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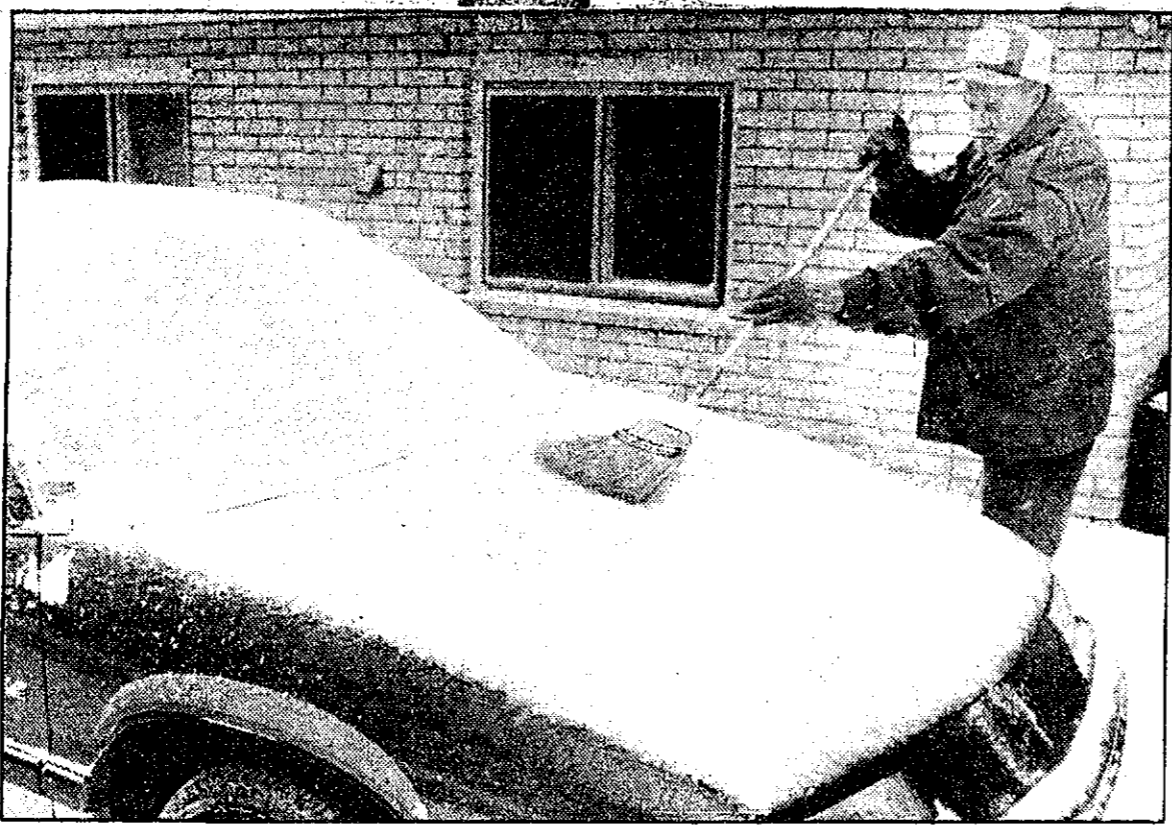
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Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

Now you see it; now you don't

Although you wouldn't know it by looking around this week, winter nailed Novi last Thursday with a nasty combination of rain, sleet, ice and snow. Above, Monica Hasenkamp — a native of Colorado — wonders if Michigan weather is always like this. At right, Al Warren attempts to clean off his car.



City wins support in rate fight

By JAN JEFFRES
 staff writer

Novi has succeeded in rallying at least nine other communities to its banner in the battle to halt a proposed change in Detroit Edison's rate structure, which the city says puts an unfair burden on developing communities.

Novi hopes to convince the state Public Service Commission to deny Edison's application seeking a change in how rates are assessed for street lights. To offset its installation costs, the company is now requesting an annual up-front payment for new lights rather than allowing the charges to be paid gradually over an extended time period via an annual service fee, as was the past practice. The Lansing-based PSC is responsible for ruling on utility rates.

Novi Public Service Director Lenora Jadun said that the city's position is that Edison's application, which was submitted to the PSC on Oct. 9, unfairly singles out growing communities. The support the city is seeking from other local governments would include from each a minimum \$2,500 contribution to the estimated \$30,000 to \$40,000 the case may cost.

"When we used to order a new street light, we didn't have to put a down payment on it. We just paid on

it forever. We think they should incrementally raise rate areas as they did in the past," Jadun said.

"In theory, Novi residents paid for other cities getting lights. Now, when it's our turn to develop the city, their rate strategy changes.

"We'd rather see them raise the incremental amount for all service areas."

The governments of Southfield, Livonia, Commerce Township, South Lyon, Ypsilanti Township, Canton Township, Howell, Highland Township and Fowlerville have all thrown their support behind Novi in the case. Resolutions are now being considered in Taylor, Lyon Township, Walled Lake, New Baltimore, West Bloomfield, Utica and Chesterfield, Jadun said.

A Feb. 14 meeting with the supporting communities is scheduled at the Novi Civic Center to consider whether the financing is available for a "full-blown" battle. The money will pay for attorney fees and to hire a certified public accountant as a special utility-rate investigator.

Detroit Edison in its application contends that the costs to install new lights leave the company with an annual loss of \$1.8 million. To avoid rate increases to all customers to offset this loss, Edison's new plan calls for an annual up-front payment of \$206 for an

overhead-wired, 250-watt, high-pressure sodium street light and an annual \$335 per year for the same light installed with underground wiring, raising the annual cost of each to \$680 and \$1,200 respectively. As part of the package, for up-front contributions over \$10,000, Detroit Edison would provide financing at a 12-percent interest rate for a 10-year time period.

For a subdivision requiring 150 street lights, the total up-front costs would be \$102,000 to \$180,000, according to figures provided by Novi.

"The new street lights cost considerably more than the ones we presently have in the system. The ones that are in the system are the ones that the rates are based on," said Don Okun, manager of the street-lighting case for Detroit Edison.

"So what happens is that the new ones come in double the cost. The mismatch is that the revenue that comes in does not match the expenses.

"A lot of customers are saying, 'Geez, we want stable prices.' Okay, if they're stable, who pays for it?"

Okun said the company rejected the option of an across-the-board rate increase. He refutes Novi's contention that the city paid for new lights in other communities, because Novi had very few street

lights in the past.

"Even if they did pay for everybody else, they've paid a very, very small portion," Okun said.

Okun said the city has the option to purchase its street lights independently and only contract for service with Detroit Edison.

"We're in the competitive mode; we're not a monopoly," he said.

Novi filed its motion to intervene in the case on Dec. 11. In a Jan. 12 letter to the PSC, the city requested a 90-day postponement of the case to allow time to review and evaluate the impact of Edison's proposal on the community. However, the city was told its testimony must be presented on Feb. 27.

The case is scheduled to be heard by Judge Lana Shafer.

"We feel the case is somewhat biased," Jadun said. "We feel you've got this large utility company, quasi-private, with all this time to prepare for the case... The PSC is supposed to find for the public good. We don't feel we've had any time to prepare for the case. We feel it should be postponed. It looks like the big guys against the little guys."

Jadun said the city was notified of the proposed rate change in November.

Novi MEAP scores beat state figures

By SHEILA PHILLIPS
 staff writer

Novi students shined once again in terms of Michigan Educational Assessment Program scores — but not quite as brightly as last year.

Novi's ranking among Oakland County districts slipped slightly, but not more than a space or two in most categories. The largest drop was in the seventh-grade math category, where Novi dropped from third to seventh.

