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## Novi Schools employees agree to two-year pact

By MICHELE M. FECHT  
 staff writer

The Novi school district received an early Christmas present last Thursday when the board of education ratified tentative two-year agreements with three of its bargaining units.

Ratification of the new agreements culminates three days of intensive bargaining December 10-12 between the school district and the three employee groups including the Novi Education Association, the Novi Secretarial and Paraprofessional Association and the Novi Community School District Food Service Employees Association.

The new tentative agreements mark the se-

cond consecutive time the district has reached early settlements with its bargaining units since the bitter employees' strike of 1982.

The new contracts, which cover the period from July 1, 1986 to June 30, 1988, include a six percent salary increase for all three employee groups for each year of the agreement. Current contracts with all three bargaining units will expire June 30, 1986.

School board president Robert Schram said the district agreed two years ago to only negotiate a few contract provisions rather than opening up the entire agreement.

"We have a very good contract in terms of not having a lot of vague language," he said, noting the most significant change was the

salary adjustment.

"Basically, we're just refining an already good contract," he added.

According to Gary Hurst, a Middle School North teacher and Novi Education Association negotiator, the six percent salary adjustment for teachers is on par with other Oakland County school districts.

Teacher salary schedules for the 1985-86 school year begin at \$17,437 for those with a bachelor's degree. Maximum salary for teachers with a bachelor's is \$30,942.

Salary schedules for teachers with master's degrees range from \$19,097 to \$38,165.

Administrators and negotiators from all three employee groups seemed pleased with

the negotiation process as well as its outcome.

"This clearly was the best (negotiation) session," said Hurst, who has negotiated three contracts with the Novi Community Schools.

"In working for just three days, we accomplished a great deal," Hurst said of the expedited bargaining sessions.

Schram noted that the two sides agreed on a tentative contract by early evening December 12 after bargaining 12-16 hours for three consecutive days. The employee groups ratified the agreements prior to last Thursday's school board meeting.

He said the three employee groups came to the bargaining table requesting a one-year contract with the district asking for a three-year

agreement. The board president noted that neither side felt uncomfortable with the two-year compromise.

Schram further noted "historically most contracts are for two years."

"Neither the school district nor the teachers want to predict the economy more than two years down the road," he said.

Aside from the salary adjustment, other provisions in the contract amount to minor wording changes, according to Schram.

In the Novi Education Association tentative agreement, minor changes were made in the teacher evaluation and part-time teacher provisions.

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## 'Downtown' on the way

By B.J. MARTIN  
 staff writer

Novi's planning board and city council last week got a glimpse at what the Trammell Crow Company has in mind for 51 acres of the Town Center area at Grand River and Novi Road.

The real estate development firm's project plans were unveiled at a special joint session of the board and council December 17.

"The officials' reaction: so far so good. I'm pleased. This begins to give us a place of being downtown," said Mayor Patricia Karevich. "It's something that says this is Novi, not just an adjunct to Twelve Oaks. . . We're looking forward to our part in the venture."

Outlining the project plans (more detailed site plans are expected by the end of the month), Trammell Crow's Tim Barrett told officials: "What we're showing you tonight is 51 acres of commercial development. We will commit (eventually) to mixed uses for a total of 100 acres on the northeast corner."

Within that 100 acres Trammell Crow intends to build stores, a hotel, offices, research buildings, a movie theatre, restaurants and a health club, as well as an extensive network of new streets and access roads.

While tax increment financing for future development has been discussed among Trammell Crow representatives and Novi planning department staff, Barrett said all the construction proposed in the project plan revealed last week would be funded by "conventional" (private) sources.

According to Craig Manske, who will coordinate the remainder of the project at a future date, "It's premature to show you what we're doing because we're in the middle of planning. Until we get our road network set up, we'd rather not discuss it. We'll show you some kind of plan when we come back later."

The acreage contained in the Trammell Crow project plan discussed last week provides for:

- About 400,000 square feet of retail space, contained in a variety of shopping environments.
- A total of seven new buildings, one of which apparently will be a movie theater.
- A network of access roads servicing the Town Center, including two boulevard entrances from Novi Road.
- Two gazebos for pedestrian convenience.
- Bicycle paths, a jogging trail and sidewalks.
- Preservation of existing buildings in the quadrant, including banks, a car wash, the Standard service station on the northeast corner and a restaurant.
- An estimated 1,500 parking places.
- Extensive landscaping work, including berms and tree plantings and relocations.
- Bicycle racks, sculptures and other amenities.

In addition to an overall map of the area, Trammell Crow representatives showed officials architectural sketches of the proposed buildings.

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The Marcus brood takes to the kitchen: Tom, Mary, Donald, Gerald and Theima

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## Insiders get an old Detroit flavor

By B.J. MARTIN  
 staff writer

You haven't been able to get Marcus All-Steak sandwiches in Detroit for more than 30 years. But for a few lucky insiders around Novi, they're still a treat.

Old-timers from the Detroit area might remember the Marcus All-Steak restaurants from the days the Tigers played at Navin Field. Charlie Marcus began selling his tasty hamburger-and-onion-on-a-hot-dog-bun concoction out of a lunchwagon in the early '20s.

It quickly became a local favorite and eventually had 12 franchises around the Detroit area. The last family-run outlet closed in 1952, but the sandwiches still are a Marcus family tradition.

