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## Council votes to set special park millage election

By JAN JEFFRES  
staff writer

If at first you don't succeed...

The city council Monday agreed to set a special election for April 3, in a second attempt to gain voter approval for a one-half mill tax increase for the purchase, development and maintenance of city park land. This time, the millage is specifically dedicated to this goal.

In the Nov. 7, 1989 city election, which drew a better than average voter turnout, 57 percent of the voters said no to Proposal One to boost the park and recreation department's millage from one-half mill to one mill. The millage was not earmarked for the purchase of land, although both the city and a special citizens' group — Parks Acquisition and Recreation Kids to Seniors Millage Committee

(P.A.R.K.S.) — stated that the money would be used to purchase the 170-acre Novi Tree Farm adjacent to the city's Lakeshore Park and 50 acres for softball and soccer fields.

"By limiting the one-half mill to the three purposes, the citizens of Novi will have a better understanding of what this money will be used for," said Mayor Matthew Quin. "The development of a vacant park

from scratch is an extremely expensive proposition. They're strapped right now to maintain the existing park land."

"There seemed to be a misunderstanding of what the last millage was about."

The decision to bring the question back before the voters passed 6-1, with councilman Tim Pope dissenting. City Manager Edward Kriewall had said earlier that a 5-2

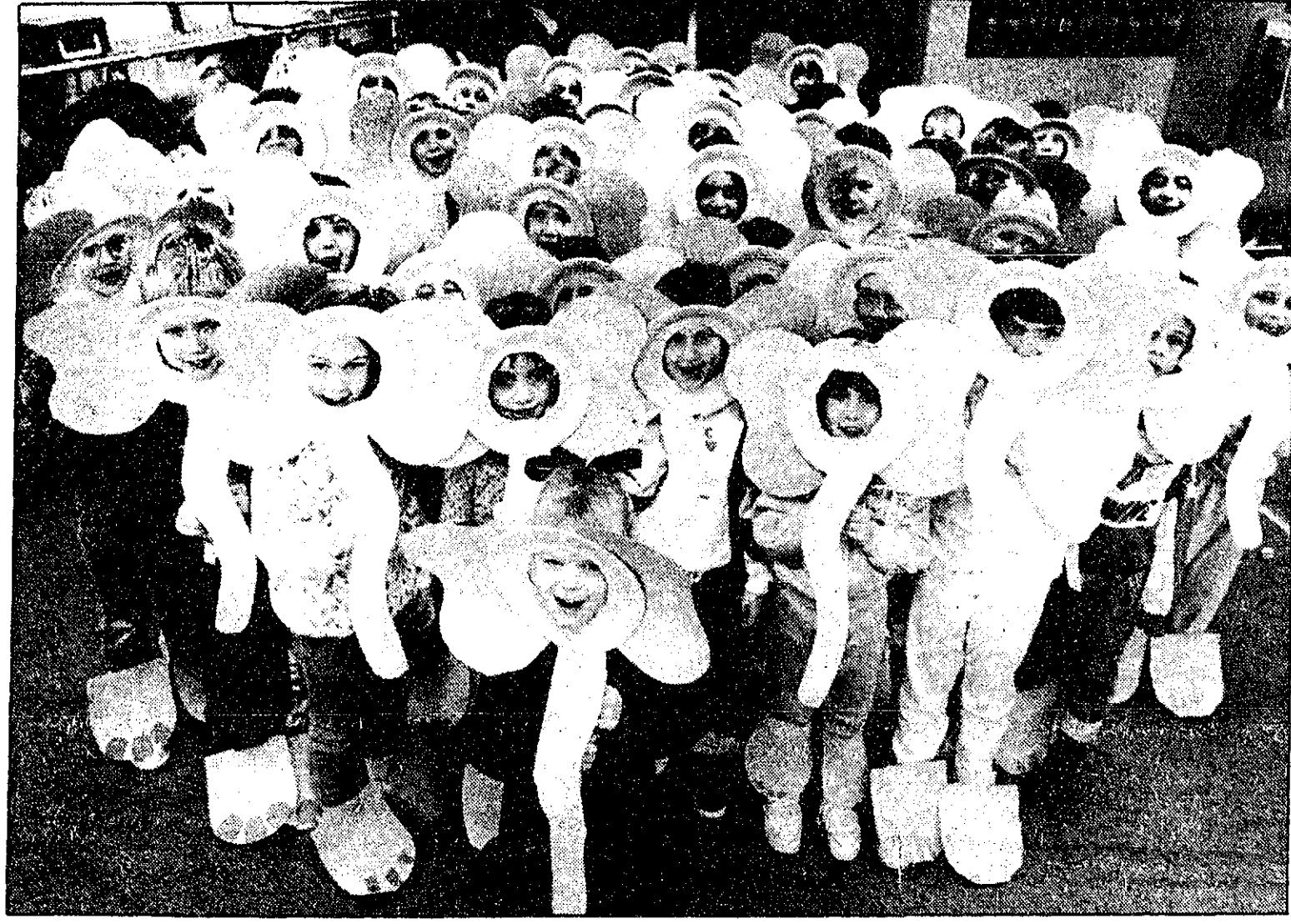
council vote was needed to approve the special election.

The proposal was placed on the ballot for the first time following a recommendation in 1988 by the Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment Committee. Indulging in a little Monday morning quarterbacking, city officials speculated that Proposals A and B to raise the Michigan sales tax to support state schools, both soundly trounced in

Novi, put residents in a frame of mind to veto any form of tax increase.

The one half-mill would bring in approximately \$400,000 per year if assessed in 1990-91. As the city's state equalized valuation of property rises, it is estimated that the half-mill would generate \$560,000 per year by 1994-95.

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## Elephant begins with E

Who said learning the alphabet couldn't be fun? About as much fun as a room full of elephants. Kindergartners at Novi Woods Elementary School recently studied the letter E and as part of the learning experience they created their own elephant costumes. Above, a herd of elephants waits to stamp through the halls of the school in their parade. Right, Robbie Harrell, left, checks out Katie Marsh's elephant mask.



Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

Chilly Willy  
A romp in the snow planned for Novi

Just what is a Chilly Willy Festival, anyway? Residents from Novi and surrounding communities will have a chance to find out for themselves this Saturday (Jan. 13) when the Novi Parks and Recreation Department presents its third annual Chilly Willy Winter Festival.

This year's festival is co-sponsored by Providence Hospital.

Events take place from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center and Power Park. Individual, family and team activities will take place throughout the day.

Even if Mother Nature doesn't create a winter wonderland by dumping lots of snow on the ground in time for the event, the festival will still be held.

"There are still things we can do if it's cold," said Cindy Stewart, Novi's public information officer.

The first Chilly Willy Festival — which takes its name from "Chilly Willy," the cartoon

penguin character — was held in 1988, when city officials decided to organize a winter event in Novi. The festival's beginning coincided with the opening of the Novi Civic Center in January 1988.

Stewart noted that the civic center provides the city with the perfect facility for a winter festival because it's close to Power Park, where the sporting events are held, and also offers those who would rather stay inside a comfortable place to escape the cold.

"It's a lot of fun," Stewart said about the festival.

Outdoor events begin early Saturday with a double-elimination sno-ball tournament beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Power Park softball fields.

Winter recreation continues throughout the day with a snow sculpture contest, hayrides, team tug-o-war, sledding, ice skating, cross-country skiing, score-o-contests and broomball.

Planned indoor activities include ping pong, chess, checkers, Chilly Willy cartoons, coloring contests, storytelling and a performance by the

Novi Civic Center Youth Chorus. Residents are encouraged to enter the festival's first lip sync contest. Those who suffer from stage fright, however, may choose to simply observe the performances.

To chase away the hunger, area restaurants will provide the fixings for the third annual Chilly Cook-Off/Tasting Contest. Festival-goers will have a chance to warm their tummies by sampling the chili.

Bathing beauties, watch out. Local men and women — young and old — are invited to display their winter spirit by competing in the festival's "Old Man Old Woman," "Ms. John Snowflake," "Little Miss Snowshoe" and "Little Ms. Icicle" contests.

All day activities include old-fashioned ice skating, sledding and cross-country skiing at Power Park, weather permitting. Participants are asked to bring their own equipment. There will also be a bonfire and concessions.

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## Novi seeks damages in Eldridge suit

By JAN JEFFRES  
staff writer

Novi's attorneys have filed a counter-suit seeking punitive monetary damages against Milford-based developer Jay Eldridge, who is suing the city to retain title of The Landing, a 12-acre parcel on the south shore of Walled

Lake. The counter-suit and a response to Eldridge's Dec. 14 lawsuit were filed in the Oakland County Circuit Court on Jan. 5. Judge David Breck is presiding over the case.

Eldridge seeks to retain title to The Landing, damages in excess of \$10,000 due to his alleged loss of future earnings from the development, compensation for the value of his services, reimbursement for his \$400,000 out-of-pocket expenses on the project and legal fees. He also asks the court to prevent the city from selling, mortgaging and otherwise disposing of the land for the duration of the lawsuit.

In response, the city says that

Eldridge has not performed his obligations under the contract he signed with Novi over two years ago and is not entitled to the property. The city's counter-suit contends that Eldridge's action was filed "as a willful and malicious attempt to slander the title of Defendant/Counter-Plaintiff to the subject premises" and that due to Eldridge's suit, the title to the land has been rendered unmarketable.

Novi has requested an order

canceling Eldridge's lawsuit and monetary damages to compensate the city for the unmarketability of the land while the question of its title is tied up in court, as well as

punitive damages three times the amount of these compensatory damages for his "fraudulent attempt" to slander the city's title, interest costs and attorney fees.

The city does not have a specific figure in mind for the monetary damages, said city attorney David Fried.

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## Willis is named managing editor

Ann E. Willis has been named managing editor of The Novi News/Northville Record.

The appointment was announced by Philip Jerome, executive editor of Sliger/Livingston Publications which includes the Livingston County Press, Brighton, Argus, Milford Times and South Lyon Herald in addition to The Novi News and Northville Record.

Willis replaced Jerome who served as managing editor of the two papers from 1984 to 1988.

A former Novi resident currently residing in Northville, Willis has graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature in 1980.

She served as managing editor of The Adcrafter Magazine in Detroit from 1981-82 and then took a position with CBS radio in 1982. After working in national sales for CBS radio in Southfield, she moved to Chicago, Ill., where she was director of marketing and research for CBS radio.

Willis worked as a freelance writer in Chicago and Detroit in 1985-86.

She joined the staff of The Novi News/Northville Record in November 1986, working as a reporter covering the City of Novi and the Novi City Council.

Willis was promoted to the position of editor following the retirement of Jean Dugay in April 1988 and has held that position ever since.

An announcement of the appointment, Jerome said, Willis has distinguished herself during her career with Sliger/Livingston Publications.

As managing editor, Ann demonstrated drive and determination, said Jerome. "During the almost two years that she has served as editor, she has continued to demonstrate her belief in the type

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## Getting set

It seems like only yesterday there was enough snow on the ground for skiers at Maybury State Park to enjoy themselves. Well, it was only last week. Above, Paul Richards of Plymouth comes off the trails after spending some time cross country skiing.

Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

## Six-lane boulevard planned for Twelve Mile

By SHEILA PHILLIPS  
staff writer

Novi hopes to secure funding to widen Twelve Mile Road into a six-lane boulevard between Haggerty and Dixon Road.

"There is no question that rate of traffic is growing in the area and we have to upgrade Twelve Mile," said Rolf Kilian, the city's traffic consultant.

"The section between Haggerty and Novi Road is the worst section of road in Novi," he said.

Although the boulevard project is sorely needed, the major obstacle is its \$17 million price tag, according to Lenora Jadus, the city's director of public services.

She said that increased traffic and future development plans in Novi's northern section has prompted city officials to look for several grant opportunities to fund the expansion all the way to Dixon Road.

Traffic projections estimate that over 21,000 cars use a portion of this stretch of road each day, according to city consultants.

The last comprehensive traffic study, which was conducted in 1986, found that over 15,000 cars traveled this section of road per day. However, that figure has risen approximately 9 percent a year since

that study, Kilian said. According to Kilian, the proposed Haggerty Road connector, will further exacerbate congestion problems on Twelve Mile Road while decreasing traffic flow on other roads.

The Haggerty Road connector should alleviate a portion of the traffic off Novi Road but traffic on Twelve Mile will increase since it will act as an access road.

Jadus said that the Haggerty connector is falsely fueling opposition to the Twelve Mile project.

She said that several people oppose widening Twelve Mile Road because they feel it will increase traffic in the area and therefore facilitate the Haggerty connector's construction. However, she said that the increased capacity the boulevard would bring would not increase the likelihood of the connector.

She added that the boulevard project should be viewed independently. "Widening Twelve Mile is not contingent on the connector," she said. "The road needs to be widened regardless of whether we get the connector or not."

Most city officials agree that Twelve Mile Road needs to be widened but the big question is when.

He said that eventually the city plans to expand the six-lane boulevard all the way to Beck Road. "We are doing this in stages as development progresses," he said.

## Senior citizens on wheels

Novi will begin a senior citizen transportation program in February, with a 15-passenger lift van which will drive the city's older residents to special events, doctor's appointments and shopping trips.

Rides will be free to all city-sponsored programming, including the daily meal program, health screenings (blood pressure checks, flu shots and eye exams), daily card games, coffee and conversation, arts and crafts programs and concerts.

Seniors can sign up for local trips to destinations such as shopping malls, grocery stores and medical appointments. The fees for these will be \$1 per person for a one-way trip within the city and \$3 for destinations

within a ten-mile range of Novi. Day trips on the van will be available on a first come, first serve basis.

Information on the van and scheduling, call Senior Citizen Coordinator Kathy Crawford at 347-0400.

The van was donated by Michigan National Bank. It will be delivered on Monday, Jan. 22 and greeted with a 7 p.m. ribbon-cutting ceremony in the Novi Civic Center atrium.

