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## Pedal to metal for five-lane Decker Road

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

Motorists could be driving down the new, improved five-lane Decker Road by year's end.

The Novi City Council set the concerns of anxious lakes area residents to rest Monday, when members unanimously reaffirmed their commitment to widen Decker Road to five lanes between Thirteen and Fourteen Mile roads, even though the project runs \$1 million over budget.

"Think optimistically. Could I say you can travel from Fourteen Mile to the mall on new roads by next Christmas?" Mayor Kathleen McLallen asked.

"I'm optimistic," Public Services Director Tony Nowicki answered.

Several months ago, the council sent the engineers back to crunch numbers and determine why figures are rising in the 12-item, \$18.8 million road project approved by voters in 1990.

It's now estimated that the program may go over budget by \$313,000 — or if all goes well may be under budget by \$672,000. The surplus could arrive if the city sells off some of the land it purchased to mitigate the wetlands lost to its road building. The engineers also predict their estimates will run over the final contract costs, leaving un-

used funds.

City engineering consultants JCK & Associates is advising a semi-annual review of the road bond work.

"I'm quite pleased. The report came out a little better than I thought it might or that Ed Kriewall thought it might a few months ago. I know engineers and they tend to load things up in their estimates," Council Member Robert Schmid said.

A \$2.6 million contract to build Decker was awarded Monday to Angelo Iafra Construction Company.

Decker Road, part of Novi's 1990 voter approved \$18.8 million road bond project, is expected to provide relief to congested roads in north Novi, including East Lake Drive.

Last fall, the road's cost estimates were spiked when a peat bog was discovered there, leading the city administration to suggest that the Decker expansion be put on hold and some of the money be shifted to build a Main Street at Novi Road and Grand River Avenue. Contractors charge more to cart away peat because it cannot be reused as fill dirt for new construction.

Lakes area residents turned out Monday to make sure the brakes

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Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

A snowy, snowy night as the Novi Fire Department extinguishes the fire at the Soft Shine Auto Wash on Novi Road.

## Working at the car wash blues

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

The Novi Fire Department hosed down the Soft Shine Auto Wash Friday, but it wasn't to help scrub those cars.

Faulty electrical wiring in an outdoor sign appears to have ignited a fire which ripped through the Novi Road building, creating about \$20,000 worth of damages.

No one was present in the business, which

was closed at the time.

"When we got there the fire was on the roof and debris from the exterior had dropped inside the building," Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan said.

"Smoke and embers were blowing towards Kim's Gardens (Chinese restaurant.)"

Much of the exterior of the car wash is wood and was quick to respond to sparks from the faulty wiring, Lenaghan explained.

The department placed an engine between the

restaurant and the car wash, to prevent the possible outbreak of a second fire. The wind was especially strong Friday night.

A passing police car reported the incident. Crews from three of the fire department's stations, on the scene at another small trailer fire, arrived at Soft Shine at 8:18 p.m. and left at 9:55 p.m.

"We had it under control in 20 minutes. No body was hurt," the chief said.

## Monitors add security at school

By SHARON CONDRON  
Staff Writer

A request from the Novi High School principal to continue using hall monitors into the second semester drew fire from several of the district's Board of Education members.

Two weeks ago Principal Arthur Miller requested the board's support to renew and pay for the six monitors that work in the school during the day.

In defense of the program, Miller said since monitors have been posted in the lunchroom, hallways, and commons areas, students' tobacco use infractions are down 40 percent; fights fell 50 percent;

locker thefts by 45 percent; and weapon possession dropped 33 percent.

The statistics left some Board of Education members perplexed about the safety of students at Novi High and others misled about the climate there.

Miller said he never meant to mislead anybody with the contents of the memo. Instead, he said the statistics were meant to illustrate the success of the program, not alarm the community.

"It was never my intention to mislead," Miller said. "I was just trying to give some concrete evidence to show that the program is working."

"It seems to me that we've always been very open with the admini-

stration and the board about what goes on. Anytime a weapon is brought in or even if there is a rumor of a weapon being brought in, I notify Central Office," he said.

Miller has had to call central office administrators twice this year. In the first semester, he said there were two students suspended for carrying weapons into the high school. The frequency of students carrying weapons is down by one case or 33 percent over last year's total, he said.

Students aren't carrying firearms into school. Instead, he said they have been caught with facsimile weapons or plastic "look-alikes." The principal said the weapons look so authentic he didn't

know the difference until he held them in his hand and realized they were fake.

"We have had no operational weapons or guns but we've seen all these look-alikes," he said.

In other cases, the principal said he has seen students bring wooden broom handles or bats that have been fashioned into clubs or weapons into school. He has confiscated those along with mace and a pocket knife.

Miller he confiscates anything that could be used as a weapon which he defines as "anything that could be used to hurt someone."

At the board's Jan. 20 meeting

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## Save money by filing homestead waiver

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

When you get your mail over the next few weeks, be careful what you throw out as "junk."

At the orders of the State of Michigan, the Novi assessor's office is sending some 13,000 residents an affidavit for the Homestead Exemption from some school property taxes. The form must be filled out and returned by March 1 or a homeowner could lose hundreds, even thousands of dollars over the next two years.

"This is the Department of Treasury's baby. I do not pass judgment on the validity or lack of validity of the exemption. I just acknowledge it," Novi Assessor Jim Klausmeyer said Monday.

"We're going to be running the Board of Review at the same time. There's confusion on the part of the people because there's confusion in the legislature."

The Novi mailing is expected to

begin next week.

Under school finance reform, school property taxes have been set at 24 mills for businesses and second homes. But for the home you own and occupy as your primary residence, you will be spared from some of the millage on that property — but only if you return the Homestead Exemption form.

One mill is one dollar per each \$1,000 of state equalized valuation (SEV). The SEV is approximately one half of the estimated market value.

Klausmeyer said he will be meeting with officials from Novi's four school districts — Walled Lake, South Lyon, Northville and Novi — this week to find out exactly what Novi residents will pay in property taxes for each district if Proposal A passes or if it fails and the legislature's statutory plan goes into place.

That information, which is not

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Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

## Pitching a hand

Cadillac Asphalt lent a helping hand to city officials after hearing potholes in the Novi Public Library parking lot were becoming a problem and endangering patrons of the library. Last Wednesday, Project Manger John Poe said the company do-

nated manpower and enough asphalt to fill in all of potholes in the lot and down grade other areas near the library entrance. Poe said the company did it to show support for the community it's been a part of since 1976.

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a listing of fine dining and entertainment

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Locations: Downtown Northville (next to Arbor Drugs), 347-9696; Northville Road (North of Guernsey Dairy), 348-8550; and dine in Novi (Grand River), 474-9777.

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**Goldsmith Galleries:** Goldsmith Galleries, a family owned business, offers a new and exciting approach to jewelry. Beautifully custom designed jewelry range from the sleek contemporary to the traditional classics. We offer jewelry repair while you wait with satisfaction guaranteed. Set in the heart of downtown Northville, this store offers a beautiful atmosphere. And, with prices that you cannot compare to, it's worth taking a look inside. We base our advertising by word of mouth, so ask around.

