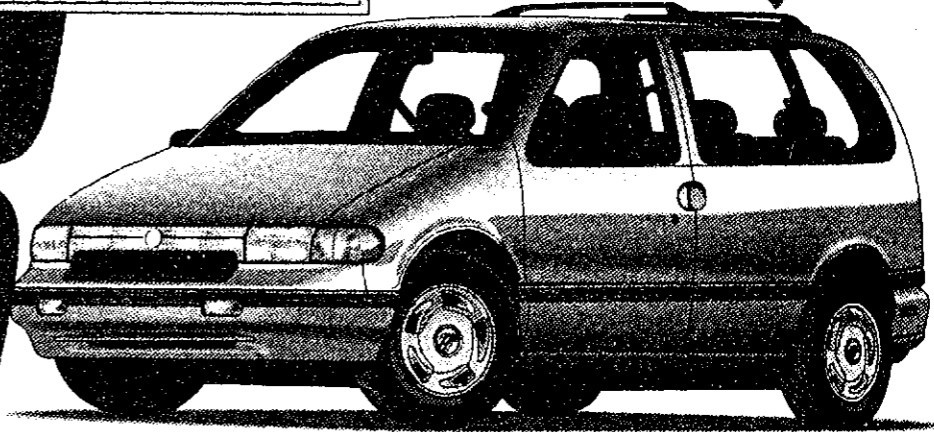
Delwal is 16-10-1 on the season. The squad was set to close the regular season last night with a double header against Westland and Wendy's.

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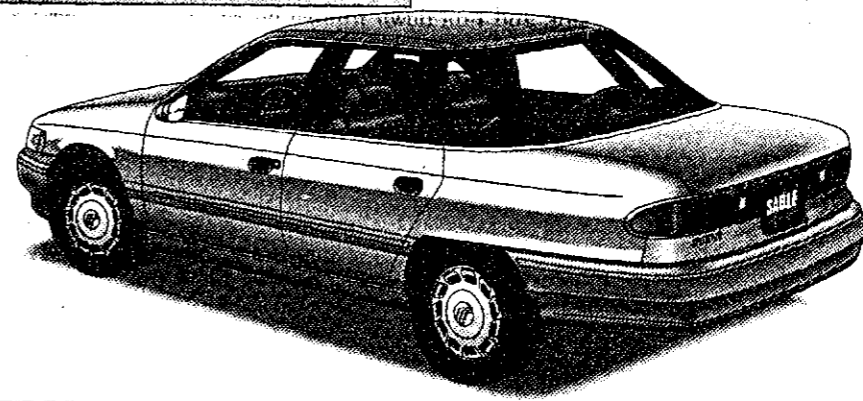
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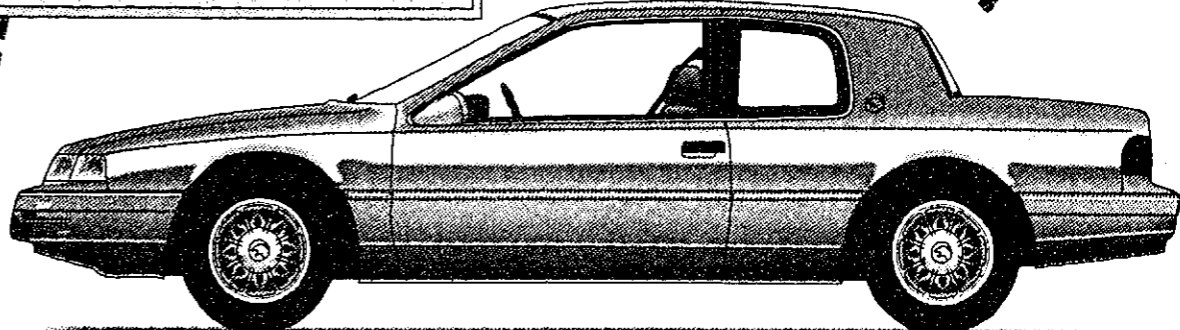
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**REAL ESTATE**

**Home-building firms expand their services**

By James M. Woodard  
Copley News Service

The special needs of home buyers are changing. This is reflected in the design and size of new homes, the structure of financing plans and new services offered by home-selling firms to entice today's prospective buyers.

