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Pedestrian oriented downtown considered

By KATHY JENNINGS

A downtown area where pedestrians would be encouraged to walk and shop, complete with decorative sidewalks, lighting and landscaping is being considered for the Grand River/Novi Road business district.

In a joint meeting of the Novi city council and planning board Monday, city officials discussed business to be encouraged to locate in the town center area and the need for a ring-road to ensure that the area develops properly.

City Consulting Planner Charles Cairns called the meeting "the first step" in planning the redevelopment of

the area and asked the group for ideas on the types of development to be encouraged.

He told the council he envisions two areas in the town center — a commercial center, inside the ring road, which is oriented to pedestrians — and offices or similar business, outside the ring road, which would bring in large numbers of people who would support the commercial center.

"Inside the ring would be restricted to comparison and convenience retail, entertainment facilities and restaurants that would restore the pedestrian traffic in that area," Cairns said. "Pedestrian traffic can be en-

couraged with decorative sidewalks, lighting and landscapes, and restaurants that serve outside."

He suggested the city may impose architectural requirements in order to create a certain image in the town center. "We may be able to encourage it by writing language to set forth what we're looking for."

Cairns went on to say he sees traffic on Grand River eventually being restricted and rerouted around the ring road.

Three ring-road routes were proposed by the planner and reviewed by city engineers. The engineers recommended one of three alternative routes, after

some modifications.

Edward Jacobs of Mosher-Kapelczak, Inc. estimated the road would cost \$6.8 million to construct, including the construction of drainage facilities. He pointed out sanitary sewer, storm sewer and water main construction should proceed concurrently with development of the roadway.

A special assessment district or a master road plan were two alternatives for achieving eventual construction of the ring road that were discussed.

City Planner Joe Brett said that when figuring the cost of the project the city also should investigate improving the

appearance of waterways in the area if the project is going to proceed.

"If this is to be meaningful I think you should add the cost of improving the water ways and beautifying them. We have to consider the cost of development of the stream."

When some officials balked at the cost of developing the roadway Cairns went on to say that if nothing else is developed the eastern ring should be constructed.

"Without that there will be marginal development, piecemeal development, much less desirable land uses. Those costs outstrip other considerations," Cairns said.

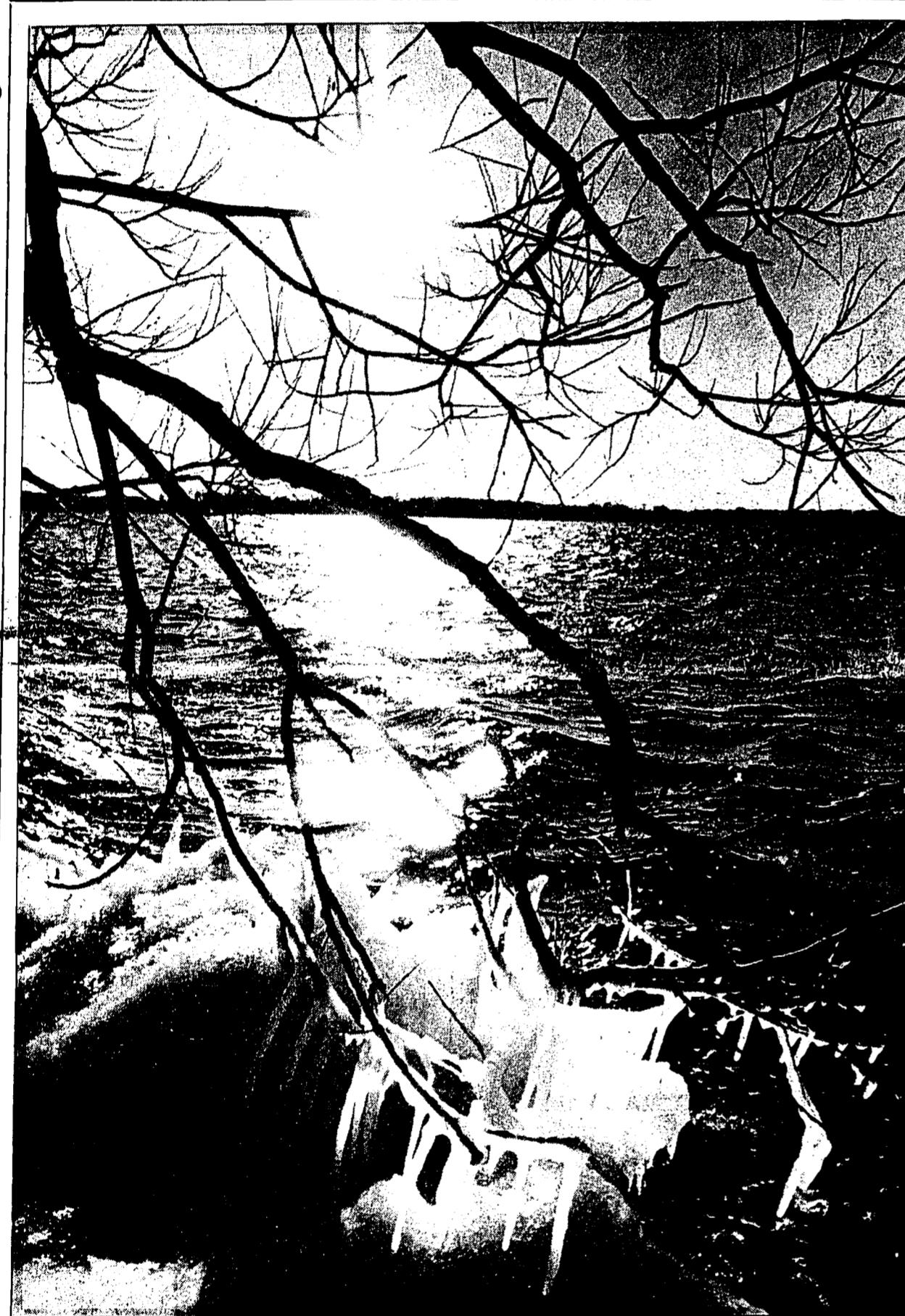
It was pointed out by Council Member Patricia Karevich that it would be difficult to special assess for construction of the road in the western quadrants of the ring because there would be little usable land opened for development.

"It's not cost effective to open the west," Karevich said.

Cairns responded that the western ring "improves the capabilities of the east, the west rings are for moving traffic."

If there are problems restricting traffic on Grand River Cairns suggested the plan would then be to "move people

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Winter wonder

When the sun shines over Walled Lake on a frosty December afternoon the natural wonder of winter becomes apparent. The lake lapping on the shore and the freezing temperatures

combined to make artistry of the kind mother nature creates best. Winter showed her kinder side to The News staff photographer Steve Fecht Thursday.

Ducks fall victim to traps set in Village Oaks subdivision

Someone has been trapping the ducks on one of the retention ponds inside the Village Oaks subdivision. But then again the ducks' deaths might be purely an accident.