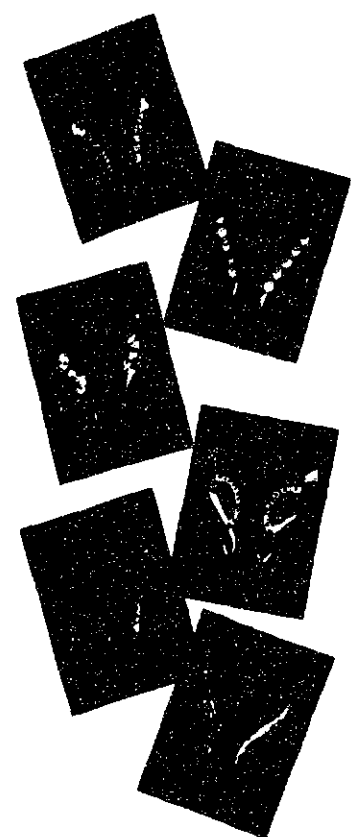
Located at 101 Main Centre in downtown Northville, 380-8430. Open Monday through Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday and Friday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Salutations:** Salutations is Northville's newest and most unique card shop. In addition to the Sunrise, Gordon Fraser and Suzzy's Zoo lines, a boutique of Mary Engelbreit cards and gifts is constantly growing. The owner, Lorie Wyant is adding a bridal shower and wedding section featuring the Beverly Clark collection. Customers can also order wedding, shower and graduation invitations, announcements and social stationery. Paper party goods, gifts, wrap, UPS shipping, gift wrapping and balloon decorating for all occasions are included in Salutations' offerings.

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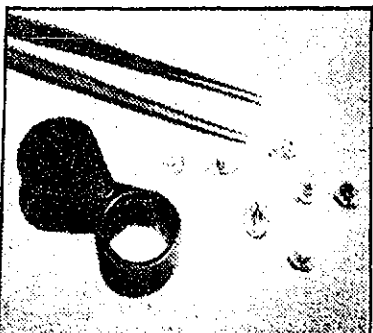
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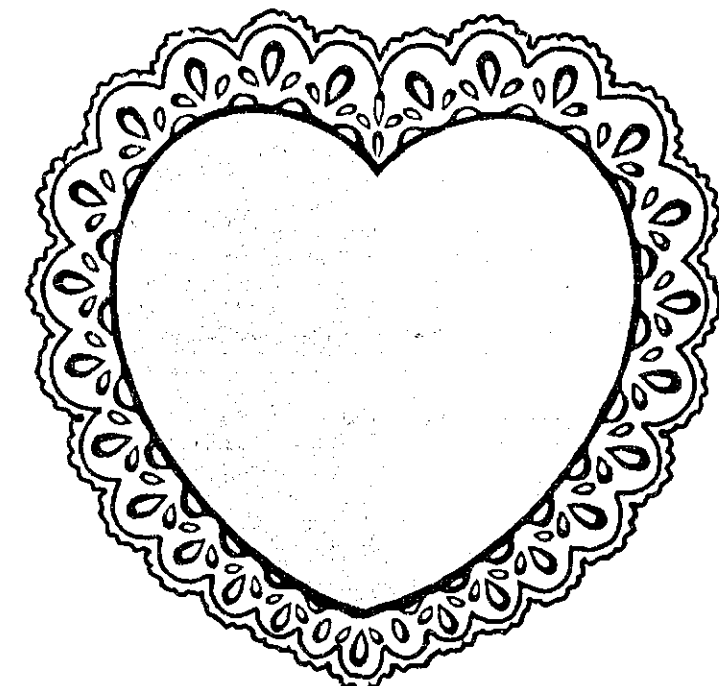
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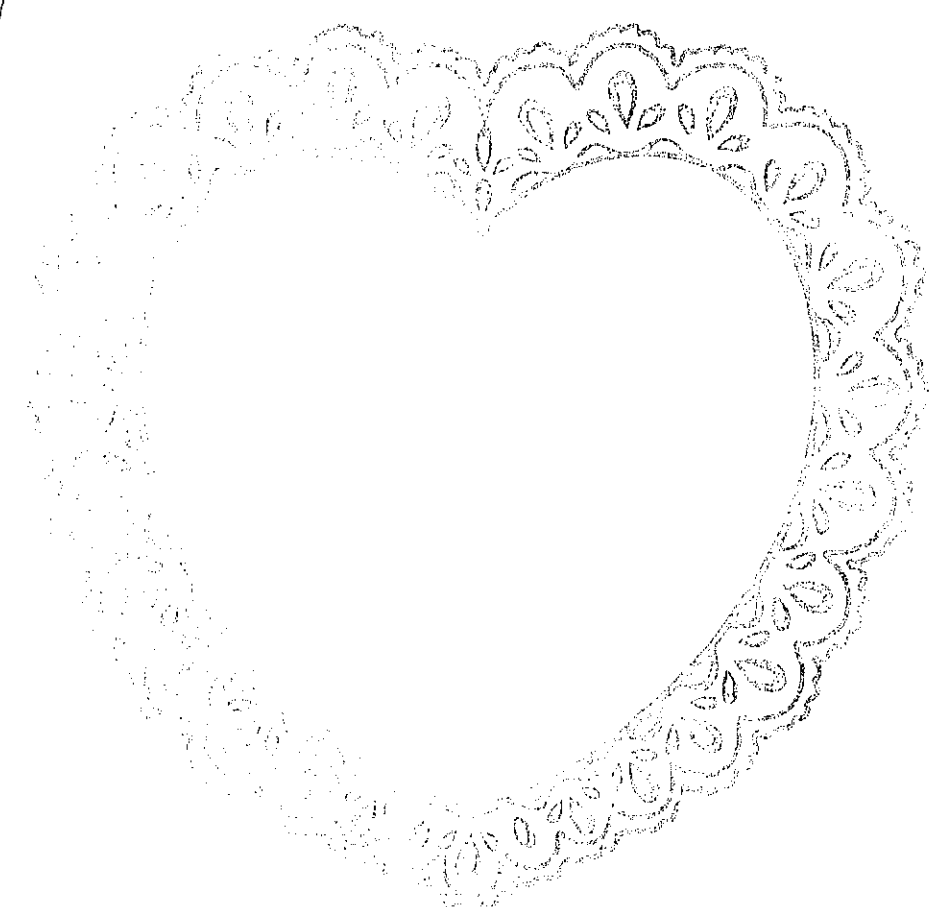
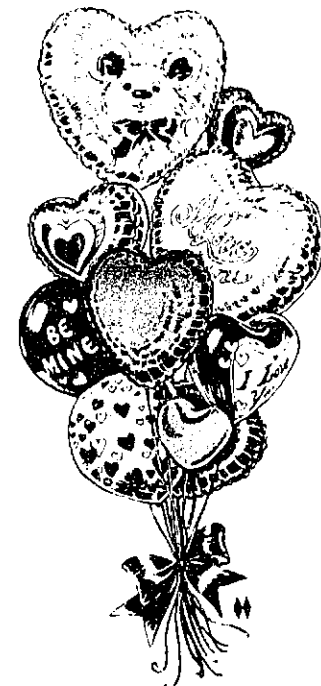
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## Police investigate near abduction

By RANDY COBLE Staff Writer

Northville Township police are investigating a possible attempted abduction which took place in the parking lot of Meijer's.

Two Michigan State Police troopers contacted township officers on Jan. 20 saying that while following up on an accident in the Meijer's parking lot, two persons told them that a man had attempted to pull one of them into his truck.