However, Novi still finished in the top five districts in terms of the percentage of students achieving a passing grade on most facets of the test — and was well above the state average in all areas. Statewide figures were released Tuesday.

"Novi students have continued to perform at a very high level in terms of MEAP scores," Superintendent Robert Piwko said.

He said that Novi students typically score in the top five percent on standardized tests, if not in

the top percent.

The superintendent said that he did not expect this year to be any different.

Piwko said that MEAP scores are useful in gauging the effectiveness of district programs.

"We look at the scores collectively and individually," he said. "It helps us diagnose problems as well as identify particular areas a student needs work in," he said.

This year Novi's MEAP scores were as follows:

FOURTH-GRADE MATH: 97.6 percent of the students mastered this section, compared to the state average of 88 percent.

FOURTH-GRADE READING: 58.5 percent of the students mastered this section, compared to the statewide average of 35.8 percent.

FIFTH-GRADE SCIENCE: 80.2 percent of the students mastered this section, compared to the statewide average of 69.1 percent.

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Abortion foes picket at office

By SHEILA PHILLIPS
 staff writer

Approximately 20 anti-abortion activists picketed outside of a private Novi Road doctors' office Friday evening.

Police were called to the scene, at 24101 Novi Road, because many of the protesters were reported to be blocking the practice's entrance and exit, causing traffic to back up on Novi Road during rush hour.

According to Police Captain Richard Faulkner, officers were dispatched to the scene and asked the protesters to move out of the driveway.

He said the demonstrators peacefully cleared the driveway upon the officers' request. No arrests were made.

Abortions are only one of several services offered at the practice, one of the doctors said.

"Performing abortions is only a minute part of our practice," said the doctor, who asked not to be named for fear of his safety. "I don't know why they singled out this office — it is not a clinic but a private practice."

The office is listed in a display ad in the yellow pages under "Abortion Services." The name in the ad is Physician's Abortion Services. The receptionist answered the phone simply, "doctors' office."

The doctor said he realizes that everyone is entitled to voice their

first-amendment right to freedom of speech, and he realizes activists have a right to picket as long as they don't become violent.

He said this particular demonstration was peaceful and the first protest held at the Novi Road practice, which has been located in the city for 15 years.

The doctor declined further comment.

According to an employee at the clinic, however, there has been one other, smaller demonstration at the practice.

She said two anti-abortion activists protested the first time and promptly vacated the property when they were asked to leave.

Police described the activists as right-to-lifers. However, Barb Lowman, a spokesperson in the Novi office of the national Right To Life group, said her organization did not sponsor the event and was unaware of the demonstration's source. The local Right to Life office is at 43000 Nine Mile.

A local representative for Operation Rescue — a group that holds periodic protests to bar pregnant women from entering abortion clinics — said his group was also not responsible.

□ Parental-consent bill moves in Legislature; Novi representatives consider the issue/14A



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Debate begins

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depending on its exact form. "Basically, I am a pro-choice person," Faxon said. "I think a person should have the right to determine what happens to their body. "It is not that I am against the parents being involved, but there are just certain cases where that is not beneficial," he added. "Some minors

would go to extraordinary measures to avoid alerting their parents of the pregnancy." He explained that some minors would rather take matters into their own hands than to tell their parents, whether that means suicide or an illegal abortion. House Bill 5103 would require girls 17 and under to obtain parental consent from one of their parents before

getting an abortion. The bill was reported out of committee Tuesday. It is expected to pass the Republican-dominated Senate sometime this month. Faxon said that he opposes the bill as it now stands. Originally, the House tacked on an amendment that would waive the notification requirement if a psychologist determined that parental notification would put that minor in a suicidal disposition. However, the Senate's Human Resources Committee nixed that provision, much to Faxon's chagrin.

He said that he proposed 11 amendments, including the House's suicide clause, the first time the parental-consent bill was introduced in the Senate, but all of his proposed revisions were shot down. One of his proposals would require a parent forcing a minor to carry a baby for the full term to assume legal responsibility for that baby until its 18th birthday, in lieu of the mother. "If a parent makes the decision that a child should go ahead and have the baby, that parent should be responsible for that baby," he said. Bullard, R-Highland, said that he

would wait until the bill passes the Senate to take a stand. "I voted in favor of the parental-consent bill the first time it was in the House, but I also voted in favor of the suicide amendment," Bullard said. "I will have to re-examine the bill after the Senate approves it, because they will probably make further modifications when it is discussed on the floor." However, if no further modifications are made except the removal of the suicide amendment, Bullard said that he would probably vote in favor of the bill.

He was also quick to point out that supporting parental consent does not make him a pro-life advocate. "I do not label myself as pro-choice or pro-life," Bullard said. "I have always been in favor of parental consent — which pro-choice people feel makes me a pro-lifer," he explained. "But I am not in favor of making abortions illegal — which pro-lifers say makes me pro-choice," he added. If the Senate ratifies the modified parental-consent bill — which lacks the suicide clause — the bill will revert back to the House.

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Tina Pratto of Silk Plants, Etc. checks out the prickly pear cactus in her Novi Pine Ridge shop.

Silk flowers are easy care

By Catherine Bilek

Silk flowers offer a beautiful alternative to using real foliage in home decorating.

Tina Pratto, owner of Silk Plants Etc. which opened last November in the Pine Ridge Center on Novi Road offers a free plantscaping for a home or office. "Coming out to the home or office and seeing the area for me is more helpful and the customer is more satisfied," she said.

Pratto stressed that she treats her customers the way she would want to be treated. "Customers come back because of that attitude. They also bring in friends."

She added, "My employees are trained to do the same."

"I want them to have something in their home that they will love and enjoy," she said about her customers.

Custom arranging is available. Any type of plant, flower or tree may be custom made if it isn't on hand.

Pratto urges customers to bring in a picture of what they want or describe their needs to the designer. People may bring in their own containers or purchase them at the shop. "There is no designer fee at all," she stressed.

Patricia Marshall, a graduate of Michigan State University Art School is the designer at Silk Plants Etc. Previously, she worked at a flower shop arranging flowers and was an elementary school art instructor.

Pratto points out some of the advantages of using silk plants: They look real, but upkeep is minimal. All that is necessary to keep silk plants looking fresh is to spray them every other month with a cleaner that evaporates dust.

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The variety of displays at Silk Plants Etc. demonstrate that there is no limit to what can be achieved through the use of silk to enhance any decor. Whether exotic plants or the typical garden variety are used, a shopper would have to touch to determine if the greenery is real.

Holiday decorating can be more cost efficient with reusable silk plants. A 16 inch, five-head poinsettia plant is \$12.98. Larger sizes are also available.

"Poinsettias can be squashed down to store and adjusted the following year," Pratto says.

Pratto offers suggestions for decorating every room in the home. "Plants, flowering plants and trees add so much character to a home," she said.

She recommends that hanging baskets and floral arrangements be used in the bathroom or kitchen. Trees and plants add to family rooms and great rooms.

"In the spring or summer it's nice to look out a window and see a hang-spraying them every other month with a cleaner that evaporates dust."