A particularly innovative new service is now offered by one of the nation's largest home-building firms, Kaufman and Broad Home Corp., listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

The firm recently implemented a unique child-care referral program for their home buyers to meet the growing needs of families who live a long distance from their employment.

These commuters are faced with

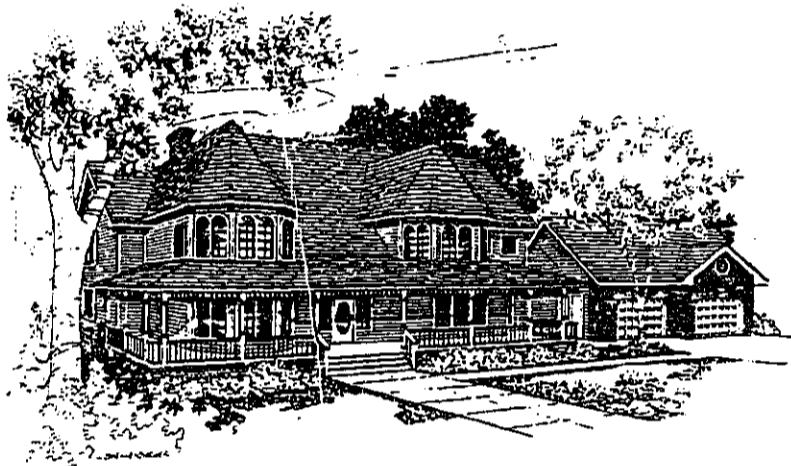
tough choices, and child care is among the highest priority considerations. A survey revealed that about a quarter of all new home buyers need child-care services.

Kaufman and Broad viewed this need as a challenge. They now provide a special service for their home buyers, and at the same time enhance their marketing appeal. When a family buys one of their homes, the company puts them in touch with a child-care counseling and referral service in the area of their new home.

Also, the firm offers the new buyer a \$100 rebate certificate or stipend, payable to the child-care provider selected by the parents. And they make available a tollfree "care-line" phone number to assist

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**HOME DESIGNS**



**The Grandee mixes Victorian and country**

By James McAlexander  
Copley News Service

Victorian accents combine with country styling in the Grandee, a large two-story home inspired by a sketch from a reader in Buffalo, N.Y.

A covered porch stretches across the front and wraps around the left side.

Clean, simple lines prevail in the railings and dowels, but turned columns and decorative trim at the top add Victorian flavor as do the arched bay windows above, capped by gazebo-like rooflines.

Inside, 9-foot ceilings throughout harken back to the Victorian era. The rest of the house is totally contemporary.

Family room and lobby are vaulted to the second-story ceiling and spanned by a wide balcony that overlooks both rooms.

Seven-foot-high bookshelves flank the front door and a spacious living room is to the left.

Cooking and eating areas are to the right, where choices include a formal dining room, a sunny nook or an extra-long eating bar. The walk-in pantry that separates the kitchen from the dining room has cupboard doors, which allow direct kitchen access to some of the shelves.

A large utility room with deep sink and pull-down ironing board is just steps away from the kitchen, and adjacent to the garage as well.

The octagonally shaped family room features a fireplace with tiled hearth and French doors that open onto a split level deck.