Both are Redford residents, one a 19-year-old male and the other a 19-year-old female. The troopers told township police that they had "changed their story several times" and did not want to file a complaint about the incident.

When contacted by telephone, the individuals described the man as white, about 50, five feet five inches tall with short gray hair, bald on top. He wore thick glasses, they said, a brown jacket and blue pants and was "very dirty looking."

One Redford resident told township police that the man had stopped him as he was leaving Meijer's and asked him to pull his truck up to the door. He complied, pulling the white GMC pickup up to the door.

The other said that while this was happening, the man told her that she was coming home with him and that his niece would like to play with her. She said he grabbed her but let go of her arm when the truck pulled up.

The man got into the truck, the Redford resident said, and asked him to pull up to the next set of doors because he had a package to pick up. He complied again, and said that the man then "became excited and said they had to leave the parking lot right away." He then got out of the vehicle and the man drove away.

Both told the officer who called that they did not know if they could come to township police headquarters and file a formal complaint.

The case remains under investigation.

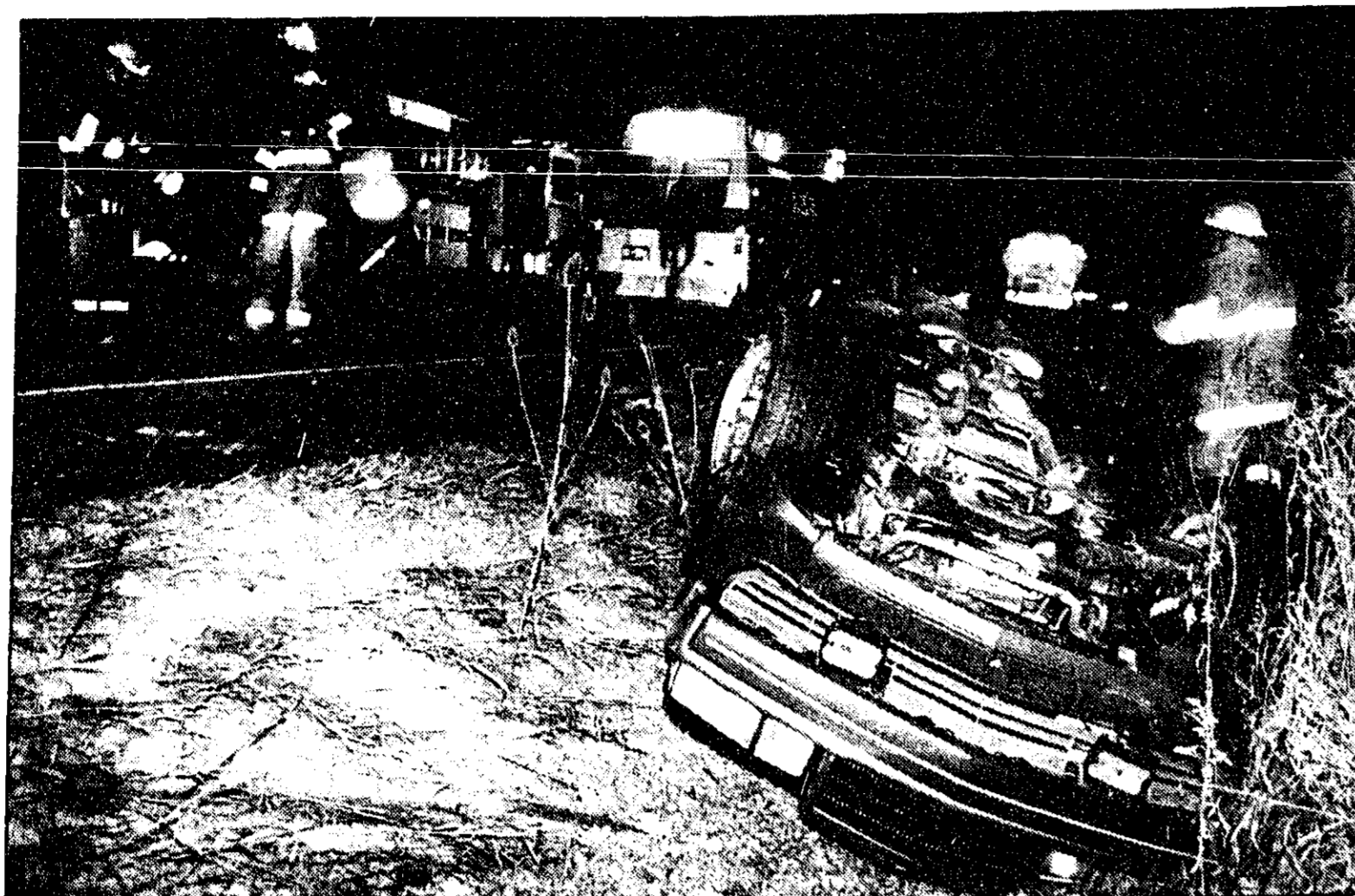


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### Rollover

"Black Ice" is being blamed for the minor injuries the driver of this car sustained while traveling on Ten Mile Road near Wixom Road on Friday, Jan. 28. The man escaped injury after firefighters were able to pull him from the car through the back window.

### CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has established a Computer Needs Study Committee which will consist of two members of City Council, three citizen members, the Finance Director and the Systems Analyst. The Committee is charged with conducting an inventory and evaluation, assessment of present use of computer technology, compiling information on current equipment and technology available, preparation of recommendations for equipment purchase within a five year period, preparation of estimates of cost and recommendations regarding possible funding mechanisms. The Committee is to complete its task within 90 days of their appointment.

Persons with professional expertise in the area of computers are invited to apply for appointment to this Committee. The Council will conduct interviews of interested persons. Applications are available at the office of the City Clerk or by calling the Clerk's office at 347-0456. The deadline for receiving applications is February 11th, 1994.

