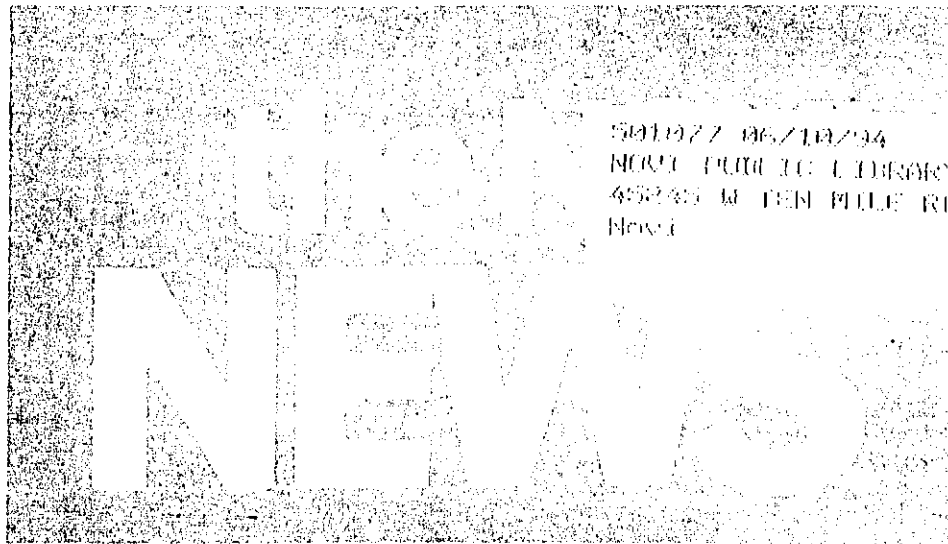


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Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Novi firefighters battle a blaze in an old carriage house on Cambridge Road Tuesday evening.

## Building on vacant estate burns

The carriage house of an old, vacant estate at 21011 Cambridge Drive burned to the ground Tuesday evening, the result of a suspicious fire. Novi firefighter Jeff Feig was injured while battling the blaze. He was poked in the eye by the branch of a tree on the grounds. He was treated at the Providence Park Medical Center and released.

carriage or tack house for the old estate and had residential quarters inside. The main house had been broken into, Lenaghan said. Ed Brown of Northville is reported to be the owner. The Oakland County Arson Investigation unit was called in to determine the cause, but had not completed its work by presstime Wednesday. Lenaghan explained he called the arson squad because there were not other apparent possible causes of ignition. Neighbors have reported the building has been a hangout and party spot for teenagers and young adults. One neighbor, Mayor Kathy McLallen, said area residents have spotted youngsters in and

around the building. Novi Police Chief Doug Shaeffer said that while his department had been notified the building might be a hangout, police had not previously been called to that location. Observers noted that wood appeared to have been placed in the fireplace of the building, leading to speculation that youths using the building may have started a fire for warmth and accidentally let it get out of control. Staff Photographer Bryan Mitchell and Managing Editor Michael Malott contributed to this report.

## Providence wants state law changed

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

Providence Medical Center-Providence Park is lobbying for changes in state administrative law to permit its freestanding emergency room in Novi to operate as a medical control unit.

At present, only a hospital may function as a medical control unit, which has the authority from the Michigan Department of Public Health to direct an ambulance on an emergency run to the nearest appropriate emergency room.

It's an issue which some say smacks of politics and the desire to draw in more patients.

Providence Park, an offshoot of Providence Hospital in Southfield, has an emergency room but has not been granted permission from the state to become a bedded hospital and may legally only keep patients for one day.

"They (Providence) are not a hospital. It's a matter of saying I want to be one and I wish I were one, but that doesn't make you one," Stephen Boyer, chief of the operations sections of the EMS Division of the Department of Public Health in Lansing, said.

"They're a collection of doctors' offices. They don't have any legal standing. They have a lot of availability to provide a lot of services."

Recently, the Novi City Council set up a special committee to determine if the city should push for these changes in the health department's rules. The move was initiated by Council Member Tim Pope, who said he heard complaints from several residents who were taken by Community Emergency Medical Service ambulance company to Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills, rather than to Providence.

Botsford and CEMS are owned by the same parent company, Zieger Health Care Corporation, which was set up by Botsford in 1982.

Pope, Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford and Council Member Carol Mason are on the special committee, which met for the first time Tuesday.

Boyer said Providence and Henry Ford Friarlane in Dearborn, have petitioned the state to change the rules. It's likely this may happen to some degree, he added. Any change might permit Providence's emergency room to handle the majority of medical cases but would still not enable the facility to take major trauma or closed head injury cases brought in by an ambulance, Boyer said.

"I don't know that this is any great advantage. I guess to give them more legitimacy, plus they'll maybe get more patients," Boyer said.

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Stephen Boyer  
Chief of EMS operations  
Department of Public Health

Boyer said that facilities such as Providence and Botsford are competing for patients.

"That doesn't make it wrong. The question is where's the gray line. Does it become too prevalent?" he said.

As part of the Oakland County Emergency Medical Services, Botsford is a medical control unit, meaning that an "on-line" physician communicates via radio with the ambulance, evaluates the patient's condition and determines where the patient should be taken.

The system permits a patient's request to be overruled if his or her medical condition so warrants.

Colleen Prosyniuk, assistant manager of Oakland County EMS and emergency management, said that while a patient may request to go to Providence, if he or she needs to be admitted to a hospital for an overnight stay, the medical control unit is likely to recommend that a patient be taken to Botsford or Huron Valley, depending on which is closer. This means the individual avoids a costly and uncomfortable two trips in an ambulance, first to Providence and then to a full hospital.

On the other hand, Prosyniuk said if the patient's life is in imminent danger and the nearest emergency room is at Providence, according to the county procedure, the patient would be delivered there for immediate stabilization before a possible transfer to a hospital.

"Politics and everything else is entering into this issue but ideally the situation is supposed to be set up so the patient gets the best care," she explained.

Providence Novi's attempt to become part of Wayne County's on-line medical control authority failed in September 1993.

At present, Oakland County's Emergency Medical Services permits ambulances to cart Priority Three cases to Providence. These

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## Proposal A is big winner in Novi

By SHARON CONDRON  
Staff Writer

In Tuesday's election, Novi voters showed they preferred to fund public schools with a higher sales tax rather than hiking their own income tax.