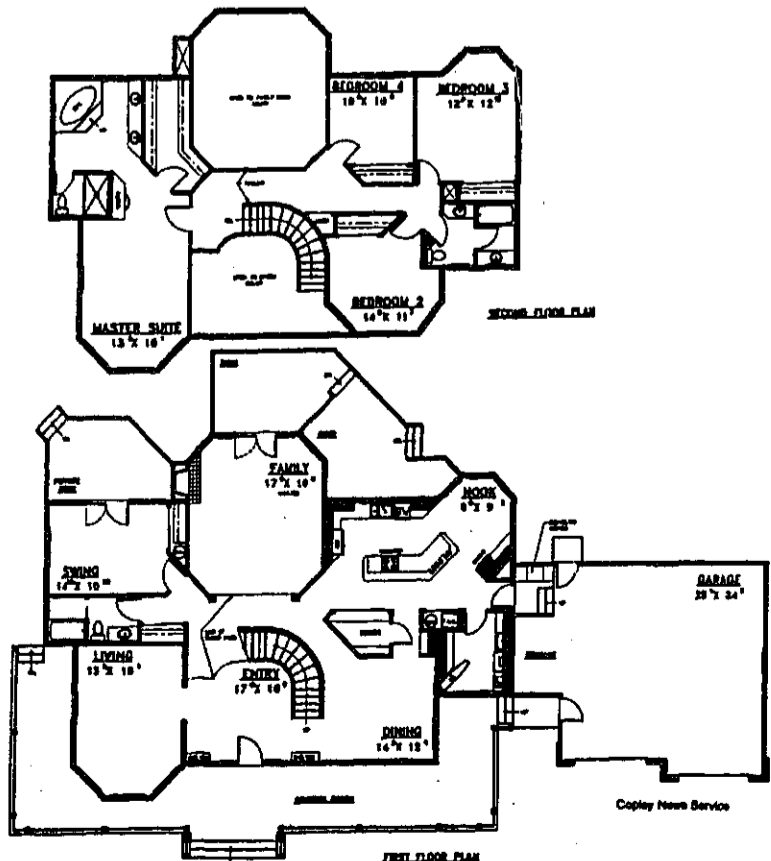
The swing room is a multipurpose space that could be used as guest quarters, a home office, hobby room or whatever. French doors open on a private deck.

Although all of the sleeping areas are upstairs, the master suite is well separated from the other three bedrooms. Large enough to include a sitting area, this space serves as an adult retreat from the activities in the rest of the house.

The luxurious bathroom has a raised spa, enclosed water closet and shower, and twin basins. An additional vanity is just outside the huge walk-in closet.

The other three bedrooms share a compartmentalized bathroom with basins in both sections.

For a study plan of the Grandee (332-023) 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.)



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Mary Lee Marcus-Nelson says that 75 percent of homeowners could use a visual coordinator.

By Anne Seebaldt Gogolin  
Special Writer

Mary Lee Marcus-Nelson said she enjoys rearranging her clients' furniture to create a new and beautiful look.

The White Lake resident and visual coordinator operates a business called "Room Service." Nelson and her assistant, Jan Mills, who Nelson describes as "the strength on the other end of the sofa," make people's homes more beautiful utilizing the furniture and decorative items they already have.

Nelson, who was a hairdresser for 30 years, said that hair styling and room styling are based on the same principle.

"It's a matter of balance, whether it's your room or your face," she said, adding

**BEFORE & AFTER**

White Lake resident offers different a outlook on room design

that artistic balance is one of her strong points.

"I love doing it," she said. "I've never had an unhappy client and I've done this for eight years."

When Nelson and Mills start to style a room, they "clear all the decks. We clear everything from the room and off the walls and start from scratch," Nelson said.

First, they arrange the large pieces of furniture, finding the perfect spot for each. Then they place the lamps throughout the room. Art hanging, which Nelson said is Mills' specialty, is the next step. And finally, the duo accessorize the room with the remaining small decorative items.

Almost everyone can utilize a visual coordinator's services, Nelson said.

"I would say that 75 percent of home-



Photos by HAL GOULD

Mary Lee Marcus-Nelson (left) and Jan Mills rearrange furniture.