Novi police reported that they confiscated a box trap with a dead mallard duck in it last week.

A resident came into the police station December 5 to report that ducks were being trapped behind a vacant home in the 40000 block of Village Oaks. Police went to the location and found an unmarked steel box-trap with a dead duck in it.

The violation of game laws was reported to the Department of Natural Resources and the trap was taken to the police station so it could be turned over to a DNR representative.

Ray Gais, president of Village Oaks Homeowners Association, explained it's possible that the ducks, which naturally flock to retention ponds in the subdivision are being caught in

muskrat traps which have been pulled on shore.

He went on to say the association takes no active part in the ducks' welfare. The association neither encourages or discourages residents who take care of the ducks.

"Some homeowners feed them, but mostly the ducks find their own food. The retention pond is a congregating place for ducks and geese that are migrating; there's no permanent population during the summer. They're nice, but they tend to become a nuisance," Gais explained.

"When they congregate they do a lot of mess before they leave, so we don't encourage people to care for them."

Gais went on to say he was unaware of the incident reported by police, but there's a possibility the ducks are getting caught in traps set for muskrats.

Muskrats have damaged residential property by burrowing along the edge

of the retention pond, Gais reported. To counteract the problem the association decided to eliminate the pests.

"The burrowing is doing more damage than a mole does. It's causing erosion," Gais explained. He went on to say the muskrat population had suddenly increased and was causing problems. "Without natural enemies they've gotten to be a nuisance."

"We engaged a professional trapper to set the traps," Gais said. "They are placed on the water and the muskrats drown in them. It's a humane trap. In return the trapper keeps the pelts," he explained.

"If those traps are being pulled on shore by kids, the ducks could be getting caught in them," Gais speculated. He said that since there are a number of vacant homes near the location where police found the trap, it is likely children have been in the area and have been tampering with the traps.

Novi obtains vacant land for possible park use

By KATHY JENNINGS

In coming weeks Novi City Council will be asked to donate approximately 14 acres of land to the parks and recreation department for the city's third major park, according to Novi Parks and Recreation Director Tom O'Branovic.

The city recently acquired 3.5 acre of property south of Nine Mile that could be used together with nearly 11 acres the city already owns in the same area to form a park.

"We will be asking the council for the land for park purposes if that is the wish of council," O'Branovic said.

O'Branovic added his department will have to analyze the land to determine how it can be used.

"We don't have any actual plans for it at this time. There is a limited amount we can do with it because the engineers have indicated it is not suitable for building," O'Branovic said. "It will probably be used for passive activities (as opposed to active recreation uses such as softball and soccer)."

The property is located east of Weltronics Corporation and west of Ennishore Drive. The land has 260 feet of frontage on the south side of Nine Mile and is approximately 600 feet deep. It is north of, and adjacent to, nearly 11 acres owned by the city.

Council members recently agreed to accept the gift of 3.5 acres from Sanford and Judith J. Roth and Irving R. and Rochelle S. Blum. It was estimated the parcel is worth \$108,600.

Roth had notified the city "we would like to gift the entire 3.5 acre parcel to and for the benefit of the City of Novi."

However, the gift was contingent upon the waiver of the unpaid taxes totalling approximately \$2,000.

The council voted 7-0 to accept the property.

The site originally had been considered for construction of a department of public works facility, but it was found that construction on the property was not feasible because

the land lies in a floodway.

Patrick Keast of Mosher-Kapelczak, Inc. told the city that because of the limited amount of usable land available for building purposes, using the site for a Department of Public Works site was not recommended.

The land is not buildable because it lies within the floodway of the Walled Lake branch of the Middle Rouge River, Keast said. A floodway is the area where water will flow during a 100 year flood — 58 percent of the property lies within such an area, Keast said.

The gift parcel also will flood, he added.

"The site appears to have limited capabilities with respect to building development. However, because the parcel fronts on Nine Mile and abuts the parcel owned by the city, direct access to the entire 14.29 acres becomes available from Nine Mile.

"Uses from the combined acreage must consider the flood hazard areas. One suggested use which can accommodate the floodway situation is development of the acreage as a park with recreational facilities. Picnic area, softball diamonds, etc., can be installed in the floodway without changing ground elevations," Keast reported.

Keast went on to say that when the Pathales Drain is completed the area will be improved so that only one acre of the 3.62 acre parcel will be in the flood hazard area, opening up a wider range of site development possibilities for the land.

After the meeting O'Branovic said he would ask that the "entire 14 acres be used as park property, based on the data provided by the engineer."

"Even in a 100 year rain if the land were under water for seven days it doesn't really hurt the park in the long run," O'Branovic said.

"We will be needing land and there is other land around there that could be expanded in the future. With the frontage on Nine Mile there's direct access to the property the city already owns. It's a good location. We don't have property on that side of town," O'Branovic said.

Novi students improve state assessment marks

Students in the Novi Schools have recorded their highest Michigan Education Assessment Program scores in five years, school board members learned Thursday.

The scores show Novi's fourth and tenth graders have a better understanding of the basic math and reading skills tested than their counterparts one year ago.

However, seventh grade math and reading scores dipped slightly.

Superintendent Robert Piwko said the test revealed a number of areas to be reviewed to determine how the district is teaching those skills. For example, alphabetization needs to be reviewed by staff members, he said.

It also was noted that difficulty with whole number subtraction and multiplication of fractions held down math scores for 19.1 percent of the tenth graders.

Decimals and fractions continued to be a problem for students as they have been in the past, school administrators noted.

Administrative Assistant for Instruction Helen Ditzhazy said after the meeting the staff also would review seventh grade math, an area where scores declined this year.

"We'll be looking at several different things, especially fractions, subtraction and volume in metric measures. The multiplication of whole numbers also will be reviewed," Ditzhazy said.

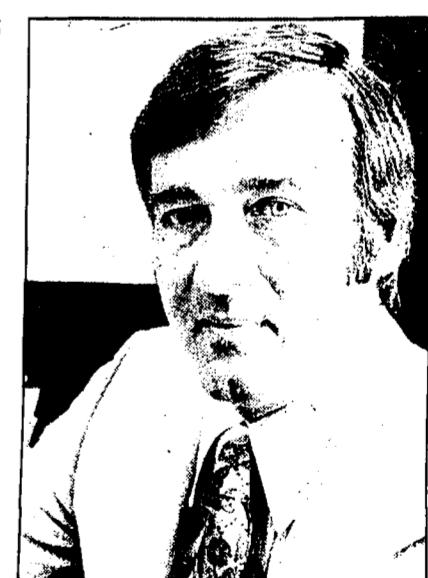
She went on to say the test results already are being discussed by staff members.

Basic concepts in math and reading which have not been mastered by some Novi students will be reviewed by staff members to determine ways instruction in those concepts can be improved.

In summary the test results show:

"This is the number one criteria of people looking for a place to locate."