City voters in the special statewide election mirrored the overwhelming majority of statewide voters in choosing the sales tax plan (Proposal A) over the alternative income tax hike.

Out of the 10,820 city residents who voted Tuesday, an overwhelming 72.6 percent of city voters backed the two percent sales tax increase plan to fund schools.

According to the city clerk's office, 43.4 percent of the total 24,934 registered voters turned out for the election. Of that figure, 7,853 voters cast ballots for Proposal A, 2,962 voted against it.

Had Proposal A failed, Michigan taxpayers

would have faced a 1.4 percent income tax increase on May 1 rather than the two cent sales tax increase they'll be paying now.

Novi Community School District officials say they were pleased when Tuesday's tallies came back. The district's Board of Education had passed a resolution showing its support for Proposal A months ago.

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## Missing 9-year-old quickly found

By SHARON CONDRON  
Staff Writer

It's every parents nightmare when a small child disappears. It can happen in seconds... without warning... in the blink of an eye.

"And if the child is not found within minutes, it can be devastating."

Kimberly Gladwin knows first hand the panic, fear and helplessness a parent feels when a child suddenly vanishes.

It happened to her and her developmentally disabled son on March 9.

Shortly after 4 p.m., 9-year-old Justin left the family's Chateau Trailer Park home without warning. The boy stumbled out into the cold after he and his mother disagreed about which hat he should wear to play outside. The boy refused to come back inside after his mother told him his baseball cap was not warm enough to wear outside on the cold winter's day. She sent him to his room until he agreed to wear the right hat.

Minutes later he took off. A television blasting in Justin's room made the woman believe her son was still at home, but somehow, she said, the boy had snuck by her while she was working at the kitchen table.

It wasn't until Justin's older brother, Richard stepped off the



Photo by STEVE KELLMAN

Justin Gladwin back at home next to mom, Kimberly, sporting the hat they argued about last week. Justin's mom says he can wear the favored cap anytime he wants to.

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## Community Calendar

To get your organization's activities, regular meetings or special events listed in the Community Calendar, send information to Community Calendar, The Novi News, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

### Today, March 17

**Novi Rotary:** The Novi Rotary will meet at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 Ten Mile Rd. Mike Meyer will speak on the history and music of St. Patrick's Day.

**Novi Schools:** The Novi schools Board of Education will meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Educational Services Building.

### Saturday, March 19

**VFW Dance:** V.F.W. Post No. 3952 presents a Country Western Dance with music by the Southern Knights from 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. at the V.F.W. Hall, 2652 Loon Lake Rd. There will be a cash bar, snacks, door prizes and 50/50 raffles. Cost is \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. Only 200 tickets are available, first come, first served. The public is welcome. For more information call 624-9742.

### Monday, March 21

**Cholesterol Screening:** Total cholesterol screening by finger-stick method will be offered 1-4 p.m., at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement-Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave. Cost is \$5 fee. For more information call 477-6100.

**Arts Council:** The Novi Arts Council Executive Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

**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.

**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 Meadows School, 777 W. Eight Mile. For more information, call 348-9691.

**Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters:** The Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters Club meets from 7-9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile. For more information call Charisse Ryan at 420-2045. Visitors are welcome.

**Wixom Historical Society:** The Wixom Historical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Wixom City Hall Complex, 49045 Pontiac Trail. Pat Coblenz will give a presentation on the evolution of American Folk Art.

### Tuesday, March 22

**Blood Drive:** Novi Community Blood Drive will be held from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

**Business Card Exchange:** The Council of Chambers of Commerce of Oakland County present Oakland County's largest Business Card Exchange from 4-6 p.m. at Kicks night club at the Troy Marriott, 200 W. Big Beaver, between Livernois and I-75. Cost is \$10 per person pre-registered, \$15 per person at the door, members only. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be available. Call 349-3743 for reservation information.

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

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

**Parkview PTO:** The Parkview P.T.O. general meeting will be held in

the school's media center at 7 p.m.

**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, March 23

**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.

**Business Network International:** The Farmington Hills chapter of The Business Network International, made up of members from 10 neighboring communities, meets at 7 a.m. at the Tollgate 4-H Education Center, 12 Mile at Meadowbrook Rd. For chapter information or an invitation to one of the meetings, please call 642-7725.

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Julie Racklyeft with her cat, Misty.

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## Seventh-grader sets sights on a career in journalism

By SHARON CONDRON Staff Writer

Julie Racklyeft used to watch newscasters on television when she was younger. Now she wants to become one of the faces she idolized on the small screen as a child.

Today, the seventh-grader looks forward to a lucrative career in broadcast or print journalism. She's already gotten a jumpstart by reporting for her school newspaper, The Middle School Scoop.

This year as a first year middle schooler, her byline has already appeared in the Novi Middle School student newspaper atop two sports stories.

With a nose for news, she's well on her way to becoming the international correspondent she aspires to be.

Now, all she thinks she needs is a look at and an understanding of global affairs.

That's why she applied for and earned a spot on the student delegation team that will travel abroad this summer representing the United States.

The delegation will travel under the auspices of People to People, a private, non-profit organization that seeks to foster world peace through student ambassadors.

Racklyeft will leave June 21 to join

other junior high schoolers in the student delegation on a three-week tour of Hungary, Italy and Austria. The delegation is part of the program founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956. According to brochures supplied by the organization, it was Eisenhower's belief that people could foster world peace by using this program to reach out in friendship to people in other countries.

The three-week itinerary will afford Racklyeft the opportunity to tour some of the world's most historic and beautiful cities, including Rome, Budapest, Florence, Venice and Vienna.

Along the way, she'll meet with representatives of the American Embassy and the Papal office, school officials, and spend time living the lifestyles of the countries with host families and students her own age.

While in Rome there will be excursions to the Colosseum, the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Cathedral. A tour of the Piazza del Duomo and Accademia di Belli Arti, the home of Michelangelo's David highlights the stop in Florence.

"I thought it would be interesting to tour other countries and learn about different cultures and how people live," Racklyeft said.

The seventh grader said she learned of the program after receiving the brochure. The brochure, her

mother Debbie said, was sent to students who fared well in recent Odyssey of the Mind competitions. Racklyeft, a recent transfer student to Novi Middle School, participated in the competition as a student in Farmington schools.

Students interested in participating had to pass through the program's application process, her mother said. That required her daughter to secure three letters of recommendation and complete a personal interview.