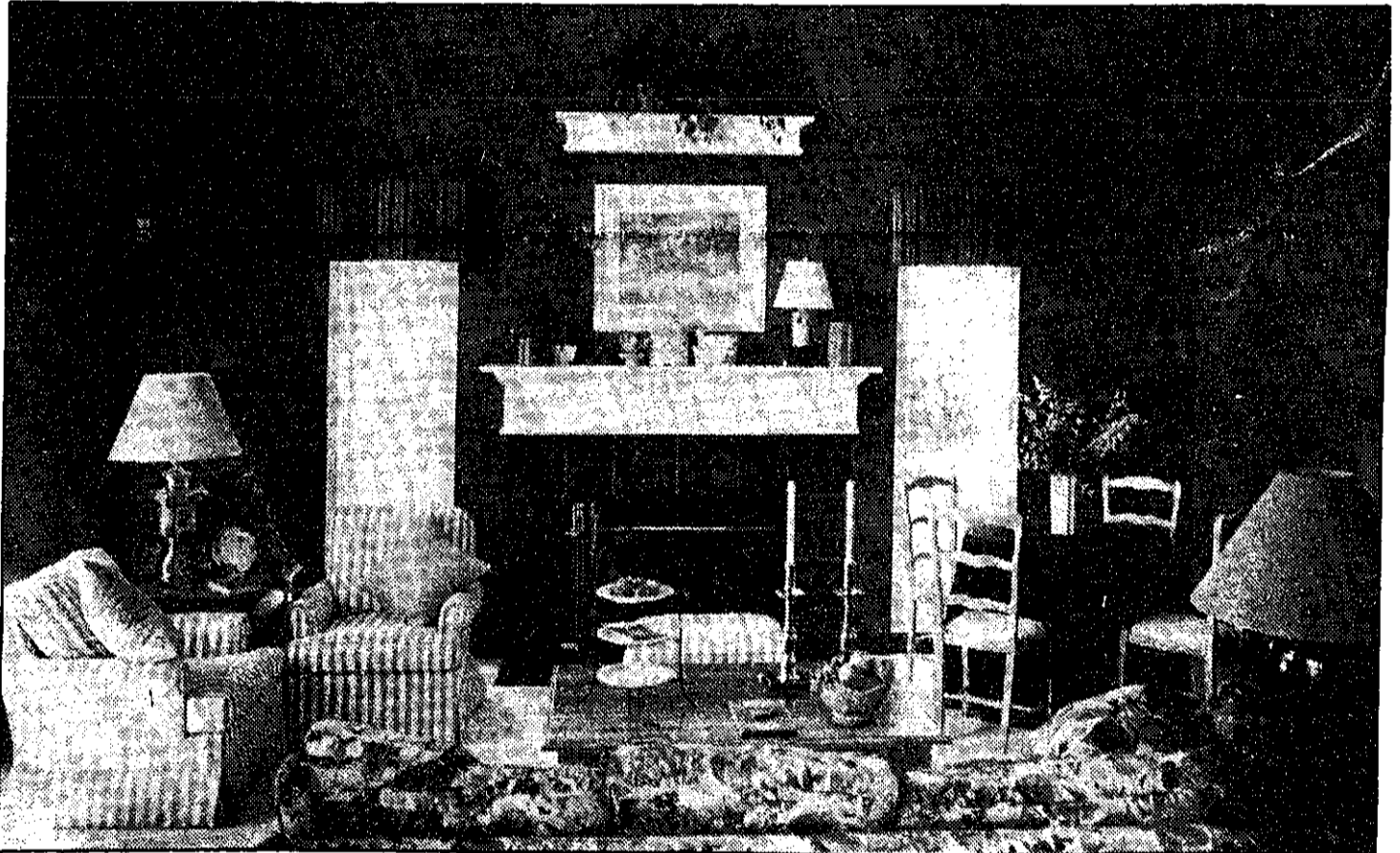
owners could use a visual coordinator," she added.

"Visual coordination helps people who have a change in lifestyle — such as new-laws," she explained. "It makes a wonderful wedding gift, by the way." Other people Nelson's work may help include individuals who are newly widowed or divorced.

"A new look is a way of saying, 'My life is starting to do on,'" she emphasized.

"It's a positive change — to change things around as much as you can without buying new furniture," Nelson said. "When you're making a lifestyle change, you can't go out and buy more furniture — nor should you."

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After rearranging the furnishings, Marcus-Nelson and Mills have created a new look.