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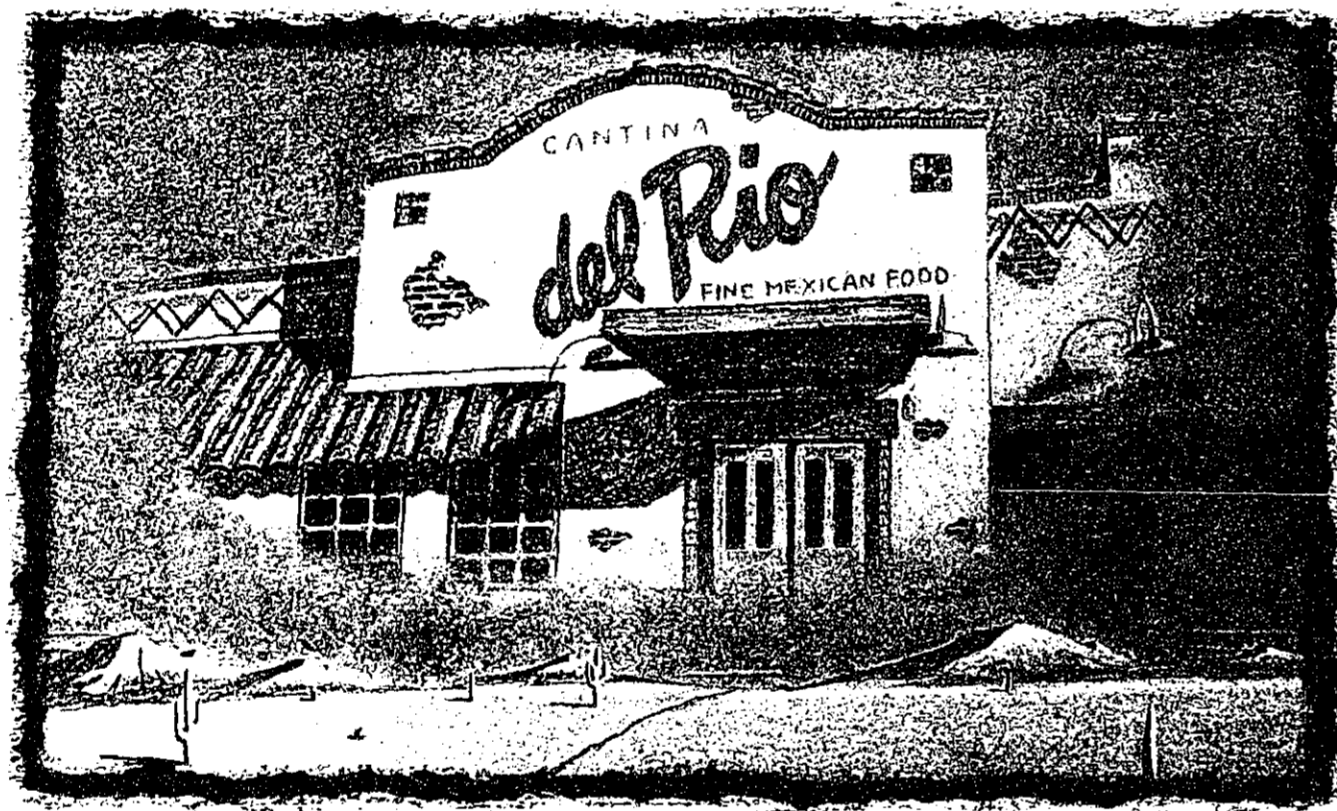
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## City reaffirms plans to expand Decker Road

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were not put on Decker.

"When the bond issue was passed, the city made a promise. I think they should stand behind that if they are going to pass any more millages or the public is not going to start behind them," East Lake Drive resident Mark Adams said.

Harry Avagian, president of the Lakes Area Residents Association, was on the same wavelength.

"It's a matter of integrity when you advertise something you ought to give the consumer what you advertised. In this incidence, the taxpayer is the consumer," Avagian said. "I'm not going to remind you we're the voters who go to the voting polls. I think you know where we're coming from."

City Manager Ed Kriewall recommended that the road work keep to an earlier priority list set by the council but warned that the funds might run out before the lowest priority, Eleven Mile Road from Beck to Wixom roads, is built.

Kriewall said he didn't think all of the comments residents directed to the council over the Decker Road delay were warranted.

"There was absolutely a good reason to sit back and look at Decker Road (when it) came in \$1 million over budget. It could have impacted the program drastically, it could have torn the heart out of it," he said. "I think there was some unfair criticism handed across the table tonight."

Shawood Lake resident Jim Korte remained skeptical about why Decker Road was postponed last fall.

"The only thing I find frightening is when our city manager suddenly decides Decker Road should be five lanes. I question why. What is the tradeoff, what shenanigans are going on that should lead to such a change in position?" he said.

Most of the council members remained hopeful that all of the roads will be finished up with dollars to spare.

"I personally think we probably can complete all these projects. We selected them as being the top ten at the time," Council Member Joseph Toth said.

If there is a surplus, Council Member Tim Pope reminded his colleagues that the council had agreed to refund the leftover money to the voters.

But other ideas were also batted around. Council Member Rob Mitzel said he's disappointed that the project doesn't include safety paths for walkers and bicyclists.

"You can choose to run or ride in the gutter, or risk getting hit by a car," he said.

McLallen was all for this: "I'm looking forward to the excess in there. I'd like the voters to support Rob Mitzel and put the money into the sidewalk fund."

Not everyone is sure that the city should keep to its road priorities. Pope suggested that an extension of Tall Road from Twelve Mile to West Road should be at the bottom of the list, in part because it appears the city faces lawsuits to win the rights-of-way for the work.

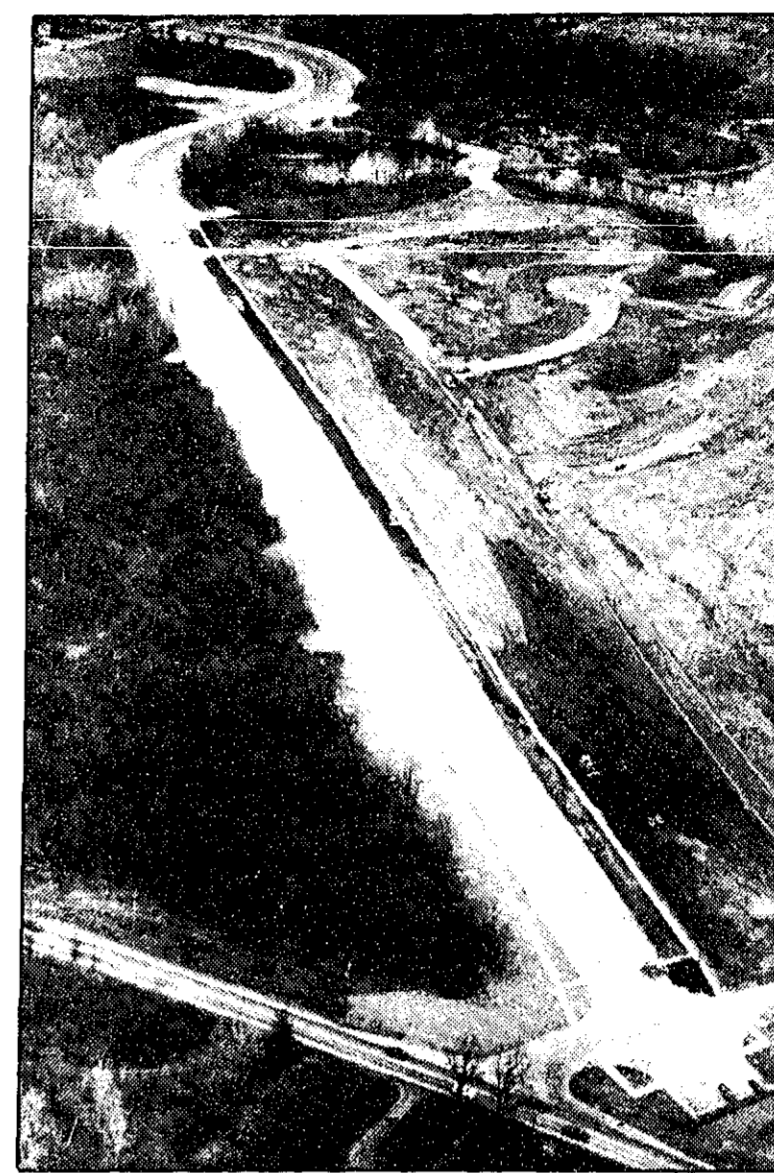


Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Novi City Council has reaffirmed its plans to widen Decker Road north of Thirteen Mile. Above, the Decker Road extension, from Thirteen Mile to Twelve-and-a-half Mile Road, is under construction and nearing completion.