After she was notified of her selection, Racklyeft began meeting with program organizers and other students chosen. The meetings allow student ambassadors to get acquainted with each other and then be coached on the rules and policies for traveling inside other countries.

The experience will be invaluable, Racklyeft and her mother say. But the \$4,000 cost to attend the conference is astronomical.

That's why the family is hoping community organizations will contribute to Racklyeft's cause. In exchange for donations, the seventh-grader said she's willing to share her experiences overseas.

Many civic group or community resident is interested in sponsoring contributing financially to Racklyeft's trip, Debbie is asking them to contact the family at 349-6820.

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# Bowlers to help Youth Assistance

By MICHELLE HARRISON Staff Writer

Novi Youth Assistance officials hope to be bowled over with donations Saturday. The organization will host its 12th annual Bowl-a-Thon at noon at Novi Bowl. A goal of \$15,000 has been set to benefit the non-profit program, operated by volunteers, dedicated to the prevention of juvenile delinquency. Jean Morris, office secretary, said she has handed out 70 pledge sheets for the event. "Whether we have that many bowlers show up or not, I don't know," she said. "Hopefully, we will."

Either flat or per-pin pledges are accepted in the 9-pin, no lap tournament. The funds will be used for Novi Youth Assistance camp scholarship, summer teen center, family education and P.L.U.S. programs. Camp scholarships are awarded to families who otherwise wouldn't be able to send their children to camp without some financial assistance. "It's not a total scholarship, but it helps out," Morris said. For the last 10 years, Novi Youth Assistance has been renting space for a summer teen center, the majority of those years in the Novi High School Commons.

"We're not sure where it will be at this year," Morris said, explaining that the center will take on a new format this year. "This year field trips will be the focus." Trips to wave pools and water parks will probably be among outings planned during the eight week program which takes place four days a week. "The schedule isn't written yet because we don't have the funding yet," Morris explained. Family education programs include parenting workshops while the P.L.U.S. program, which stands for People Listening, Understanding and Sharing, is modeled after a Big Brother/Big Sister concept.

People Listening, Understanding and Sharing, is modeled after a Big Brother/Big Sister concept. "We look for adults to match with kids," Morris said. "The adults are screened by the police and go through a training program." Bowlers will be treated to pizza, furnished by Domino's, as well as "goody bags," which will include city and Metro Park maps, a Michigan calendar of events and an ice scraper. Door prizes will also be awarded. To bowl, sponsor a bowler or donate a prize, contact Novi Youth Assistance at 347-0410.

# Juniors to host prom fashion show

By SHARON CONDRON Staff Writer

If you haven't found that perfect prom outfit, guys and gals, then the Puerst Auditorium at Novi High School will be the place to be. On March 29, the junior class will be hosting the third annual Prom Show in the auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Students from the school will be modeling the latest fashions in formal prom attire for both young men and women. Area formal outfitters have donated a closet full of the most fashionable fare in formal wear.

For the stunning young man, Ranzazzo Tuxedo Rentals and Sales on Plymouth Road in Livonia and Russell's Tuxedos on Six Mile in Livonia will be on hand to feature their latest fashions in tuxedos. Mary's Bridal Connection will also be there to offer the latest in tuxes and formal gowns. Elizabeth's Bridal Manor, Only You A Bridal Gallery, Specialite De Bridal, I Do, Two, and Ganto's have also donated fashions to the show.

High School Junior Nicole Borashko is the co-chair of the publicity committee behind the Prom Show. Novi High School's prom is Friday, May 13 at Laurel Manor. But the show is open to all high schoolers and their parents. "It's pretty fun," she said. "You go there and you get to see kids your own age modeling. It's really a lot of fun." Students from Novi will also be modeling the show. Admission tickets are \$5. Proceeds from the show help to lower

ticket prices for Novi couples attending the prom. Door prizes and refreshments will be available.

# Community Education

**Road Rally Treasure Hunt:** Want to put on a road rally treasure hunt? This class will teach you how to plan, and get sample clues in the form of words, numbers, etc. An optional \$3 book with various clues and answers will be available for purchase. The class will meet Tuesday, March 29, from 7 to 9 p.m. in Middle School Room 101. The cost is \$7 (Senior Citizens \$4).

**Smart Ways to Take Your Lumpsums:** This class will provide constructive advice on various tax and investment options open to a person when facing a lump sum cash distribution from a retirement plan, inheritance, lawsuit or lottery winning. The two-week class will meet on Mondays, March 21 and 28 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in High School Room 223. The cost is \$12 (\$9 Senior Citizens).

**Clay, Color and Creativity:** Express your artistic ideas. You will create a variety of pottery pieces and other art forms using clay and other mediums. The four-week class will meet on Mondays, March 21 through April 18 from 3:45 to 5 p.m. in Middle School Room 411. The cost is \$25.

**Real Estate Workshop for Buyers:** There are so many questions that come up when purchasing property. Learn how to qualify for a mortgage, choose a lender, determine if you want a real estate company's help, and how to choose an agent. Other topics include, the purchase agreement, closing documents, additional costs incurred by buyers, life insurance, and choosing an attorney. The class will meet Wednesday, April 13 from 7 to 10 p.m. in Middle School Room 105. The cost is \$25.

# Couple brings rabbit tale to life

Don't ever tell Janet Marie and m'Archibald McCarty to "Get a life." They just might take you seriously and add two more lives to the dozens they've already created. They've revisited the Renaissance as king and queen, prowled the streets of Victorian England as Emily Perrybingle and Gideon Gulip, and co-piloted with the Wright brothers. And you've probably caught them in the act because the husband-wife duo perform for more than 100,000 Michigan children and their families each year.

The McCarty's, this time appearing as Janet Marie and m'Archibald, will debut their newest theatrical production, *Rabbit Tales*, at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi. The free performances will be March 19 and 26 at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Each Saturday will feature a different original program. The McCarty's have lent their talents to venues as diverse as the Michigan Renaissance Festival, the Michigan Opera Theater and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, as well as local schools, parks, libraries, museums and shopping centers. Both Oakland University and North Point State that magically whisked children's letter through the clouds and into Santa's hands. And they've captured the center's Santaland, Mechanical Band puts the audience on stage.

Except for a few well-known tunes, they create all of their own material and often accompany it with both traditional and "found" instruments from keyboard synthesizer and guitar to bucket bass and duck calls. They call it "musical-story-theater." Their audiences call it just plain fun. "Each individual performance is different because the audience is so young," explained m'Archibald when he asks where we get our energy. We tell them it comes from the kids in the audience. They act as our batteries."