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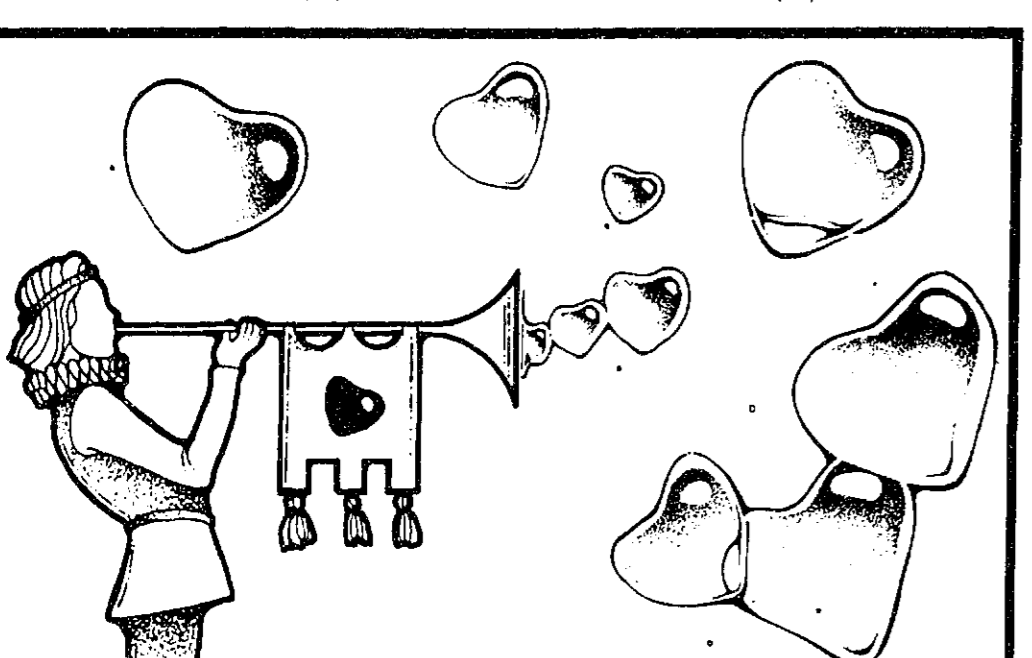
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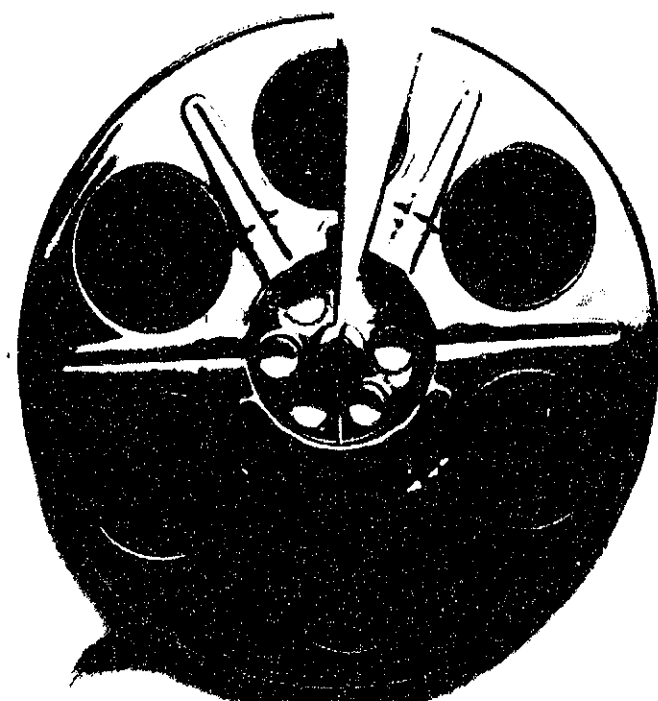
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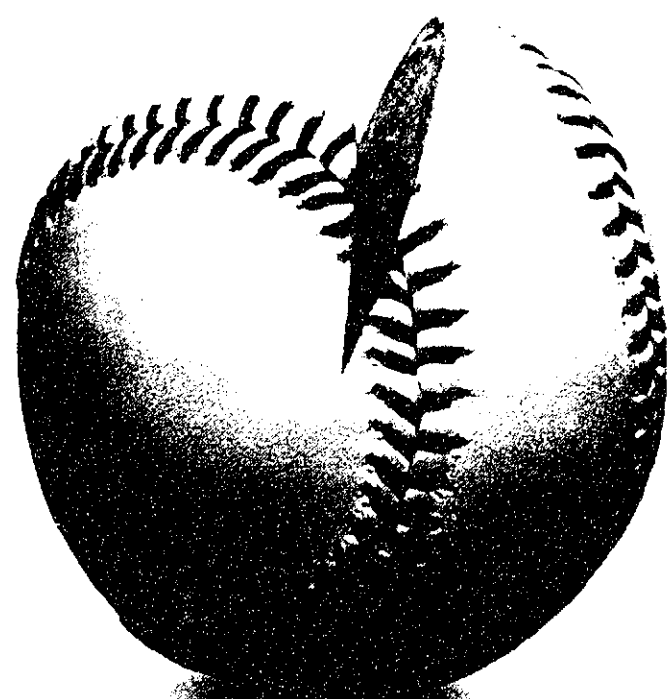
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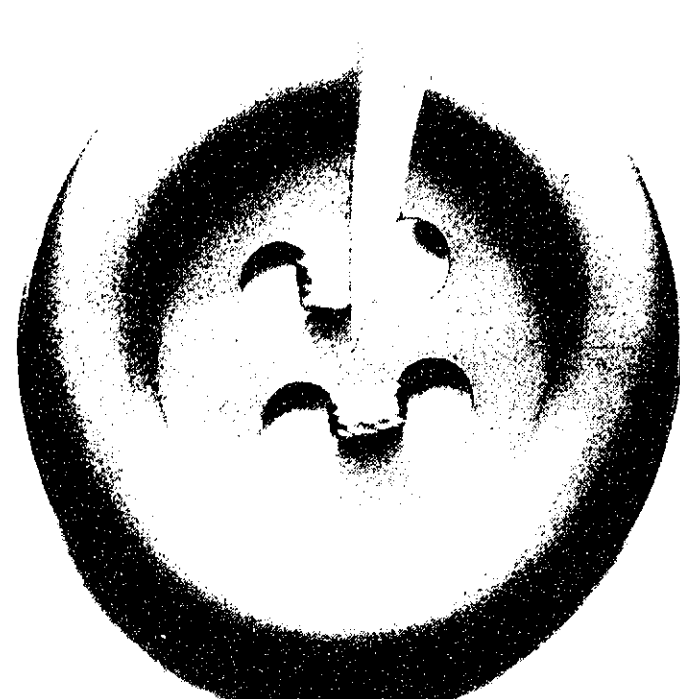
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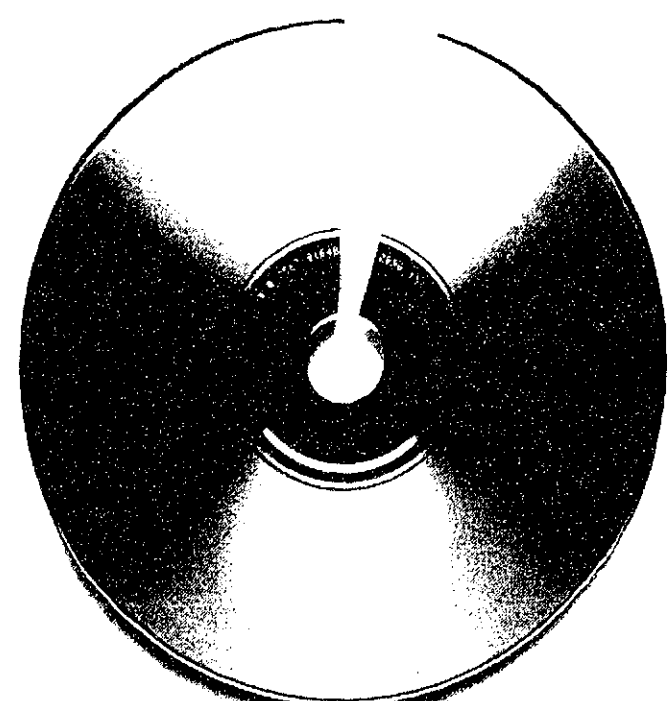