## Engineers update city on road improvements

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

In 1990, voters agreed to tax themselves to pay for an estimated \$18.8 million worth of road projects.

Over three years later, here's the latest word on the status of each, as presented Monday night by the city's consulting engineers, JCK & Associates. The roads are listed in the priority originally set by the City Council.

- Pave Eleven Mile Road from Town Center Drive to Meadowbrook Road: The work's done. The cost was \$958,000. The original estimate in 1990 was \$1.35 million.
- Improve the Novi Road/Ten Mile Road intersection: Finished at \$94,000. Original 1990 estimate was \$143,000.
- Improve the Grand River Avenue/Haggerty Road intersection: Completed at \$235,000. Original estimate \$72,000.
- Pave Thirteen Mile Road from Meadowbrook to Haggerty Road: Estimated cost is \$1.45 million. Original estimate was \$504,000. The work is on hold until the state bids and begins the northbound stretch of the Haggerty Connector.
- Decker Road widened to five lanes from Thirteen Mile Road to Fourteen Mile Road: Monday, the city council awarded the construction bid. The total cost is expected to be \$3.11 million. The original estimate was \$1.97 million.
- Widen Twelve Mile Road from Meadowbrook Road to Haggerty Road: Under construction. The city's share of the project, purchasing the rights-of-way, is expected to cost \$4.9 million. Original 1990 estimate was the \$6.4 million.
- Crescent Drive from Town Center Drive to Grand River Avenue: An extension of the ring road around Novi Road and Grand River Avenue to the south and east. Negotiations are underway for the rights-of-way. A \$635,000 cost estimate is now given. The 1990 estimate was \$318,000.
- An extension of Tall Road from Twelve Mile Road to West Road: The final route selection has not yet been made by the city. The cost estimate is \$3 million. The 1990 estimate was \$2.9 million.
- Eleven Mile Road: Under construction at \$958,000. For total estimates, the project is lumped in with Eleven Mile Road from Beck Road to Wixom Road, see below.
- Wixom Road paved from Eleven Mile Road to Grand River Avenue: Completed at \$910,000 in construction costs. See below.
- Wixom Road paved from Ten Mile Road to Eleven Mile Road: The final design is underway. Lumped together with the above Wixom Road improvements, the total project cost is set at \$2.3 million. The earlier estimate was \$2.7 million.
- Eleven Mile Road from Beck Road to Wixom Road: The final design is underway. The cost estimate is \$3.6 million.

Legal services for the work, including land condemnation lawsuits, is a \$400,000 line item.

Other, miscellaneous costs related to right-of-way acquisition could number \$300,000. Folded into this is \$48,000 for the site plan for the Amoco Station on Twelve Mile Road.

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# Engler appoints Novi man to worker's comp board

By MICHELLE HARRISON Staff Writer

Patrick MacLean hopes to benefit employees and employers as one of the newest appointments to the state's Workers' Compensation Board of Magistrates.

but employers," MacLean said. In his new position, MacLean will hear workers' compensation cases and hand down opinions on whether or not an employee is entitled to benefits by the employer.



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

### Ditched

Last week's ice storm made traveling on secondary roads treacherous Thursday and Friday evenings, as this driver learned when the car spun out on Nine Mile east of Meadowbrook and landed in a ditch. No one was hurt in the incident.

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of Novi Community Schools is soliciting proposals for qualified companies for the following construction related project:

### PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NOVI 8 MILE/NAPIER ROADS PARK PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS

The City of Novi Parks and Recreation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on planned recreation facility improvements for newly acquired parcels of property at the Northeast corner of 8 Mile and Napier Roads. The hearing will be held on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1994 at 7:30 P.M. AT THE NOVI CIVIC CENTER.

# Judge asks for settlement in East Lake Drive rezoning

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

The City of Novi and Ted Andris are still attempting to cook up a settlement before the developer's lawsuit seeking rezoning for an East Lake Drive eatery goes to trial in February.

At a Lakes Area Residents Association meeting Jan. 25, City Council Member Carol Mason urged East Lake Drive residents to mobilize against the proposed rezoning of the Walled Lake beachfront site from residential to commercial.

"I think the people here have to get much more involved with what's going to happen to the road," she said. "Once you start rezoning one (parcel), you can't say no to the next parcel. Your lakefront will become commercial by default."

Novi City Manager Edward Kriewall said the trial was pushed back from January to Feb. 22, but that the judge in a pre-trial conference asked the city, Andris and the Kenans, owners of Frigate's Bar, to work things out outside of the courtroom.

The Kenans say they will sue the city if East Lake Drive, as sought by Andris, is either reworked into an S-curve or converted into a cul-de-sac.

# Museum gift shop offers magazines

The gift shop at the Motorsports Museum and Hall of Fame has made special arrangements with the publishers of several limited circulation motorsports magazines to sell current issues.

The Motorsports Museum currently houses about 60 significant vehicles, from numerous current record holders of land and water speed records to a 1904 Packard which set a land speed record 90 years ago at Ormond Beach, Fla. of 77.8 mph.

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## Community Education

### Science Fun:

Learn a little science and have fun experimenting with every day objects. One topic for children in grades 1 and 2 will be volcanoes, while children in grades 3 and 4 will discover vinegar rockets. You'll explode with knowledge. Bring \$1 for supplies.

### Twirling for Performance:

Children in grades K through 2 will learn the basics of baton twirling and have the option of performing in the Novi Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 30. What a great way to show what you have learned.

### Rhythmic Gymnastics:

Children in grades 3 through 6 can try fun new dance and gymnastics techniques using mats, hoops, balls, and streamers to pop music. Each class begins with a 10-minute warm-up, followed by 15 minutes of dance, 15 minutes of gymnastics using the hoop, ball or streamers, and finishes up with a 5-minute cool down.

The eight-week class meets at Parkview Gym on Thursdays from Feb. 10 through April 21 at 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. The fee is \$26.

The class includes a combination of ballet, jazz and gymnastics, taught in a twirl team routine to pop music.

The eight-week class meets at Parkview Gym on Thursdays, Feb. 10 through April 21 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The fee is \$32.



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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified electors of the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, who is not already registered, may register for the Special Statewide Election to be held on the 15th day of March, 1994, in said City.

The City Clerk will be at the Clerk's Office on each working day during regular working hours until and including Monday, February 14, 1994, for the purpose of receiving registrations of qualified electors of the City of Novi not already registered.

On February 14, 1994, which is the last day for receiving registrations for said Statewide Special Election to be held on Tuesday, March 15, 1994, the Clerk will be at her office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., (Excluding Eastern Time) for the purpose of receiving registrations of qualified electors.

The following proposition will be submitted to the electors of the City of Novi at such election:

### PROPOSAL A

A PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE STATE SALES AND USE TAX RATES FROM 4% TO 6%, LIMIT ANNUAL INCREASES IN PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS, EXEMPT SCHOOL OPERATING MILLAGES FROM UNIFORM TAXATION REQUIREMENT AND REQUIRE VOTE OF LEGISLATURE TO EXCEED STATUTORILY ESTABLISHED SCHOOL OPERATING MILLAGE RATES.