Over the past five years, the McCarty's have become a Twelve Oaks tradition. They played Bizabelle Fidget and The Sandman at the center's Town Town sand sculpture last year, and m'Arch was the Space Bird mascot at a Twelve Oaks science enrichment program. During the holidays, they're Joyce Noel and Professor O'Tannenbaum. And, on Halloween, they're Boggy and Bloop, lovable gnomes who are spooked by spooks. They also created the center's holiday North Polestar System that magically whisked children's letter through the clouds and into Santa's hands. And they've captured the center's Santaland, Mechanical Band puts the audience on stage.

"We're amazed how quickly m'Arch and Janet became part of Twelve Oaks tradition," said Twelve Oaks marketing director Elaine Kah. "We knew we were hiring the best in children's theater. But we were amazed at how quickly people began to identify them with the center." "Some of the older kids get really excited when they recognize them from earlier performances, and parents tell us that they not only wait from season to season to see what 'those characters' will do next, they bring their friends from all over. Each time they appear, it's like a reunion with old friends."

One shopper even uses them as a substitute family. "I had a nice visit with one grandma who says she'd been back to our show three times." Janet said. "She showed me pictures of her grandkids, who lived out town, and she said she just loves to come to our shows to watch the children." Performing in a shopping center, the couple agrees, presents special challenges. You have to be spontaneous enough mid-performance to weave back to the regular mall walkers who recognize you from previous performances and flexible enough to write the restless toddler who runs across the stage right into the act. But it has its rewards too. "We're a theater company without a theater," said m'Arch. "Twelve Oaks gives us a stage and a built-in audience. We get to create something new all of the time, and shoppers get a chance to be silly and have fun." Despite living a fantasy on stage, the McCarty's insist that they lead a very normal life at home in Waterford with two cars, two sons and one dog.



Janet Marie and m'Archibald McCarty will tell tales of Peter Rabbit at the Twelve Oaks Mall. Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

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# Police reunite mom with son after search

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In search of the boy, Al home, Kimberly said Officer Louis Bigliardi helped her remain calm and hopeful while everyone else combed the area looking for her son. John Zimmer is the detective in charge of the Novi Police Department's Youth Bureau.

Ironically, while en route back from a child abuse seminar in Troy, Zimmer was monitoring his police radio inside his unmarked car.

The detective said he tuned into the case after learning it involved a missing child. He said he may not have gotten involved if the department had located the child sooner. But once he realized the case was beginning to escalate and daylight was dimming, he got concerned.

When he hit the city limits, Zimmer radioed in and said he was heading over to the boy's house to speak

with his mother.

En route to the woman's home on eastbound Thirteen Mile, Zimmer saw a boy walking along side the road that matched Justin's description. "I knew he was Justin," he said. "He had on the purple hat and the gray sweat pants. I just knew it was him."

Zimmer pulled over, introduced himself to Justin and told the boy everyone was worried about him. The boy hopped into the car and drove in silence along side the detective back to his home. There he was met with his mother's outstretched arms in "a tearful, sobbing welcome home."

"He was fine. He was dressed in warm clothes and on his way to visit his grandparents," the detective said. "He had walked at least two miles from his home and was halfway be-

tween the trailer park and his grandparents house when I found him.

"His grandparents live somewhere near Thirteen Mile and Farmington Road. He knew enough to head eastbound."

Zimmer said he had heard on the radio that the boy had some kind of developmental problem so he didn't ask him too many questions when he picked him up.

"He seemed fine," he said. "I didn't want to push it."

Zimmer's been on the force for 20 years. This is the second time in his tenure he's been able to do what he's trained to do. And it was a good feeling—a little humorous, a lot ironic—but definitely worth it.

"It's a humorous story that turned out well because we found the kid," he said. "It's both humorous and extremely serious."

Even though Zimmer was the one to locate the boy, he said he was pleased with the department's performance before he arrived to save the day. Nonetheless he said he's been "needing" his fellow officers at the station ever since.

"I listened to this one act play on the radio and everything was done properly and beautifully," he said. "I found myself saying yep that's right as I listened to the radio."

"It was well done and a textbook response. And then I come along and blunder it up," he said jokingly.

In cases of missing children, Zimmer said timing is everything.

"We take a real quick response to that kind of thing especially when we don't find him in the first 10-15 minutes," Zimmer said. "It's so important to get out there quickly. The first few minutes are the most critical."

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"I've never been known as an obstructionist—until now," quipped Honigman, who is still in good spirits.

Tim Pope, Novi City Council member and a legislative aid to the senator, explained the blockage is caused by a twisting of the intestines. Honigman has been in the hospital for five weeks and has spent much of that time of the critical list, he said.