— Robert Piwko,
Novi Superintendent



The test scores also are used by local educators to evaluate district wide educational programs.

Board members discussed another use of the test scores — their use by local real estate firms.

"How soon will we see this information in the Realtors office?" asked trustee Ron Milan.

"Tomorrow," quipped Piwko. "We should be aware of the fact that this is the number one criteria of people looking for a place to locate. Realtors carry our state assessment scores for the past five years. It is the first thing they will show people. People will find a geographic area and then find a home within that area."

This year's test was administered to 216 fourth graders, 267 seventh graders and 248 tenth graders. Special education students who spend more than 51 percent of the school day in a regular classroom were included in those groups.

This is the fifth year the tenth graders have taken the test, while it has been administered to fourth and seventh graders for the past 13 years.

Dealership to open in '82

The Twelve Oaks Lincoln-Mercury dealership may still be opened sometime in 1982 despite recent speculation by a local Ford dealer that it may be three or four years before a dealer is found for the site, according to a Ford official.

John Mach, owner of John Mach Ford in Northville, had speculated last week that it could be three or four years before the Twelve Oaks facility is open, noting that it would require an investment of approximately \$2½ million to open the facility which has been vacant since 1980.

Mach had been pressured to close his existing operation in Northville and take over the vacant Twelve Oaks site.

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— William Carroll

Ford Motor Company

Mach also speculated that the building may never open as a "Ford store." Because of size limitations, he said, it would require an investment of approximately \$2½ million to open the facility which has been vacant since 1980.

Mach's speculation was denied by William Carroll, assistant public relations manager of the Ford Division.

Specifically, Carroll said the Twelve Oaks site will be a Ford dealership and there are active plans to fill it as soon as there is an improvement in the economy, perhaps as early as next year.

Although Ford officials said it October that they had not yet found a dealer, rumors had persisted that Ford would close the John Mach franchise in Northville and find a new home to take over the Twelve Oaks facility.

Mach explained last week that, as a result of a 1979 market study, Ford had desired the move to Twelve Oaks.

That scenario appeared likely until December 1 when, according to Mach, "Ford did a 180-degree about-face from an announced intention" and declared the Northville business an "open store."

"We were not willing to take over the Twelve Oaks dealership," Mach said. "We were told we could keep the dealership here, but I could not give it to my sons."

Sons John and Bruce are both in the dealership with their father.

Mach reportedly submitted his resignation to Ford on Friday, November 27, and told his employees Monday, November 30, that the Northville dealership would be closed and he would help them find jobs at other dealerships.

On Tuesday (December 1), Ford officials did a 180-degree about-face and told Mach he would be permitted to operate in Northville as long as he wanted with full rights to sell the dealership or transfer it to his sons. Mach is 63 years old.

"So that's where we are," Mach told *St. Croix Valley Publications* last week. "We're not moving, and I am the dealer here (Northville)."

Dick Shuman's Ford dealership in Walled Lake was closed in 1980 when the economy lagged and Ford attempted to pressure him to take over the Twelve Oaks store. Shuman refused, however, electing to close the doors of his Walled Lake franchise instead of assuming responsibility for the Twelve Oaks facility.

Construction of the Twelve Oaks Lincoln-Mercury dealership began in September 1978 and was completed in March 1980.



Good enough to eat

The problem with making candy houses, according to Patricia Loughry, a sixth grade teacher at Novi Middle School North — is that students often eat the construction materials.

Mike McQuade (above) resisted temptation enough to finish his house in time to take it home for the holidays. (Staff photo by Phil Jerome)

Library story hour filled with 'fun and fantasy'



Last Wednesday in Walled Lake was a big day for some little folks. Pre-schoolers got into the Christmas spirit at the Walled Lake Library Story Hour. Children's Librarian Becky Harkey (lower left) filled their heads with holiday tales and visions of sugar plums.

Nicole Micallef, 4, (top left) labors over her festive wreath, being careful not to get any paste on her clothes. Several "big folks" in the form of parents were on hand to assist. And proud Tommy Sanderson, 3, (lower right) shows off his finished wreath with a holiday smile. (News photos by Steve Fecht)

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Good News

Some Goodfellows spread around some good news in Wixom last week to help raise funds for needy children. Gunnar Mettala (left) hawks a Novi-Walled Lake News to a passerby, while Wixom Police Chief Phil Leonard looks for another customer. The

two Wixom residents were part of the Goodfellow's annual sales drive in cooperation with local newspapers to make Christmas a little merrier for youngsters. (News photo by Steve Fecht)

Township stays with Walled Lake library

The Walled Lake Library staff can breath easy. Commerce Township has decided not to pull its funding of the Walled Lake facility in order to invest in its own library — yet.

The Commerce Board of Trustees decided last week that it would not be in the best interest of the township to break away from the Walled Lake Library without having adequate library service elsewhere. Trustees turned down a request by resident Rusty Rosman to invest the approximately \$70,000 that helps support the city's library in a fund to start Commerce's own library.

However, Rosman did authorize creation of a committee to study whether Commerce residents want and would support a township library, he said. Commerce library would affect Walled Lake, and whether it would be to the township's advantage to open its own facility.

'We are handing them a blank check.'

— Rusty Rosman, Commerce resident

"We are not demanding nor receiving the service we should," Rosman agreed. "We are handing them a blank check."

The library issue came up in November when Rosman surprised trustees with a request to open a township library, using a portion of the 2 mill special assessment levied on Commerce residents for library services.

Of the money raised by the levy, 57 percent goes to the Walled Lake Library, 19 percent goes to Milford Library and 24 percent goes to West Bloomfield Township Library.

Both Walled Lake and Milford and West Bloomfield libraries said they could not absorb additional Commerce patrons if the township dropped their contract with Walled Lake, where most Commerce residents are served, Rosman said.

Rosman, a non-voting member of the

Walled Lake Library Board, contends Commerce residents do not get the same services from Walled Lake that other area residents receive from their own libraries. She maintains the Walled Lake staff is not aggressive in starting programs for children, adults and senior citizens.

"I can appreciate that they need

Airport survey response slow

By STEPHEN CVENGROS

The attempt to document potential users of Wixom's Spencer Airport through a survey of businesses, according to Mayor Stephen Bonczeck, Wixom's answer to the mayor.

"Our initial survey was not as productive as estimated," Bonczeck told Sliger/Livingston Publications yesterday. "We're a ways away from the 500 confirmations needed."

Positive response indicates that at least 500 flights will be efficient and on time. "If the proposed expansion is undertaken, it is necessary for the full support of Michigan's Department of Transportation and its aeronautics division. Failure to attain the needed total could jeopardize the state's involvement and possibly the \$10,000 allocation earmarked for the expansion study."

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Drowning youth rescued

When Chuck Marshall, a 10-year-old Novi youth, went plowing through the thin ice on the pond behind Hampton Hill Court, David Hurley knew just what to do.