"This is the first step in the city's commitment to the Novi Senior Transportation Program," said Mayor Matthew Quinn. "As our

senior population grows, we want to continue to offer them quality programs and services. On behalf of the city we want to thank Michigan National Bank for making our dream become a reality."

About 4,500 Novi residents are age 55 or older.

"Many of our seniors are isolated due to a lack of transportation and income," said Public Information Director Cindy Stewart.

"This transportation program will enable our seniors to become more mobile."

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Officer Robert Gatt listens to Ryan Joslyn explain how not to get involved with drugs in Joan Pelham's sixth grade class.

## Wixom planners delay rezoning

By SHEILA PHILLIPS  
staff writer

Wixom planning commissioners delayed rezoning the 11 acres of the proposed Meijer site within its borders, throwing a roadblock in Novi's drive for its Grand Plan project.

The commission, which meets only once a month, failed to set the required public hearing for the rezoning during its Jan. 8 meeting, placing it at the earliest possible hearing date in March.

Commissioners denied that it was a deliberate attempt to stall the Grand Plan project, saying that they did not set a public hearing date because it was not on the agenda.

However, Meijer will try to work around the delay, according to the company's senior real estate manager, Rick Morgan.

He said that his company hopes to submit site plans to both Wixom and Novi planning commissions on schedule and pursue the proper rezoning accordingly.

The Grand Plan calls for the relocation of several industrial business from Novi's Town Center area to a proposed industrial park along side the Meijer store, which encroaches into Wixom.

Several Wixom commissioners expressed dissatisfaction with the entire Grand Plan concept and frustration at the lack of city input.

"Novi has all the cards," said Planning Commissioner Mark Clancy. "The only card we have to play is the 'ace' in Wixom."

Although the ace is not the city's only card, it is still an ace in the hole because the industrial relocation portion of the Grand Plan hinges on the requested rezoning.

And according to one commissioner it is a card Wixom is going to play.

"I don't think that the commissioners will end up rezoning the acreage," said planning chair Bill Fleming. "It seems that they are in the posture that they don't want any more growth in the area."

The program has been going very well and the kids have been very receptive to Officer Gatt," Novi Meadows Principal Tim Falls said. "If anything, it has really improved the students' perception of police officers."

Although drug abuse is not a big problem in Novi, it is a potential problem, according to Gatt.

He said that he was surprised to find out how much the sixth graders already knew about drugs and alcohol. However, among that body of knowledge was also the dangers of drug abuse, he was happy to point out.

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## Novi Briefs

**Heart-smart:** The Novi Fire Department is holding a free cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) class for the public on Friday, Jan. 19 and Friday, Jan. 26. The two session course, which leads to a CPR certificate, is open to the first 12 callers to contact the Lt. Donald Dominick at 439-2162, Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The course will be held at Fire Station One, 42975 Grand River Ave., east of Novi Road. This is the first time CPR classes have been offered to the general public by the Novi Fire Department.

**Novi band concert:** The Novi High School jazz and symphony bands will hold a concert in Fuerst Auditorium at Novi High School on Jan. 17 at 7:30 p.m.

The Novi High School Jazz Band will perform "Round Midnight" by Monk. The symphony band will play a variety of musical selections, including "The Last Spring," "A Galop to End all Galops," "Beowulf" and "Purple Twilight."

The concert is free and the community is invited to attend.

**Super Bowl pizzas:** Members of the Novi High School Choir Boosters are taking orders for "Stan's" pizzas through Jan. 16. The pizzas will be delivered on Saturday, Jan. 27, just in time for Super Bowl Sunday.

The 14-inch pizzas are available in several varieties, including cheese, cheese and pepperoni, cheese and sausage and deluxe. Cost is \$6 each. A three-pack of smaller microwavable pizzas is also available at \$6.75.

To order the pizzas, call the Novi High School office at 344-3800 or Peggy Hoffman at 439-3302 or contact any member of the Novi High School Choir.

**Kids and drugs:** The Novi Council on Substance Abuse invites all families to preview the film "Kids...in Drugs: The Challenge" narrated by Michael Gross, who portrays the father on TV's "Family Ties." The movie deals with types of drugs available, paraphernalia used, methods of using the drugs and their side effects.

Showtime is Jan. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in Conference Rooms A and B at the Novi Civic Center, 4515 W. Ten Mile Road. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children to educate themselves about the epidemic drug problems. Sponsoring the event is the Novi Council on Substance Abuse. For information, call 347-6949.

The council will also discuss plans for an upcoming dinner at Victor's Novi Inn on Sunday, Feb. 25, "Dare to Care," which will raise funds for the Drug Abuse Education for the 1990-91 school year.

**Rehearsal change:** Novi Youth Chorus members are advised to mark their calendars. Rehearsal sessions will move from Wednesday evenings to a Monday nights at the Novi Civic Center. Rehearsals run from 7 to 8 p.m.

For more information contact Julie Gahman, Novi Youth Chorus director, at 348-4229.

The group's next performance is a cabaret concert at the Novi Civic Center. New members are encouraged to join. If interested, call Gahman.

**Win a '57 Thunderbird:** Novi Rotary Club is selling raffle tickets, giving community residents a chance to win a 1957 Ford Thunderbird.

The raffle is sponsored by the Novi Rotary Club, in conjunction with the Novi 50th Festival.

Cost is \$2 per ticket or three for \$5. Proceeds from the raffle will benefit Police Plus, Rotary International's program to eliminate polio worldwide.

The drawing for the car will be held Aug. 2 at 12:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. The tickets may be purchased from any Novi Rotary member.

**Need some new recipes?** The Novi Newcomers Club is taking orders for a new cookbook, compiled by group members.

The cookbooks are \$10 each and contain more than 200 recipes, from appetizers to edible play dough. Proceeds from the cookbook sale will benefit local groups and organizations.

To order a cookbook, contact Terri Schaefer, a Novi Newcomer member, at 624-4012.

**Almost Chilly Willy time:** And it's never too early to wish for snow. Novi will present its annual Chilly Willy Festival this Saturday, Jan. 13, beginning at 10 a.m. at Ella Mae Power Park and the Novi Civic Center.

Planned festivities include a snow ball tournament, a snow sculpture contest, a young coloring contest, broomball, a chili cook-off, a Score-O contest, and Old Man Winter contest, an Old Woman Winter contest, a euchre tournament and a lip sync contest.

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## Property stolen from Novi home

### Police Beat

Burglars broke into a house on Penhill on the city's northwest side and took over \$3,000 of property on the night of Dec. 30.

The owner of the house told police that the crime must have occurred sometime between 11:30 a.m. and 11 p.m. while he was away.

The perpetrators broke open the kitchen window over the sink to force entry and proceeded to ransack the apartment, according to police.

The owner told police that he found the window still open when he came home around 11 p.m.

However, no tracks were found in the back snow indicating that the perpetrators had the stolen property through the back woods, according to police.

Stolen from the living room were a Sears 19 inch portable television valued at \$360, an AM/FM Sansui receiver, a Sears dual cassette deck valued at \$150, a Pioneer graphic equalizer at \$100 and a \$30 3-way speakers.

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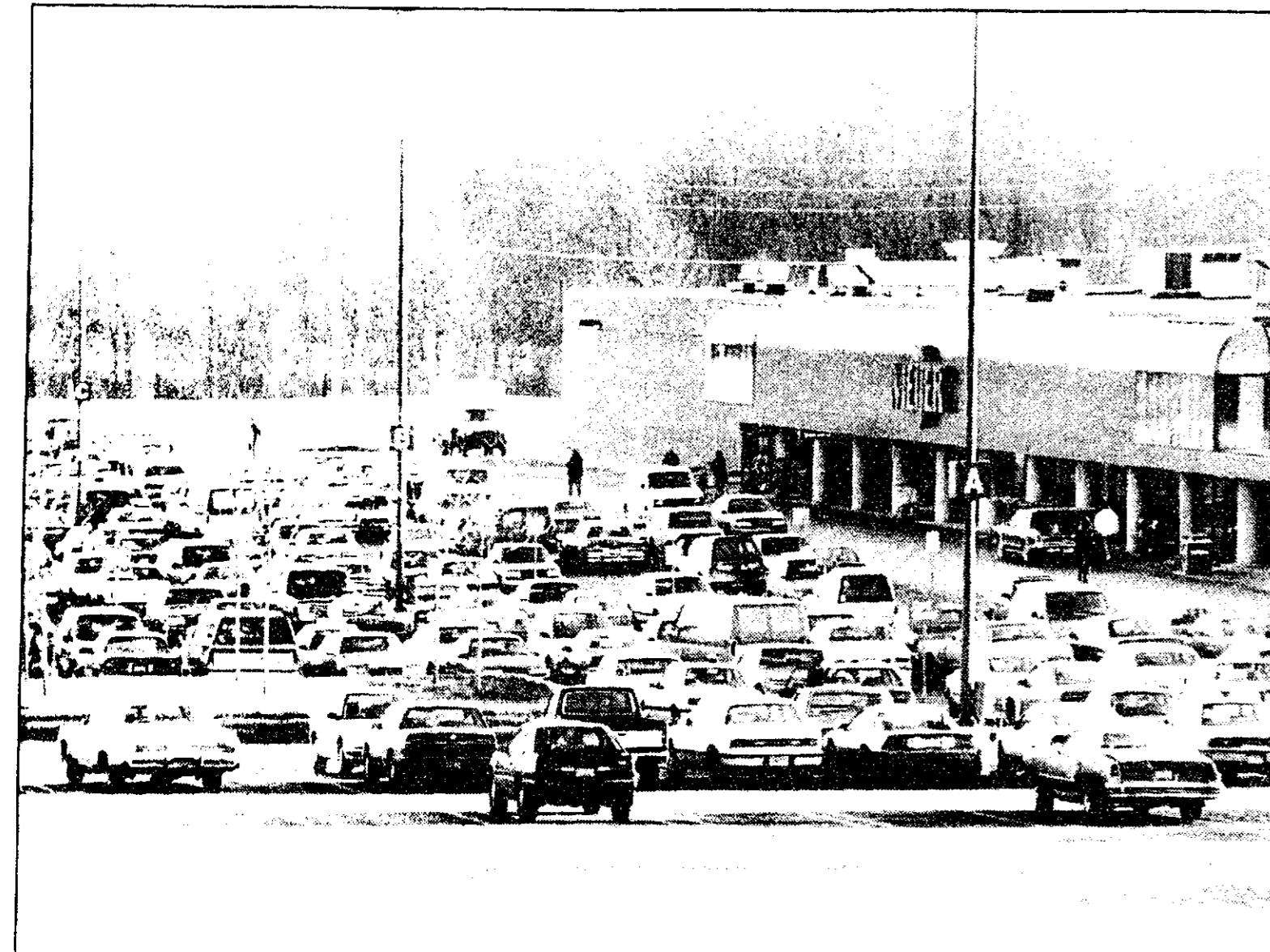
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The Meijer store parking lot at Eight Mile Road and Haggerty Road.

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## Police question Meijer security

By MIKE TYREE  
staff writer

**NORTHLVILLE** — Criminal activity in and around the Meijer site at 20401 Haggerty has prompted some Northville Township officials to question the security presence at the popular 24-hour store.

"It could keep one officer working all year round at Meijer," said Acting Township Police Chief Phillip Presnell. "It's one of our most active areas (for police calls)."

According to department records, township police responded to 402 calls to Meijer in 1989. Presnell said the calls included "at least" 110 larceny reports, and complaints ranging from fraud to suspicious vehicles to accidents and injuries.

In all, Presnell said the department had compiled a list of 25 assorted calls to Meijer in 1989.

"The store is in a safe community," he said. "The people shopping there are solid individuals. Breslin said the Meijer parking lot is not patrolled with any type of vehicle" but he said security precautions are taken.

The men, Detroit residents, were spotted by a township police officer as they cruised the store's parking lot late one evening with the vehicle lights off.

Presnell said full-time police presence may be needed at Meijer.

"We get good cooperation from the Meijer corporate security staff," he said. "But I'd like to see more law surveillance there."

"Are the parking lots safe? That's a good question," Breslin said.

Brian Breslin, vice president of public and consumer affairs at the Meijer corporate headquarters in Grand Rapids, thinks the local Meijer offers adequate security.

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## Crimes take toll on police budget

By MIKE TYREE  
staff writer

**NORTHLVILLE** — Local taxpayers are having their pocketbooks picked as crime figures escalate at the Haggerty Road Meijer store, Northville Township Manager Richard Henningsen said last week.

"We're paying a lot more to send our police department out there than what we receive in taxes," he said.

Henningsen said the 402 calls township police officers responded to at Meijer in 1989 cost taxpayers nearly \$46,000 based on the Bartell Study of police costs in May 1988.

The Bartell Study indicated that each call answered by the police department cost the township an estimated \$114.

Henningsen said the taxes paid by Meijer to the township for personal and real property amounted to approximately half of the figure it cost the township to respond to calls there.

According to township tax rolls, the combined police millage revenue on Meijer's personal property (merchandise within the store and real property (land and building) revenue in 1989 totaled \$15,840.54. Fire millage revenue totaled \$17,447.5, and fire indebtedness revenue

was \$2,754.97.

Township taxes paid by Meijer in excess of police and fire millage and indebtedness totaled \$3,488.51.

The township's \$46,000 police department expense did not include calls to the store made by the fire department or ambulance unit.

Executives at Meijer corporate headquarters in Grand Rapids said they were unaware of the township's concerns.

"We do pay the taxes they ask us to pay," said Jennifer White, public and

consumer affairs coordinator. "We try to work very closely with the local police and officials."

"We haven't heard from the township about this," said Brian Breslin, vice president of public and consumer affairs.

Breslin said Meijer feels it pays its fair share of taxes, and said the school district benefits from its presence. He also said the store pays \$32,000 in taxes to Wayne County.

"The township certainly benefits from (that amount)," he said.

Breslin said the township keeps all the money it collects from tickets handed out to illegally parked vehicles at the store.

Henningsen agreed, but said revenue from parking violations was almost inconsequential.

"There is a \$25 fine for parking in handicapped areas and a \$10 fine for parking in fire lanes," he said. "A lot of people don't even pay the fines."