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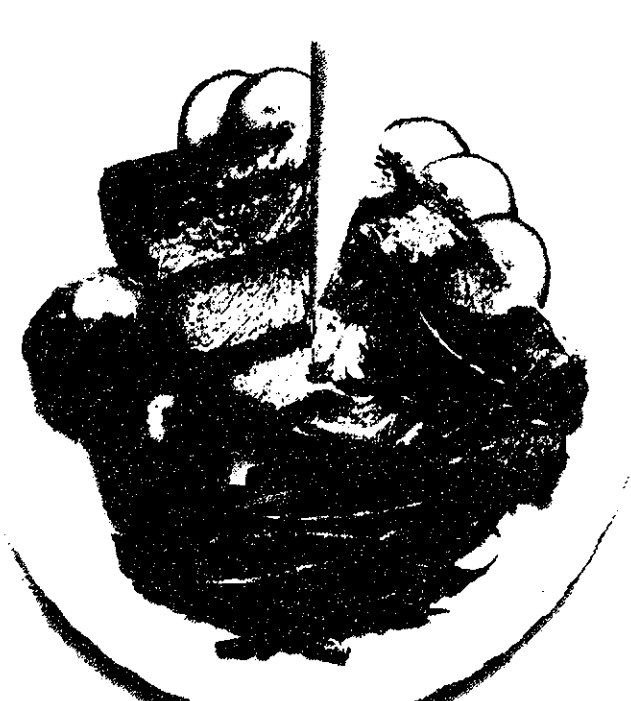
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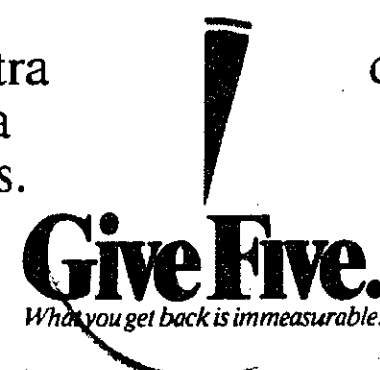
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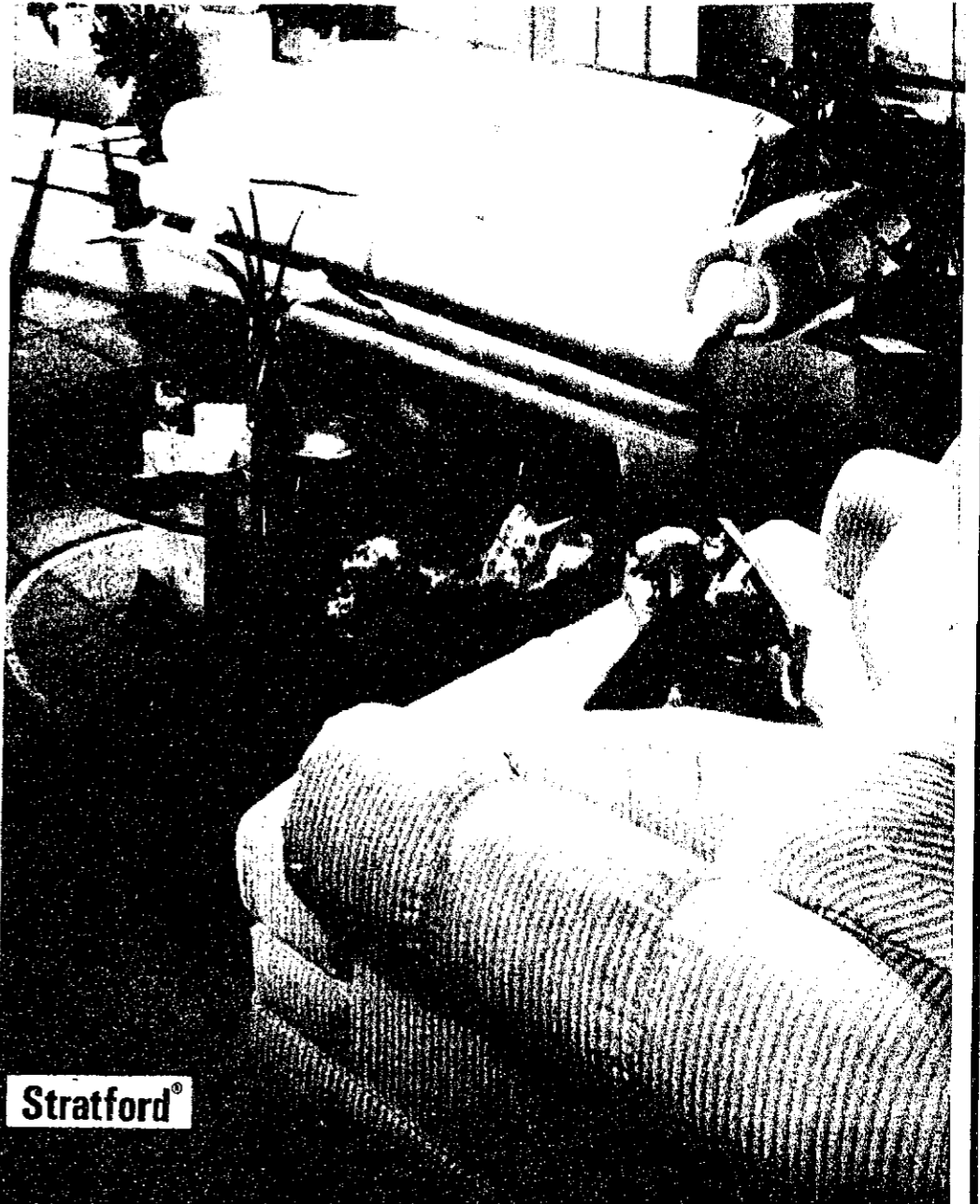
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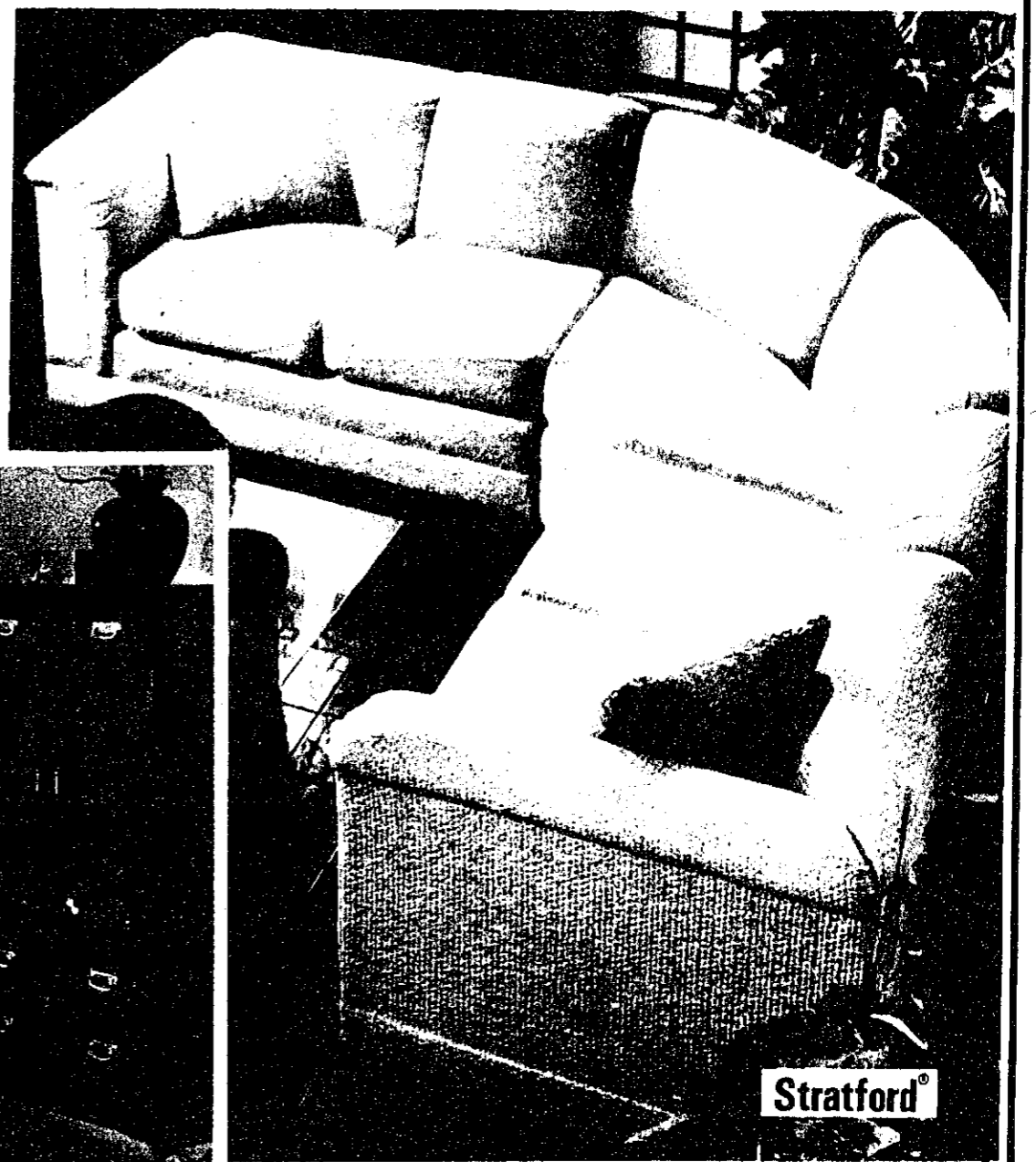
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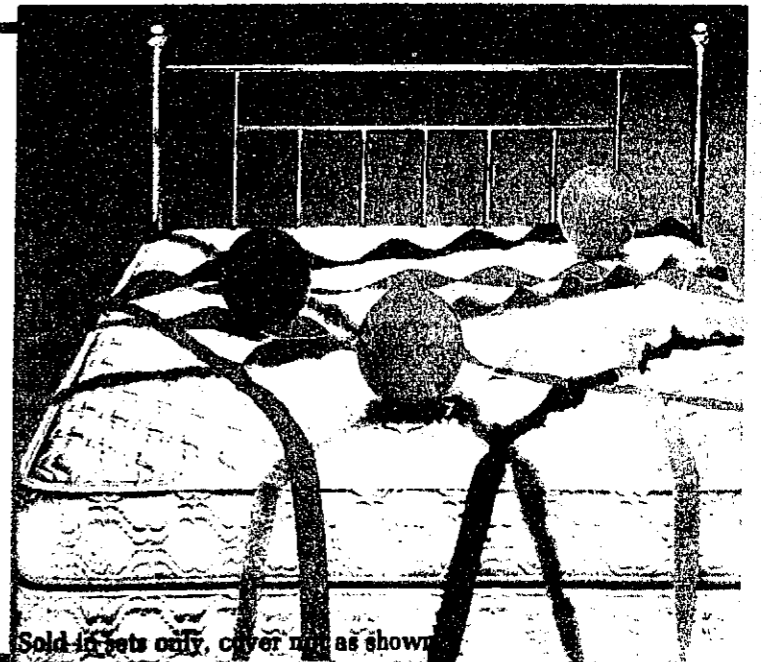
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Potpourri