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- 1) Limit annual assessment increase for each property parcel to 5% or inflation rate, whichever is less. When property is sold or transferred, adjust assessment to current value.
- 2) Increase the sales tax rate. Dedicate additional revenue to schools.
- 3) Exempt school operating millages from uniform taxation requirement.
- 4) Require 1/2 vote of legislature to exceed school operating millage rates.
- 5) Activate laws raising additional school revenues through taxation including partial restoration of property tax.
- 6) Nullify alternative laws raising school revenues through taxation including an increase in income tax, personal tax exemption increase and partial restoration of property taxes.

Should this proposal be adopted?  
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# City tracks nature trails dilemma

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

Those who have been keeping in step with Novi's nature trails controversy won't want to miss this special meeting tonight.

The Novi City Council will get together with the Natural Resources Design Plan Implementation Committee to review the 25-year project, trash out possible ways to salvage it and look at a proposed disclosure ordinance which will let potential homeowners know in advance if a path swings past the backyard they want to buy.

The meeting was scheduled for last week but canceled due to the ice storm. It will be held at 8 p.m. in the

city council chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

The trails system has been designed to wind through subdivision and condominium common lands as well as city parks, tying the city's green spaces together for the enjoyment of hikers, joggers and in some areas, bicyclists.

Problems arose because many purchasers of new homes in Novi had no idea that the trail would pass behind their residences and say the plan would violate their privacy. Many have raised concerns that the trails would be an easy way for vandals or thieves to access their yards or a track hikers, with the city bearing a possible legal liability for any untoward incident.

The ordinance now under consideration would require sellers to post in a sales office or model home copies of the city's zoning map, master plan, woodlands and wetlands maps and data on the proximity of nature trails. It also requires the sellers of the new homes to put up signs on land in the

subdivision which is proposed for use as a commons area, a park or for any public or private nature trails, walkways or bike paths.

At present, it's not precisely clear what the scope of the Natural Resources Design Plan now is. Before the November election, the city council

canceled the trails through all areas except city parks. But the planning commission refused to delete the system from Novi's master plan. And after the election, a newly-reconstituted city council held on to several subdivision easements for the trails.

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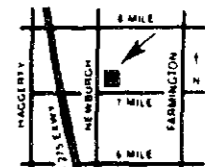
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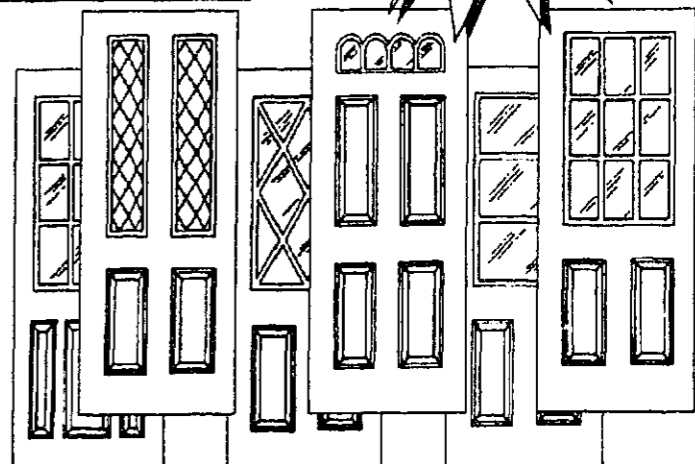
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## COOKIE CRUNCH TIME

By MICHELLE HARRISON  
Staff Writer

All that was missing was the milk as employees of *The Novit News* and *The Northville Record* took part in an informal, unscientific taste test of Girl Scout cookies Friday.

Thirty minutes and several cookie crumbs later, Thin Mints were declared the winner 5 to 10. Casting votes for the minty wafers covered with chocolate were photographer Bryan Mitchell, staff writers Randy Coble, Steve Kellman, editor Lee Snider and receptionist Diane Quint.

Samoas, a blend of chocolate and toasted coconut, received the thumbs up from Anna Lpar, advertising representative; Carol Worken, typist; and Mike Malott, managing editor. Peanut butter was the favorite for sports editor Scott Daniel, who cast the lone vote for the Tagalongs, a combination of chocolate and peanut butter, while photographer Hal Gould stood firm on his all-time favorite — the Do-si-dos, a peanut butter creme sandwich.

The 10 judges did recognize the Girl Scouts newest cookie, the Juliette, a caramel pecan treat, but voted it down because of its "aftertaste."

The following is a break down on each cookie, its nutritional value and rating.

### THIN MINTS

"The Thin Mints are good, better than the Northville Thin Mints," Quint said, biting into a cookie. "I give the Thin Mint high marks," Kellman said. "They're just the right blend of chocolate and cookie."

Coble gave the cookie high marks because of its thin wafer. Rating: Half of those surveyed preferred the Thin Mint to other Girl Scout cookie varieties.

Nutritional value: A serving size of four cookies adds up to 150 calories; 8 grams of fat; 0 grams of cholesterol; 70 mg of sodium; 18 grams of total carbohydrate; and 1 gram of protein.

### SAMOAS

Samoas came in second with taste testers but were met with criticism from Thin Mint lovers.

"The Samoas don't have enough chocolate," Miller complained.

Rating: The Samoas earned a 30 percent rating.

Nutritional value: A serving size of two cookies nets 160 calories; 9 grams of fat; 0 mg of cholesterol; 45 mg of sodium; 17 grams of total

carbohydrate; and 2 grams of protein.

### TAGALONGS

The third and place cookies have one thing in common: peanut butter. The Tagalongs, peanut butter covered with chocolate, were a favorite among all cookie tasters.

"Peanut butter is always good," Mitchell said.

Lpar chose the Tagalongs as her second favorite cookie while Worken included it on her most favorite list, too.

Rating: While only one voted the Tagalong as his favorite, this cookie was well liked.

Nutritional value: Two cookies are 150 calories and have 10 grams of fat; 0 mg of cholesterol; 85 mg of sodium; 13 grams total carbohydrate; and 3 grams of protein.

### DO-SI-DOS

Tying for third place was this peanut butter sandwich. Gould, a staunch peanut butter cookie supporter, voted this as his favorite.

"They do have a good texture," Mitchell said, referring to the cookie's oatmeal-like outsides.

Rating: One vote out of 10 judges.

Nutritional value: There are 170 calories in a serving size of three cookies as well as 8 grams of fat; 0 mg of cholesterol; 105 mg of sodium; 22 grams of total carbohydrate and 3 grams of protein.

### JULIETTES

The new cookie on the block, judges deemed this caramel pecan treat as too sweet.

"They're almost like a candy bar," Snider said. "They're too sweet, overwhelming," Kellman added.

Both Quint and Mitchell claimed the new cookie had a bit of an aftertaste.

Rating: No one voted the Juliette as his or her favorite cookie.

Nutritional value: Two cookies add up to 130 calories; 7 grams of fat; 0 mg of cholesterol; 25 mg of sodium; 16 grams of total carbohydrate and 1 gram of protein.

### CHALET CREME ASSORTMENT

While the vanilla cremes were well-liked, no one particularly cared for the lemon version of the Chalet Cremes.

"The lemon tastes artificial," Kellman said.

"The vanilla cremes are good, they are creamy," Mitchell said, adding that the lemon cremes had



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

The Girl Scouts' Thin Mint was the clear winner in an informal taste-test conducted by employees at the newspaper to determine which of the seven varieties of cookies was the most delicious.

a "blah" aftertaste.