Henningsen said 112 handicapped parking violations were issued in 1989, which earned the township \$7, or \$770 in fines.

"They are a fine fine," he said.

"They are very fine out of town and just tear them up," he said. "The shoppers from out of town do create a problem."

Henningsen said he is aware of the department's desire to patrol the Meijer parking lot full-time, but he said the township could not afford to keep an officer on continuous duty at the store.

"I send some figures out to the Board of Trustees and hoped I would get some kind of response," he said. "I haven't taken steps for them (Meijer) to pay for it, but I hope they will."

## Jaycees week set

The Novi Jaycees announce National Jaycees Week Jan. 21-27.

As part of the week's activities, the Jaycees will host a Novi Summit on Wednesday, Jan. 24 in the conference rooms of the Novi Civic Center beginning at 8 p.m.

The Jaycees requests that local organizations be represented by at least one person.

During the Novi Summit, the Jaycees will discuss the services each organization provides for the city, how the groups can work together to serve the city and other issues related to service organizations and the City of Novi.

Those interested in participating are asked to contact the Novi Jaycees at 348-NOVI prior to Jan. 21.

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## 1990 — Kriewall appraises the year ahead in Novi

### More people, houses

By JAN JEFFRIES  
staff writer

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City Manager Edward Kriewall is growing in Novi in the '90s, a decade significant for the nation but not necessarily so for the then — relatively — sleepy Novi. He started out as director of public works in 1969 and was appointed city manager five years later, leading the community through an era of astonishing expansion in the '70s and '80s.

And in the '90s, Kriewall predicts it will be more of the same. Growth and development are continuing to be the two words which best capture the contemporary spirit of Novi.

The key issues facing the city this year all echo in some way this theme. Quality of life questions will also be scrutinized carefully by city officials, Kriewall said. Here's the city manager's forecast for 1990.

**GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT** — Novi neighbors for Novi residents will be the most significant event in the city for the first year of the '90s. With the agreement to lease sewer capacity from Livonia approved last fall, this year will see subdivisions consisting of a total of approximately 1,000 new homes in the city. Most of the houses will be in the \$140,000 to the \$300,000 price range.

"Probably the most significant thing that will happen this year in terms of growth and development will be the heavy focus on single family development," Kriewall said. "They (residential developers) were really on a standing pattern waiting for sanitary sewer capacity. The floodgate is going to break in terms of single family development in 1990."

"I don't see much in the way of construction of additional commercial in the area other than what we now know. We have very little zoning left that will allow for commercial/retail in the city."

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Kriewall said a road bond issue in 1973 lifted "Novi out of the mud."

"A bond issue is a very attractive means of funding road improvements. You can get the funding from the people for most of the improvements if not all, including street improvements," Kriewall said. "We are pretty much geared to just about all development in terms of sewer capacity."

"There's going to be some demand on our infrastructure. We will need our policy of funding the developers to pay for most of the improvements if not all, including street improvements," Kriewall said.

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Maple of Novi — a proposed community of 500 dwellings including starter homes, condominiums and senior apartments — is the single family residential subdivision coming into town," Kriewall said.

The city will continue within the next few months to explore the possibility of levying an excise tax on development or other ways of shifting infrastructure and replacement costs onto the private sector.

**THE GRAND PLAN** — Unveiled late in 1989, Kriewall says the city will have to deal with a myriad of road issues, including exploring funding options, for an expansion of Twelve Mile Road. The city may join Troy and Farmington Hills in pursuing grant monies for road improvements. This may also include seeking voter approval of a road bond issue in November 1990 or November 1991, to finance a \$10 to \$15 million road improvement program for the city.

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Staunch opposition to the industrial park, to be located at south of Twelve Mile between Wixom and Napier roads, has been expressed by a number of residents in the west end of the city.

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Questions have also been raised by the communities of Wixom and Lyon Township, which border the area. "I think we can work with most of the problems and concerns. There are buffers and transition areas that can be added. There are some traffic concerns that we can address," Kriewall said.

"We don't know yet what the answers will be. The staff is hard at work to deal with the issues. We think most of them are resolvable. I think the key is to look at the pluses and minuses of the proposal.

"There are opportunities to do certain things and sometimes they have to be seized. To gamble on these businesses shutting down, some of these businesses quite frankly have no place to go. The door is starting to open on making Novi a better city in terms of our main part of town. It remains to be seen if we can successfully deal with the opportunity at this point."

A key component to the grand plan is encouraging high-technology and office development along the I-96 corridor.

"There are certain areas such as Taft and Beck along the expressway. Taft and Beck along the expressway could develop to something quite attractive. The expressway we've seen in Farmington Hills and other areas, some of these areas can be very nice locally," Kriewall said.

**SOLID WASTE** — The disposal of consumer society's massive volume of trash will continue to be a vital issue in Novi, as it is throughout the nation. Two locations in Novi are now under consideration as sites for a seven-community materials recovery and transfer facility, to be operated by the Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County. Novi is a member of the authority. One of the sites is in the proposed Section 18 industrial park. This location tops the authority's list of four. At the bottom of the list, is a 30-acre parcel on Haggerty Road north of Grand River Avenue.

"The city is under consideration for a recycling facility site, we're going to make decisions in the near future. The solid waste consortium is under the gun. If Novi is to be considered for a recycling facility site, we're going to have to react also," Kriewall said.

**PARKS AND RECREATION MILLAGE PROPOSAL** — With developers snapping up available land in Novi, Kriewall said the next three years will be critical for the city. "We didn't think we'd get as much reaction as we did. The area lends itself to considerable natural buffers with the green beltline. The price would be lower than in the city but would be attractive by anyone's standards," Kriewall said. "It's going to be a positive, clean, well-planned project that can fit in with the existing community in that area," Kriewall said.

"We're going to be a critical period of time for being able to preserve certain areas for parkland. If the funding is not in place in the next six

years, it should be a crucial year for the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America. It will be located in Novi, possibly in the Novi Center.

"1990 should be a critical mass year for that concept. We would hope 1990 would see some positive revelations to make the Motorsports Museum a reality," Kriewall said.

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**The cutting edge**

Cutting and pasting are long-standing traditions for kindergarten students, and above, Katherine Seflinsky uses her talent to cut out ears on her

elephant mask. She was a part of the group of students at Novi Woods Elementary learning all about the letter E recently.

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## Monetary damages sought from 'Landing' developer

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"We don't know what our damages are at this date. He's got a cloud on our title. The city can work with another developer but he's got to know that he can't spend any money until the title is cleared up," Fried said.

The city and Eldridge entered two years ago into a private sector/public sector development agreement for a 100-room hotel, a banquet facility, 10,000 square feet of retail space, a public meeting room, a public boardwalk and a marina with 25 boat slips available to Novi residents. The city's attorney, Michael H. Fried, says that he's spent a lot of time and money in designs for the Landing site, has made the property worth \$2 million. His suit charges that the city assured him he would have title of the property within weeks of Sept. 21, 1987 and that by denying his phasing request the value of the contract was destroyed for Eldridge. It accuses the city of breach of contract and of depriving him of time, money and future income by making false or negligent representations. The developer also asserts that Novi has become unjustly enriched at his expense, due to the stipulations and other work he put into the site.

In response, the city denies that it failed in any way to live up to the terms of the contract or that any false representations were made to Eldridge. The city says no represen-

tations were made to Eldridge that the title would be available several weeks after Sept. 21, 1987 and denies that the development agreement between the two parties required the city to get title to the land "expeditiously." According to the city, the agreement only called for expeditiously seeking condemnation proceedings on the land.

Furthermore, the city's brief states that it is untrue that Eldridge could not begin development activities until he had clear title to the land. Novi's attorneys also repudiate the developer's contention that the development conditions had altered when he did get title to the land and that the city council's refusal to approve his phasing proposal destroyed the value of the contract.

The city also refutes the charges that plans for the site are now being made with another developer and contends that there is no lawful basis to place the land at the court's disposal.

The site is located at the intersection of Novi Road, Thirteen Mile and South Lake Drive, is the location of the old Walled Lake Casino, which drew crowds in the heyday of big band music.

## Festival salutes chocolate

Attention, chocoholics. Here's the event you've been dreaming about.

The sixth annual "Nuts About Chocolate Festival" will come to the Novi Hilton this weekend, Saturday, Jan. 13 and Sunday, Jan. 14 from noon to 4 p.m.

The two-day event is sponsored by the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan and offers an exciting celebration of chocolate for anyone with an occasional or constant sweet tooth. Chocolates in the form of truffles, candies, cookies, pop, baked goods and ice cream will be available to sample.

Local and national exhibitors will provide chocolate samples for the public. A few of the exhibitors include: Stroh's Ice Cream, Glorius Gifts, M & Baked Goods, Fannie May Candies, Truffles by Heublein, The Nutcracker Sweet, Weight Watchers, LaTouraine Coffee Company, Lories Confectionately Yours, Gourmet Imports, Skinny Dip, Novi Hilton Hotel, Ferrero USA, Home Sweet Home Restaurant, Leah Gold Confectioners, Muffins & More Bakery and Treasured Gardens.

The festival also will include chocolate demonstrations, door prizes and activities for kids. A chocolate creation contest will be

featured in which the public will judge the works of some of Detroit's best pastry chefs as they compete for the title of "Best Creative Pastry Chef in Detroit."

Door prizes will include items from exhibitors and national and international chocolate makers. There also will be a raffle for a 10-pound Nestle chocolate bar and a Novi Hilton weekend package giveaway.

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Matt Christopherson, 11, receives an autographed baseball from Detroit Tiger broadcaster Ernie Harwell (right)

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## A love for baseball Harwell credits faith for successes

By BRENDA DOOLEY  
staff writer

Ernie Harwell, fondly known as the voice of the Detroit Tigers, sometimes describes himself as "a turtle on a fencepost."

Why? Because when, if ever, you see a turtle perched on a fencepost you know it didn't get there alone—someone helped it along.

Harwell says he, too, has received help throughout his lifetime. And the guiding force every step of the way is his faith.

The broadcasting giant's distinctive voice filled the room inside Fellowship Hall at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville Sunday evening as Harwell spoke to members of Single Place, a support group for adult singles. During his visit, Harwell shared stories about the most important influences in his life—baseball and God.

Accompanying him was his wife of 48 years, Lulu, whom Harwell calls "my best blessing of all."

Ironically, Harwell admitted that as a youngster he was terribly tongue-tied. He grew up in Georgia and although his family was poor, Harwell's parents sent him to school to help him overcome the handicap.

Because his family had little money Harwell said he established a primary goal of making money and saving it for his education.

"My first ambition as a youngster was to be a major league baseball player," Harwell recalled. "I wanted to be the one in the worst way and that's exactly how I played."

Since he lacked the athletic ability to play baseball for a living Harwell decided to do the next best thing—to write about it. At 16, he wrote a letter to the editor of "The Sporting News," requesting a job as Atlanta correspondent for the publication. Much to Harwell's surprise, the editor took him up on his offer.

However, his byline didn't appear as frequently as he wanted it to and before long Harwell pursued local notoriety by getting a job at the "Atlanta Constitution."

"I soon learned that having a byline didn't mean a doggone thing," Harwell said. "The same paper that carries front page news lines the garbage can the next day."

Harwell also offered reflections on some of his favorite baseball players, including Willie Mays, "the best single player I've ever seen"; Jackie Robinson, a great competitor, who paved the way for other blacks to play baseball; and Brooks Robinson, "the best third baseman."

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## City planners eye high-tech corridor

By SHEILA PHILLIPS  
staff writer

A high-tech office corridor, with buildings reaching up to five stories in height, is planned for Novi's northwest sector along I-96.

"If you like the office buildings lining I-96 in Farmington Hills then you'll like what we have planned," said Novi Planning Director James Wahl.

In fact, Farmington Hills' high-tech corridor will act as a model for development along Novi's I-96 thoroughfare, he said.

To entice future office development, the commission recommended amending the city's office service zoning ordinance to allow for high-tech development during last Wednesday's planning meeting.

Currently, high-tech development requires an industrial zoning. However, developers frown on a heavy industrial atmosphere for research and development use and prefer the more upscale setting in office service districts, according to planning officials.

In an effort to encourage larger development, the commission also recommended changing the ordinance to allow for five story complexes.

The commission has already begun rezoning the land between Twelve Mile Road and the highway from residential and light industrial to office service district (OS-2) in accordance with the city's master plan.

During last Wednesday's meeting, the commission rezoned the property on the south side of Twelve Mile Road between the CSX Railroad and Beck Road to conform with the office service zoning on the south side of the freeway.

If the recommended ordinance revisions gain city council approval, the city could see at least some high-tech development almost immediately, according to Wahl.

The development company, which wants to build a high-tech office park south of the freeway, has already approached the city, he said.

However, he added that the developer's interest is contingent on the recommended ordinance revisions receiving city approval, Wahl said.

Although he would not reveal the name of the interested party, Wahl said,

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## In Uniform

Air Force Airman WILLIAM ZIEGLER has arrived for duty at Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Base in Colorado. A 1986 graduate of Novi High School, he is the son of William and Ziegler of Willowbrook in Novi.

Airman Ziegler is an apprentice construction equipment operator with the 101st Civil Engineering Squadron.

Staff Sgt. RORY WILSON has been decorated with the Air Force Commendation Medal in Turkey. He is the son of Robert and Joyce Wilson of Novi.

The Air Force Commendation Medal is awarded to those individuals who demonstrate outstanding achievement or meritorious service in the performance of their duties on behalf of the Air Force.

Wilson is an aerospace ground equipment specialist with the 39th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

Air National Guard 2nd Lt. ROSS DICKINSON has graduated from U.S. Air Force pilot training and received his silver wings at Columbus Air Force Base in Mississippi. He is the son of Julia Dickinson of Edgewater in Novi.

A 1982 graduate of Redford Union High School, he graduated from Lawrence Institute of Technology in 1987.

Pvt. WILLIAM HELLER JR. has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. He is the son of D.J. and William Heller of Wixom Road in Novi.