Hurley, 13, jumped in after him. "My next door neighbor and I were playing hockey with a few other kids. The puck was hit across the ice, Chuck went across after it and fell through," Hurley said.

Hurley had broken through a thin layer of ice on the retention pond. Hurley explained.

"I know no one else was going to help him so I jumped in after him."

Marshall was in over his head and Hurley said the boy was "going up and down." Marshall, a non-swimmer, also was struggling due to the hockey skates and gear he was wearing.

"He was saying 'I can't swim, I can't swim.' He was panicking," Hurley said. "I dove in and put my arm around him and paddled my way to the other side."

Hurley said he reached Marshall at approximately eight feet from the edge of the pond. "I jumped in and put my arm around him and paddled my way to the other side."

Hurley said he learned his life saving techniques in the Boy Scouts. He reports he has been a Scout for five years and earned a swimming and life saving skill award and merit badge.

"He never really expected to use them," Hurley said.

"I really wasn't expecting this. I guess it happened just out of reflex. I never thought I could do it. I never even thought anything like that would ever happen," said the amazed young man.

Marshall's mother Linda attributes Hurley with saving her son's life since the boy does not swim. "The boys are good friends. My son doesn't swim, but David is quite a good swimmer."

"Chuck was up in over his head and his heavy hockey skates were pulling him down; he wouldn't have gotten out," Mrs. Marshall said.

She said she now believes the pond is a hazard and plans to contact the city regarding the depth of the retention pond which drains the condominium project and some surrounding property.

Hurley is a student at Novi Middle School South. His parents are Mary Ann and Bill Hurley, 24371 Hampton Hill.

Pool committee sets craft bazaar Saturday

One thousand five hundred dollars.

That's what stands between the Walled Lake Community Pool Study Committee and its goal of raising \$10,000 to re-open the swimming pool at Walled Lake Central High School.

Gordon Peterson, chairman of the committee, told the Walled Lake school board Monday that the group has already raised \$8,500 and hopes to top its goal at a special "Holiday Bazaar" at Walled Lake Central High School this Saturday.

Anyone wishing to obtain a "table" at the bazaar can do so by calling Claudette Bonar at 624-1132. Spaces can be obtained at a cost of \$15 for the bazaar which runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Walled Lake proceeds with library expansion

By STEPHEN CVENGROS

Walled Lake is preparing to turn the page of city history books and begin the expansion of its library that some residents think is long overdue.

Head Librarian Donna Rickabaugh told The News two weeks ago that details were being "worked out" with the city's building authority regarding a lease agreement between the library and Walled Lake. A final decision will clear the way for the library to seek bids on the expansion's construction.

That meeting between the two groups, previously scheduled for last week, was reset for yesterday, after our press time.

Rickabaugh said the library, based on estimates by the city's building inspector and contractors, expects to spend approximately \$60,000 to nearly triple its floor space. Even with the anticipated five-figure tag, the librarian predicted construction costs will not absorb the library's \$100,000 total funds accumulated through millage over several years.

Currently, Walled Lake's Library contains more than 24,000 books. It is annually adding publications to its shelves and removing others. Rickabaugh noted that with the library expansion less turnover of books is anticipated.

"No matter what, we need more space for our 24,500 books," she said. "We add about 3,000 books a year and withdraw about 2,000. We would not withdraw that many books if we had the space to keep them."

Rickabaugh also said the added space will be used "projected to take care of increases (in book library) for the next 10 years."

But not all the new space scheduled for the library will be donated to shelving. The librarian said more space will translate into more services for library users.

When construction actually gets off the ground, the librarian continued, it will be an activities room, an individual and typing room or a small group study room, lavatory facilities within the library, possibly a larger work room for the library staff, and a storage room for such items as Christmas decorations and pamphlets the library can obtain now but has no room to store.

The storage space is important, according to Rickabaugh.

"During development of the (Walled Lake) Villa library (a project undertaken by the city library), we had boxes and boxes of books under our desks,"

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— Donna Rickabaugh,
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Any person who desires to protest the application must file a written protest with the Commissioner of the Financial Institutions Bureau, P.O. Box 30224, Room 400, 1500 M. St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549, and with the applicant not later than January 7, 1982. The application is on file with the Commissioner and may be inspected during regular business hours.

This notice is published pursuant to Section 39 of the banking code of 1969 as amended, being Section 487,330 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, and Section 1252 of the Public Act of 1978, which sets forth the procedures for processing applications and the manner in which protests may be made.

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As We See It

Citizen's groups a plus for district

An unofficial decision to make better utilization of its citizens is reaping dividends for the Walled Lake School District.

Although the district has made use of citizens' committees at various times over the last several years, it would appear that utilization of the various skills and talents of district citizens is at an all-time high.

A School Bus Safety Committee was established earlier this year, as was a Communications Committee with the expressed purpose of getting out some of the good news about the district and the accomplishments of its students and teachers.

Another new citizens committee is the Declining Enrollment Committee, which was established last month to investigate various alternatives for dealing with the loss of students experienced by the Walled Lake Schools during the past four years.

The achievements of the Pool Study Committee, as well as the others mentioned here, should serve to underscore the point. Better and more extensive use of citizens committees has served the district well and helped create a feeling of unity that is important to the future of the schools.

Any list of citizens committees associated with the Walled Lake Schools would not be complete, of course, without the Walled Lake Community Pool Study Committee which is wrapping up

Looking for input

And while we're on the subject of schools and citizen involvement, a program initiated by Superintendent Robert Piwko of the Novi Schools merits consideration.

Specifically, Piwko has initiated a series of "opinion forums" that are designed to enable the district to reach out to the community and increase communications with the public.

Members of the community are invited to meet with school officials for lunch at one of the schools and then discuss their concerns about the school district.

The "outreach" campaign is not limited to parents with students in the district. Residents are selected at random for invitations to participate in the sessions. In addition to the school program as a whole, they evaluate everything including the quality of the lunch they have just eaten.

The program is an interesting one and has its roots in a communications seminar held by the school board last year. One of the key pieces of information to come out of that seminar was that the number of residents with school-age children is declining rapidly.

According to estimates, only a little more than 50 percent of the population has school-age children. And the number is expected to decline further as the birth rate declines in the future.

Theoretically, those statistics do not bode well for the future of school districts which are depending on the public to approve millage for operations. The potential problem is already being expressed by residents who vote against millage increases on the basis that they no longer have children in school.

As an answer to the potential problem, the Novi Schools are reaching out into the community to find ways to broaden its offerings and make the schools a facility which provides services to individuals of all ages and interests — regardless of whether they have students in school.

The community education "open doors" concept was one of the first efforts in this direction. But Piwko and the Novi Schools are demonstrating that more can be done.

Although the self-interest aspects of the effort are important, what is most important is that the Novi School District is looking for ways to broaden its programs by going out into the community and discovering what types of services their citizens would find most useful.