Charlie Marcus' nephew Donald and wife Mary Marcus, who together ran the business for nearly 30 years, brought the recipe with

**Marcus: 'You know, we'd like to open one up again sometime.'**

them to Novi when they moved here in the '70s. They and the next generation, including son Tom Marcus, owner/operator of Marcus Glass in Novi, still fix up a few hundred on special occasions — for Tom Jr.'s Novi High varsity football team, or for family and friends around the holidays.

That's in keeping with the Marcus All-Steak tradition. The family often served the burgers at picnics for police and schools in Detroit, as

well as family functions.

Marcus All-Steak sandwiches were practically a staple for major league ballplayers back then — among the regulars were Babe Ruth, Schoolboy Rowe and Lou Gehrig.

Donald began helping his uncle Charlie in the late '20s. He remembers the big breakthrough for Marcus All-Steak was the franchise off the Davison near Livernois and West Chicago.

"That was Detroit's first big expressway," Donald says. "A lot of truck drivers could get in there pretty easily. We opened it three days before Christmas in 1931 and that Saturday we ran out of buns three times."

"You know, we'd like to open one up again sometime," chuckles Donald, now 74. It may happen yet — the family has considered opening an outlet in Novi.

But it won't be Tom Sr. running the show. "I'm too busy as it is with my glass business," he declares.

## Officials clear path for center

The proposed Expo Center/Fashion Center and Sheraton Oaks hotel expansion in Novi came another step closer to reality last week.

Specifically, the Novi Planning Board recommended that the city council grant approval to a request from Dallas Market Center to rezone property adjacent to the Sheraton Oaks Hotel to Novi's first-ever Convention Center District. Dallas Market Center is a subsidiary of the Trammell Crow Company of Dallas, Texas.

The board's recommendation will be forwarded to the city council which makes the final decision on zoning changes.

The Convention Center District zoning designation was drafted earlier this year to permit building heights exceeding the city's five-story limit in specific circumstances. Developers of the long-awaited trade center-hotel contend they need the extra height to proceed with the project.

The 30-acre site for the proposed district is a thin strip of land along the I-96 expressway immediately east of Novi Road. The site borders Novi Road to the east, the C&O Railroad line to the west, the Novi Sheraton and West Oaks property to the north and the expressway to the south.

According to Gerald Abel, representing the hotel's interest in the cooperative venture, developers hope to break ground in April and open by fall 1986 or spring 1987.

Abel also informed planning board members that more property is being sought for the project. "We will possibly want to come at some time in the future to expand the district, but it won't affect where the buildings are going to be placed," he said.

Site plans for the project are expected to be submitted to the Novi Planning Board in January. They will provide for a two-section trade and exposition hall containing about 150,000 square feet of floor space in two one-story buildings joined to an eight-story addition to the Sheraton.

The trade-exposition hall is expected to be used primarily by garment buyers and sellers in the Midwest region.

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## Novi Road: Busy, but help is on way

By B.J. MARTIN  
 staff writer

More than any other thoroughfare, appropriately enough, Novi Road symbolizes the changes Novi has experienced since its beginnings. Less than a mile apart alongside Novi Road stand the small old Town Hall building dating back to 1914 and a state-of-the-art regional retail center, Twelve Oaks Mall.

As recently as the 1960s, city residents might not have conceived the amount of visitors and residents who now travel Novi Road. But a look at traffic projections here for the next few years is no less unsettling.

Where They Come From

Discussing Twelve Oaks recently,

Planning Consultant Brandon Rogers said the drawing power of the mall exceeds what would seem to be its natural economic boundaries. Its appealing design and merchandise selection, he noted, draw many people from as far away as Flint and Lansing.

By contrast, Ramco Gershenson's West Oaks Plaza across Novi Road does not add many out-of-towners to the mix of shoppers. Its drawing power is primarily local. Although holiday traffic is often a mess, West Oaks never really threatened to tilt traffic counts way out of balance.

But Ramco Gershenson's West Oaks II is a different story. Of its five major "anchor" store chains, only one has an outlet as close as Southfield: the Toys R Us at



New roadwork is expected to solve Novi Road traffic snarls

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Telegraph and I-696.

The other anchor stores are Kids R Us (a high-volume children's clothing store), Main Street (comparable to a T.J. Maxx clothing store

in merchandise and scale), Builders Square (a large hardware store) and Marshall's (a large department store).

According to an estimate prepared

by traffic consultant Barton-Aschman Associates, Inc., the proposed West Oaks II development will

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## City sets priorities for CDBG monies

Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds totalling over \$100,000 will go into recreation facilities, a bicycle path, home repair programs, parks and recreation administration and a department contingency fund in 1986, following action by the city council last week.

The fund balance includes an estimated federal allotment of \$87,500 for 1986, plus about \$24,000 accumulated over the last three years.

Council unanimously approved the following budgeting proposal submitted by Novi Parks and Recreation Director Thomas O'Bravovic:

- \$24,000 of the pre-1986 funds for site grading, landscaping, fence installation and possible play equipment and walkway construction at Lakeshore Park.
- \$27,000 of the 1986 funds for the same use.
- \$50,000 toward construction of a "safety path" along Decker Road from Thirteen Mile to Fourteen Mile with a possible extension to the shoreline property. The path would connect with the Walled Lake safety path on Decker and Fourteen Mile. The total project is expected to cost between \$120,000-130,000 when finally completed, probably in 1987.
- \$8,000 for administering the Community Development Block Grant Fund program by establishing a more aggressive communication campaign in the low-moderate income service area.
- \$1,500 toward the Parks and Recreation contingency fund, available to cover cost overruns and/or re-programming.
- \$1,000 for minor home repair for a householder who can demonstrate a need for financial assistance. The small amount is designed to supplement Oakland County's Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program and to provide emergency relief to senior citizens, handicapped and low-income households. Another \$5,000 exists in the city's fund balance for the program.