During the training, Heller received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Marine Cpl. DAVID POWERS recently reported for duty with 2nd Force Service Support Group at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He is the son of Charles and Sandra Powers of Walled Lake.

A 1986 graduate of Walled Lake Western High School, he joined the Marine Corps in October 1986.

Marine Pfc. KYLE MURPHY, son of Robert Murphy of Meadow Ridge in Walled Lake, recently completed the Apprentice Aerospace Propulsion Systems Course.

During the 11-week course conducted at Chanute Technical Training Center, Chanute Air Force Base, Rantoul, Ill., Murphy received instructions on the operation and maintenance of hydraulically operated propellers, controls and accessories.

A 1988 graduate of Walled Lake Western High School, he joined the Marine Corps in October 1988.

## Novi Chamber

**County chamber to meet:** The Oakland County Chamber of Commerce is celebrating 80 years of representing the business community.

The chamber will commemorate the anniversary at its annual membership dinner Jan. 25 at the Northfield Hilton in Troy. Cocktails (cash bar) will be served at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

Gov. James Blanchard will present the Athena Award to an outstanding individual who has attained or supported professional excellence among women.

Tickets are \$40 per person for members and their guests, \$30 for non-members and may be purchased through the chamber. Advance reservations are required. For more information call the chamber at 633-4747 or 644-1229.

**Business mixers planned:** Two business card exchanges are being planned early in 1990. The first will be at the Saddle Creek Apartments on Novi Road on Jan. 31.

The second will be a joint mixer with the Farmington/Farmington Hills chamber hosted by the Livingston-Oakland Credit Union in its new building on Farmington Road in Farmington.

## Candidates file expense reports

By JAN JEFFRES  
staff writer

William's election results were in on Nov. 7, but the candidates and a millage committee were not required to file final campaign expense reports until Dec. 7.

Reports have been submitted to the Oakland County elections office by Mayor Matthew Quinn of Novi, commissioners Hugh Crawford, Nancy Covert and Tim Pipe, Candidate Laura Lorenzo, who lost in her bid for city council, was not required to file expense reports because she spent less than \$1,000 on her campaign.

None of the reports listed a donation date for the election committee. Bank account for campaign committees may be kept open indefinitely, but an elected official also has the option of transferring the money to an officeholder's expense account. If this account is opened, the money cannot be transferred back to pay future campaign expenses.

In addition, expense reports were filed by the committee supporting the parks millage, which was not listed on the ballot.

While the Novi Police Officers Association organized a political action committee in August, the union did not spend enough money to file an expenditure report. The association donated \$250 apiece to the campaigns of Hugh Crawford and Nancy Covert.

The final report submitted by "Citizens for Quinn" indicates that a total of \$11,650 was raised by Mayor Matthew Quinn's re-election committee and \$1,502 was spent. Quinn received an additional \$500 contribution from Nancy and Neil Sosis of Bloomfield Hills, company officers for the Northern Equity Group.

Quinn spent \$2,578 for an election night party at the Country Epicure. Crawford won on the party with 4,000 votes.

The Committee to Re-elect Hugh Crawford" kicked in \$1,000 for the victory bash at the Country Epicure. Crawford raised a total of \$7,395 for his campaign and spent \$6,896, including \$800 in postage, \$400 for printing and \$54 in advertising in "The Novi News" and \$205 for a victory party.

Contributions to the Covert campaign coming in after the Oct. 27 report amounted to \$1,142; \$20 from Catherine Salius of Novi; \$1,000 in-kind contributions of food and beverages from Victor Cassis of Farmington Hills; \$500 from Nancy and Neil Sosis of Bloomfield Hills, real estate developers and owners of the Northern Equity Group; \$50 from Rep. Willis Bullard of Milford; \$100 from Michael and Nancy McCutcheon of Novi; \$200 from Robert Harris of Novi; \$50 from L. L. Sheridan of Novi; \$100 from Claude and Myrna Harris of Farmington Hills; \$300 from R. Michael Harris of Olney, Ill.; a SOMOCO oil producer; \$20 from Brandon Rogers of Harper Woods; \$20 from John Eckstrom of Novi; \$100 from Margaret Johnson of South Lyon; \$100 from

William Eldridge of Grosse Pointe Shores; \$20 from James Wahl of Walled Lake; \$20 from County Commissioner John Calandro of Novi; \$25 from Margaret Johnson of South Lyon and \$25 from Michael Meyer of Novi.

The "Park Acquisition and Recreation Kids to Seniors Millage Committee" (P.A.R.K.S.) did not file its pre-election expense report until Nov. 3 and was charged a late filing fee of \$125. A \$15 per calendar day late filing fee is assessed each business day for late campaign statements from ballot question committees, up to a maximum of \$1,000. The final campaign expense report was turned in one day before the deadline.

The total amount raised by the P.A.R.K.S. millage committee was \$2,660 and the total expenditures were \$2,533. Money spent by the committee included \$1,329 spent on the printing of flyers and lawn signs, \$1,136 for bulk mailing, \$310 for computer supplies including mailing labels.

Because the late filing meant that The Novi News was unable to print the data from P.A.R.K.S. in a Nov. 2 story on campaign finance, the committee's pre-election finances are included here.

Contributions to the effort to raise the parks and recreation millage from one-half to one full mill were: \$100 from David Fried of Birmingham; \$25 from Tim Pipe of Northville; \$25 from Joseph Tot of Novi; \$25 from Dan Construction of Novi; \$25 from Parker & Associates of Novi; \$25 from Dependable Painting Co. of Novi; \$25 from Amstaff of Novi; \$100 from Jerome Sheridan of Novi; \$200 from JCK & Associates of Novi; \$50 from Gerald Shulman of Northville; \$200 from Providence Hospital of Novi; \$75 from West Oaks Associates of Southfield; \$50 from Novi Meadows Mobile Homes of Farmington Hills; \$100 from Midway Power Systems of Novi; \$25 from Dan Tavel of Novi; \$25 from Plaza of Dearborn; \$25 from Cooper, Shireman, Gabe and Seymour of Novi; \$25 from Reid Lightfoot of Novi; \$50 from The Office Connection of Novi; \$100 from The Selective Group of Farmington Hills; \$20 from Portrait America of Novi; \$100 from Northern Financial Planning and Investments Inc. of Northville; \$25 from Parker Witkus & Co. of Novi; \$50 from R.E. Gilbert & Associates of Novi; \$50 from Brandon Rogers & Associates of Harper Woods; \$100 from St. Clair Inc. of Farmington Hills; \$100 from Traci Construction Inc. of Novi; \$100 from Brown Jig Grinding of Novi; \$50 from Robert Pheiffer of Novi; \$200 from South Hill Construction of Wixom; \$200 from B & Construction of Wixom; \$200 from Gorsetti Construction of Milford; and \$40 from National Management Sol. of Novi.

Contributions to the Covert campaign coming in after the Oct. 27 report amounted to \$1,142; \$20 from Catherine Salius of Novi; \$1,000 in-kind contributions of food and beverages from Victor Cassis of Farmington Hills; \$500 from Nancy and Neil Sosis of Bloomfield Hills, real estate developers and owners of the Northern Equity Group; \$50 from Rep. Willis Bullard of Milford; \$100 from Michael and Nancy McCutcheon of Novi; \$200 from Robert Harris of Novi; \$50 from L. L. Sheridan of Novi; \$100 from Claude and Myrna Harris of Farmington Hills; \$300 from R. Michael Harris of Olney, Ill.; a SOMOCO oil producer; \$20 from Brandon Rogers of Harper Woods; \$20 from John Eckstrom of Novi; \$100 from Margaret Johnson of South Lyon; \$100 from

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Statistical officials are pushing two particular aspects of the plan. First, the interest earned on the bonds is completely exempt from all federal, state and local taxes.

Second, the program is flexible. The person or company buying the bonds may choose the amount of their monthly payment; they choose the maturity of the bonds, up to 10 years; and they may withdraw the money at any time with no penalty.

If participants decide to use the money for something other than a home, they do not get the guaranteed interest rate — but they still earn interest at the level of a one-year tax-exempt note.

Kolt said he cannot think of any situation where participating in HOST would not be beneficial. "It's not like it's a bad deal for anybody," he said.

"Most people who own a home can make the payments on it. It's the lump sum" that can be difficult, Kolt said.

In figuring what HOST payments should be, the state advises people to figure when they want to buy their home; the price range of the home they want; expected housing inflation in the area in which they hope to buy; and the size of a down payment they will need. From these factors they figure a monthly payment.

If everything goes as expected, when the bonds mature, the participants will have enough money for their down payments — or at least something close to it.

"It's not going to be a perfect science," Kolt explained. "We'll just have to ask people to make their best guess."

If home prices in a given area rise faster than expected, the HOST participants might not have a down pay-



Last year's Chilly Willy Festival featured a chili competition that will be repeated again this year. Shown enjoying the 1989 festival are, right, Marc Woodell of Anthony's at the Sheraton Oaks and Michael Buraczewski is shown helping himself.

## City hosts annual winter festival

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Those who prefer the comfort of indoor climates will have a chance to watch cartoons inside the Novi Civic Center. Indoor games will include ping pong, chess and checkers, all played in the Novi Civic Center.

Following is a schedule of festival contests and activities:

8:30 a.m. Sno-ball tournaments begin at Power Park. Registration is required.

10 a.m. Snow Sculpture Contest at Power Park, weather permitting. Winners will be announced at noon in the Novi Civic Center Atrium. Registration is required.

12:15 p.m. Lip Sync Contest begins in the Novi Civic Center Multi-Purpose Room and on the stage. Age categories include 12 and under, 13-18, 19 and older and solo or group (two or more performers).

12:30 p.m. Team Tug-O-War competition begins in the grassy area near the south entrance of the Novi Civic Center. Registration is required.

12:45 p.m. Little Ms. Icicle Contest begins in the Novi Civic Center stage for children 4 to 7 years old.

1 p.m. Old Man/Old Woman Contest begins on the Novi Civic Center stage. This contest is open to all ages.

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## As We See It

### Grand Plan concept needs careful study

The Grand Plan. The name itself implies a scale and importance far exceeding more run-of-the-mill planning concepts.

And the name fits. The city is proposing a grand change in several areas of Novi. It isn't just the addition of an industrial park and commercial zoning to the northwest end of Novi. It is tax abatements for existing businesses. It is relocation of certain "types" of businesses to make a particular area of Novi accessible for other "types" of commercial and residential uses. It is the tying together of several major planning areas — Town Center, the I-96 corridor and the north half of Section 18, the area bounded by Wixom Road, Twelve Mile and Napier roads.

It is indeed a move on a grand scale and as such deserves the attention and discussion it has recently achieved both in Novi, in the City of Wixom and in Lyon Township.

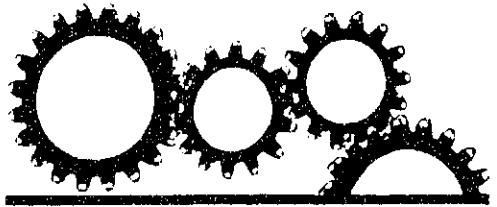
Is the plan good? It may depend on a person's perspective. From the Town Center perspective the move is a terrific one. For Novi to achieve a coordinated and well-planned downtown area, there must be consistent land use. Several industrial firms have been located in what is now the Town Center area for many years. The plans and construction of the Trammell Crow project have gone up around them. Now, the plans call for further changes in the area — more residential and more commercial of small town retail variety. When planners said that the current general industrial uses, some with open storage areas, can discourage new retail commercial, office, and residential from developing nearby — they're right.

Giving these businesses an incentive to relocate to a well-planned industrial park does make sense. Just like Novi planned long ago to centralize commercial development, many communities have made the same planning move regarding industrial developments.

Tax incentives for such a move make sense as well. These types of incentives must be used with great care, but when a city is asking a well-established company to pick up and move because they feel the area needs to change — some incentive is obviously needed.

So moving the businesses that don't fit the plans for Novi's downtown makes sense from that perspective. Making the I-96 corridor readily available for high quality office structures also makes good planning sense. But planners and city officials must also look at the other side of the coin.

No planning decision in a city takes place in a void. There are people in Novi who have made the big



#### Development

## Let the bulge battle begin

Like thousands of Americans, I have adopted the motto "Just Say No".

But in my case, food is the vice and not drugs — more specifically cheeseburgers with seasoned fries and chocolate chunk cookies.

Not surprisingly, I have come down with a case of the post-holiday bulges, that nasty ailment where your stomach looks like you've swallowed a watermelon and some has inflated your derriere with a bicycle pump.

I know that I am not alone. Afterall, the average American supposedly gains ten pounds between Thanksgiving and New Years, and I have always prided myself on being above average.

But it is a new year and a new decade, so it seems like the appropriate time to shed some old habits as well as some unwanted poundage.

I'm hoping to swap my bulging blues for a case of exercise fever — which I have been told is easy to catch once you get started. But then again, it is usually from some wavy bimbo who actually looks good sculpted in Spandex.

Nevertheless, I'm not excited by the idea of joining some aerobized singles club and wading my "slightly" oversized carcass into a sea of bleach-blond Heather Locklear clones. Not to mention all those

Sheila  
Phillips

muscle-bound playboys, looking like they've strutted off the pages of "Flex" Magazine ... But on second thought, maybe joining a gym is not such a bad idea.

With proper exercise and diet, perhaps I'll even fit into those size five jeans hanging in my closet since my college days — the ones that look like they're made for Barbie.

Actually, exercising is the easy part. The real trick is to convince my stomach that I am a rabbit. But maybe if I keep stuffing it with leafy greens and carrot sticks, it will become a believer.

I also need to dig out my wok and become a stir-fry fiend. I can hardly wait, one night I can have pea pods and mushrooms and the next bean sprouts and bamboo shoots. For an extra special treat, perhaps I'll even throw in a few chicken chunks. It isn't exactly the same as chocolate chunks — but I'll keep telling myself that chunks are chunks.