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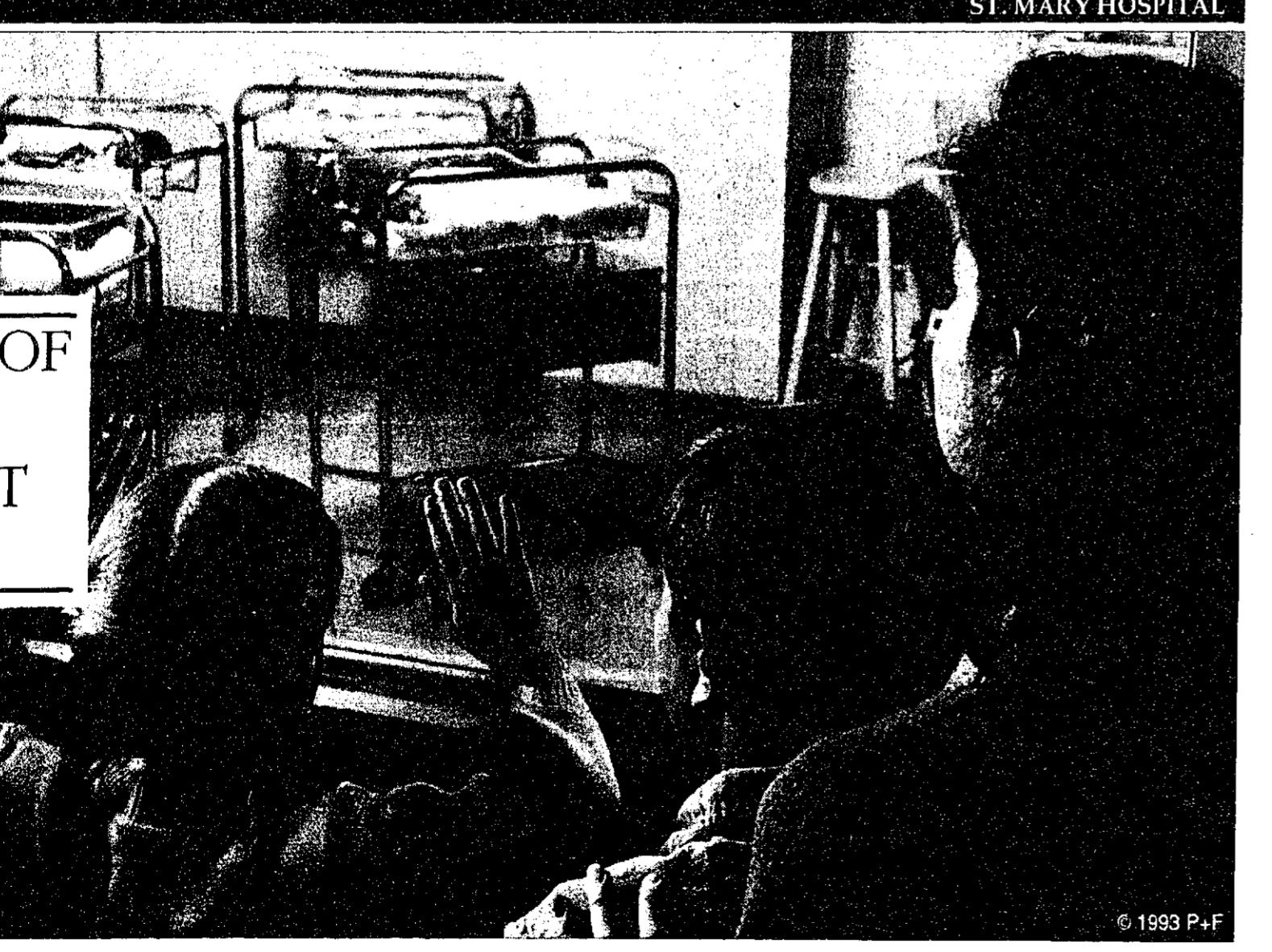
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# Providence wants emergencies

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are the lowest level of medical emergency. The next most serious level, Priority Two patients, may be taken to Providence at the paramedic's discretion. But under most circumstances, ambulances may not take the most critical, Priority One cases to Providence.

However, senior vice president and Providence Park administrator Michael Cervenak, said the facility has the ability to handle Priority One cases and often does so when the patient is driven in by a member of his or her family.

Providence opened on Grand River Avenue at Beck Road in 1992 and in its first year of operation, treated 20,000 emergency patients, including heart attack victims. In May, it will open its obstetrics program.

Cervenak says the community's emergency services will be improved if Providence is permitted to become a medical control unit—and that the facility is not making a bid for more patients.

"I see clearly the on-line control being an extension of the emergency medical care that is available to the

"Politics and everything else is entering into this issue but ideally the situation is supposed to be set up so the patient gets the best care."

Colleen Prosyunik  
Assistant Manager  
Oakland County EMS

community. There are a number of services that can be performed at Grand River and Beck that won't necessitate trips to another facility," he said.

"The first four minutes of a significant medical emergency are very significant in terms of patient survival. If we can make a difference in a patient's surviving a major medical emergency, we are committed to do whatever we can."

When Providence unsuccessfully sought state permission to transfer some of the beds from its Southfield hospital to a proposed Novi hospital, Botsford was one of many parties—including health insurance firms, utility companies and labor unions—

to protest the move. One factor cited was increasing health care costs.

Cervenak says he has heard about six complaints from members of his medical staff that CEMS did not take their patients to Providence, as they had requested.

CEMS Marketing and Community Relations Manager Donna Lawrence said the company will take a patient where he or she wants to go—unless their life may be endangered by doing so.

"If the patient's condition is not life-threatening or not going to put that patient in jeopardy, we'll take them there. If the condition is life-threatening, they would have to go to the closest, most appropriate facility,

Huron Valley Hospital or Botsford," Lawrence said.

"We're doing what we're supposed to do, we're following medical control. We're following protocol. Another ambulance company would do the same."

According to Greg Beauchemin, CEO of CEMS, between November 1993 and February 1994, Botsford received 37 percent of the 9-1-1 patients from Novi.

Margo Gorchow, administrator of hospital and community relations for Botsford, says that health care is big business but that the bottom line is the patient's well-being.

"There has been an innuendo or whiff in the air that there has been collusion between the hospital and ambulance company," Gorchow said.

"It's a very competitive business. Is it a right or is it a commodity? I don't have think we have the right to cross the line and compromise the health care of people. When it comes to the actual doing, we are taking care of you as a patient. I would never want you to sink the point where it becomes like the fast food industry."

## Library Notes

**Coastal cities:** Larry Massie, prominent Michigan historian and author, will talk about the romance of Michigan's coastal cities in a program at Novi Library on Thursday, March 24 at 7 p.m. The program is sponsored jointly by the Novi Public Library and the Novi Historical Commission.

"Sand Dunes, Sawdust and Shipwrecks" will cover the colorful stories that abound in the villages and cities that border four of the Great Lakes. Massie will take the audience on a pilgrimage into Michigan's past as he makes history come alive through his storytelling.

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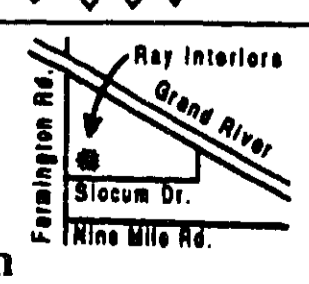
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Photos by BRYAN MITCHELL

Randi Holtzman of Novi shows her registered pit bull Rowdytowns at competitions about once a month.

## Canine competitor content

By MICHELLE HARRISON  
Staff Writer

When Randi Holtzman married her husband Jerry eight years ago, she soon realized he wasn't the only one she was exchanging vows with.

In a way, she also married his dog.

"You marry the man, you marry the breed," the Novi resident laughed.

Today, Holtzman shows the couple's registered American Staffordshire Terrier, also registered as an American Pit Bull Terrier, in confirmation events regularly.

Named Rowdytowns Reigning Rock, after his grandfather Hard Rock Cafe and father Piece of the Rock, Rowdytowns turns 4 in June.