Photo by JOANNE DOMKA

**A weeder's digest**

By C.Z. Guest  
Copley News Service

**GARDENING**

Weeds are every gardener's nemesis. No matter what you do, there always seems to be one lurking beneath the ground, ready to rear its ugly head between your carefully cultivated plants and flowers.

Weeds thrive where there is ample sunlight and room to grow. Among dense vegetation, like a healthy, well-maintained lawn, for example, weeds have a hard time establishing roots.

However, in flower beds and other more open planting places, weeds set up house-keeping, making them difficult to eliminate.

In the dark ages of lawn and garden care, people simply waited for weeds to appear, then got down on their hands and knees and pulled them out. Then they discovered that weeds couldn't grow beneath light-blocking plastic garbage bags.

However, plastic blocked everything—weeds, air, water—and led to soured soil that damaged plant roots. Now, thanks to a little scientific engineering, gardeners can beat weeds with the use of a landscape cover such as Weed-Block by Easy Gardener.

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Besides deterring weeds, landscape fabrics also significantly reduce the amount of water lost to evaporation. With drought becoming an increasing problem in many parts of the country, these fabrics are being used for more than purely aesthetic purposes—they also conserve water.

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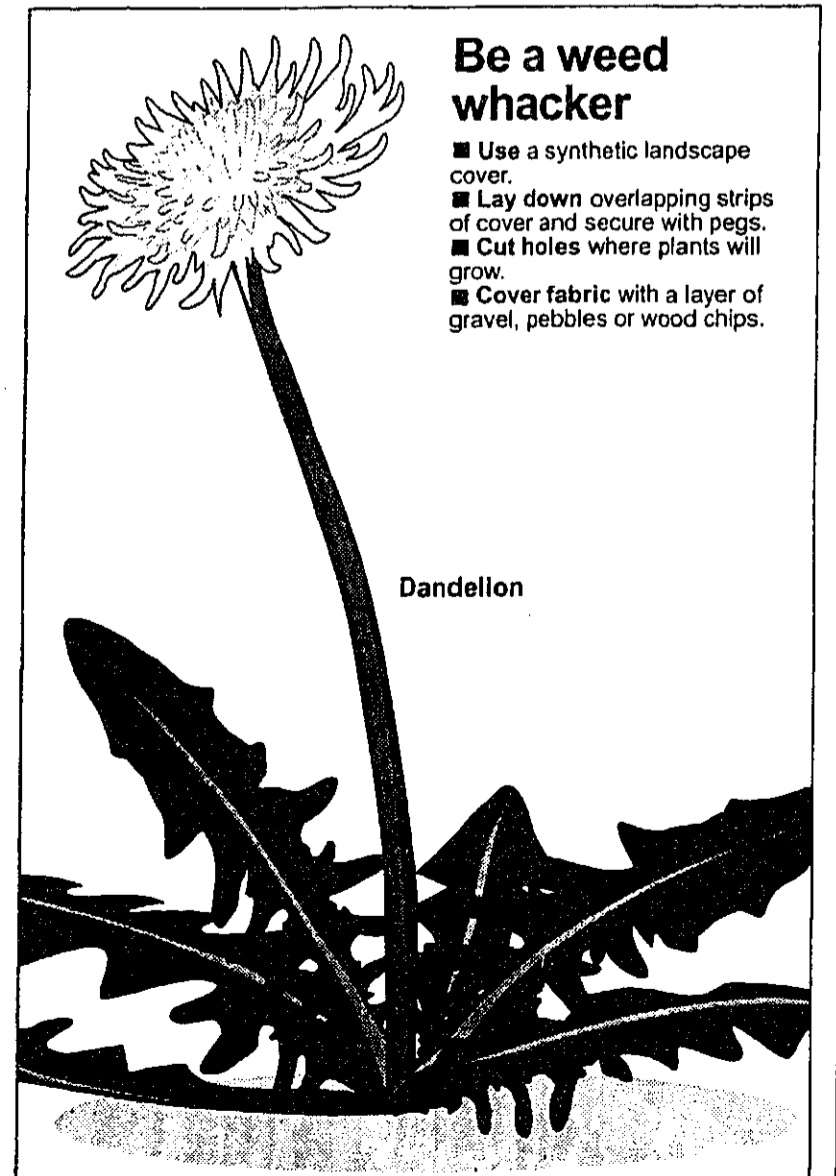
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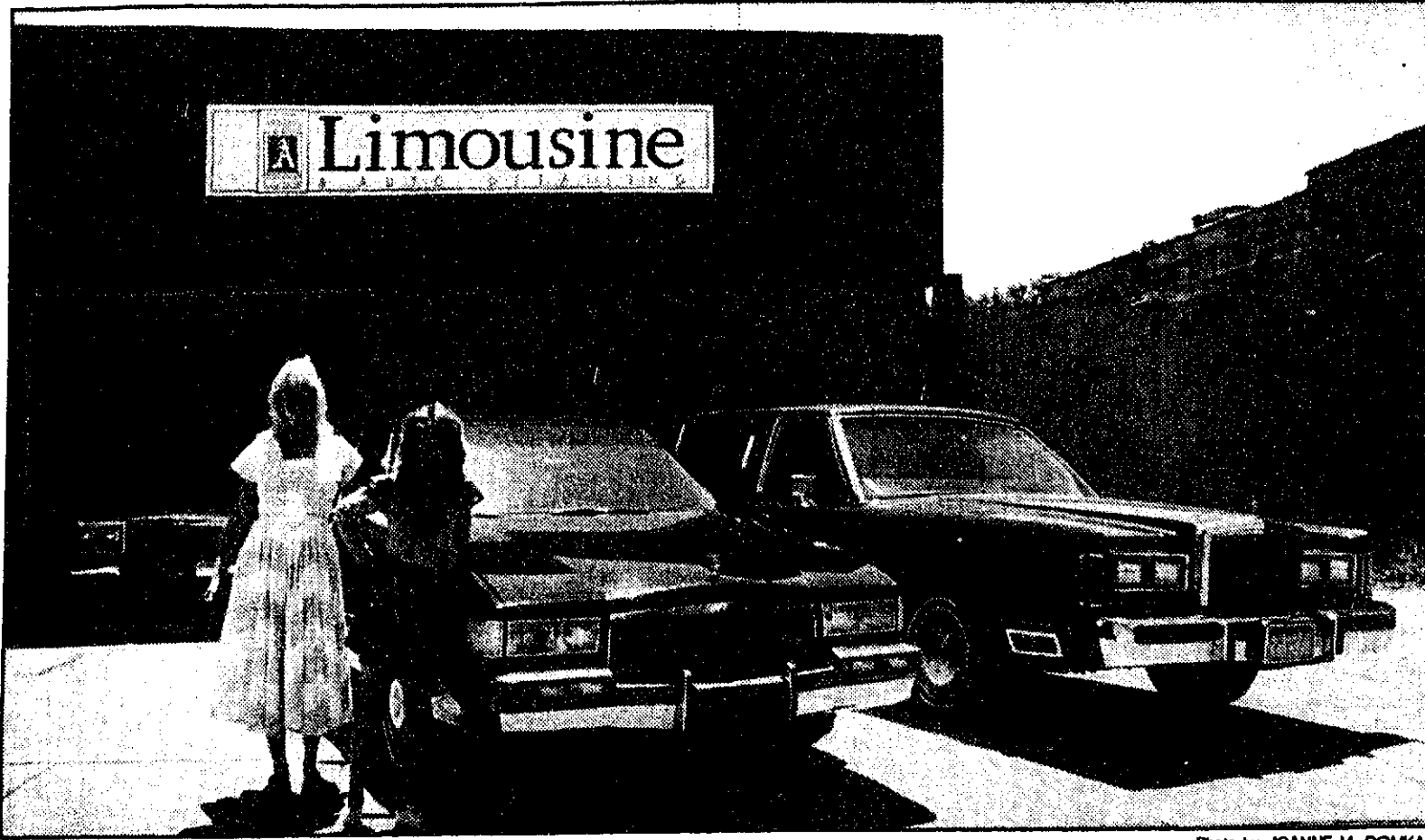


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The name may say Ashley's Limousine and Detailing, but owners are Pam Oldenburg (left) and husband Don. Their 10-year-old daughter Ashley (front) lent her name.