Your letters welcome

This newspaper welcomes Letters to the Editor. We ask, however, that they be limited to 500 words and that they contain the signature, address and telephone number of the writer. Deadline for submission is noon Friday. Names will be withheld upon request. We reserve the right to edit letters for brevity, clarity and libel.

Opining up

By Stephen Cvengros



I'm one of those weirdos that likes to spend Christmas alone. Chestnuts roasting on a closed fire... Jack Frost minding his own business.

No.

It's not that I don't have the hang of the December fixation of signing my life away on my Hudson's charge card down to an art. I do.

It's just that Christmas is...well...such a private thing for me. I like to go on walks in the snow on Christmas Eve look out at the night and wonder what's going on some star or planet hanging in the sky.

Christmas has always been a good time to put things back in perspective — the limitations of life, the meaning of life, and what in tarnation am I doing with mine.

Somehow, the gathering of family and all of the hoopla that accompanies Christmas has always seemed more artificial than some of Monkey Wards' finest silver trees.

Sure, I enjoy exchanging gifts, sitting down to eat dinner with people — but there's this lingering emotion in me that always feels my privacy's being infringed upon.

One Christmas, not too many years back, my entire family went up north to see some of our family without me. I spent the day at a friend's and had a most memorable Christmas thanks to some really caring people that I'll never forget.

I tell you about me and my feelings because I know there are people like me out there.

And for every person that enjoys privacy on Christmas, which might mean just spending an intimate Christmas with the person they love, there are 10 people

to tell them they should stop being such Scrooges. (Any "party pooper" gains that moniker come late December.)

I know where they are coming from.

My idea of a nice Christmas is not my family yelling at each other as they attempt to get dinner ready or the kids dressed before company arrives.

Nor is it that insistent kissing under some idiotic piece of greenery.

Or a chug-a-lug of spiked eggnog until somebody starts dancing around with half of the tree's ornaments hung on their body and somebody decides it's time to chuck down a gallon of java before sending people home.

People lose all perspective on Christmas.

They do things that in any other situation they wouldn't do.

I guess I'm just one of those hardheads that believes — why change because the calendar reads December 25?

I would never urge ignoring the holiday. There are too many nice things about it. But always feeling like Roy Scheider in "All That Jazz" — "it's showtime" — never cut it for me.

My point and what I'm asking is for some consideration.

You've got your ways of celebrating things.

I've got mine. And so does everybody else.

Have your fun but not at the expense of what other people believe in or what other people want to do.

Photographic Sketches...

By JIM GALBRAITH



After the fact

By PHILIP JEROME



Organization is not one of my major attributes. I manage to get just about everything done — usually on time, even — but I'm sometimes amazed that I don't miss more deadlines than I do.

One of the exceptions to my lack of organizational skills is Christmas cards. When it comes to getting them done and in the mail, I have few peers.

Jack Hoffman, who formerly occupied this space on the editorial page, used to get upset when my yearly "Holiday Greetings" arrived promptly on December 5.

"My wife wants to know how you manage to get your Christmas cards out early and I never seem to get ours done at all," he used to tell me.

"You're getting me into a lot of trouble at home."

Unfortunately, my organization with Christmas cards has certain impersonal aspects I am somewhat reluctant to admit. For example, I keep a list of everyone who sends me a card. I mark an "R" (for sent) beside the name of everyone I send cards to and an "S" (for received) beside the name of everyone who sends me one back.

Relatives and particularly good friends will receive cards for three years even if their name isn't marked with an "R." However, three straight years of failing to send me a card (duly noted on my list as "No Rx") is almost certain banishment from future "S's."

For others, "No Rx" will get their name removed from my list for the following year.

I know my system belies the sentiment contained inside the card, but it does have the advantage of keeping the Christmas card mailing budget within manageable proportions. Stamps don't cost 3 cents anymore, and 100 cards can cost a cool \$20 in postage alone.

So for those of you whose names are marked with "No Rx" or more, don't expect a card from the Jermes this year. Look at it this way, we've both saved 20 cents and made the mailman's job a little easier.

Santa who?



Novi studies plans for new downtown

Continued from Nov. 1

away from the traffic by putting in wider sidewalks and landscaping. Walking when there's traffic moving at 35-40 miles per hour next to you is not a pleasant experience."

Planner Donald Gleason said "you're protecting the intersection of Grand River and 12 Mile Roads. The development there requires heavy traffic for their existence. The concept is heavy traffic will use the ring roads. Could that concept be reversed?"

"Why would you want to do that?" Cairns asked. He said he anticipated if traffic is restricted those businesses which rely on heavy vehicular traffic will move out.

Planner Gleason said to be a different type of commercial area. To flourish it has to be unique. If it tries to look like the mall or West Oaks it will fail," Cairns said.

Gleason suggested that the small retail uses being considered were "very low key, they're not enough to support the cost."

Cairns suggested that the major development there will be an "anchor" such as a major office building.

Major Robert Schmid proposed the area might be ideal for a city municipal building. "I know this goes against what we've been thinking, but there is something to be said for having it in

the village can always use another tree."

According to Woodrow, Rosemary was the first village employee in memory to die during the development.

Cairns members allocated \$350 to be spent on the tree and plaque, and suggested the tree be planted near the village offices on Glengary Road in a prominent location.

Woodrow, a former volunteer

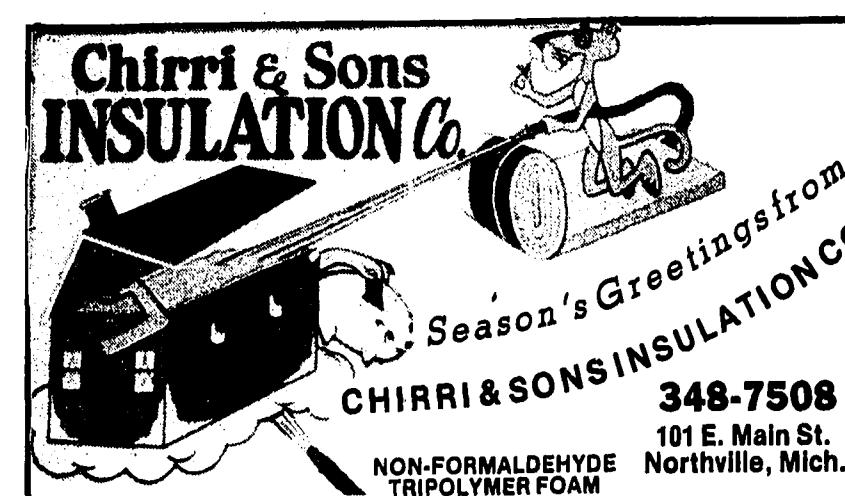
police officer for the village and friend of Rosemary's, suggested the village authorize the purchase of a guaranteed

tree and a small plaque for it.