I even have the perfect motivator. Everytime I feel myself wavering, I'll just go into my closet and try on my old jeans. Seeing an old pair of previously baggy pants stuck at the thighs kind of does something to you inside. And it certainly makes you become a faithful follower of the "just say no to food philosophy".

I've covered all the bases. The only thing left to do is start. But it is such a major step that I am having a little trouble deciding on the perfect date. But if I keep munching on this chocolate chunk cookie, maybe it will come to me. Yeah, I just came up with an even better motto — "food for thought".

Brokers Patterson, Pat Anderson and the Oakland County Young Republicans must have short memories. School funding and property tax relief were the same words used in State Legislators in Lansing in 1977. Paterson A and B on the Nov. 7, 1989 ballot in Novi proved too smart to be foisted by Gov. Blanchard, and both Republican and Democratic legislators rejected these misleading proposals to amend the Headlee Amendment by 3-to-1.

Dick Headlee himself does not want any ballot proposal initiated at this time to change the Headlee Amendment. Like the Taxpayers United organization he still heads, Headlee supports renewed state government attention to correcting the enabling legislation passed a decade ago which literally condemned certain sections of the Headlee Amendment in the Michigan Constitution.

We all recognize how precious personal property can be, particularly around the home. Therefore, we are especially grateful to those special individuals who gave their "time" to package, visit, make ornaments and decorations etc.

So many people and organizations contributed to our holidays that we cannot list all individually, but special thanks is taken to the following:

Novi Police Officers Association

Claudia Wiseman & Guests students of Novi Middle School

Parkview Elementary students

Novi Optimist Club

Novi Rotary Club

Novi Middle School Choir, Band and Students

## Forum

### By Chris Boyd



Well-heeled tree

## Are Grand Plan facts flawed?

### Letters

To the Editor:

Subject: City of Novi, Grand Plan  
I chose to write to you after reading the latest issue of Novi News. You've probably heard and read enough bad press concerning Novi's Grand Plan concept, however, several points you may find interesting include:

□ James Wahl, Community Planning Development Director for Novi indicated at a meeting held on Jan. 3, 1990 that the "initial" traffic study that he conducted should prove adequate to address traffic flow concerns which were raised at the Dec. 20, 1989 meeting. Is Mr. Wahl unaware of the following?

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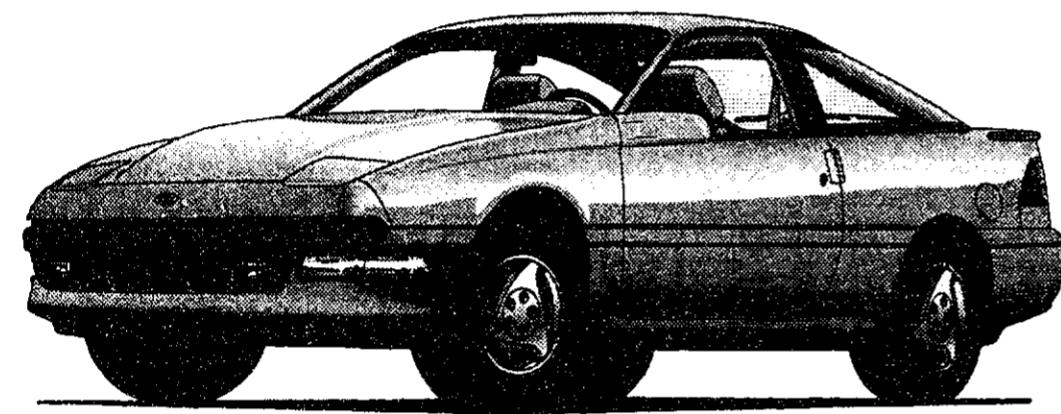
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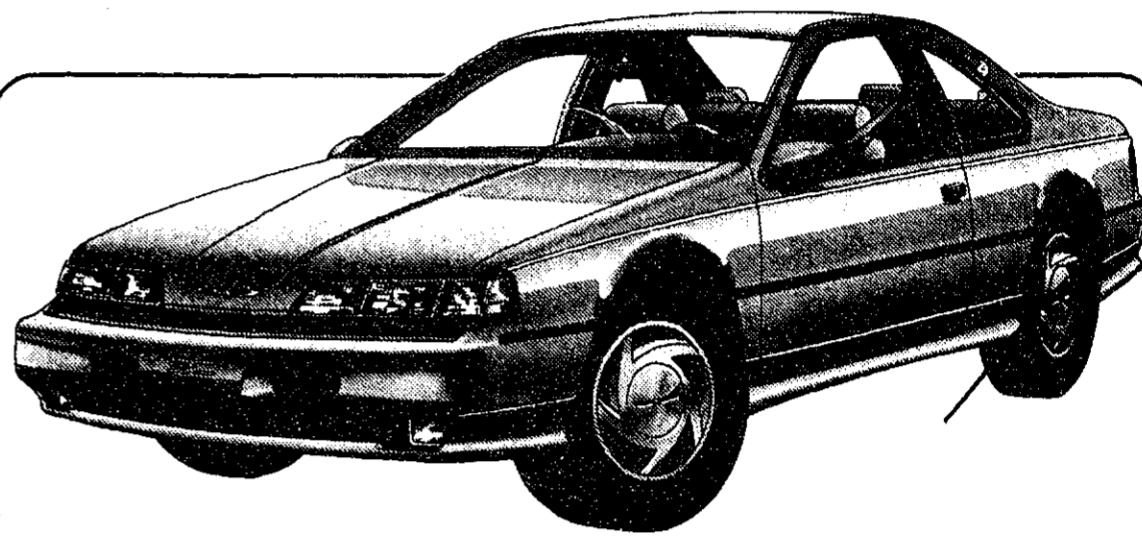
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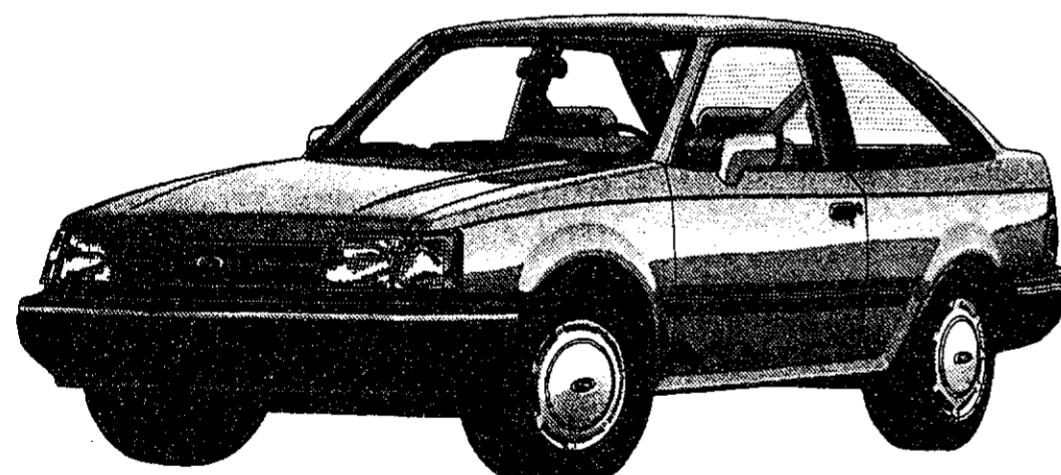
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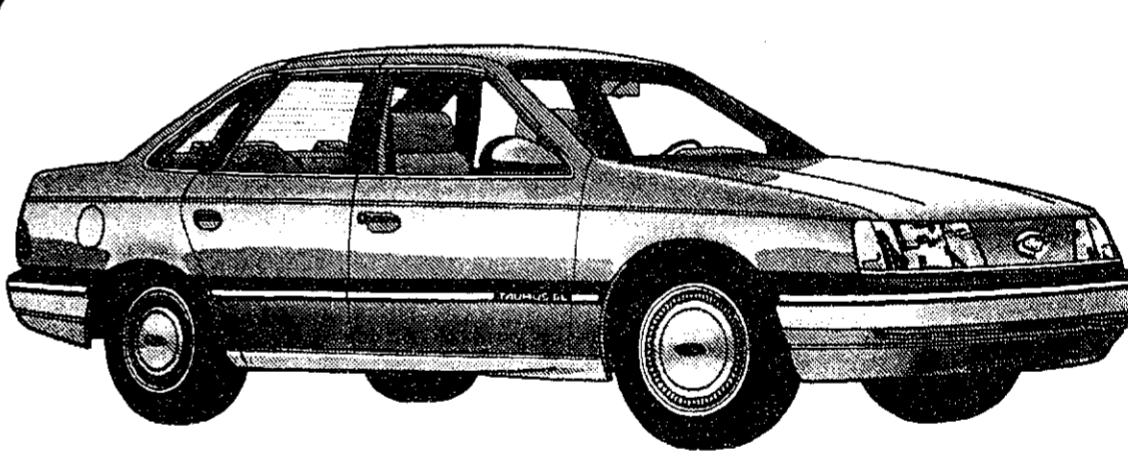
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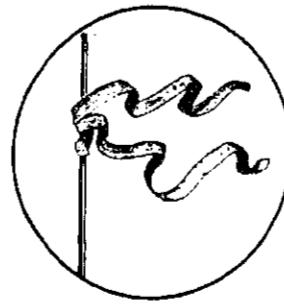
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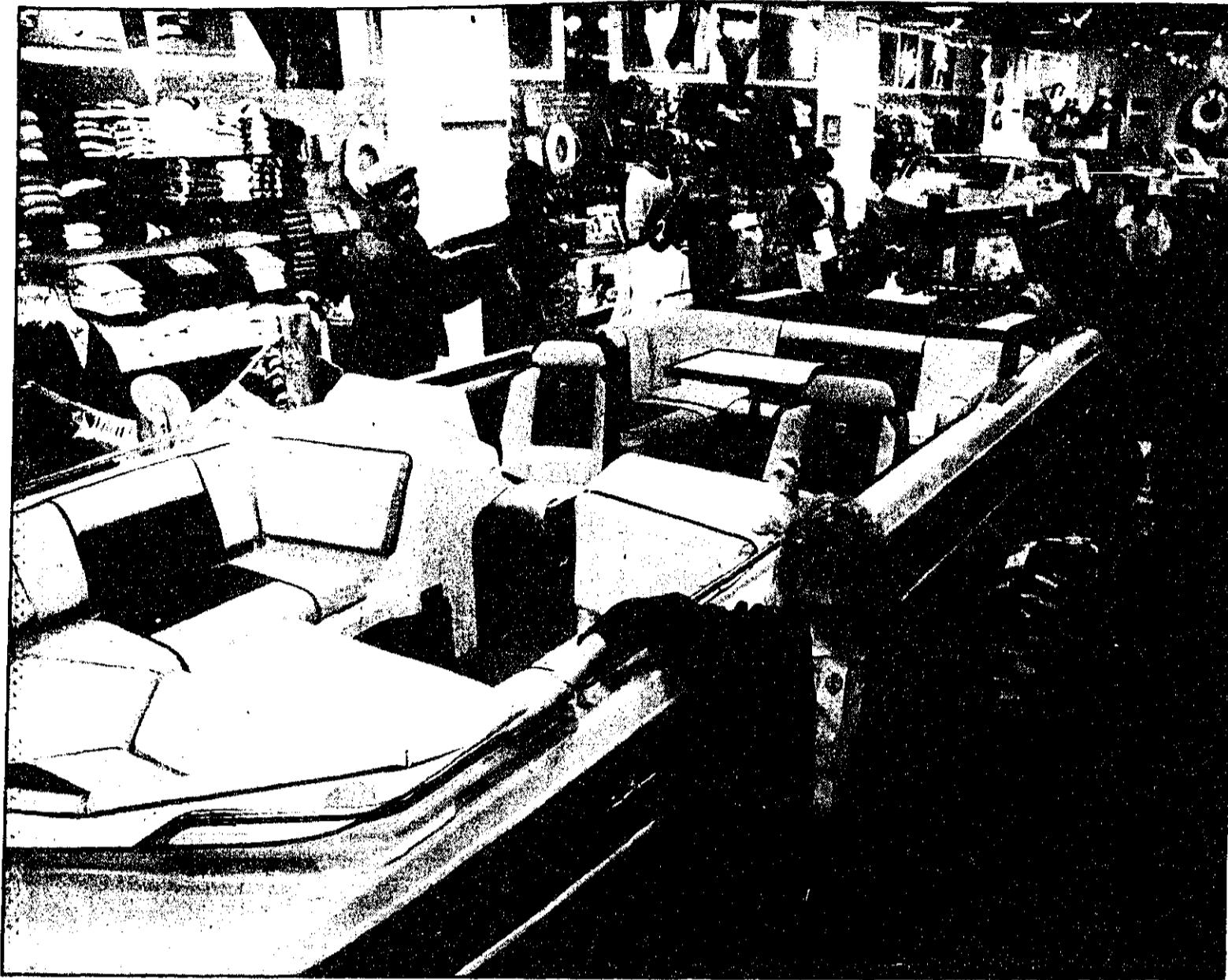
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Assistant Manager Karlene Esper shows off one of the boats on display at Top of the Dock in Novi's Twelve Oaks Mall

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## New boat store drops anchor at Twelve Oaks

By SHEILA PHILLIPS

Top of The Dock, an innovative retail chain owned by the Four Winns boat manufacturing company, has dropped anchor at Twelve Oaks Mall.

The Novi store, which sells powerboats and related water apparel, has been making waves since it opened in October.

"The uniqueness of the store draws people in," said Manager Greg Hirtch. "People are surprised when they see boats in the middle of a mall."

"So far the shop has been very successful and it has gotten a warm welcome from the public. It is really a great marketing concept," he added.

Hirtch anticipates that the store will become an even bigger attraction when its simulated powerboat ride is in place.

"It will be state-of-the-art with a moving picture of a lake in front of the boat," he said. "It will actually slow down when the driver lets up on the gas and the boat will actually move."

Hirtch said the simulated ride should be in place within the next couple of months.

It might appear that the five boats displayed in the store, which range from 15 to 21 feet in length, are merely marketing ploys to lure people into

the store. However, store management claims the reverse scenario is actually the case.