Cook up your own batch of fragrances

Talk about the dog days of summer, these last few weeks have to be recognized as the doldrums of winter.

How do you fight the winter blues? Have even cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, ice skating and bargain hunting lost some of their appeal? Do you find yourself more "at home" than usual now that the holidays are past?

If you'd like to think spring but cooking odors from past meals are getting in the way, how about cooking up a little potpourri? It's a little difficult to go out and pick your own flower petals right now, but you could purchase a few small packs of potpourri to try.

When you find your favorite fragrance, there will still be plenty of time to plan ahead for spring planting. By midsummer or fall, you will be able to go into the garden, pick your choicest "bouquets" and mix your own. In fact, harvesting and drying the special flowers and herbs you need for potpourri can go on all during the growing season.

Although Jean Riggs, owner of Sunshine Farm and Garden in Milford, has many kinds of potpourri for sale, she also encourages her customers to try their hand at growing and mixing their own.

"When making your own potpourri, you need to pick roses in the bud or you'll have nothing but petals," Riggs advised.

"We have some recipes available to distribute to the 4-H clubs and customers who are interested in making a project of growing the plants and making their own potpourri," Riggs said. "They are easy to do and any ingredients they don't have are available from us."

The following recipes will help the home gardener decide what to plant and harvest. Materials for potpourri should be picked, tied in bunches and hung from the ceiling where they can dry, preferably without too much light. They can be kept this way until ready to mix.

For the following recipes, stir and mix ingredients together thoroughly. Place in a plastic bag or glass jar and mellow for three to four weeks in a dark place. Stir or shake regularly. Add more oils as necessary to maintain fragrance.

Basic Recipe

One quart petals
Three tablespoons fixatives
Ten to twelve drops essential oil added to the fixatives

Breath of Spring

One cup rose petals and buds
One-half cup lavender flowers
One-half cup mint leaves
One-half cup petals for color (calendula, poppy, peony, delphinium)

One-quarter cup orrisroot (iris root) chunks (this is the fixative which absorbs the oil and emits it slowly)

Ten drops rose oil
Ten drops bergamot oil

Midsummer Dream

One-half cup rose petals
One cup calendula petals
One cup lavender flowers
One-half cup chamomile flowers
One-half cup lemon verbena or lemon balm

One cup fragrant flower petals
One-quarter cup orrisroot chunks
Ten drops lavender oil
Ten drops rose oil

Man's Own

One cup lavender
One-half cup rosemary leaves
One-half cup chamomile flowers
One-half cup mint leaves
One-half cup woodruff leaves
One-quarter cup orrisroot
Ten drops rosemary oil
Ten drops musk oil

Christmas

One quart pine needles (jack pine or other short-needle pine)
One cup dried citrus peel
One cup rosemary leaves
Ten whole bay leaves
One-quarter cup whole cloves
Four cinnamon sticks, broken
One cup very small pine cones
One-quarter cup orrisroot chunks
Fifteen drops pine needle or balsam fin oil.

A popular item introduced recently in housewares departments and gift shops is miniature crock pots for "stewing" the potpourri to keep the house smelling like spring, summer or Christmas all year long. Those who want to "simmer" their potpourri may find these useful.