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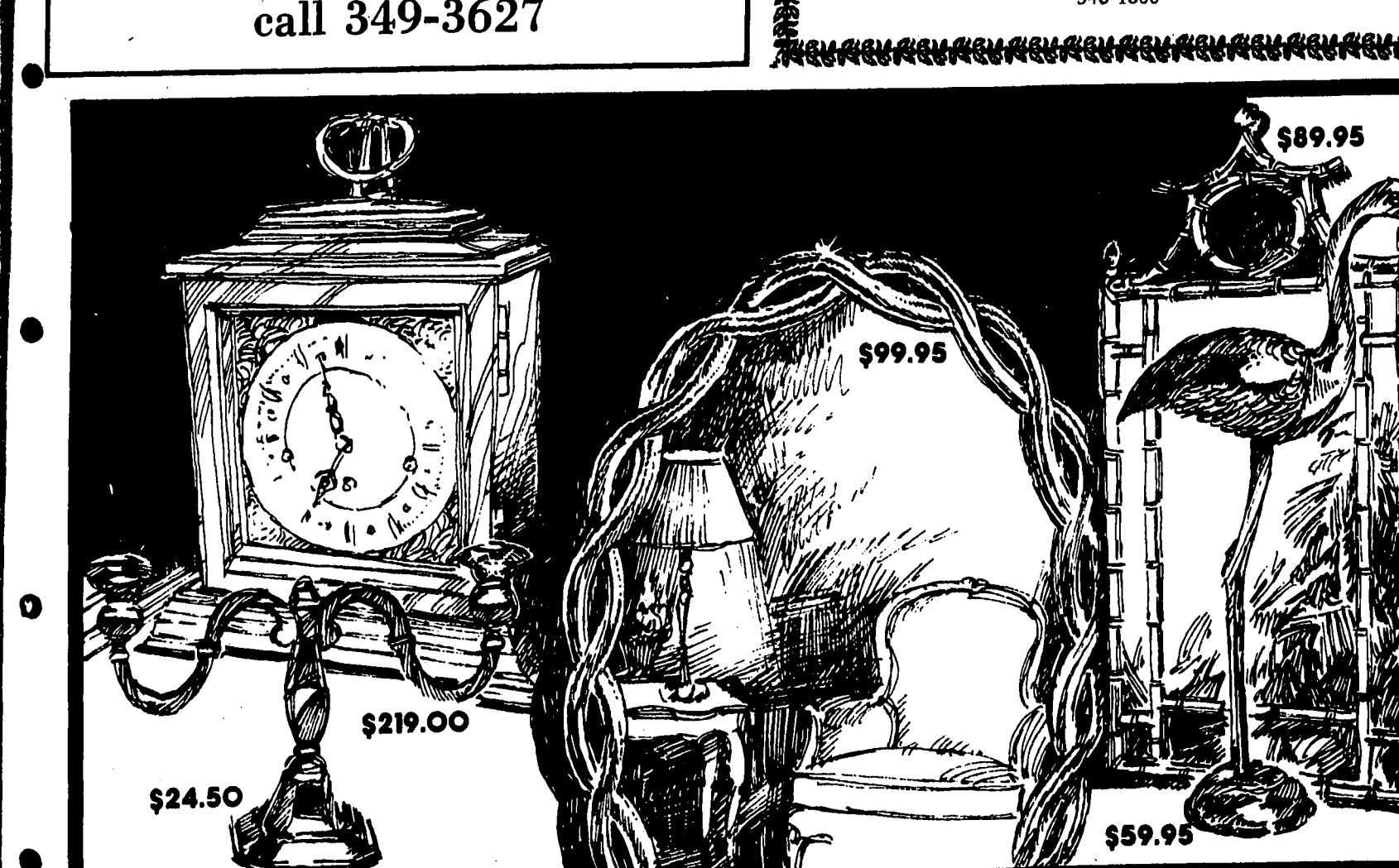
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State Senator Doug Ross analyzed Michigan's economic problems for the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce last week

• 'We never learned to hustle,' Ross assesses economy

By STEPHEN CVENGROS

State Senator Douglas Ross attempted to describe exactly how Michigan fell into the economic predicament it is now facing — high unemployment, businesses either moving to other states or returning to locate in Michigan and the struggle of the auto industry to stay afloat.

Ironically, Ross' description and answers to questions regarding "how did we get here" and "how can we get out" were spelled out before a backdrop of good news. Behind him, as he addressed the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce December 5, were gold and red metallic decorations signalling the coming Christmas season and cheer.

"Much of Michigan's problems are from what it wanted," the Oak Park Democrat told approximately 55 business people during the luncheon at Lakeside Inn.

"Michigan was the most successful place during the last stage of the Industrial Revolution," Ross observed.

He added that the state prospered well and acquired the attitude of a child born to a rich inheritance — the money was

always there.

"We never learned to hustle...we were the rich kids and inherited everything."

But the automobile industry set the trends for the entire state, according to the senator.

"Those wages paid to auto workers set the precedent for wages paid to anybody in the state," he said, noting that higher paychecks became a standard that spilled into all areas of the Michigan workforce.

Ross added that the high pay and solid benefit packages were cause for a good economy that made money exchange between consumers and businesses — a given.

"But suddenly, the auto monopoly was broken by Japan. Because we were, suddenly ourselves in enormous difficulty," the senator said.

And now, he continued, "the auto industry will never employ again the people it used to."

The solution for putting Michigan back together again is installing the belief that "we can control our

destiny," according to Ross.

"If Michigan is going to rebound, which it must and can, the job of the state is to try to eliminate those obstacles that...psychologically we, as people living in the state, can control our destiny — we can make things happen."

Part of the formula, according to the senator, is to make economic plans by state legislators and officials, is to attract businesses to Michigan and retain them.

Ross claimed incoming industries do

not look at Michigan as a whole, but rather view specific industrial parks or communities they might relocate in.

"When a business decides to move to Michigan it decides to move to a site," the senator said. It is acknowledgment of that thought which is leading Governor William G. Milliken to seek and designate a high technology park area.

Ross added that it should also serve as part of the impetus behind the proposed expansion of Nixon's Spencer Airport.

"The attitude of people to do business in Michigan will be shaped by people

who do business in it now," the senator added.

In the auto industry, alone, there stands the possibility that in the near future 70-75 percent of the equipment now used will be obsolete, Ross said.

Auto manufacturers can take their business anywhere they choose. And for Michigan, it's time to act, according to Ross.

"There has never been an aggressive attempt to get Michigan to keep them (the auto makers) here," the senator pointed out. Now, those efforts are be-

ing made and could determine the fate of Michigan, he continued.

Michigan now faces the image

England had after its industrial surge,

Ross said — that is, an area of drab factories and gray, smoke-filled skies.

Selling the state as a reborn Minnesota or Wisconsin, with its own water

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ward Tom) Nicklin can play pretty good ball, too," offered Emert.

Aside from the 10 points per game as a junior last year, the Viking captain has been limited to only 21 points in three games with only a pair against Midland Dow.