## Area churches set Christmas services

Novi residents will celebrate the birth of the Christ Child at special services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

### NOVI CONGREGATIONAL

A candlelighting service will be held Christmas Eve at 5 p.m. at the Meadowbrook Congregational Church. The church is located at 21335 Meadowbrook between Eight and Nine Mile. A traditional, costumed Nativity pageant and musical program will be given by the church children.

The manger for the pageant was made of remnants from the construction of the church building.

Music will be provided by the children's and the church choirs under the direction of Ray Ferguson at the organ. There will be harp and suspended chime accompaniment. Everyone will be asked to participate in singing a few familiar hymns. At the conclusion, everyone may take part in the candle-lighting recessional.

### HOPE LUTHERAN

Hope Lutheran Church will hold special Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services on December 24 and 25. The church is located at 2820 West Twelve Mile, just east of Haggerty Road, in Farmington Hills.

A Christmas Eve service of carols and candles will be held Tuesday, December 24, at 7:30 p.m. A Christmas Day Festival Eucharist will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

### GOOD SHEPHERD

Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church, located at Nine Mile and Meadowbrook Road in Novi, will celebrate the birth of Christ with special services Christmas Eve at 7 p.m. and Christmas Day at 10 a.m.



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### At the Hilton

The sounds of the season were heard throughout the lobby of the Novi Hilton last Friday when the Novi High School Choir under the direction of Paula Joyner entertained hotel patrons with a performance of holiday carols. In the picture above, Joyner provides accompaniment while choir members gather around the piano in the Novi Hilton lobby. Male members of the choir, dressed in their tuxedos, are shown in the picture at the left.



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### Lending a helping hand

While most people were attempting to wrap up their final Christmas shopping last Friday night and Saturday morning, the Novi Jaycees were embarked on a different mission — making sure that every family in Novi is able to celebrate Christmas. Through their Needy Family Christmas project, the Jaycees provided baskets of food as well as clothing and toys to local families which needed a little

assistance from their friends and neighbors to be able to enjoy the holiday season. Pictured above with some of the food baskets are (left to right) Kathy Norton, Wayne Barz, Janet Markowicz, Terry Mercer and Suzanne Riley. The Jaycees finished preparing the baskets Friday night and then delivered them to needy families on Saturday morning — in plenty of time for Christmas Day.

## Seven cited for 20 years' on job

The Novi school board took time at its annual Employees' Christmas Party last Thursday to honor seven employees who have provided more than 20 years of service to the district.

Superintendent Robert Pivko and Board President Robert Schram thanked each of the employees for their long years of service.

Honored by the school board were the following employees:

**ELEANOR SMITH:** Smith has worked in the Novi Food Service Department for all 20 years that she has been employed by the Novi Community School District. She was hired as a food service assistant in 1966 and served as cafeteria manager in 1970. During her 20 years of service, she has prepared and served food for children in all of the Novi school buildings.

**GWYNETH OSBORN:** Osborn has been transporting children to and from school as a bus driver for the past 20 years. She was hired in 1965 and has

driven children of all ages, not only to school but also on numerous field trips. She has a perfect driving record for all 20 years.

**ELA MILLAN:** McMillan began her career with the Novi Schools in 1965 as a secretary at Novi High School. She moved to administrative offices in 1972 as a receptionist and has been employed in various capacities in board offices ever since. She currently is the district's purchasing agent, working under the supervision of Assistant Superintendent William Barz.

**ANN PRINE:** Prine was hired in 1964 as Title I coordinator at Orchard Hills Elementary School, where she provided remedial instruction to students who fell behind in the regular classroom setting. She held that position for four years until 1968. Since that time, she has been Orchard Hills' reading specialist, teaching a regular classroom and working with the school's gifted and talented students.

**KATHRYN TARTER:** Tarter was hired in 1965 as an elementary teacher at Orchard Hills. She later

moved to Village Oaks Elementary, where she currently is stationed as a second grade teacher.

**JACK JORDAN:** Jordan has had a diversified career with the Novi Schools. He was hired in 1966 as a math teacher at Novi High School, where he remained for one year. He served as a middle school principal during the 1968-69 academic year, then taught middle school math, shop and industrial arts from 1970 to 1977. He returned to the high school as a math teacher in 1978 and continues to serve in that capacity.

**MILAN OBRENOVICH:** Obrenovich was hired in 1965 to teach high school science and biology and remained there until 1972. Sharing duties for both Novi Schools and the City of Novi, he was Community Education/Parks & Recreation director from 1973 to 1978. He returned to the high school in 1979 as an assistant principal and remains in that position today. He also has been a member of the administrative bargaining team for the past several contract years.

## Board turns down apartment zoning

The Novi Planning Board Wednesday declined to recommend approval of a rezoning request which would allow multiple-family (apartment) use in the Woodland Glen Apartments to expand westward on Eight Mile, east of Novi Road.

But the Teklin Corporation, which requested the change of zoning designation from residential-agricultural to multiple-family, may yet win the war.

The Woodland Glen Apartments are currently under construction immediately west of the Country Place Condominiums on the north side of Eight Mile.