The bottom line is, when it comes to selling boats, Top of the Dock means business, said Hirtch.

"The clothing is actually the gimmick or the marketing concept that gets people in to look at the boats," said Karlene Esper, assistant manager of the Novi store. "But we have been selling a lot of clothes."

The idea is that the boats, which range in size from runabouts to cruisers, will be the big moneymakers with price tags ranging from \$8,000 to \$85,000.

The clothing and accessories, which promote browsing, pay the overhead, Esper explained.

She said that the clothing and boating accessories also add to the shop's total marketing concept, which is to sell the boating lifestyle not just boats.

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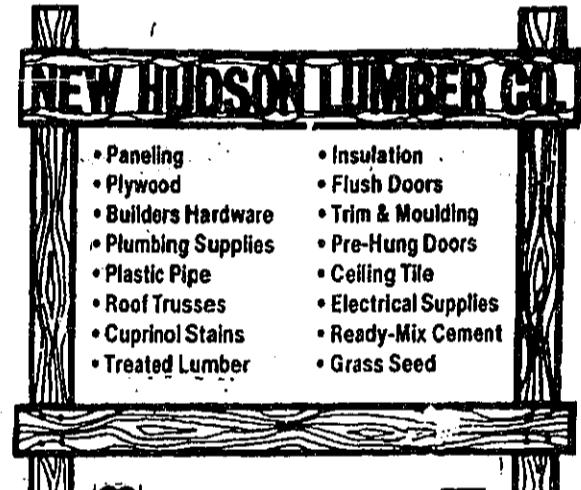
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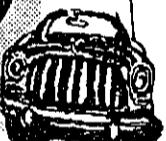
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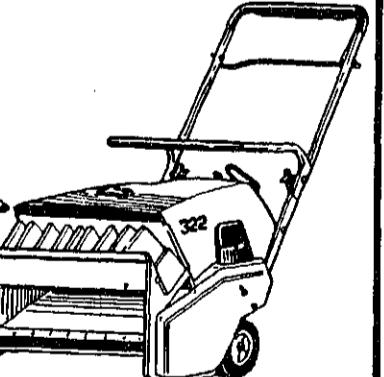
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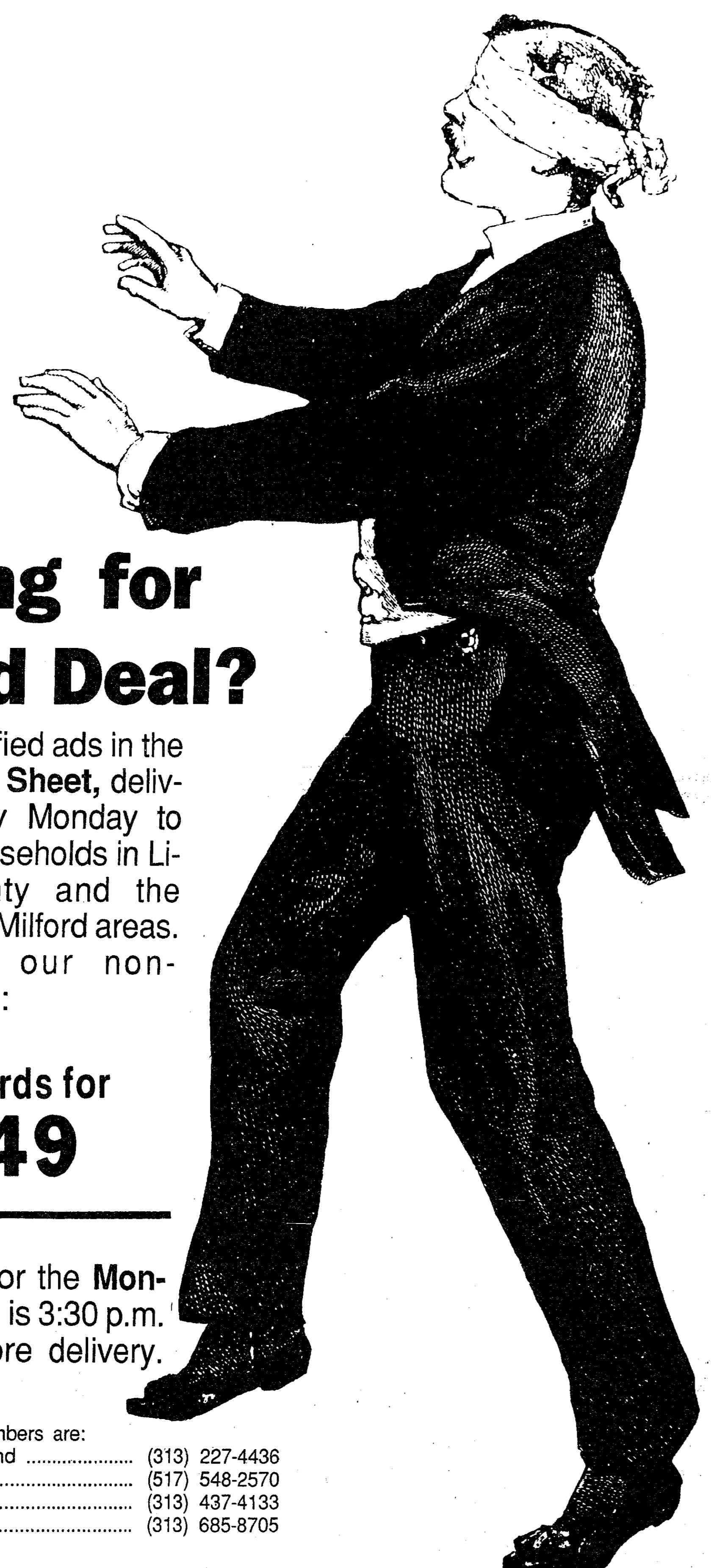
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## Getting the hang of it

### Wallpaper adds beauty

Somehow the house always looks more drab after the holidays. Perhaps it's only because the glitz and colorful holiday decorations are stored away again, or maybe the home actually needs a redecorating facelift.

In order to accomplish this, many people prefer to paper their walls, adding scenic or floral beauty, accents or decorative emphasis to certain rooms.

There is certainly plenty to choose from when it comes to wallpaper, but how many people who select a nice Early American or contemporary design ever wonder who invented the concept of covering walls with paper in the first place?

According to World Book Encyclopedia, wallpaper was first made in England, France or the Netherlands during the 1500s. Artists designed patterned wallpaper as a cheaper substitute for the tapestries — woven wall hangings — that had been used as decorations in European palaces for centuries.

Encyclopedia Americana, on the other hand, states the first wallpaperers were hand-painted in China around the middle of the 16th century.

The Chinese made wallpaper which featured painted birds, flowers and landscapes on rectangular sheets of rice paper. Samples were then brought to Europe by Dutch and Portuguese traders, the encyclopedia continues.

Wherever it began, there was no mass production in those days. Craft workers painted designs on the paper by hand or printed them from carved blocks of wood.

These papers were pasted up in haphazard fashion, with no attempt at matching repeats.

The French decorated wallpaper with Chinese objects and patterns during the 1700s, and this popular style became known as chinoiserie.

Again, the encyclopedias do not agree as to when wallpaper was first produced in the United States. World Book sets it as early as 1739, with the first papers being made in Philadelphia.

The Americana, however, states the first wallpaper factory was established in 1780 by John Howell at Albany, New York.

During the 17th and 18th centuries there was less time to devote to surface decorations, and both paint and paper — the handiest tools of the interior decorator — were beyond the means of most families.

According to "The Old House Book of Living Rooms and Parlors," tongue-and-groove paneling was cheaper to install than an imported scenic paper from France. So paneling became the vogue in America.

This book continues, "Wallpaper became such a common commodity

in 19th-century America that it was used in the parlor to simulate cornices, friezes and panels . . ."

Wallpaper became somewhat easier to clean with the introduction of vinyl-covered wallpaper in 1947. This could be gently washed with mild soap and water.

Pre-pasted papers were developed in the 1950s. Pre-pasting allowed the wallpaperer to moisten the paper with water so that it would stick to the walls without having to use wallpaper paste — a sometimes-tricky procedure for the novice.

Wallpaper has come a long way from those days when it was created painstakingly by hand blocking of designs, although some expensive papers are still made in this manner.

Whether printed, painted, embossed or grained, wallpaper is available in patterns and various degrees of texture. These vary from smooth glossy surfaces to those designed to resemble rough plaster, according to the Encyclopedia Americana.

There are ceiling papers, borders, scenes and panels; imitative papers simulating various materials and three-dimensional papers with a "relief" surface.

Special coatings make some papers resistant to stains and grease. There are also papers covered in silk, some which resemble chintz and velvet flock papers.

Flocked paper is made by printing the design on paper of various colors with glue, and then blowing fine colored wool or silk shavings over the wet glue design, according to the Americana book. This type of creativity produces paper that simulates the rich texture and sheen of expensive Genoese velvets.

Storytelling papers are especially good for young children and may be obtained in durable surfaces for long wear and easy care.

Expensive custom-made papers are screen printed or stenciled. Less expensive papers are roller-printed. There are a few fine papers still printed by hand with wood blocks, a special set of blocks being used for each color, the Encyclopedia Americana notes.

Wall coverings are designed to closely follow contemporary fashions. This makes possible many effects formerly unattainable because of the expense of such materials as marble, leather and textiles like satins and brocades.

This decorative flexibility is supplemented by many interesting artistic effects, including those of painted mirrors, deeply incised and sculptured linoleum, photomurals, paintings on canvas and hand-painted wallpaper in narrow strips, the Americana notes.

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Professional paperhanger Tim Kourt prepares a wall for the finished product

Photos by JANET L. COX



Tim Kourt carefully brushes paste on paper before putting it on the wall

## Preparing walls is key to success

Measure it. Cut it. Paste it. Slap it on . . . And then watch it fall off.

That probably sounds familiar to the do-it-yourself wallpaperers who have experienced little success over the years.

The problem, according to one local professional, may involve the area you're trying to cover up — the wall.

"The biggest mistake people make is they don't prepare the walls right, in both papering and painting," said Tim Kourt, who for 16 years has run American Painting & Decorating Co. out of his Green Oak Township home.

"There's a lot more to it than just washing the wall. You have to spend a lot of time if you want the job done right. Most of the pre-pasted papers, which are the most common these days, have strong paste on the back. Some even require that you paint the walls with an oil-base primer before you paper."

Kourt added that some people haven't made the adjustments to pre-pasted paper, which hit the market approximately 10 years ago. Another common error is failure to let the paste develop between wetting and application to the wall.

"You didn't have to do any special things with the old-time paper."

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Kourt commented, "I guess it's just hard for people to change their ways."

Kourt said it took him two years to develop steady wallpapering skills, but that he still must adjust to the new products on the market.

He recalled the days when flocking material, featuring a felt design on top of the actual paper, was popular. He also remembers foils, which presented application difficulties because they couldn't be creased.

"Styles come and go," he said. "You see a lot of string paper now, but that's pretty expensive. The most common right now has to be pre-pasted vinyl."

Wallpapering, like everything else, features both pros and cons.

"People choose paper for various reasons," Kourt said. "The biggest thing is it holds up longer than paint. If it's done right, paper can last anywhere from 10 to 20 years, compared to five or six with paint. You have less fingerprints and it's much easier to wash."

"Also, with dry wall, the paper covers the flaws in the wall. Your nicks and joint problems are hidden . . . whereas with paint, all of the flaws are right there in front of you."

Kourt added that wallpapering is

### Around the House:

#### Designs for Living



## Brick facing gives solid feel

By James McAlexander

Brick facing on this modern rendition of a traditional design creates a solid feeling of performance in the Quincy.

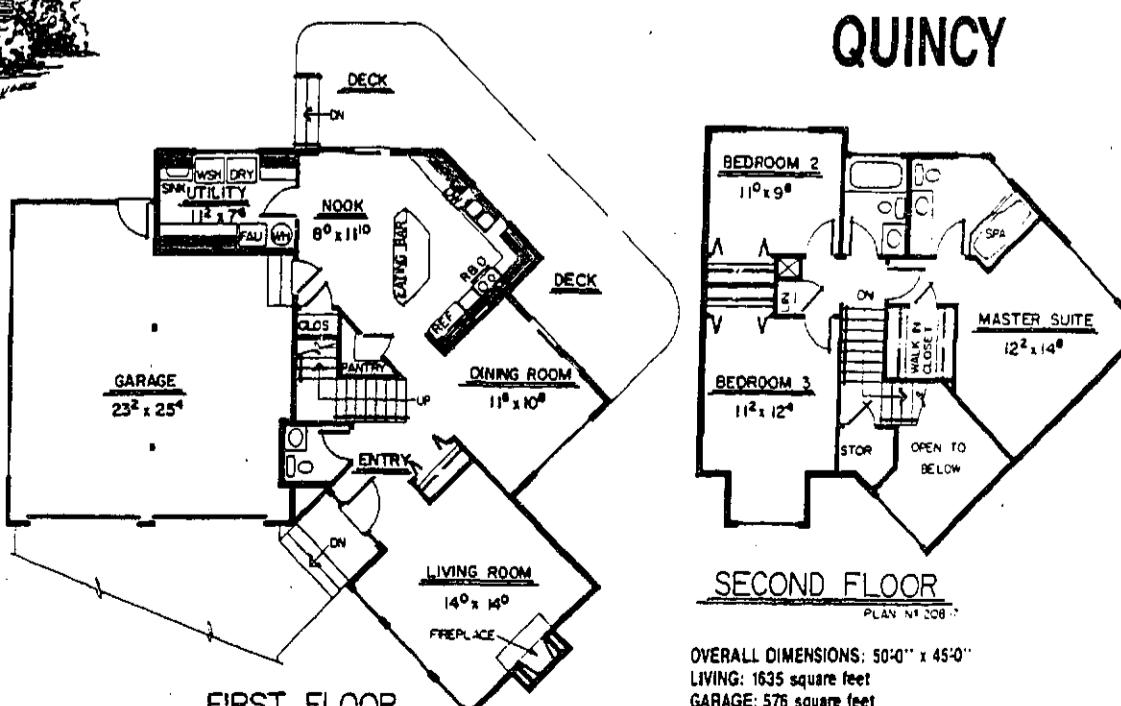
While a variety of angles gives the home a custom-designed appearance, the formal living arrangements inside have strong appeal for families with traditional values.