Central took its modest one-game winning streak to Midland Dow on Friday and appeared to be heading toward another two through three quarters of play, 42-39. But instead of a second win, the Vikings were saddled with their second defeat as Dow ran off 10 unanswered points for an eight-point victory.

Sewell and Scott Engle gave Central a comfortable 27-23 halftime lead with 17 first half points between them and finished with 17 and 11 points, respectively. Guard Dean Terpstra added 12 off the bench.

Again, it was Central's inability to put the ball away when it had the chance.

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Aside from Sewell's 10 points the senior center has grabbed 10 rebounds. Nicklin added 10 points and 11 boards and Dean Terpstra came off the bench to match Jim Cooper with six points.

Central's defense, getting rebounded off passes plus his communication skills. He just hasn't seen much of the ball and we've got to correct that."

Although Nicklin has seen his scoring average dip from a year ago, Sewell has pushed him up a point from 12.7 to 13.7 through three games with 11 and 17 point performances against North Farmington and Midland Dow.

Again, North Farmington, in the first of five consecutive road contests, the Vikings erased a 22-18 halftime deficit with a 7-3 third-quarter surge to take a 25-21 advantage into the fourth quarter.

With North Farmington in a zone defense against Central's slow-but-sure deliberate offense, the contest remained a low-scoring affair through the better part of the game. But as Emert points out, Central was its own worst enemy, hitting only 16 of 49 shots from the floor and only seven-of-13 from the line while turning the ball over on the break.