By MIKE MCGINNEN  
Staff Writer

Don and Pam Oldenburg began running Ashley's Limousine Service and Auto Detailing in New Hudson since the first week in June, and fellow business people in the area have made them feel right at home.

"Everybody in New Hudson has been so nice and helpful. Everybody has been coming down and welcoming us to the area," Pamela Oldenburg said.

The Oldenburgs formerly ran the company out of their Whitmore Lake home, but they now have much more room in their New Hudson location at 56849 Grand River.

The company is named after the Oldenburg's 10-year-old daughter Ashley, although the convenience of the name is the main reason the Oldenburgs chose to use it.

"It's only named after Ashley because it starts with an 'A,' and it will be listed near the beginning of the phone book," Don Oldenburg said.

"People just look at the first four or five entries when they are considering a limousine service, so it helps to be near the top," said Don Oldenburg.

The limousine business is not a typical nine to five occupation, as the Oldenburgs receive calls at all hours of the day and have a beeper number on their tape recording if someone needs service quickly.

One of the benefits of running the limousine service are the numerous interesting people the Oldenburgs encounter.

"We meet so many interesting people that we get to be on a first name basis with," said Pam Oldenburg. Ashley's is careful to maintain the confidentiality of its customers.

"We have a lot of clients anybody in Michigan would recognize, but we don't publicize their names," Don Oldenburg said.

Much of the company's limousine activity involves transporting business people to and from the airport.

The company thrives on word of mouth advertising and customer loyalty.

"Sometimes our regular customers will have a change in their plans and we are always there to help them. We will drop someone off on Monday and they will tell us they will return on Thursday. If their plans change and they can come home early, they do, and we will go get them," said Don Oldenburg.

"We babysit a lot and play nursemaid as well. We are very trustworthy," Pam Oldenburg said.

Don Oldenburg stressed that Ashley's always shows up for their customers, which is not always the case in the limousine business.

"The biggest fear for customers is that the limousine is not going to be there. We have never, ever not shown up," Don Oldenburg said.

He went on to explain that many companies will schedule a pick up at the airport for the weekend and then fail to show if a longer and more lucrative run comes up.

"We lose some money because of that, but those (customers) are the ones who will call us back during the week," Don Oldenburg said.

Once a client has rented the car, they are rarely bothered by the driver, Don Oldenburg said.

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The detailing end of the business has been a part of the company for a relatively short time, although Don Oldenburg has years of experience performing detailing.

"There is a big difference between detailing and cleaning. Detailing involves a lot of rit-picking," said Pam Oldenburg.

Many companies that claim to do detailing are not giving customers

their money's worth, according to Don Oldenburg.

"They are a glorified car wash and you're getting ripped off at a lot of these places," Don Oldenburg said.

The crew at Ashley's will usually spend six to eight hours on detailing a car. Most other companies spend two or three hours at the most and often use chemicals to cut corners, said Don Oldenburg.

"I tried a few detailing shops for our limousines, but could never get the job we wanted, so we started doing it ourselves. We just wanted it done right," Don Oldenburg said.

"Being observant is the most important thing with detailing," Don Oldenburg said.

The equipment and chemicals for performing detailing are very expensive, so the Oldenburgs purchased as many commercially available cleaning agents as they could find to deter-

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### Business Briefs

**MICHAEL HOWE**, president and chief executive officer of Young & Rubicam Detroit, recently announced several new employees.

Ron Cleri was hired as a new strategic planning supervisor. Previously, Cleri was a project director for the marketing and advertising planning group on the Ford Division account at J. Walter Thompson.