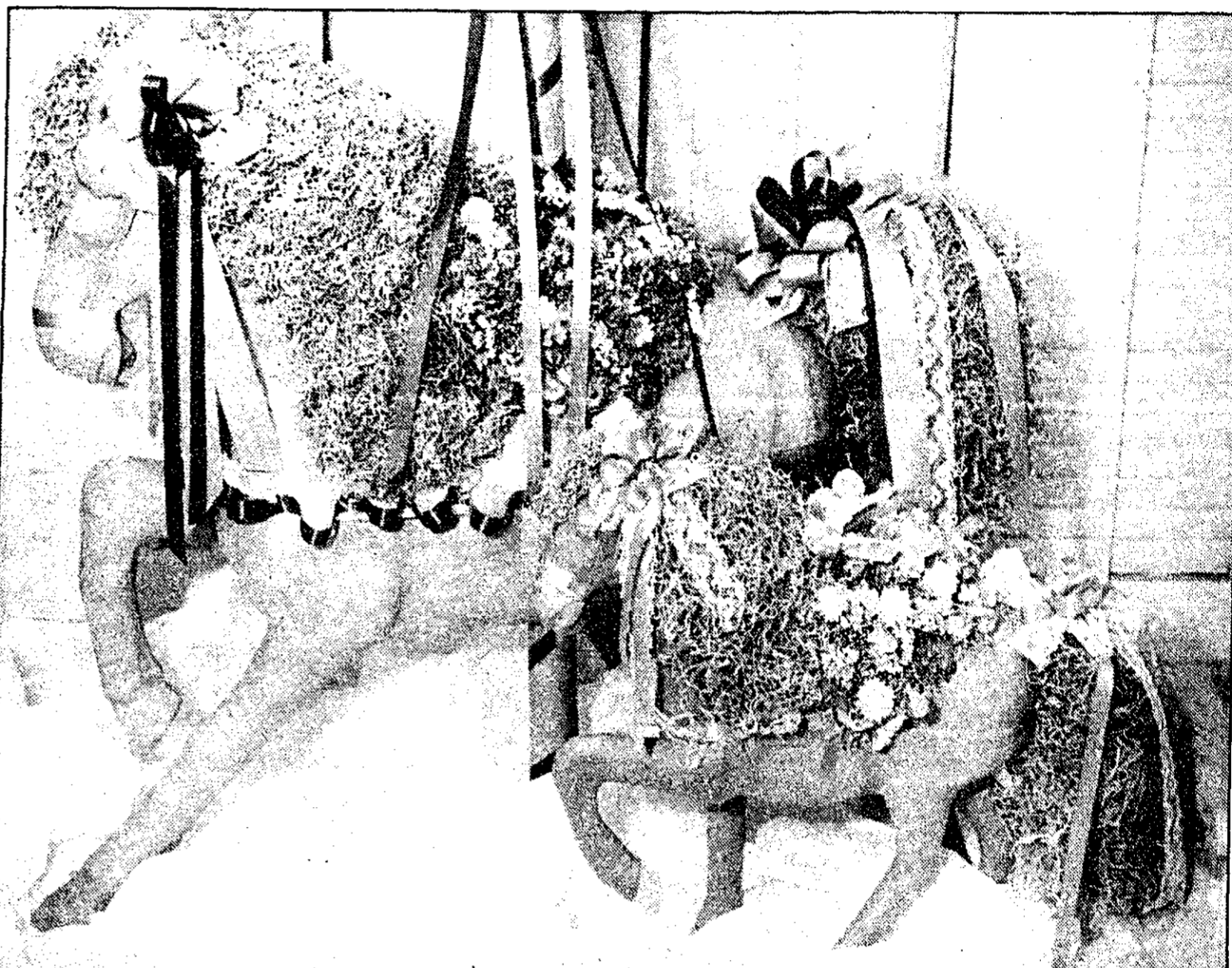
There are also many small fragrance jars heated by candles which add to the essence and decor of the home.

For Victorian-style homes, a rose toptary is a lovely added feature. The ball, or flower, of the toptary consists of dozens of tiny dried rose buds. Their fragrance can be renewed periodically by adding a few drops of rose oil.

Riggs also makes up dried-flower swag arrangements and wreaths into which she tucks tiny net sacks of scent. For a peach-colored arrangement, what better than a potpourri sack of peachy scent to adorn it?

Wreaths decorated with roses are natural for additions of rose potpourri, just as Christmas wreath designs take on added seasoning with a pine-needle potpourri.

The popularity of carousel horses has led Riggs to purchase papier-mache horses in various sizes and



Photos by JANET L. COX

Papier-mache horses, decorated with rose garlands and pot-pourri sachets, add an attractive and decorative touch

decorate them with rose garlands and other dried-flower and herb arrangements. Of course, tiny sacks of potpourri can be tucked into these arrangements to add fragrance to this decoration.

Riggs said she grows about half the potpourri materials she sells on her farm, but has to purchase the remainder because the demand is greater than she and her helpers — family members — are able to meet. "We can't grow enough of the roses, and in a good year we use 100 pounds of lavender. For some reason, lavender from France smells better than the domestic kind."

"Potpourri helps repel moths and keeps clothing that is stored smelling wonderful," Riggs added. "We sell some potpourris to put in suitcases so that they don't get a musty odor when not in use."

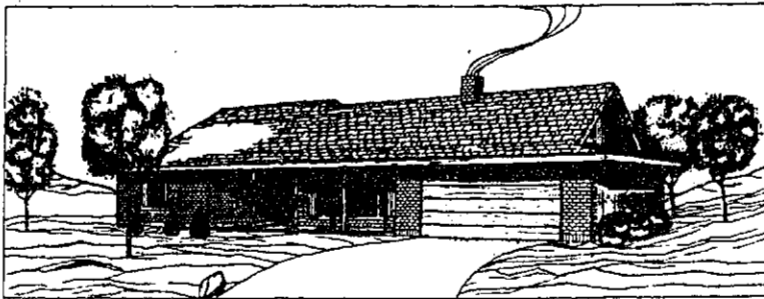
"Another fashionable way to use potpourri is to put a little bag of Victorian mix under the pillow of the guest-room bed to keep it smelling nice and fresh," Riggs noted. "Many homemakers use pomander balls (an orange or an apple covered with cloves) to hang in the closet."

Riggs' daughter Roseanne also makes up dried-flower arrangements and nosegays for wedding parties. These come complete with a poem pointing out the meaning of the various elements.



Mixing your own potpourri at home can be a real exercise in creativity

Around the House: Designs for Living



Shoreacres—a house divided

By James McAlexander

The two-bedroom Shoreacres makes a distinct division between the living areas and the bedroom wing, to avoid the problem of having to put the damper on activity in one area in order to not interfere with the activity in other areas.

The master suite is further protected from noise and the rest of the home by buffered interior walls—the hall and living area walls are shared by the master suite closets, bathroom and hall closets, while it is divided from the second bedroom by a bath.

The master suite holds an especially large bedroom with plenty of windows. Sliding glass doors open to a patio shared, around a corner, with the dining room. The dressing area offers a full walk-in closet to one side, a roomy vanity area lit by a skylight

and a separate room for a shower and commode.

The second bedroom has more to offer than many master suite in a home of this size. There is nearly 12 feet of closet and private access to a large compartmentalized bath. In one compartment is a vanity and tub, and in the other is a second vanity, commode and linen storage. Another skylight brightens the hallway.

The living room faces the front of the house through a long expanse window. A masonry fireplace, flanked by a built-in cabinet and bookcases, is the focal point for guests as they enter the room. A vaulted ceiling in the living room and adjacent dining room expands the feeling of spaciousness.