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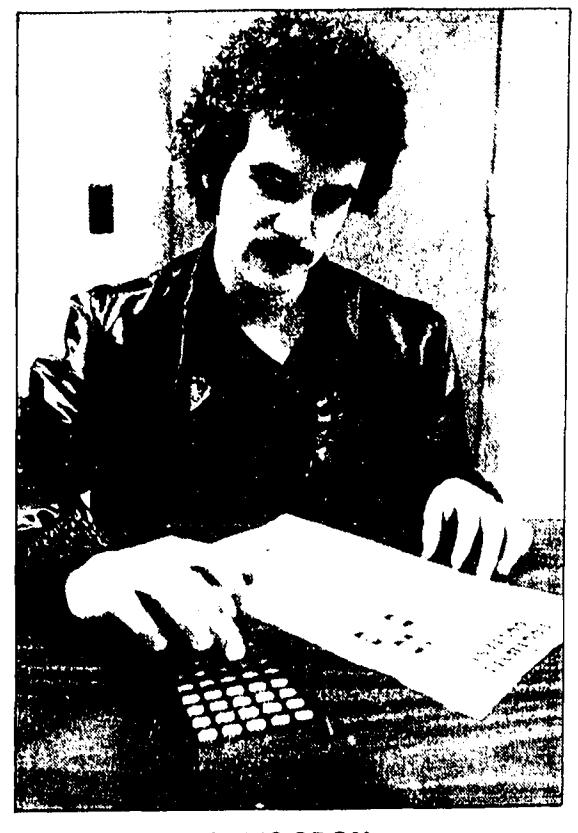
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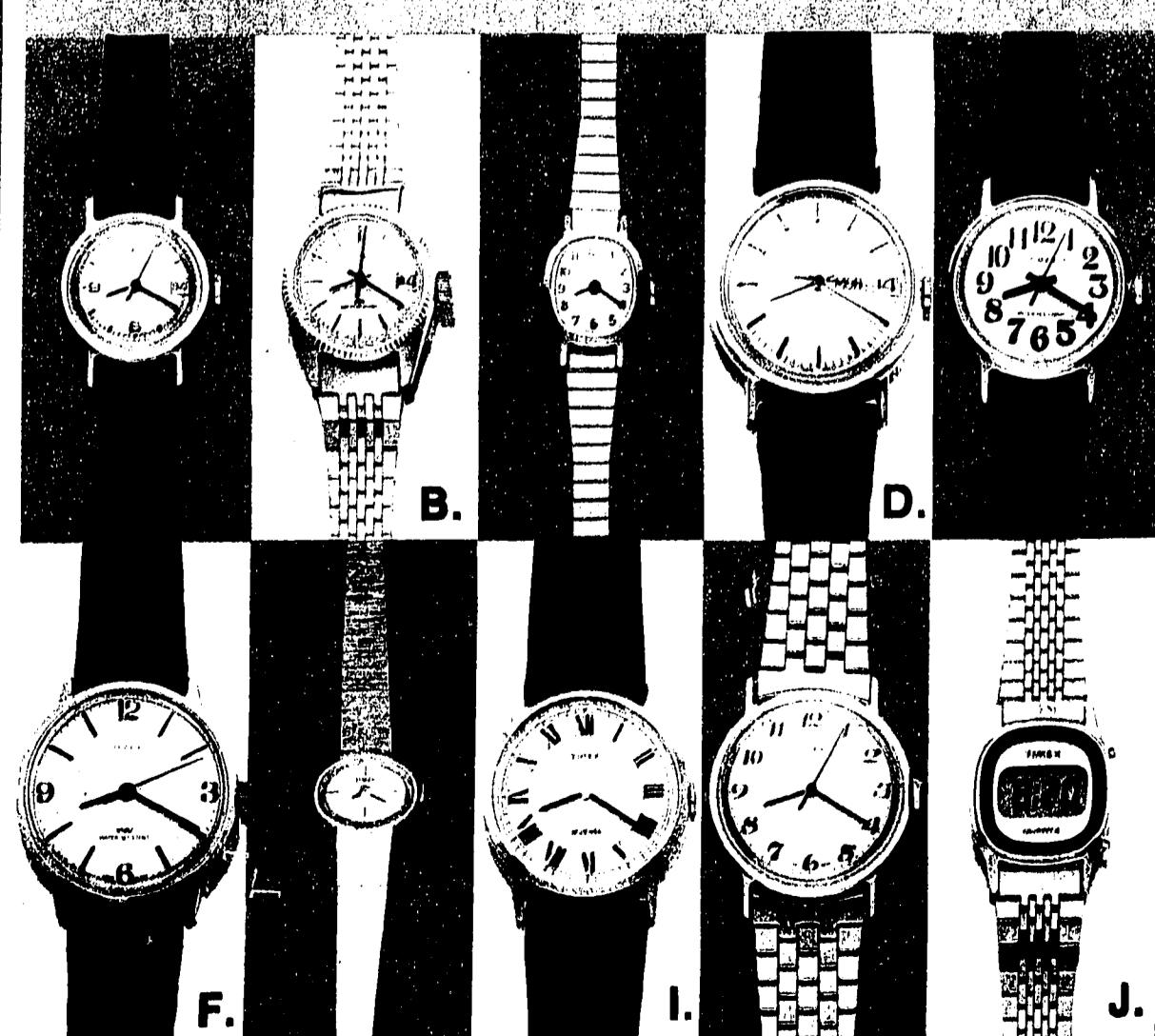
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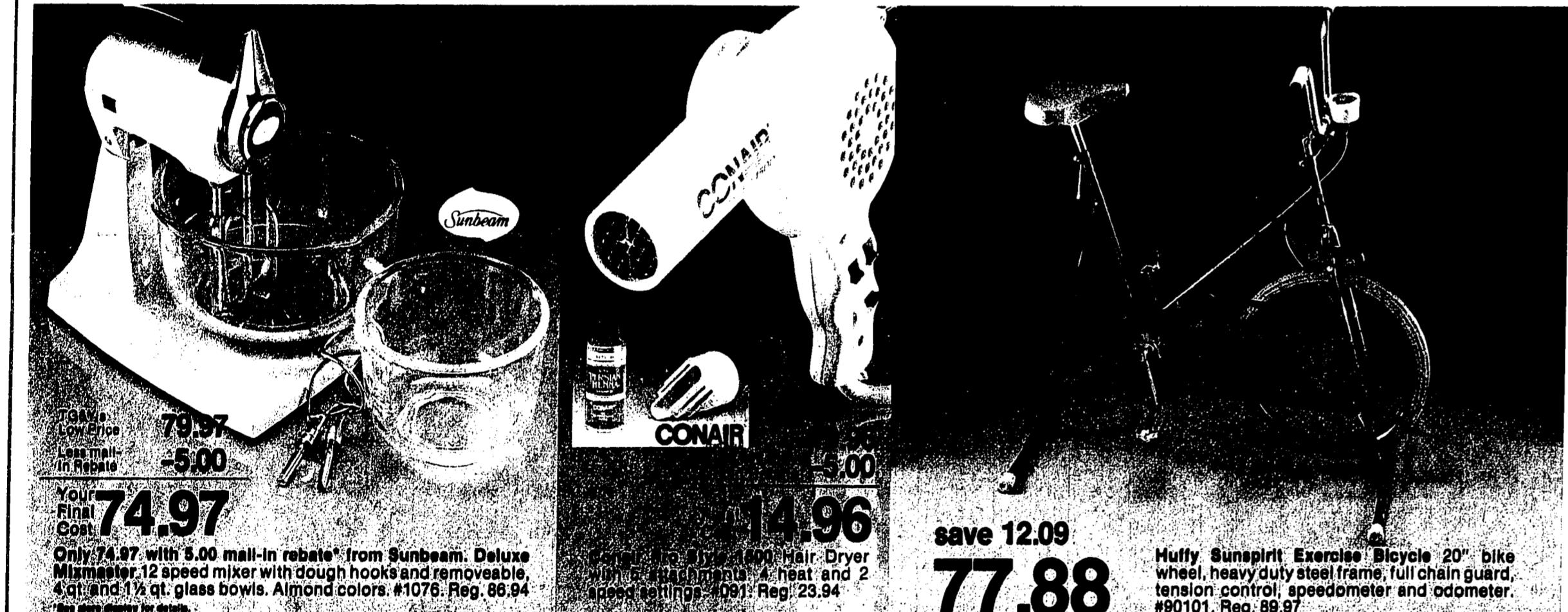
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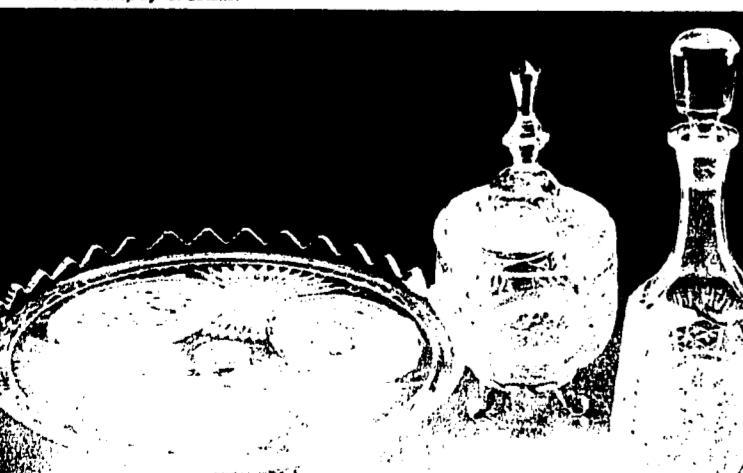
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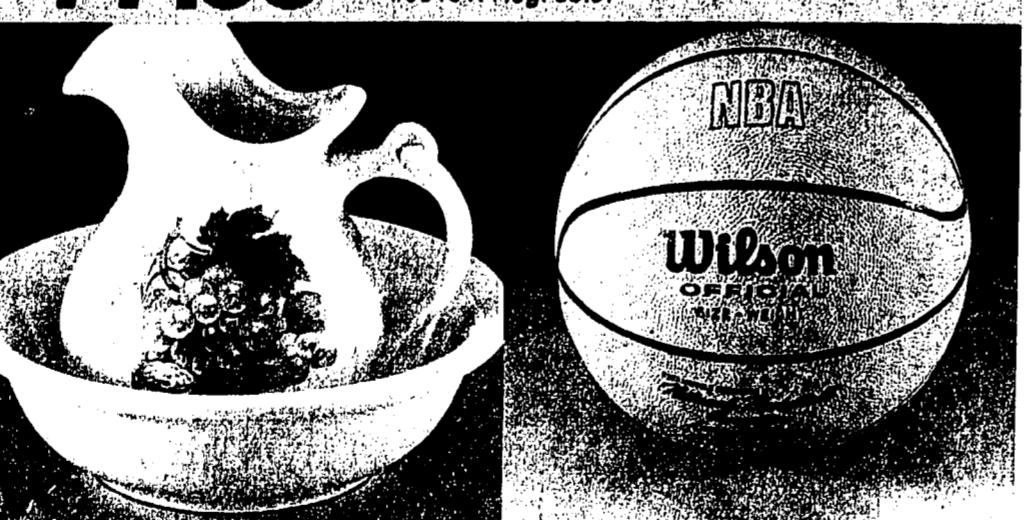
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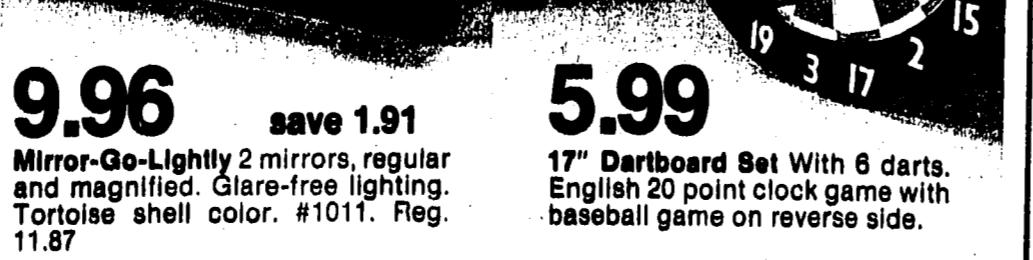
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