A large country kitchen with generous counter space serves as a natural gathering place. The central eating bar is handy for grabbing meals on the run. When more time is available, people can sit down and read the paper or enjoy leisurely conversation at the kitchen table. Ample storage space is provided by a walk-in pantry tucked into an odd-shaped corner of the kitchen.

The formal dining room is conveniently close to the kitchen, yet out of view of the clutter. Both rooms are brightened by large glass sliding doors that open onto an expansive deck. Nature lovers can enjoy watching the changing seasons through the big glass doors while the dining room's formality.

All the sleeping areas are upstairs. The master suite includes a large walk-in closet and separate bath. The oversize tub, which can easily accommodate a spa, is enclosed in glass. A second full bathroom serves the other bedrooms. In the front bedroom, a deep-set dormer window adds traditional charm.

For a study plan of the Quincy (208-17), send \$5 to Landmark Designs, P.O. Box 2307 CN, Eugene, OR 97404. (Be sure to specify plan name and number when ordering.)



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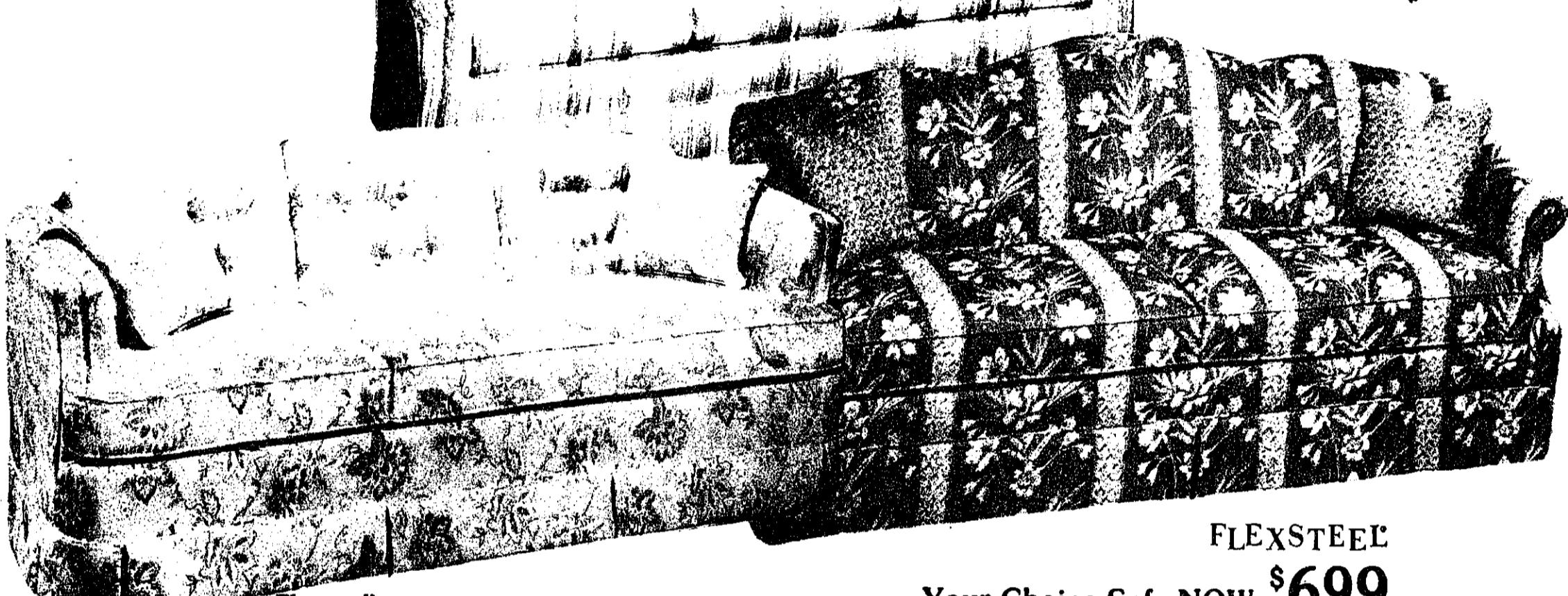
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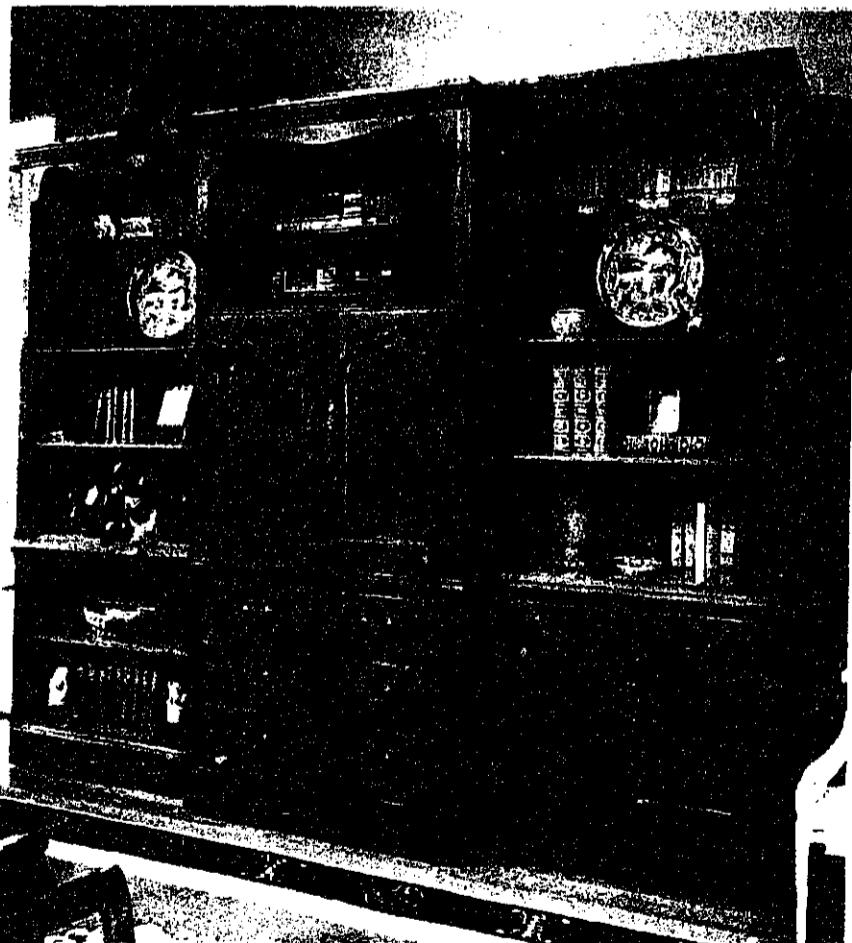
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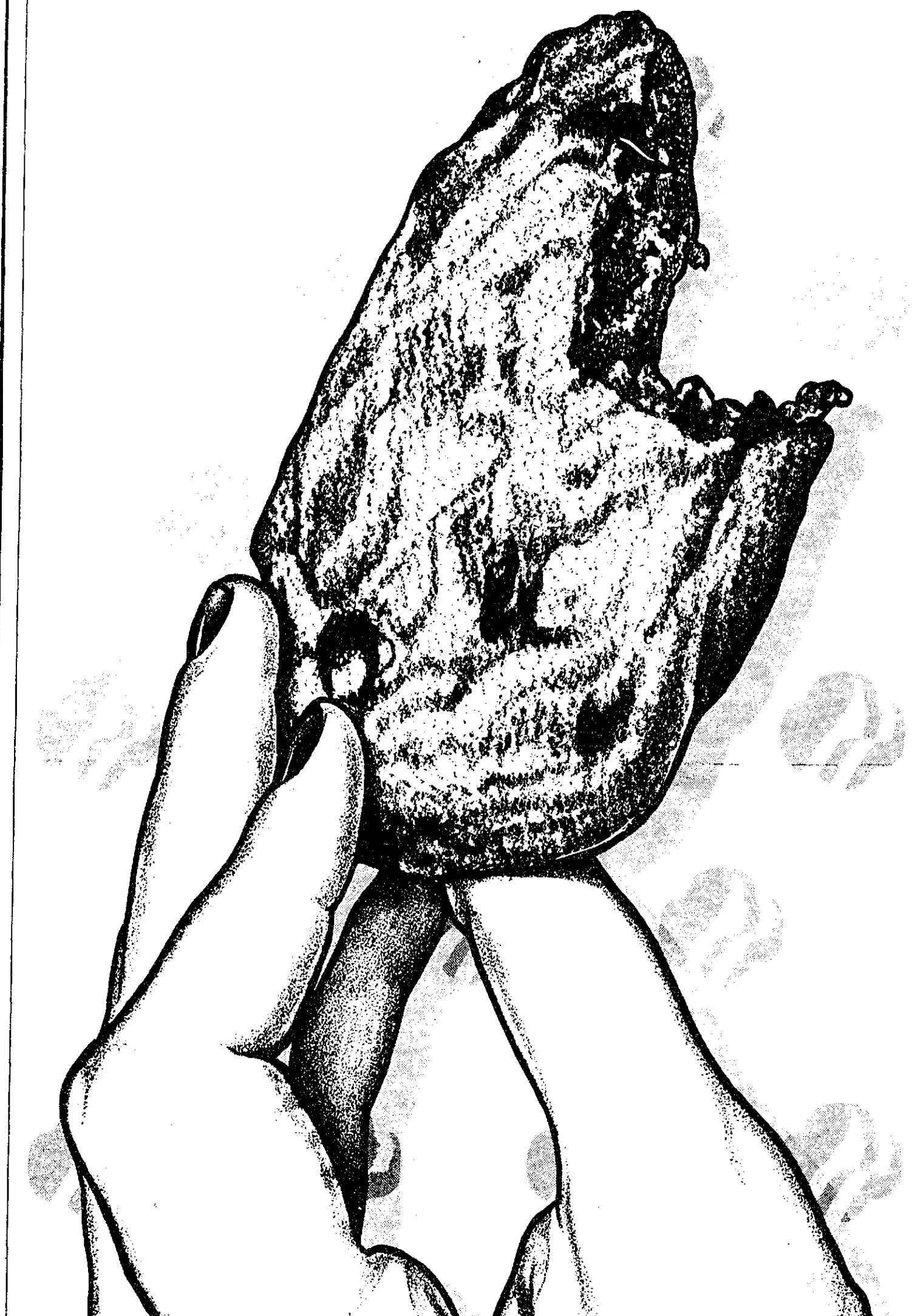
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Cookies for both councils are priced at \$2 per box.

Sharon Whichello, one of the chairpersons for the Northville Girl Scout cookie sales, noted that all of the troops at Northville's elementary schools will be selling cookies this year.

Kathy Langham, manager of the Novi Girl Scout cookie sales, said 27 troops in Novi will be selling cookies. She said the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council expects to sell more than \$2 million in cookies this year.

If, by chance, you're not contacted by a friendly Girl Scout but would still like to order cookies, there are other resources you can turn to. Northville residents should call the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council office at 1-800-552-4929. Novi residents may call the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council office at 964-4475 or 855-3220. In both cases, staff members at the council offices will take messages and pass them along to local troop leaders.

Cookie booths also will be set up at high visibility areas in Northville and Novi throughout March. Look for designated cookie booth locations in upcoming editions of the Northville Record and Novi News.

Langham and Whichello stressed that the scouts rely most heavily on the door-to-door cookie sales.

In both Northville and Novi, increased cookie sales are reported every year, as the population of each community expands and the number of Girl Scouts grows.

There are three bakers licensed by the Girl Scouts to produce the cookies. ABC Interbake Company is the cookie supplier for the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council, while Little Brownie Baker supplies cookies for the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council.

Health-conscious cookie eaters may rest easier knowing that all Girl Scout cookies are baked with vegetable shortening and contain no artificial preservatives.

A newcomer to the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council's cookie line this year is a cheddar cheese cracker called Golden Yangles. And joining the list of favorites for the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council this year are Cabana Cremes, vanilla cookies sandwiched with lemon or vanilla creme (known as Lemon Pastry Cremes by the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council).

Everyone's favorite varieties also are back, including Shortbread, also known as Trefoils; Caramel Delites, also called Samoas; Thin Mints; Peanut Butter Patties or Tagalongs; Peanut Butter Sandwiches or Do-Si-Dos; and Country Hearth Chocolate Chip Cookies (offered by the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council) which contain 25 percent less sugar, are sweetened with fruit juice and baked with oatmeal.

The most popular variety among all of the councils is the Thin Mint. In Novi, Tagalongs (or peanut butter patties) were the most popular cookies last year, when 36,000 cases of that variety were sold.

Proceeds from the annual cookie sales represent more than 50 percent of the Girl Scout operating budgets. Troop proceeds help provide supplies, educational field trips and service projects.

Cookie selling is a voluntary activity for local Girl Scouts. Those who choose to sell cookies are trained in proper selling procedures.

## Random Sample

## Volunteers

### Needham volunteers

By DOROTHY NASH  
special writer

"It's a learning process in mental health for me," Heidi Needham said of her volunteering at Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital.

This housewife and mother of two children, three and six years old, assists one afternoon a week in the clothing room, and four times a year she sits on the Citizens Advisory Council.

In the clothing room, Needham said, "there are piles of donated clothing" which are to be delivered to particular wards which need them. Clothing can be of all kinds, and each item has to be marked and recorded as to where it is going. This marking and recording is her job. The man in charge of the room tells her which pile goes where.

As for the Citizens Advisory Council, this is a group under the supervision of

the Michigan Department of Mental Health, and its purpose is "to advise the Facility Director and appropriate state officers regarding administrative, policy, program, budgetary, and recipient rights issues which will aid in securing the civil and human rights for each resident."