In the media department, Sara Schneider and Stephanie Utterback were both hired as purchase service assistants. Schneider recently graduated from Ohio State University in Columbus where she majored in marketing and English. Utterback graduated from Miami University in Ohio where she majored in mass communications.

In the finance department, Lisa Bauman was hired as a client accounting coordinator. Previously, Bauman was a loan processor with Tek-Ni-Cal Credit Union in Warren.

In the traffic department, Tracy Schafer, Melissa Halduck, Mike Witham, Paul Phillips and Bob Bird were all hired as traffic coordinators. Schafer was assigned to the MichCon and Michigan National Bank accounts. Halduck was assigned to the Lincoln-Mercury Division account. Both women recently graduated from Miami University in Ohio majoring in marketing. Witham and Bird also majored in marketing from Miami University in Ohio. Both Witham and Bird were

Sales dip lingers on for homes

Despite excellent buying conditions, home sales through the first half of 1993 did not live up to expectations, according to the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors, the state's largest.

"At no time in recent memory have conditions been better for buying a home," said William Deacon, WWO-CAR president. "Mortgage interest rates have remained near 20-year lows, a wide choice of homes in all price ranges is available, and there is plenty of financing available.

But uncertainty about trends and job security have deterred many prospective buyers from taking advantage of the favorable market. At the same time, home prices continue to edge upward so that future buyers may have to assume a bigger debt with their home ownership requiring a larger share of income."

Deacon noted increased activity in June in his 2,500-member organization. He said 1,319 pending and 2,581 completed sales were reported, a 5.7-percent jump in sales activity from May.

"With different reporting methods initiated this year, it is impossible to make a direct comparison with 1992," he said. "But it appears that at this point we are about at the same level as a year ago, or possibly slightly behind."

Deacon said the median sales price in June, with half selling for more and half for less, reached \$95,000 to bring the year-to-date median to \$87,000.

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**DRUG EMPORIUM INC.**, a Columbus, Ohio-based deep discount drug retail chain has announced the formation of a Franchise Advisory Board.

The Franchise Advisory Board, which will include John Preston of Northville, has been formed as a forum for franchisees to discuss issues and make recommendations in a non-confrontational setting. Consisting of three Drug Emporium franchisees and three independent business people, this Board will make recommendations to Drug Emporium Inc. This communication can help strengthen both the company and the franchisees.

Other members of the Franchise Advisory Board are: Surinder Gullani of Virginia Beach, Va. (franchisee); Tim Dargusch of Charlotte, N.C. (franchisee); Allen Lahwani of Union City, N.J. (franchisee); Roy Kerscher of Columbus, Ohio; James Stuffer of Jackson, Ohio; and Dan Bates of Oklahoma City (franchisee, alternate).

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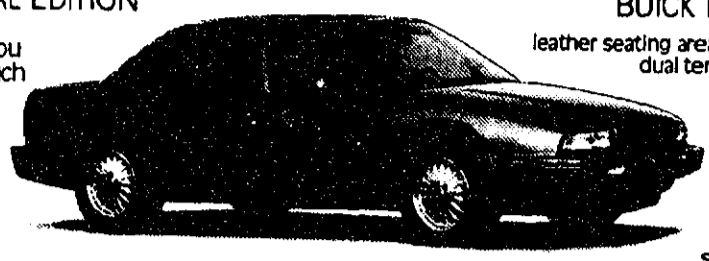
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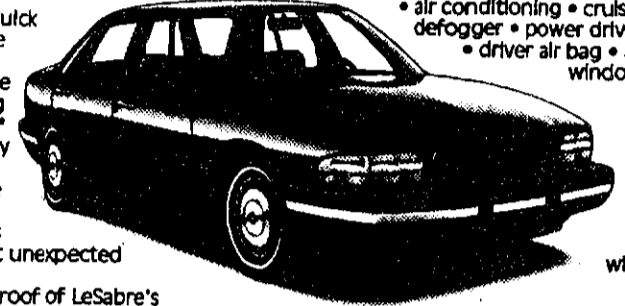
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