Planners based their rejection on the recommendation of Novi Planning Consultant Brandon Rogers, who noted the city Master Plan provided for detached residential housing in the area.

But William Gladden, representing Teklin, told the board that when the Master Plan had been drafted more than five years ago, officials included the 17.75 acres Teklin wanted rezoned in a much larger low-density detached housing tract extending diagonally from Eight Mile (Base Line) and Novi Road to Meadowbrook and Nine Mile.

At that time, planners noted there were houses on the property Teklin now has under option. When it was proposed the larger area be earmarked for multiple-family (apartment) use in the Master Plan, the 17.75 acres was automatically included — even though the site was adjacent to multiple-zoned property to the east and even though long-range studies suggest Eight Mile will be widened enough to accommodate any possible additional traffic strain caused by apartment classification.

"The baby was thrown out with the bathwater," Gladden said.

Rogers argued that Woodland Glen apartments never were meant to be extended westward, and told planners: "If you do recommend rezoning, it does set a precedent for rezoning other property (in conflict with the Master Plan)."

Rogers suggested the property could be re-evaluated if city officials take on the task of re-drafting the Master Plan, as has been discussed recently. But to rezone piecemeal in anticipation of Master Plan changes "could cause some problems," he concluded.

In spite of the board's opposition, Gladden said he would try to persuade Novi City Council to approve the rezoning, probably next month.

## Car seats for rent

Novi parents wishing to rent child car seats can do so through Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills.

Botsford officials noted that injuries to children in automobile accidents have increased 25 percent in Michigan during the past four years due to state legislation which requires that children under the age of four be restrained while riding in an automobile.

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Botsford General Hospital is helping parents to easily afford a car seat and understand the correct way of using it. Through a child restraint education program, parents can rent an infant car seat for \$5 per year with a deposit of \$15 or a toddler seat for \$10 per year with a deposit of \$20.

For an appointment to rent a car seat or obtain more information about the program, parents may call Botsford Community Health Services at 471-8000.

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# Thieves startle woman in home

A Wixom woman almost met a group of thieves face-to-face while she was inspecting her new home on Buckminster. The house is under construction.

## Area Blotters

The woman told police she was alone inside the house when she heard someone attempting to open the locked front door. Moments later she heard the sound of breaking glass and observed that the responsible parties had thrown a small rock through a 3-by-3 foot double-pane glass window in the rear of the house.

valued at \$430.

A resident in the 22000 block of Brookforest in the Village Oaks subdivision reported the theft of a 1985 snowblower from his garage on Saturday, December 14.

The snowblower was valued at approximately \$320.

The theft of a 1985 Pontiac Grand Am was reported by a resident on Pheasant Run.

The man said he parked and locked the vehicle in the lot outside his residence on December 13 at 9 p.m. and discovered it missing the following day at 8:50 a.m.

The incident occurred Friday, December 13, at approximately 10:40 p.m.

Thieves stole more than \$1,800 worth of personal property from a residence in the 23000 block of Novi Road on Monday, December 9.

The complainant told police he left home at 9 p.m. and returned two hours later to discover that unknown individuals had broken out a window on the northwest corner of the house and removed several items of personal property.

Stolen were a set of Spalding golf clubs valued at \$900, a Sears 19-inch color television set valued at \$480 and a JCPenney's videocassette recorder

valued at \$430.

Two bicycles were stolen from the attached garage of a residence in the 42000 block of Park Ridge in the Meadowbrook Glens subdivision. The theft occurred sometime between 2 a.m. on December 14 and 8 p.m. on December 16.

The complainant told police the bicycles had been hanging on hooks inside the garage. The garage door had

been left partially open, reports said. Stolen were a man's 10-speed bicycle and a woman's 10-speed bicycle. Total value of the stolen property was placed at \$300.

An estimated \$700 worth of equipment was stolen from a house under construction in the 46000 block of Nine Mile during the night of December 15-16.

The owner of the new house, a West Bloomfield woman, told police she arrived at the site on December 15 at approximately 8 a.m. and found that unknown individuals had removed the plywood from the front entrance to the home.

Once inside, the responsible parties removed a Dayton propane heater valued at \$300, a Sears one-horsepower air compressor valued at \$400 and an estimated \$100 worth of miscellaneous tools.

A Brighton man and a South Lyon woman attending a party at the Novi Hilton on December 15 were the victims of a "larceny from vehicle."

The Brighton man told police he returned to his 1985 GMC Sierra truck shortly after midnight and discovered that unknown individuals had smashed out the driver's side window.

A Canton man reported the theft of a Bell Vector radar detector from his car while it was parked briefly outside a residence in the 4000 block of North Hills Drive on December 17.

The man said he parked the 1981 Mercury Lincoln Mark VI outside the residence for approximately 30 minutes. During that time, the responsible party smashed out the driver's side window and removed the radar detector. Stolen property was valued at \$179.

After gaining access, the responsible parties removed an Escort radar detector which had been attached to the windshield with a suction cup. In addition, the thieves removed the lady's purse which contained some \$500 in cash as well as rings, credit cards and personal identification items.

Also stolen in the incident were two wedding rings and a high school ring.

An estimated \$600 worth of personal property was stolen from a 1984 Chevrolet Cavalier while it was parked outside the owner's home in the 41000 block of Park Ridge in the Meadowbrook Glens subdivision.

The owner told police he parked the car on December 15 at 8:30 p.m. and returned the following morning at 6:30 a.m. to find that someone had entered the vehicle.