Showing him since the tender age of 6 months, Holtzman competed in the confirmation competition at the Detroit Kennel Club's annual dog show at Cobo last weekend.



Pit bulls have gotten a bad rap, according to Holtzman. Her dog is more a lover than a fighter, she says.

Holtzman shows her dog on the average of once a month.

"Some months the shows are for three days," she explained.

Last Sunday marked the third time Rowdytowns has appeared in the Cobo show. He had to miss last

year's show because of surgery.

Although pit bulls are known for their tenacity, another trait is loyalty.

"They're great family dogs and protection," Holtzman said.

Holtzman was introduced to the

breed by her husband. She wasn't scared of the dog, although the pit bull has gotten a bad rap as a violent breed.

"Any dog can be raised to be a bad dog," she said. "The bottom line issue is responsible ownership."

Holtzman said Rowdytowns is more of a lover than a vicious attack dog.

"He loves children and he loves going to shows," she said.

Holtzman blamed the media for the negative image pinned on pit bulls. Education is the only key in solving the bad rap, she said.

"When people aren't educated, that's when they (rely) on fears," she said, adding that German Shepherds, Dobermans and now Rottweilers have gotten similar labels as mean canines.

Although he is obedience trained, Holtzman doesn't show Rowdytowns in obedience competitions. She prefers confirmation showings.

Even though Holtzman may spend extra time with Rowdytowns in order to prepare him for shows, all dog owners need to make a commitment to their dogs.

"This is a child," Holtzman said. "This is another member of our family and is treated as such. He has certain rules and expectations."

# TOP DOGS

By MICHELLE HARRISON  
Staff Writer

And the top dog for 1993 is . . . the Labrador retriever.

The breed, originating in Newfoundland, was the most popular dog registered in the American Kennel Club from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31 of last year. Over 124,000 Labs were registered with the club.

"They were number one in 1992, too," said Erik Bergshagen, president of the Detroit Kennel Club.

Rounding out the top 10 in the most popular category are:

■ Rottweiler. A stocky dog with a short black coat and tan face markings, developed in Germany.

■ German Shepherd. Also developed in Germany, a large dog commonly referred to as a "police dog."

■ Cocker Spaniel. Originally used for hunting woodcocks in England, this breed is known for its droopy ears and silky coat.

■ Golden Retriever, like the Labrador Retriever, only with a golden coat.

■ Poodles. There are many type of poodles, from the larger breeds which were originally developed in England as hunting dogs, to the toy poodle. The poodles is best known for its thick, curly hair.

■ Beagle, a small hound with short legs, droopy ears and a smooth coat with white, black and tan markings.

■ Dachshund. Known as the "hot dog" dog for its long body and very short legs, this small breed was developed in Germany for hunting badgers.

■ Dalmation. Often associated with fire stations, this breed has a smooth white coat with black or dark brown spots.

■ Shetland Sheepdog. Also called "shelties," these dogs look like miniature collies.

The grand event for dog owners in the area is the annual Detroit Kennel Club Dog Show. The 76th annual show was held last Sunday at Cobo Center. The show has been held at Cobo for 29 years, said Bergshagen.

More than 3,400 people participated in the bench dog show. The

benched format is ideal for viewing by spectators because dogs entered in the competition were stationed on benches from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. except during the time they were being judged or groomed.

More than 137 breeds competed in confirmation, obedience and junior showmanship categories.

In confirmation, judges rate dogs on things such as bone structure, its body movement and stance, on standards set by the AKC. The standards are based on what makes a perfect dog, Bergshagen said.

"Of course, there isn't such a thing as a perfect dog," he said. "So, it varies from judge to judge."

Youngsters ages 12-17 are judged solely on how they handle their dogs in the junior showmanship competition while dogs are judged on their ability to perform commands in obedience showing.

Besides the show, dog lovers could find anything from clothing to jewelry featuring their favorite breed from the 100 vendors setting up shop at Cobo. One vendor comes from California each year just to sell dog books.

"In that 600,000-square-foot we fill the place up in dogs and people," Bergshagen said.

Dogs are increasing in popularity, according to Bergshagen. They make great companions and family protectors, he said.

Adults often get dogs because they had one while growing up and children, well, they're just hooked on something to cuddle with.

"Children are so turned on by something they can love and put their arms around," Bergshagen said. "Nobody says they can't do it and the dog wags his tail."

Bergshagen, who owns a dog kennel in the Birmingham/Troy area, said when people make the decision to purchase a puppy, they must realize they have, in essence, a new addition to the family.

"You have to treat a puppy like a baby," he said. "Like a baby, you have to feed it properly and you can't leave it alone. They need attention just like human beings do."

"They need to be trained right and they should know right from wrong."

## Volunteer



DAVID RUYLE

## Volunteers are the 'backbone' of Novi

By DOROTHY NASH  
Special Writer

"Volunteers are the backbone of the community," is a comment made by David Ruyle. "Without them," he said, "Novi wouldn't be what it is today."

To illustrate his point, Ruyle talked about participating on the seven-member Novi Parks and Recreation Commission, whose charge is to meet the community's recreational needs.

To a great extent that means the development and maintenance of public parks—active ones which provide opportunities for various sports and passive ones where families and friends can get together for picnics and outdoor recreation.

A major accomplishment of his own, Ruyle said, was the promotion of Rotary Park—a passive one in the southeast quadrant—"the most populous part of the city."

Now, Ruyle said, the commission is getting ready to develop a new active park, for which they hope to

break ground this spring. It will accommodate fields for both soccer and baseball—at Eight Mile and Napier roads.