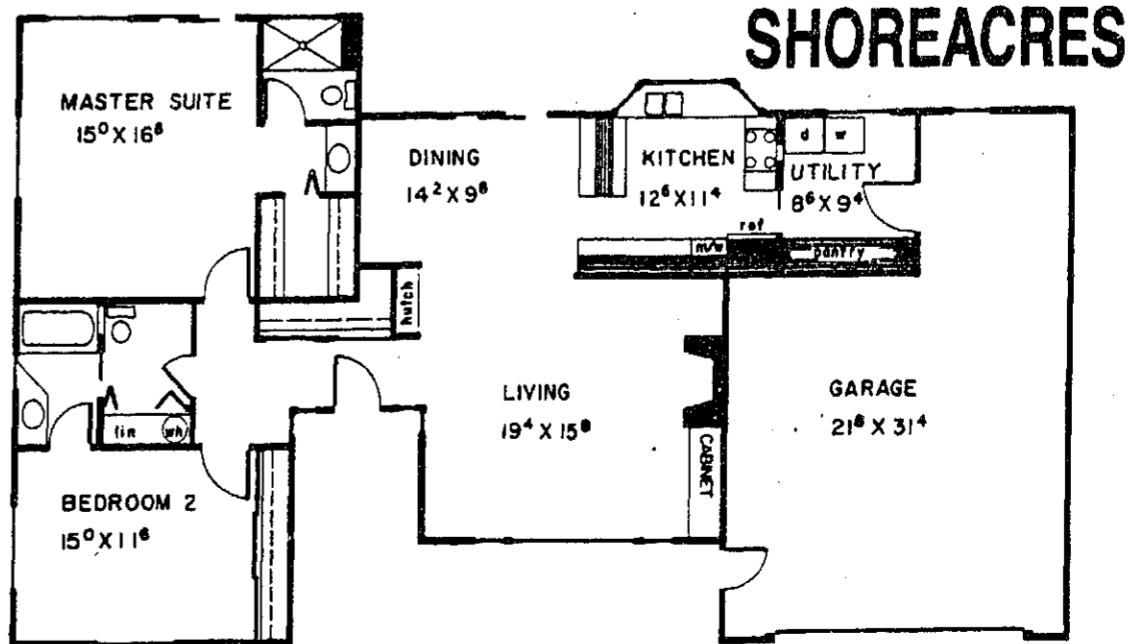
The dining room offers several choices: a place for formal dining, access through sliding glass doors to a patio for entertaining outdoors and a snack bar backed up to the kitchen

for easy snacks.

The kitchen is a special one, with the sink counter set deep into a bay of windows for a view all around. More skylights ensure this room will be a cheerful one, while the generous cupboards and counters help ensure that it will be a practical one as well.

Adding to the practicality is the convenience of the utility room next to it, with a full nine feet of ceiling-to-floor pantry space. Since this room includes a deep sink, as well as washer and dryer, it makes a perfect mud room. It is entered through a "bonus" storage area at the rear of the garage that gives you a place for all the bikes and sports equipment that sometimes get in the way of actually putting cars in the garage.

For a study plan of the Shoreacres, 200-03, send \$5 to landmark Designs, P.O. Box 2307 CN, Eugene, OR 97402. (Be sure to specify plan name and number when ordering.)



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special writer

What's the matter, indeed? Etiquette experts will tell you that children's manners are on the decline. The codes of correct behavior which have governed civilization since the invention of the fork are an endangered species. If you doubt this, drop in on any elementary school lunchroom or playground and observe.

In the introduction to her "Guide to Rearing Perfect Children," Judith Martin, better known as Miss Manners, doesn't mince words. "On the subject of manners for children, many adults believe that the opposite of 'polite' is 'creative'. Poor little mannerly children, they think — how suppressed and inhibited they must be. Actually, the opposite of 'polite' is 'rude'. If you think that rude children are better off emotionally than well-behaved ones, you are in luck, because there are so many of them around."

Margit Erickson, director of Northville's Etiquette Enterprises, observes, "Etiquette in this country is in a very bad state right now. We live in a dog-eat-dog world where people are out to get what they want with little regard for others."

Look out, moms and dads. The general consensus is that parents are responsible for the sorry state of modern manners. The evidence is mounting in a very

public way. Signs in restaurants admonishing diners to remember their shoes and shirts, videotaped pleas to parents of noisy children in movie theaters, and the enforcement of laws judging parents of minors punishable for their children's offenses, are convincing.

In her "Blue Book of Social Usage", the venerable Emily Post advises, "Children can scarcely be too young to be taught the rudiments of etiquette, nor can the teaching be too patiently or too conscientiously carried out. Any child can be taught to be well behaved with no effort greater than patience and perseverance, whereas to break bad habits once they are acquired is a herculean task."

Why bother? The best arguments for enforcing rules of social behavior are as solid today as ever. Good manners, properly taught, will give children the self-confidence and security of knowing exactly what to do or say in any situation, be it a visit to the White House or a trip to Tiger Stadium. Understanding the purpose of these rules will help them decide when they can be (slightly) bent.

Beyond the details of propriety and infinitely more important, is the concept of consideration as the root of etiquette. Courtesy, kindness, and the Golden Rule are the bases of good manners. Anyone who deals directly with kids on a regular basis might call it "keeping the peace".

It's useless to tell children to, "Mind your manners!" when they simply can't find them. Kids say the darndest things when they're not really sure what they are supposed to say. Supplying young children with a few useful phrases (May I please; Thanks; Hi; How are you?) will help them deal with adults in a confident, pleasant manner and earn them a world of smiles. Nothing is quite so impressive as a well-mannered child who is capable of a brief, polite conversation with an adult.

Parents who plead with youngsters to mind their p's and q's can take some comfort in the fact that children generally save their best behavior for school. Barbara Keen, kindergarten teacher and Novi mother, says that parents are often surprised when she compliments them on their children's behavior.

"They're worried that their children are misbehaving in school because they forget their manners at home," Keen explained. "But kids are often at their worst with their parents. They'll whine and complain in a way they never would with a teacher."

Erickson, who offers etiquette seminars for both businessmen and children, agrees, "Parents can talk to children till they're blue in the face, but let a peer or another adult comment on their behavior, and they'll listen. It's just human nature."

Children learn proper habits through practice

By SHARON ROSE
special writer

Author and minister, Robert Fulghum tells us he learned all he really needed to know in kindergarten. Say you're sorry, share everything, play fair and stick together pretty much covers the essentials. He's right, but kids need a few more details.

If you're interested, there are rules to govern every contingency. Emily Post, Charlotte Ford and Judith Martin have written pages to help kids and their parents cope courteously with everything from the cradle to the grave. There is a correct way to deal with unpleasant neighbors, an audience with the pope, high tea with the queen, and winning the lottery.

However, not all of these circumstances are applicable to the life of an 8-year-old. To produce offspring who will be welcome anywhere, start early, set a good example, be firm and nag quietly but constantly on the following topics. They'll hate you for it now, but thank you for it later.

□ **TABLE MANNERS:** This advice need only apply to families fortunate enough to find a mealtime which isn't interrupted regularly for sports practice, piano lessons, Brownie meetings, etc. If you've managed to overcome these obstacles and schedule a few family meals, you may have noticed that dining with undisciplined children is enough to make one lose an appetite. If you're on a diet, this is OK; otherwise, insist on some decorum at the table. Kids who are allowed to set the family table on a regular basis will quickly learn the proper placement and usage of table ware. Rules governing proper posture, acceptable conversation and the serving and eating of food needn't be so rigid as to promote ulcers, and should be flexible enough to accommodate the ages of all family members. No one should leave the table unless properly excused, no matter how much you may wish they would.

□ **TELEPHONE MANNERS:** Children shouldn't answer a phone unless they are capable of taking a message. When making calls, children should always identify themselves after greeting the answerer. After dialing a wrong number a brief apology is in

order, not a silent retreat. Since so many families now utilize answering machines, some instruction on leaving a brief message is helpful.

□ **GREETINGS, INTRODUCTIONS, PLEASE and THANK YOU:** There are a host of polite phrases which if practiced often enough will become automatic to children and arm them with the correct response to many a potentially awkward situation. "How do you do?" "Pleased to meet you." "You're welcome." "Excuse me." All are simple courtesies which never go out of style and never fail to earn adult approval.

□ **RESPECT:** Just like Aretha says, everyone deserves some, but until you're grown-up, don't expect to be showered with it. Many parents secretly long to be a friend to their child instead of the chief of police, but unless children learn to show a little respect for parents — "just because" — they'll have a rough time with teachers, bosses and any other authority figures who surface from time to time throughout life. There really are occasions, even in these modern times, when it pays to be seen and not heard.