On the Council Needham is a member of the Voluntary Contributions Committee, which accepts a wide variety of items for wards — such as pictures, books, rugs, vacuum cleaners.

Why does Heidi Needham volunteer at Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital? In answer, she said, "After the birth of my second child I had postpartum psychosis and was hospitalized. It made me interested in mental health, and when I read in The Record that there was a need for volunteers at the hospital right here in Northville, I applied to be on the Advisory Council."

There is a variety of interesting volunteer jobs available there, she said, but some take more time than she can afford away from her children.

If you want to find out about volunteering, call Carol Park, Community Relations Director, at 349-1800.



Volunteer Heidi Needham Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

**Q:** What is your favorite kind of girl scout cookie?

Six said: "Peanut Butter Patties"

Three said: "Thin Mints"

One said: "Trefoils"

"The box that's open."  
"Whatever my kids don't get to first."

Random Sample is an unscientific poll conducted by the staff of The Northville Record and The Novi News.

# Novi scouts invited to festival

By JEANNE CLARKE

Special writer

Novi scouts and their families are invited to participate in the Chilly Willy Festival this Saturday, sponsored by the Novi Parks and Recreation Department and Providence Hospital.

Planned outdoor events - which take place at Power Park - include a snowball tournament, bocceball, a score-a-contest, team tug-of-war, a snowman contest, snow-contraption show, hayrides and a bonfire. Indoor activities, held inside the Novi Civic Center, include cartoons, a lip sync contest, ping pong, chess and checkers. Call 347-0900 for more information.

Kit Prudmore is the new cubmaster for Novi Cub Scout Pack 54. An assistant cubmaster, however, is still needed. Other leaders include Barb Kramer, committee chairperson, Priya Patel, Tiger Cub coordinator; and Karen Ward, Roy Rose, Dave Kosiski, Dan Luschas, Maureen Gehde and Amy McLean, all adult scout leaders.

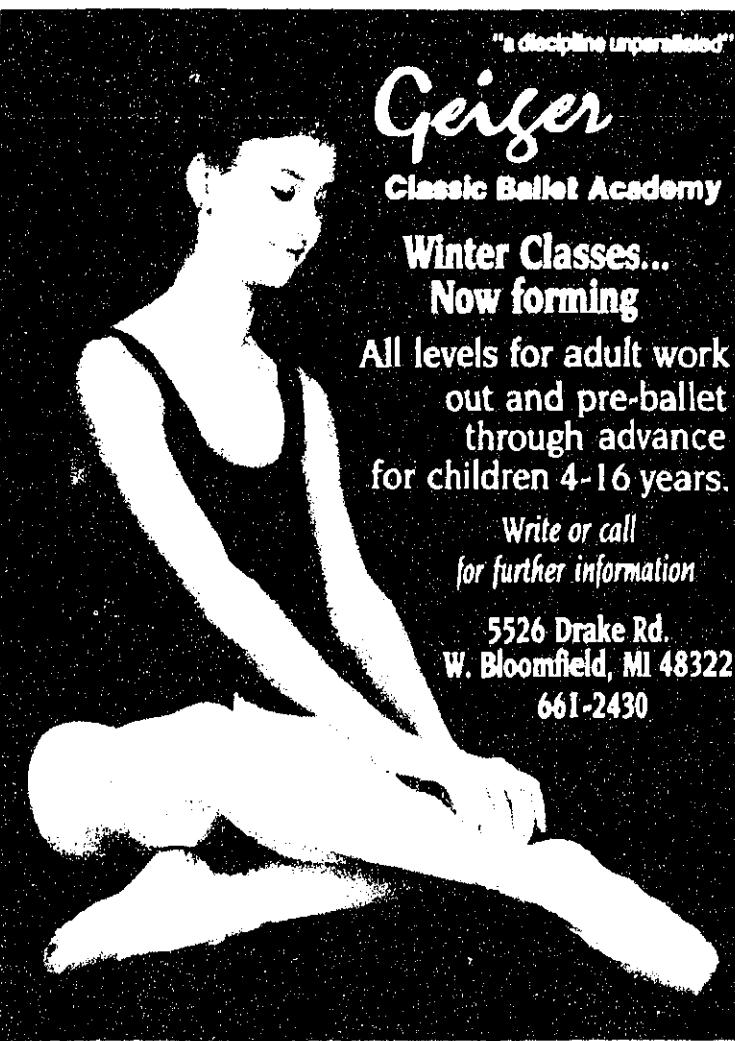
A group of parents will act as rotating leaders of the Webelos Scouts, consisting of fourth and fifth graders. The leaders include Loraine Gregorich, publicity person; Mary Palmater, song leader; Vicki Harrington, refreshments; Lorraine Gregorich, fund raisers; and Frank Raburn, Art Cervi, John Juszkewich and Sandy Rivas, as the prize committee.

The Novi Cub Scout Pack was recently visited by special guest Bob Grimes, who offered a string game demonstration of "the fly" and "crows feet." He also showed the scouts how to create figures out of string.

Scouts recently concluded their first fund-raiser of the year by selling M&M's. Prizes were awarded to Cub Scouts by Art Cervi and Frank Raburn.

Other awards were presented to Michael Wolf, who earned a wolf badge; and Webelos Steve Bower, Eric Kramer, Chris Harrington and John Gehde, all earning geologist badges.

The pack's next meeting is Jan. 18, when a Father and Son Cake Bake Auction also will take place. Awards will be presented to each division within the pack, including Wolf, Bear and Webelos.



## Novi Highlights

### PERSONALS

A Christmas Eve spaghetti supper was recently enjoyed at the home of Carol Mason. The dinner is an annual event attended by the entire family, neighbors and friends, including Bill and Carol Caudle and their children, Larry and Natalie Thompson of Brighton (formerly of Novi), Larry Hite, Sam Schmidl, Bob Radke and a host of others. This spaghetti supper has been hosted at the Mason home for more than 10 years.

Lisa and Mike Colan of Novi's Turkey Creek subdivision welcomed a baby daughter, Christine, home on Nov. 12. Baby Christine weighed 5 pounds, 5 ounces. The Colants enjoyed the holiday season in Ohio with proud grandparents.

Cheri Mason, daughter of Carol Mason, has become engaged to Ed Petic of Redford. A May 1990 wedding is planned.

Bob and Esther Kerr have returned to the Novi area after a transfer to Virginia. They returned to their home on Kingspointe in the Meadowbrook Glens subdivision. The Kerrs have lived in the Novi community for more than 15 years.

4-H ADVENTURERS: Members of the Novi Adventurers 4-H Club will not gather for a regular meeting in January.

County 4-H winners recently were announced with "accomplishment awards" presented to Ricky Marshall, Nathan Waldo and Tom Kennedy. The awards in the category are for members ages 9-11 who have been involved in 4-H for at least one year and have shown outstanding accomplishments.

An achievement award in another category also was presented to Colleen Fahrner. She won in the category for members 9-11 who have been involved in the 4-H for three years and have shown outstanding achievements.

County medals were presented to several 4-H members ages 13 and older for outstanding achievements in specific projects. Medals were awarded to Jon Henderson, biking, and Webb.

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# Novi swimmers drop first meet

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN  
staff writer

Novi swim coach Mark Winter is finding out the hard way that his Wildcats are more than a team with few All-Staters and not much else.

With Steve Cohen and Rudy Speerschneider — the team's top two performers — out of the line-up with either an injury or an illness, and diver Jim Luther also sidelined, Novi almost pulled off an upset against a solid Plymouth Salem squad on Jan. 4, before falling 89-82. It was the 'Cats first loss of the season, but it was really amazing that the battered and undermanned 'Cats were able to keep things close and send the outcome of the meet to the 11th and final event.

"It was a real close meet," Winter said. "We had to do without Steve Cohen, Rudy Speerschneider and Jim Luther, and that really hurt. It went from a fairly-sure victory, to a close loss."

"If Cohen would have been able to swim, we probably would have won, but there's no use crying over spilled milk. I was really proud of what the kids did — they gave it a great effort."

Speerschneider is still recovering from a bout with mononucleosis and has yet to see action this season. So when Cohen went down with a rotator cuff injury — and is expected to be out at least two weeks — it was a severe blow. Then when Luther caught the flu and was unavailable, the whole scenario seemed like a bad nightmare.

Nevertheless, Novi held onto the lead through the first nine events, only to lose it in race 10 — the 100-yard breast stroke. The Rocks held a slim one-point lead heading into the final event, with a winner-take-all implications in the balance.

But Salem also saved All-American Ron Orris for the race and he was the big difference. The best Novi's 400-freestyle relay team of Dan Ssteller, Mark Chirgwin, Jamie May and Ryan Devereaux could muster was second place (3:31.72).

"They stacked the last relay by saving Orris — one of the best swimmers in the country — so there was really no way we could have won it," Winter admitted. "We led almost the whole way but we aren't 100 percent and our depth got a little thin at the end."

Novi ended up winning six of 11 events, with Derek Speerschneider and Steve Strausberg leading the way with two firsts apiece. Speerschneider notched wins in the 200 IM (2:07.68) and the 100 backstroke (59.31), and Strausberg won the 50 freestyle (23.5) and the 100 freestyle (51.74). The other victories came from Jeff Leahy in the 100 butterfly (58.53) and the 200 medley relay team — featuring Speerschneider, Bob Bates, Strausberg and Devereaux (1:47.6).

Ssteller paced the runner-up finishers with a pair of seconds in the 200 freestyle (1:56.26) and the 500 freestyle (5:19.42). The only other second came from Adam Cox in diving (186.55 points).

The thirds included Chirgwin in the 200 freestyle (1:59.56), Bates in the 200 IM (2:15.95) and the 100 breast stroke (1:09.39), Devereaux in the 50 freestyle (24.02) and May in the 100 freestyle (53.77). The most important of them all may have been in the breast stroke, where Bates was leading the whole way but was touched out by two Salem swimmers at the wire. To get an idea how close the race was, the top four finishers had times within two-tenths of a second.

Novi (3-1 overall) will host Chelsea

## Eagles up record to 7-2

The Novi Christian basketballers upped their record to 7-2 on Jan. 4 with an easy 85-88 non-conference victory over Freedom Farm Christian School in Pittsford.

"It was obvious by the end of the first quarter that we could not get much practice using our press, because it was so successful," Eagle Coach Dick Burgess said.

After just eight minutes, the Novi Christian pressure led to a commanding 23-6 lead. Burgess started rotating all nine players by the second quarter and called off the pressure defense, but the Eagles still opened a 40-12 halftime bulge.

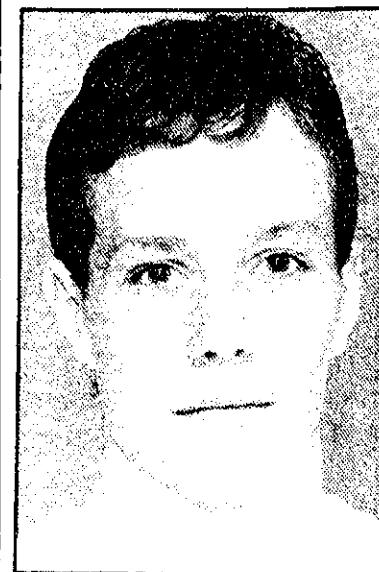
All nine Eagles scored, with senior Dennis Leech pouring in 19 of his game-high 22 points in the first and third quarters. He played only 18 minutes in the game. Mark Row (20), Dave King (13) and Mike Caswell (12) also contributed offensively.

Novi Christian hit 38-for-62 from the field and 7-of-9 from the charity stripe. Row led the way with 8-for-8 marksmanship from the floor. Freedom Farm (1-3 overall) was led by seniors Kip Kelly (16 points) and Kerry Kelly (12).

tonight (Jan. 11) and then Northville on Jan. 23.

"Hopefully, we'll have Rudy Speerschneider back for the Northville meet," Winter said. "We will probably use him in the 50 freestyle and a relay — he won't be able to handle anything else. He will help us out and make us deeper."

"If we ever get everybody back and at 100 percent, we'll be a much improved team as far as depth and experience. That may never happen, though," Winter added.

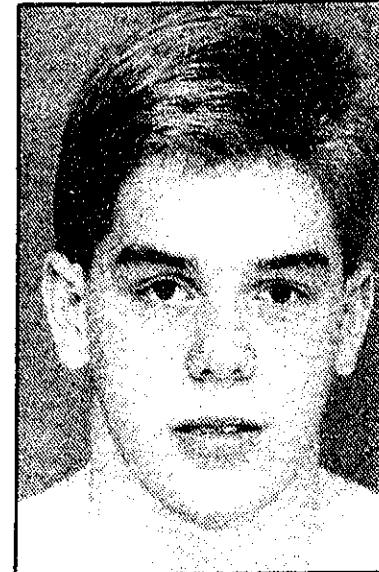


MIKE GOWANS

## Wildcats of the Week

Junior wrestling standout Mike Gowans was one of two Novi grapplers to notch an individual championship at last weekend's Plymouth Salem Invitational, and we think 'Wildcat of the Week' honors are in order. In the 135-pound classification, Gowans went unbeaten in four matches at the tourney — including one pin — to take the title. In the finals, Gowans decisioned Jim Muscat of Ypsilanti 11-7. For the season, Gowans has a fine 12-2 record so far. "(Mike) is one of the hardest working kids on our team and he deserved to be in first place," Novi Coach Tom Fritz said.

Without standouts like Steve Cohen, Rudy Speerschneider and Jim Luther, the Novi swimmers needed somebody to pick up the slack in a dual meet versus Plymouth Salem on Jan. 4. Sophomore Derek Speerschneider certainly responded and we think he deserves 'Wildcat of the Week' honors. Novi ended up dropping the meet 89-82, but Speerschneider was one of the big reasons why it was so close — he was involved in three of the Wildcat's six winning efforts. He won the 200-yard IM (2:07.68), the 100 backstroke (59.31) and was a member of the winning 200 medley relay team.



DEREK SPEERSCHNEIDER

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