Stolen were a Ford Electric AM/FM stereo cassette and two Dolby speakers that had been mounted under the dashboard.

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# Novi News Briefs

**HOLLY HILLS** Professional Village, a one-story office building to be located on Ten Mile west of Haggerty, is on track for construction next year, following the Novi Planning Board's unanimous approval of preliminary site plans last Wednesday.

The approval is contingent on developer Mord Friedman obtaining a zoning board variance allowing him to continue a screening wall made of the same material as on neighboring parcels Friedman controls. The board recommended the ZBA approve the variance.

**ATTENTION, PARENTS:** If you're wondering when your children in the Novi Community Schools return to classes, the magic date is Monday, January 6.

**NOVI CITY OFFICES** will be closed all day tomorrow (Christmas Day) as well as New Year's Eve and New Year's Day—Tuesday, December 31; and Wednesday, January 1, 1986.

**NOVI HIGH SCHOOL** administrators are encouraging parents to attend the next Parent Advisory Council meeting scheduled Thursday, January 30, at 7:30 p.m.

Agenda for the meeting includes a review of the Students Smoking Policy and the General Building Smoking Policy, plans for student course selection and orientation for the 1986-87 school year and a special presentation by Dr. Eric Gordon, consultant from the Oakland County Intermediate School District, on "Preparing for the ACT."

All parents are encouraged to attend, including those with eighth graders heading to the high school next year.

**THE NOVI ROTARY CLUB** will join forces with the Novi Hilton to make Christmas a little happier for some area children this year. A group of children from the Sarah Fisher Home in Farmington Hills and The Christ Child House in Detroit will be the guests of the Novi Hilton at their Christmas Day buffet in the Grand Ballroom on December 25.

Gifts for the children will be given as a gesture of good will by the Novi Hilton in conjunction with the Novi Rotary Club.

Hilton Sales Manager Lisa Eilan notes that the Christmas Day buffet will be available to the general public from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on December 25.

# Downtown project is on its way

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"It speaks to our number one concern which has been brought out—longevity. It should endure beyond the (initial) tenant mix," Barrett said of the project plan.

Trammell Crow Architect Fred Goebel added the site would provide a location for passive and active use, functioning as a city infrastructure.

"It can be used for anything from the start of a Fourth of July parade to a crafts fair," he said. "It will function as a public realm of space at the corner."

Several planning board members expressed concern with traffic flow to and from the project, but agreed to review traffic details at the time of site plan review, probably in January.

According to Barrett, the site plans will "closely resemble" the project plans. "Our goal is for a groundbreaking in March and to open by November, 1986," he said.

Barrett said he would not reveal the names of businesses who are negotiating with Trammell Crow as potential tenants for the development firm's buildings. In fact, Barrett did not want to specify the general use for each of the buildings contained in the project plan.

Trammell Crow representatives had been scheduled to request rezoning for a development northwest of the Novi Road-Twelve Mile intersection at last Wednesday's planning board meeting. Instead, the firm plans to submit its rezoning request at the same time as site plans for the project, probably at a special board meeting January 8.

# Loans up in Oakland

**PONTIAC** — Oakland County Executive Daniel J. Murphy has announced that the county's Local Development Company (LDC) was ranked third in loan activity among the 552 LDCs in the nation.

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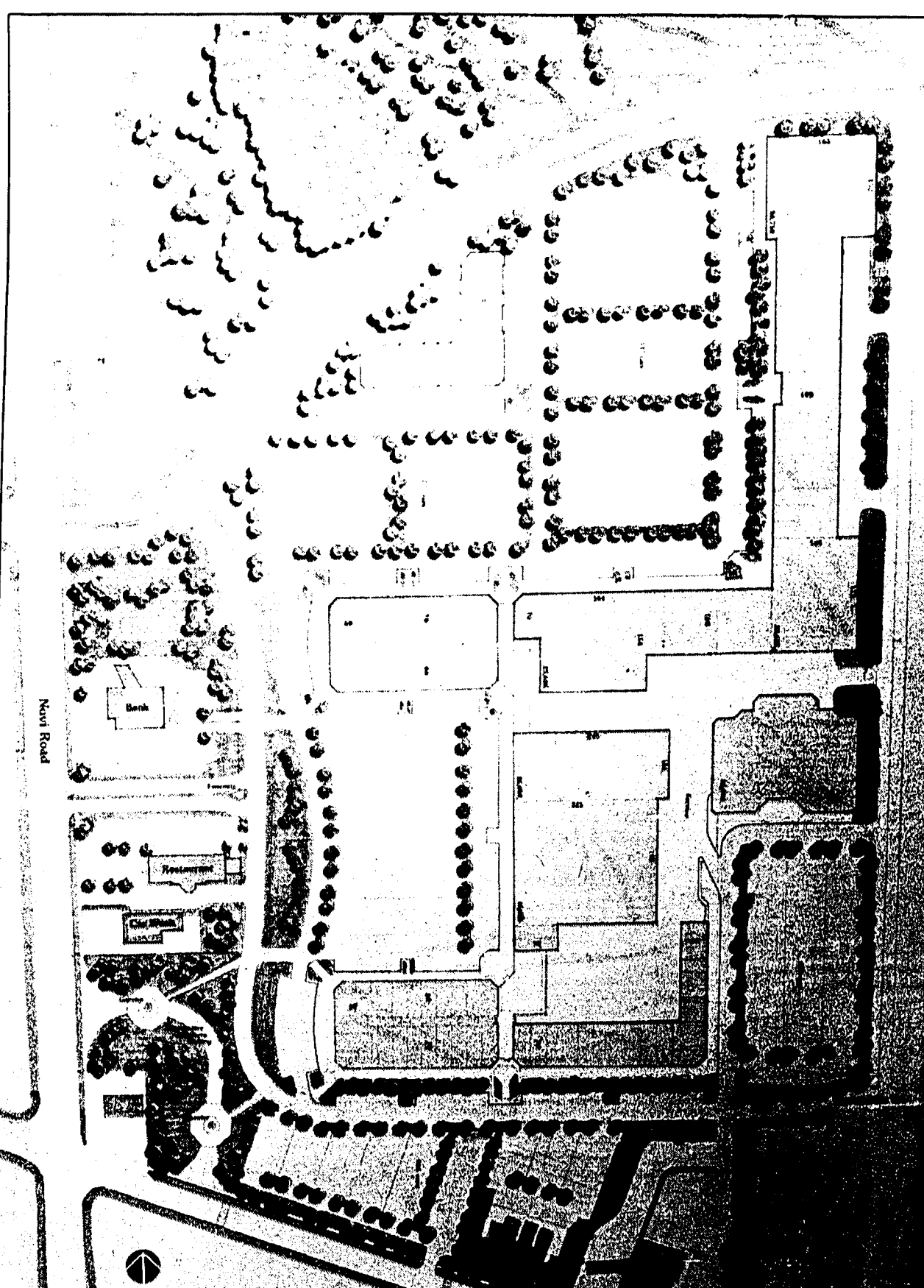
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Trammell Crow representatives unveiled plans for 51 acres of commercial development on the northwest corner of the Novi Road/Grand River intersection at a special joint session of the Novi City Council and Novi Planning Board last week. The Dallas, Texas-based company ultimately plans to develop some 100 acres in Novi's Town Center area.