Random Sample

Q: Would you rather be bald or go gray?

Nine said: "Gray" None said "Bald"
One said: "Neither"

"You mean I have a choice?"
"I'd never wear a rug."
"What - Are you crazy?"
"Hair of any kind is great."



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

Volunteers

Greer aids food effort

By DOROTHY NASH
special writer

As Marty Greer says when talking about her participation in the Novi Emergency Food Program, which emanates from the Faith Community Presbyterian Church, "I don't have a title. I'm just a person who shows up."

And that means she's at the church at least every two weeks when supplemental food is distributed to Novi residents who qualify.

About 35 registered families come for pre-boxed food or special items like fruits, vegetables and cans of soup.

"We have had as many as 50 families at one time," Greer said, "but the number varies, and it goes down in the summer when people don't have heating bills to pay."

The program started in 1978, she said, "when people were being laid off work."

"I got into it five and a half years ago when I was president of (Novi) Newcomers. It was our civic project, and I never quit."

There are three basic groups working

in the project, Greer said — the board which handles the financial end; the volunteer police officers who get trucks from Novi High School to drive to Detroit to pick up pre-boxed food from The Gleaners Association; and those who work at the church to distribute the food and sometimes carry it out to clients' cars.

"During the holidays we get contributions of canned goods from organizations," she said, "and also donations of money from people and groups in the community."

Yes, there are people who try to cheat the system, Greer said, and "that's why we like to have applicants come in person so we can verify they are from families who are registered with us."

Why does Marty Greer volunteer her time like this? "I like it," she said, "and it's something I can do with my kids and set an example for them." (She has two daughters — 4 and 6 years old.)

"I really enjoy it," she said. "I'm meeting a lot of people, and I'm doing something for somebody else."



Record/CHRIS BOYD

Food program volunteer Marty Greer

Scoreboard

Bold move backfires

Lakeland Basketball Coach Bob McFarland couldn't believe what he was hearing. In fact, he was so surprised with the pregame tip from South Lyon Coach Dave Soderquist that he wrote it off as a mad game.

Basketball

Table with columns for team names and scores. Includes KVC STANDINGS, SCORING, and KVC LEADERS.



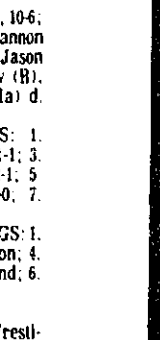
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Wrestling

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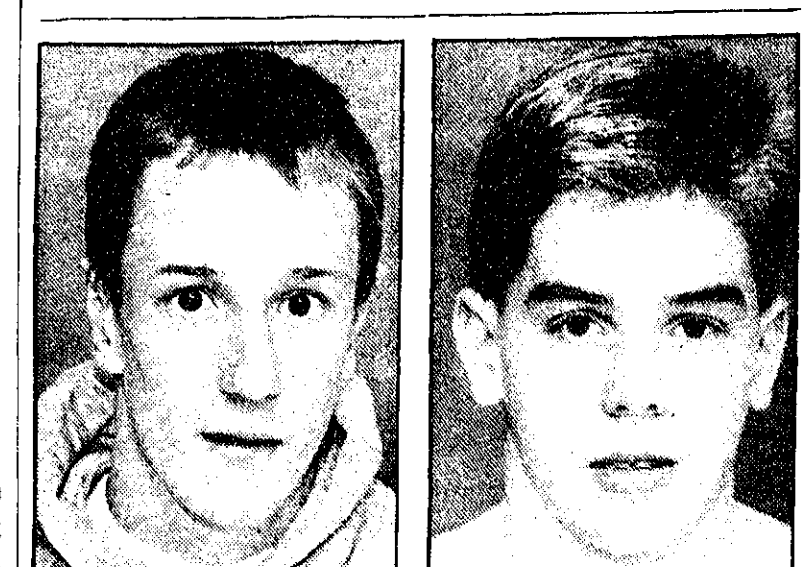
Volleyball

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Novi Christian cagers triumph

The Novi Christian cagers reached the century mark in scoring for the third time this season by topping Metro Christian 101-54 on Jan. 25.

Wildcats of the Week



With a 30-1 record and a number-two state ranking in the 103-pound weight division, junior Brian Paquette has been outstanding this season for the Novi wrestlers.

Novi prepares for summer baseball

NOVI CHRISTIAN 88, SPRINGFIELD CHRISTIAN 54: On Jan. 27, the Eagles increased their 10-game series record against this Clarkson school.

Wildcat tankers place fourth in Oakland County

By NEIL GEGHEGAN staff writer. Novi - currently ranked fifth in the state by the Swimming Coaches Association - took its act to the talent-laden Oakland County Meet last weekend (Feb. 3), and came away with fourth-place honors in the 25-team event.

Devereaux to place fourth in the 400 freestyle. The only other Novi places came in the 200 freestyle. Strausberg was ninth (23:21) and Devereaux was 11th (23:28).

The other firsts came from Derek Speerschneider in the 200 IM (2:06.3), Mark Chirgwin in the 100 backstroke (1:03.3), the 200 medley relay team (with Derek Speerschneider, Bates, Strausberg and Devereaux), and the 400 freestyle relay (with Devereaux, Rudy Speerschneider, Cohen and Strausberg).

Speerschneider in the 100 backstroke (1:03.82). The only other two-time winner was Cohen, in the 200 IM (2:06.1) and the 100 breaststroke (1:07.1). The rest of the wins came from Cox in diving (204.0) and the 400 freestyle relay team (with Strausberg, Devereaux, Cohen and Rudy Speerschneider).

Wildcat tankers place fourth in Oakland County

Wildcats scored 85 points in the meet, held at Oakland University, which was 17 points behind runaway leader Bloomfield Hills Andover. Ironically, Novi didn't sport a single county champion, but built its point total with nine top-12 efforts.

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Advertisement for Brink's Home Security Service. Includes a photo of a man, a diagram of a security system, and text describing the service and a coupon for \$25 off.

Advertisement for LaBaron's Pool Table Clearance. Features a pool table image and text: 'I'll pay the sales tax!' FROM \$77995.

Advertisement for South Lyon Heat-in Discount Furnace & Accessories Sale. Includes images of Carrier furnaces, water heaters, humidifiers, and media filter systems.

Rec Briefs

Fundukian earns distinction: The National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association announced that Novi Athletic Director John Fundukian has been recognized as a certified athletic administrator.

Red Wings tickets: The Novi Yacht Club is sponsoring an outing to see the Detroit Red Wings take on the St. Louis Blues on March 8 at Joe Louis Arena.

Softball meeting: The Novi Parks and Recreation Department will have an informational softball meeting on Feb. 13 and 15 at the Novi Civic Center.

Boaters' safety: Flotilla 12-65 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will be instructing boating safety classes beginning 7 p.m. Feb. 15 at Northville High School.

More boaters' education: Once again, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is conducting public education for boating safety and public awareness of the rules of safe boating.

Horseback riding lessons: "English-style" riding lessons are available at the indoor rink at Havenhill Farms in Novi through the Novi Parks and Recreation Department.

The Tigers are undefeated this season.

Large advertisement for Novi Tigers season tickets. Features a large tiger mascot illustration and text: 'The real season is on-deck. And you can enjoy it all with 1990 Tiger season tickets.'

Advertisement for Laurel Furniture, Inc. featuring Serta Spring Specials. Includes images of beds and mattresses with prices.

Advertisement for Wall Paper, Inc. featuring 'All in Stock Wallpaper 20% - 50% Off'. Includes images of wallpaper rolls and text.