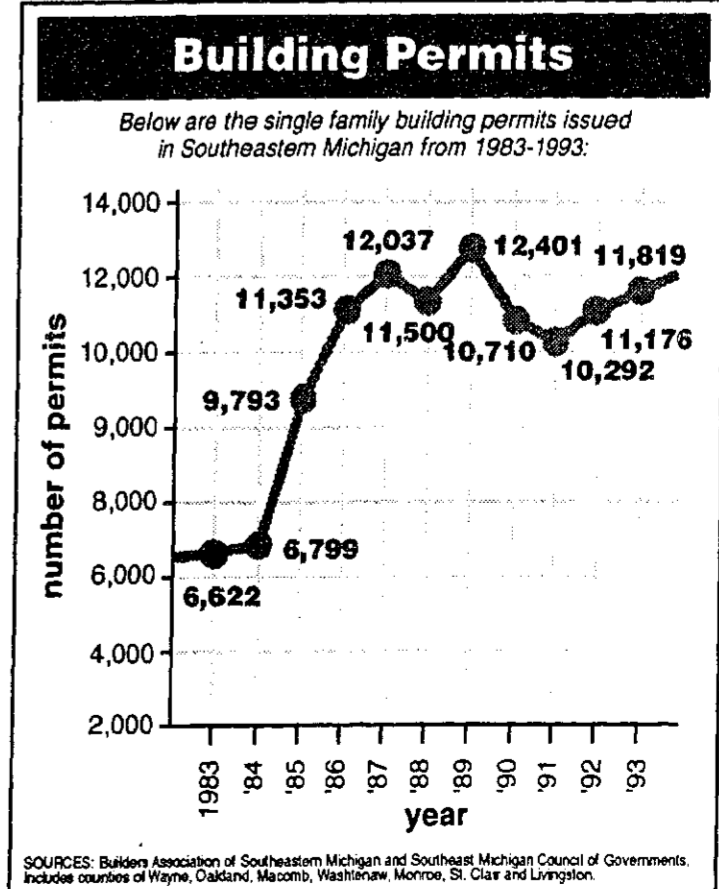
After that they'll work on a passive park for picnic areas and nature trails on 300 acres of land now known as the Novi Tree Farm Property.

"We want more active ones," he said, and the need keeps increasing, especially when you consider that "Novi population is now 34,000, and in the next 15 years it will be up to 60,000," and with prices rising, too, "we must buy land now."

As for his time on the commission, David Ruyle said, it had added up to six hours a week, including telephone calls and visits to a site—and it's worth it.

If you want to consider making a difference in the community, you're invited to attend a meeting of parks and recreation commission—the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center in council chambers.

## It's A Fact











# Wildcats place two on All-Area first team

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Tarrow often went head-to-head with top competition and gave them all they wanted and more. Boshven said the senior was a leader on his team.

"He had four good, solid years for us," he commented.

### JEREMY BROWN South Lyon

Injuries kept the 125-pounder from having a standout season. But, Brown was solid choice for our top team.

Bad knees kept him out of action until January. Brown, nonetheless, put together an 18-4 record.

As a junior, Brown placed eighth in his weight class at state finals.

### TAKA WATANABE Novi

If KVC choices could have any of the Wildcats' wrestlers, Watanabe would likely be the choice. A 130-pounder, the freshman often dominated older, more experienced opponents.

"He's very impressive," said Novi coach Brad Huss. "He's got some nice moves and he knows how to finish."

Indeed, Watanabe took pins in 23 of his 25 wins. Huss said he likely move up a weight class or two over his career, but it won't stop him from being a state-finals contender every year.

"Taka has the skill to move up and succeed," the coach added.

Huss said he wouldn't be surprised if Watanabe racks up 100 pins in his career.

"That would be phenomenal," he added.

### CHRIS ADDY South Lyon

The senior wasn't able to survive a tough district and make it to state finals but still had a good season, according to coach Larry Janes.

Addy finished second in the KVC to Brighton's John Deluca. The 135-pounder posted a 30-10 record.

"He was the captain of our team," Janes added.

### BRIAN VELZY Lakeland

Perhaps the most talented wrestler on our first team, Velzy did it all this year. The senior went 41-5 en route to a fourth place finish at state finals last weekend in the 140-pound weight division.

"He's really good on his feet," said Lakeland coach Ken Velzy. "Nobody could hold him down, either."

Velzy success shouldn't come as a surprise. He was fifth in the state at 135 pounds last year and eighth as a sophomore.

The senior now holds Lakeland's school records for wins with 155. MIKE McDANIELS

### South Lyon

Another of the Lions' state placers, McDaniels was fifth at 145 pounds last weekend. He won 36 of his 46 matches this season.

A shoulder injury probably stopped the senior from winning the KVC championship.

"I think it hurt him at the league meet," Janes said.

McDaniels was always in the correct position on the mat, the coach said. He added that his other strength was not letting his opponents take the offensive.

"He was good at riding," said Janes.

### JASON DUNCAN South Lyon

Duncan reached the 40-win plateau in his junior season for the Lions. But his biggest achievement was taking seventh at the state meet at 152 pounds.

Janes said hard work has paid off for Duncan.

"He's improved every year," he added. "He'll be a four-year wrestler for us."

Duncan took second in the KVC this year as well.

### ADAM LYNCH Northville

A captain of the Mustangs, the senior 160-pounder got every ounce out of his abilities. Lynch made it to regionals this winter, often beating larger opponents.

"He was our emotional leader," said Boshoven. "He helped our team a lot."

Lynch went 27-8 and took crucial victories during the season.

"He worked hard in the (wrestling) room," Boshoven said.

### JEFF ARCHY South Lyon

Archy didn't accomplish much in his senior year—just a KVC championship and a seventh place finish at

state finals.

"He had a super year," said Janes. "He beat a lot of good people along the way."

Archy was 39-8 and also won the Oakland County meet.

"He did a real good job," said Janes.

### BEN WENDT Novi

Call the Wildcat senior Mr. Perseverance. Not the most gifted athlete, Wendt overcame his shortcomings through hard work and dedication.

At 189 pounds, he captured a KVC championship and was a regional

qualifier.

"He worked extremely hard to make himself good," said Huss. "He was very good on his feet. That's where he scored a lot of his points." Wendi was 36-7 this year.

### JASON FIRBY South Lyon

A state finalist, Firby piled up a 35-7 record as a senior heavyweight. Not bad considering gave up 50 or 60 pounds every match.

"Jason was a heavyweight with a 190-pound frame," said Janes. "To get 35 wins as a heavyweight was an excellent job."