# Market rising fast for rental housing

Despite the uncertainty of tax reform legislation, apartment owners, developers and financiers are bullish on real estate investments.

"The rental situation has reached a crisis stage because of the shortage of units in the Detroit area," said Ed Fenton, president of Cadroy Management and the Apartment Association of Michigan, at a recent seminar at the Southfield Hills Troy and Rochester.

"My forecast is that there will be an acceleration in construction of apartment dwellings with modern projects providing almost resort living — tennis courts, swimming pools, clubhouses and well-maintained buildings and grounds.

Mark Weideman of the Craig Hall Real Estate Group said he's seeing a rush to the marketplace and a large number of real estate investment transactions.

"Who knows what tax bills will pass?" he asked. "It's an exciting financial market. Syndication is alive and well, and business is good but difficult."

"The most important words in real estate used to be location, location, location. Then it was economics, economics. Now it's write off, write off, write off."

Eric Lutz of Eric Lutz, Inc., said 1985 is the year of Detroit. Last year the Tigers won the World Series. This year developers are swinging the bats, he said.

"There's an epidemic of apartments spreading from Detroit's riverfront to the center of Southfield," he observed. "Investors have heaps of opportunities to sit through and make large profits."

According to Tom Trimble of Consolidated Capital, Michigan is one of the better real estate investment markets. The local market isn't set for a big turnaround, he predicted.

Tuck Brubaker of Mutual Service Corporation said real estate investment syndicates are the fastest growing and most dynamic part of the real estate business. Private and public sector activity in this area is increasing, he said.

"Nobody knows which if any tax reforms will be passed," said Neil Sosin of Northern Equity Group. "The uncertainty caused a slowdown in investments in the first few months of the year, but in the last four months, we've seen a push to beat the possible January 1 tax shelter deadline."

Special interest groups are jumping into tax reform considerations, Sosin said.

"Democrats don't want to be caught with Republicans saying the Dems killed the great tax reform," he said.

The attitude on Wall Street has completely turned around," Sosin said.

"Perception is the king. It's not that apartment development is hotter or colder, but in the last two years the demand has outstripped supply.

"Wall Street isn't laughing anymore about property in Southfield, Novi, Farmington Hills, Troy and Rochester. EDS and GM employees are leasing offices and renting apartments. The rust belt is going to have its day again."

Weideman said sellers are rushing to the marketplace and real estate brokers are asking how to structure deals, how much inventory exists for syndication and what the new tax laws will do.

"Good economics make good real estate deals and when you're marketing property you must be sensitive to changes in structure," he said.

"New affiliates are holding mortgages on employee's properties. Foreign companies are investing in pension funds. Mortgage backed securities are expanding to the commercial and apartment market."

Real estate syndicates will be alive next year, but the ranks will dwindle, Weideman predicted. The middle-sized players will disappear. Broker-dealers will have to beef up diligence and the institutional marketplace will be more active if new tax laws are detrimental to the individual investor, he said.

"Investors like instant gratification," Weideman continued. "You should be looking for patient money with 10-year financing when you sell to syndicates."

"Michigan is at or near the top of the cycle and it's a good time to sell. There will be excellent opportunities for acquisition in 1986."

The local market is ready for good, long-term growth, Trimble maintained. Automobile companies are bringing in employees who pay apartment rents no one thought was possible, he said.

"The syndication business is ever-changing," he said. "Investors are looking at the overall rate of return after taxes, cash flow, equity buildup, appreciation potential and tax benefits.