Rating: Again, no one voted this cookie as a favorite.

Nutritional value: Two cookies contain 120 calories; 5 grams of fat; 0 mg of cholesterol; 65 mg of sodium; 19 grams of total carbohydrate; and 1 gram of protein.

### TREFOILS

Boring was the word used to describe this shortbread cookie.

"These cookies need chocolate," Mitchell said.

Rating: No votes were cast for this cookie, either.

Nutritional value: Five cookies will net you 160 calories; 8 grams of fat; 0 mg of cholesterol; 90 mg of sodium; 20 grams of total carbohydrate; and 2 grams of protein.

### Best bargain

Again, Thin Mints take the

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## GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

**WHO:** Huron Valley (Wayne County) and Michigan Metro (Oakland County) Girl Scout councils.

**WHAT:** Selling seven varieties of cookies to support Girl Scouting. Delicious varieties include Shortbread, Thin Mint, Carmel DeLite, Peanut Butter Patties, Lemon Pastry Cremes, Peanut Butter Sandwich and Strawberries 'n' Creme (offered by Huron Valley Council) and Samoa, Thin Mint, Trefoil (shortbread), Tagalong (chocolate covered peanut butter), Do-si-do (peanut butter creme sandwich), Chalet Creme (lemon and vanilla) and Juliettes (offered through the Michigan Metro Council).

**WHERE:** Girls sell door-to-door in their neighborhoods and with their troops at cookie booths.

**WHEN:** Feb. 14 through March 13 in the Michigan Metro Council. Huron Valley Girl Scouts will deliver orders Feb. 19 through March 6 and hold cookie booth sales Feb. 19 through March 12.

**COST:** \$2.50 per box.

**WHY:** The annual cookie sale income pays for camp maintenance and development, provides service and training for troop leaders and other volunteers and provides ongoing and special program opportunities for girls. The sale also raises money for troop activities and equipment.

## Volunteer



Joan Wadsworth

## Involved in interests

By DOROTHY NASH  
Special Writer

When you are interested in things, you get involved in them. And that's what Joan Wadsworth has done.

A housewife and mother of children ages nine, seven and five, she said, "I'm interested in schools and libraries."

So last year she ran for the Northville Board of Education, and she made it. Before that she joined Friends of the Northville Public Library and became vice-president of the organization's board in 1990. Now she is in her second year as president of the all-woman board of nine members. Men are welcome, she said, but there just don't happen to be any on it now.

There are 320 member Friends, and, Wadsworth said, "They are all involved in one thing or another."

The headline-making activities of the Friends are these:

- Book-author dinner at Genitt's, to which the public is invited.
- The used-book sale during the annual Northville Sidewalk Sale. Last

year this was set up at the Bandshell, and it was in business from 7:30 in the morning until 6 in the evening.

■ The Victorian Festival Cakewalk. Members donated cakes, cupcakes, and muffins. Other members received them and still others cleaned up afterwards.

In case you don't know how the Cakewalk works, participants stand in a circle on a number. They march around to music, and when the music stops, they stop. A number is drawn, and the player standing on it may choose from an assortment of cakes. This event runs the whole weekend.

Wadsworth's presidential responsibilities include conducting the monthly meetings of the Friends of the Library and knowing what each committee is doing.

Money raised by the Friends is spent on equipment the library needs but cannot afford in order to better its service for the community.

If you, too, are interested in libraries and might like to become a Friend, call Joan Wadsworth at 348-5881.

## It's A Fact

### Roads & Utilities in Novi

#### THEN . . .

In 1969, the only paved streets in Novi were Novi Road, Eight Mile, Ten Mile, 12 Mile and 14 Mile Roads, plus some subdivision streets. Haggerty Road was still a gravel road and Meadowbrook was a dirt road. By 1973, only 45 miles of the city's 85 miles of roads were paved, or 53% of the roads in Novi.

#### NOW . . .

Today, the new and existing roads paved with asphalt or concrete: main Roads: 22 miles; subdivision roads: 100 miles.

Watermains: main transmission lines: 30 miles, subdivision lines: 120 miles.

Sanitary sewers: main lines: 28 miles, subdivision lines: 108 miles.

(All of the above includes apartments, industrial, subs and shopping centers.)

SOURCE: City of Novi









# City softball information meeting held tonight

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spring. The 14-game season, which includes playoff and championship games, runs until August.

The popular diamond sport draws players from all over the metropolitan area, Adaschuk said. Livonia, Farmington Hills and Walled Lake residents regularly compete, she added.

"Tonight's meeting will cover all the bases. Format, fees and awards will all be thoroughly explained, said Adaschuk.

Softball registration begins Feb. 9 and runs to March 23. Adaschuk said most leagues are filled within two weeks.

"We don't have any problems filling up," she added.

Team prices vary.

The men's resident league is the most expensive at \$581 per team. All other leagues are \$505, Adaschuk said. A \$56 forfeit fee, which is included in the team price, is refunded for all leagues at the end of the season.

As one might imagine, keeping track of all the teams and leagues during the season is a lot of work. Adaschuk said the department is looking for an adult supervisor to tackle the job.

A full-time position from March until the end of October, Adaschuk said the job pays \$7.75 per hour to start. It requires league and softball experience while duties include supervision of umpires, scorekeepers and other workers.

For more information about the position or about spring-summer softball, call Novi Parks and Recreation at 347-0400.

## Mott dumps cagers 81-61

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He said he hoped the game taught his team something.

"We didn't start out as hard as we should've," Schluter said. "I think it got them rolling. I think it was good lesson for our kids."

The coach was happy with Dunlap's strong effort. But the senior center may yet miss more time with knee problems.

Schluter said he reinjured the knee in practice Friday. He added that it's unclear whether Dunlap will be able to play tomorrow.

The loss to Waterford dropped Novi to 6-5 overall. Schluter said he's pleased with his team's performance so far this year.

"I think they're over-achievers," he added. "The kids are working hard and accomplish more than people thought they would."

## Wrestlers place third at tourney

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temporarily put on hold by Eaton Rapids in the second round of pool wrestling. The Class B power shutout Novi 64-0.

"They're awesome," Huss said, "with a capital A."

He said the Greyhounds whipped almost everyone at the tournament.

"They were impressive," said Huss. "But they're not doing anything different — just better."

**NOVI 38, LIVONIA FRANKLIN 33**

The Wildcats closed pool action by bouncing back against the Patriots.

"We had to beat them to go into the winner's bracket," said Huss. "It was nice to see our kids bounce back. They wrestled well again."

"It would have been easy to get down and call it a day. But they didn't."

Sundberg got his first varsity win with a pin. Doug Lee won his 119 pound match with a pin of Adnon Allen in the first round.

Other wins included: Garrett Barrons (125), Young (135), McBride (160) and Wendt (189).

After beating Livonia, Novi went on to semi-finals against Brighton. The Bulldogs beat the Wildcats for the second time in two weeks, 47-12.

Young, Hicks and Wendt got Novi's only victories in the match.

**NOVI 39, LANSING WAVERLY 25**

The Wildcats bounced back again in the battle for third place.

Huss described Waverly as a good team. He said he was proud of his team's effort.

"They responded well," Huss said.