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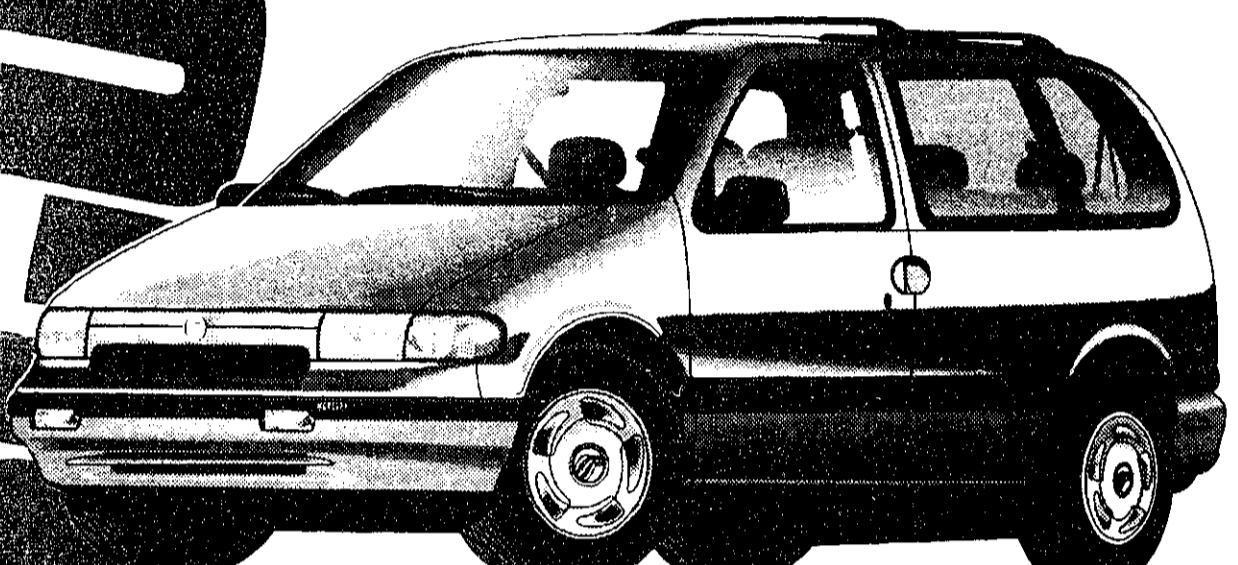
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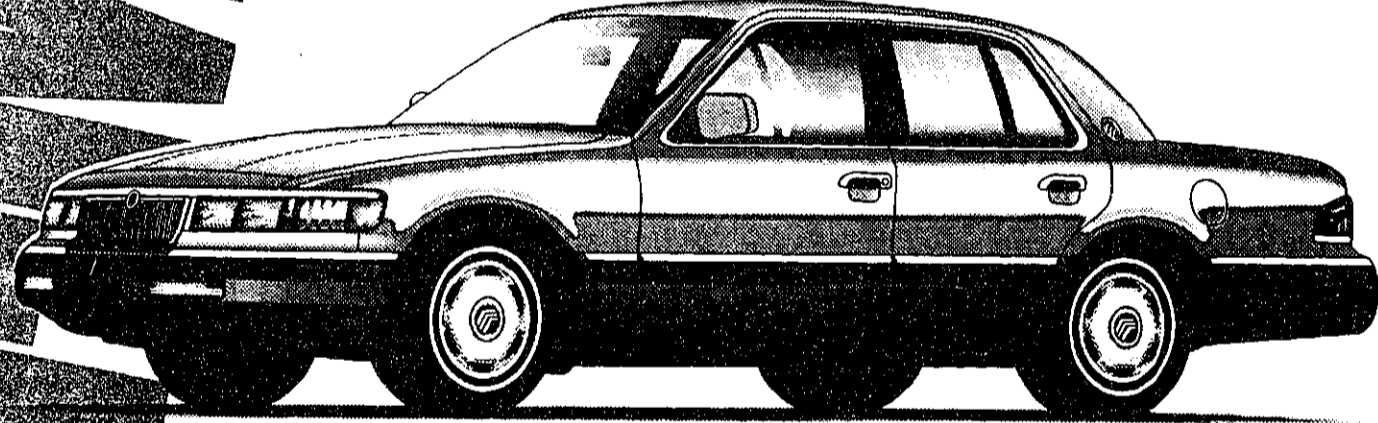


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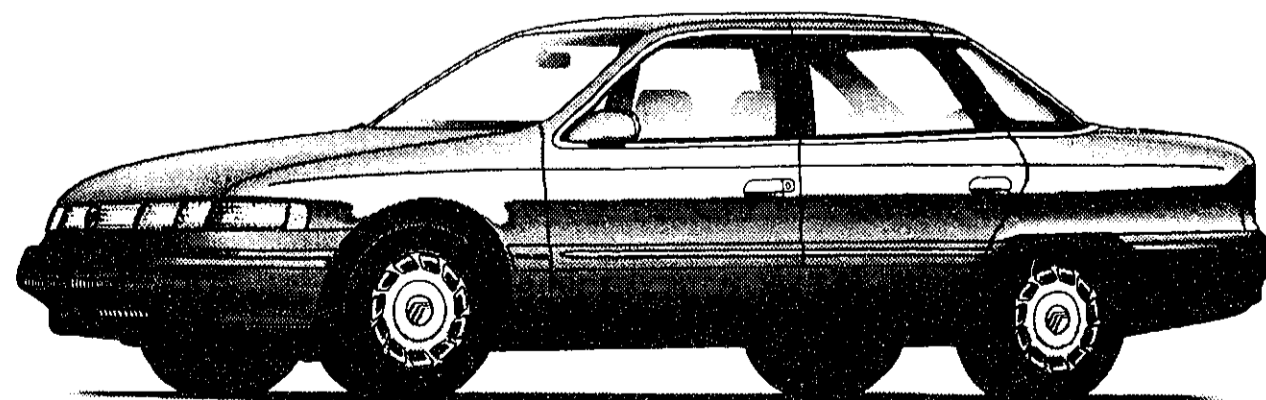


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## Four grapplers on second squad

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Western Lakes crown easily this year, but was disappointed not to make it out of districts.

Coach Bob Boshoven said he will likely make the state finals next year.

"With his ability that should definitely be what he's shooting for," he said.

Scappatoci went 23-7 as a junior.

### MARK MCBRIDE Novi

Another young man loaded with talent is McBride. Huss said the 160-pounder has the ability to win a state title.

"I don't think that's out of the question," he commented. "He'll definitely be a state-placer."

McBride won 25 matches and took second place at the KVC finals. He also qualified for regionals.

### BRIAN JANES South Lyon

A tough competitor for just a sophomore, Janes was a regional qualifier at 189 pounds.

The Lions' youngster went 25-16. He also placed second in the KVC finals.

### NICK BOWERSOX Northville

The junior gave Northville something it usually doesn't have at heavyweight—a winning season.

Bowersox went 22-17 for the Mustangs. Boshoven said he will be even better as a senior.

"He could dominate," he said.

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