"These benefits won't disappear, and changes in tax laws won't be as dramatic as everyone fears. Investors are enticed by tax benefits, but they're also looking for a high rate of return. The small guy is more concerned about tax changes."

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## Cable Listings

The Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission has announced next week's programming schedule on Channel 12, the community access branch of the MetroVision System which serves Novi, Farmington and Farmington Hills.

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

Noon — Handel's Messiah: First Presbyterian Church  
1 p.m. — Alcohol Enforcement Team: Documentary on drinking and driving  
1:30 p.m. — Wayward Son  
2 p.m. — Novi Schools Orchard Hills Christmas Carols  
2:30 p.m. — Ready, Steady, Go Video Show  
3 p.m. — Back Porch Video  
6 p.m. — Handel's Messiah: First Presbyterian Church  
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3 p.m. — Back Porch Video  
6 p.m. — New Year's Eve: No programming

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

New Year's Day — No programming

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

Noon — Perceptions: Northwest Guidance Clinic  
12:30 p.m. — Novi Community News  
1:10 p.m. — Who Will Sound the Alarm: Internal Revenue Service  
2 p.m. — Viewpoint  
2:20 p.m. — Insight  
2:30 p.m. — Community Upbeat  
3 p.m. — In One Ear  
3:30 p.m. — Due Process: Domestic violence

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

4-9 p.m. — Call 553-7303 to request that your favorite program be re-cablecast in this time slot.

## Area Briefs

**A GROUP OF ONLY 15** Farmington Hills residents turned out to picket the Keiko Health Spa on Nine Mile on Saturday, December 14. The picket was organized by a group calling itself "Citizens for a Decent Community" to protest alleged prostitution activities.

Sharon Chilson, president of the two-month-old organization, was unhappy that more protestors did not attend. She said members of 60 area church groups contacted prior to the picketing did not show up. "Everybody who lives here should be out here walking with us," she said. Keiko is one of five Oriental health spas suspected of offering illegal sexual activity. All five spas were raided by Farmington Hills police October 7-8. Sixteen women and one man were charged with illegal sexual activity after the police raids. The suspects are awaiting trial in 47th District Court in Farmington.

**THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN,** not Birmingham, is the richest town in Michigan.

Billed as "the town that time forgot," Franklin was thrust into the spotlight recently when a national newspaper published figures showing the village's ZIP code ranks fifth in the nation in average household income. The study done by Market Survey identified areas by ZIP code and found the 50 wealthiest in the United States.

Franklin (48025) placed fifth with an average income of \$101,741. Bloomfield Hills and most of Bloomfield Township (48015) was 25th on the list at \$94,289. A southern portion of Bloomfield Township, Bingham Farms and part of Beverly Hills Hills (48010) was 40th in the dollar derby with an average income of \$78,249 per household.

**THERE'S GOOD AND BAD NEWS** in the area of crime in the City of Southfield. The good news is a 31 percent drop in residential burglaries during the first 10 months of the year compared to the same 1984 period. The bad news is that Southfield, with more easy access to freeways than any other Oakland County community, continues to suffer a repeated pattern of robberies and commercial break-ins.

Robberies, most of them armed, rose 13 percent from 205 cases through October 1984 to 232 in the first 10 months of 1985. Police reports show that a number of robberies occur during the night or in the early morning hours and on weekends. Frequent targets are service stations, party stores, fast-food outlets and customers at bank machines near expressways.



## Neither rain nor sleet . . .

What's busier than Santa's workshop this time of year? The post office, that's what. Novi Postmaster James Asher said Monday that mail volume is up 22 percent over last year, while revenues during the holiday season are up 25 to 28 percent over 1984. In the picture at the top, clerks Mugsy Fleming and Susan McCormick sort through stacks of air mail packages. In the picture on the right, Clerk Ruth Bingham watches William Love empty the mailbox in front of the post office on one of seven trips last Thursday. And in the picture directly above, Chuck Hesse, Gordy Otto and Gary Falk form a production line to help place stamps on Hasse's Christmas cards. Postmaster Asher said all letters and packages will be delivered by Christmas Day. "We're current on all mailings," he said.

## Northville project may be no-go

By JEAN DAVY editor

**NORTHVILLE** — The property on the southwest corner of Main and Center Streets in downtown Northville went back on the market a week ago Monday (December 16) — just over 10 months after its owners, known as the Ten Grand Club, had accepted an option to purchase by downtown businessmen Paul N. Hoffmann and John R. Standish.

Hoffmann and Standish last April announced they had formed a partnership, The 108 Group, to develop the site as a six-story complex of "shops, offices, a restaurant and residential living environments" to be known as 100 Center Street. Subsequent to the announcement, plans for 100 Center Street, drawn up by Northville architect Walter Oppen, had received all the necessary municipal approvals and were hailed by many downtown business owners.

What happened to the development that had appeared to be going ahead without a hitch?

According to A.M. Allen and Philip Ogilvie, spokesmen for the nine members of Ten Grand, the end of Hoffmann's dream for the center of town came after a meeting at 10 a.m. December 14 with Hoffmann and his attorney in Allen's office.

"The bottom line was that he needed more time (to raise funds to exercise the option)," Allen said. "Noting that Hoffmann had stated repeatedly that 'money is no problem,'" Allen said that the Ten Grand members decided not to extend the option since Hoffmann did not raise the required \$50,000. The purchase price, Allen and Ogilvie indicated, is "in excess of \$500,000."