Sundberg got a void at 103 pounds. Barrons was an 8-5 winner at 125 pounds and Watanabe pinned Aaron Eltner at 130.

Young got his fourth win on an injury default over Brian Wisdom. Cini took a pin and McBride won 5-3 at 160 pounds. Matt Buck pinned Todd Bidnick at 171 pounds and Wendt moved up to heavyweight and took a 14-8 decision.

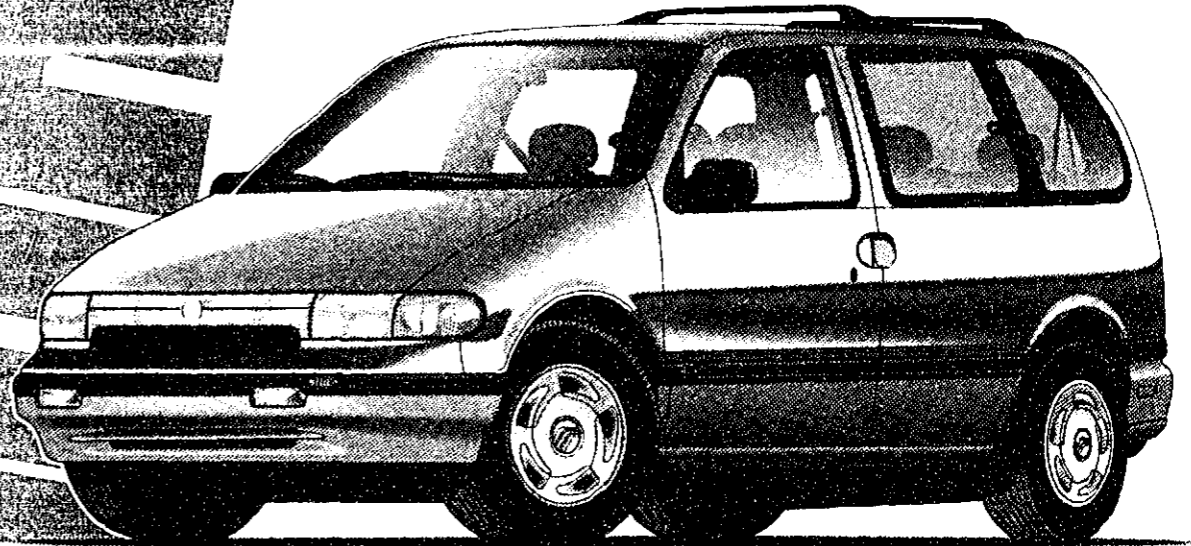
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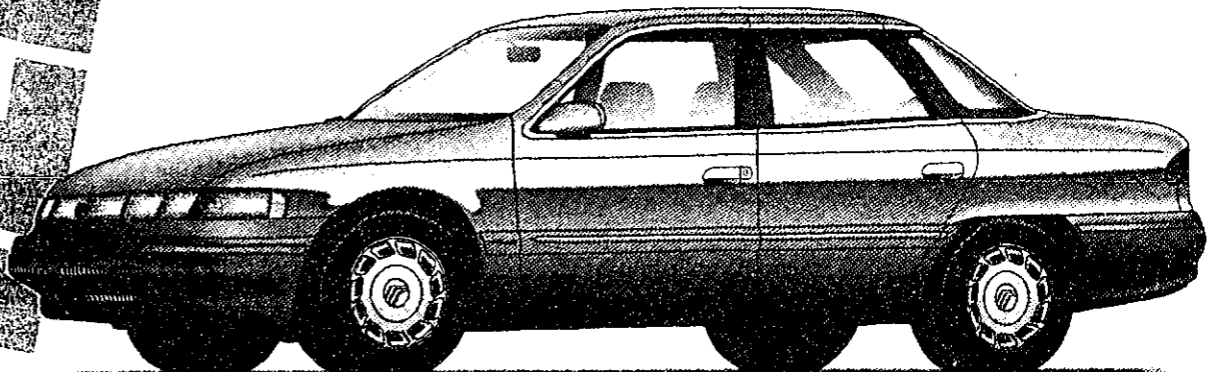
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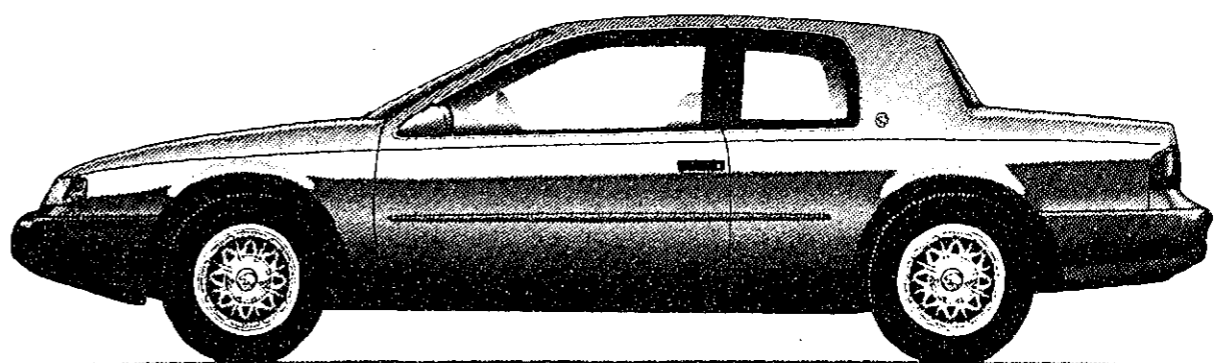
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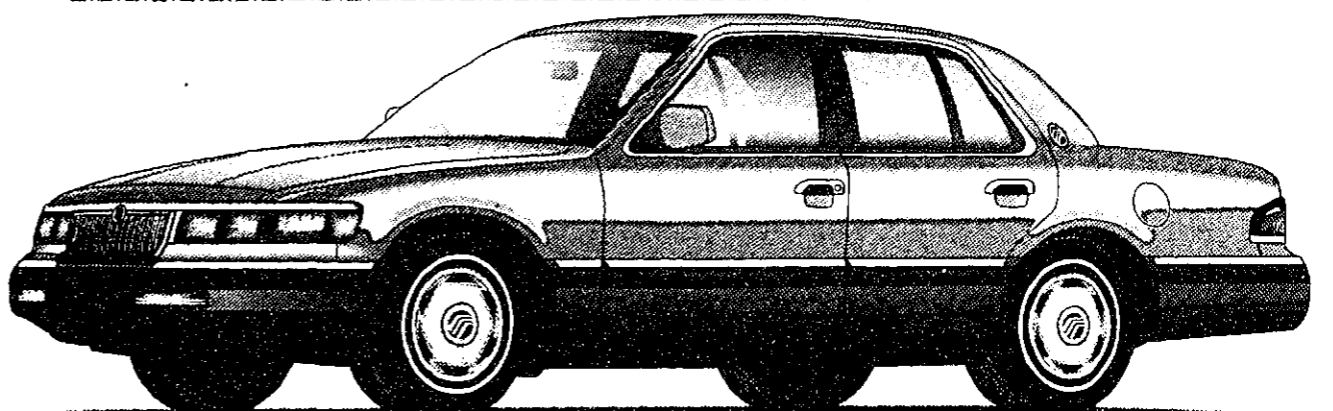


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