The men reported they then received a call from Hoffmann's attorney December 16 in which he stated that Hoffmann "hasn't got the money and it looks like he can't get it. His investors have disappeared."

When contacted last week, Hoffmann said, on advice of his attorney, he had no comment. "We do not blame John Standish at all," Allen added, revealing that Standish "is attempting to pick up the pieces and would like to continue the project."

Ogilvie explained that the Ten Grand group made the decision not to extend the time on the basis of the fact that Hoffmann all along, he said, had indicated he was in a hurry to get the approval of the liquor license transfer and would be starting as soon as it was granted.

For that reason, he said, the group had gone along with Hoffmann's request not to have the bowling lanes open this fall.

"If we give 60-90 days more without any money coming in," Ogilvie said, "we're basically losing as there's no income (from bowling leagues) to carry the investment."

Allen added that he thinks "it's a disappointment to the community for what it would do for the tax base."

"We feel Northville is ready (for such a complex) — we could sell the building (bowling alley) today, but that's not what the city needs. We want to develop property."

In announcing the failure of Hoffmann to complete the purchase arrangement, Allen and Ogilvie detailed the group's involvement since February 8 of this year with Hoffmann's plan.

The initial offer came from Dari-Noor Investment Corporation, agent for a partnership to be formed by Hoffmann and Standish, on February 8.

"The terms were agreeable (to the Ten Grand group) and we accepted the offer," Ogilvie said. The agreement subsequently was assigned to the 108 Group.

"It was a real hurry-up deal giving a 90-day option for them to decide whether to go ahead," they recalled.

"They did decide to go ahead. The actual purchase agreement was for buying the cocktail lounge (which includes the liquor license) and buying the bowling alley. We were told the way to do it was to break the purchase up this way."

August 6 two agreements were made, one for the alley and the other for the cocktail lounge including the license.

Ogilvie and Allen emphasized that each agreement was contingent on the other closing — subject to approval of the transfer of the liquor license with the requirement that closing be 30 days after the approval of the transfer.

After arrangements were made in August, Hoffmann, they said, informed them he had bought out Standish and was the sole stockholder.

"However, he said he had investors who were going to come in and put up funds," they said they were assured.

Therefore, Ogilvie explained, the license was "filled out to Paul N. Hoffmann as an individual."

In early November they were notified the liquor transfer was approved and placed in escrow in the fact that Hoffmann all along, he said, had indicated he was in a hurry to get the approval of the liquor license transfer and would be starting as soon as it was granted.

Ogilvie said. "Then Mr. Hoffman came back to us and said he was having a 'little problem' in getting all the money together and asked if we would take a land contract."

"We said 'yes' with half down and basically one year on balance but we must close on or before December 15," Ogilvie recalled.

Dave Owens of Schweitzer Real Estate Inc. in Plymouth and Stan Torma of Stanley Realty and Management Inc. of Novi were Realtors handling the sale.

"Owens went ahead and got the title work ready," Ogilvie said Friday. "He called on Friday the 13th to confirm that he (Hoffmann) would be ready to close Monday. Hoffmann then told him to talk to his attorney (Alan Gagliardi in Troy)."

Both Allen and Ogilvie expressed their displeasure that Ten Grand had allowed the closing of the bowling alley in view of what has occurred.

"We closed our business, which was paying its way although he (Hoffmann) was advised not to do so as it would be a means of carrying the property (until it was developed)."

Ten Grand group is composed of Allen, Ogilvie, Stan Johnston, Donald DiComo, Ervin Kamp, William Fenkel, John M. Miller, Linwood Snow Jr. and Robert Hodson.

Ogilvie and Allen acknowledged that Hoffmann had spent a great deal of money as he had a complete architectural plan for property which has been approved by the Downtown Development Authority. A scale model had been constructed and test borings done on the site.

Allen said Ten Grand had no indication that Hoffmann was not going to have financing, recalling that when he (Hoffmann) was present at Northville Rotary in early summer to explain the project he was asked if he were interested in having other investors.

Allen said the reply was, "Not really, I've got it all set to go."

Noting that Ten Grand has employed a broker to lease the property, Allen added, "We are exploring people who have expressed an interest before."

"He and Ogilvie emphasized that they were holding both the property on the southwest corner and the piece across the street (adjacent to the parking deck) in the interest of having it developed properly."

"If it's developed fully, they're going to need the other piece as a construction storage yard," Allen explained.

"Hopefully, Standish will go ahead — that would be the practical way to go."



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## As We See It

### Regional agency needed on traffic

While Michigan's economic health seems to be returning, it's important that state officials and residents keep in mind some of the lessons from its hardships during the late '70s and early '80s. One of the most important of those lessons is that in order to compete with the Sun Belt for businesses and jobs, the State of Michigan must be alert to ways to make the state a convenient place to develop.

But there are far more significant failures of Michigan transportation policy than traffic jams on Haggerty. Among them are the lack of a regional commuter transit system for the City of Detroit and its suburbs, and the poor planning behind the original construction of I-696 — and the failure to complete I-275 for many of the same reasons.

So how could these situations have been avoided? How are people in Pontiac and Lansing — let alone Washington, D.C. — supposed to act on the needs of people here? We suggest some problems would be effectively handled by an independent regional road transportation authority appointed by the state and legally empowered to dictate where and when road improvements should take place.

For example, if Commerce Township is unwilling to share with the City of Novi the cost of some municipally-financed improvements to Haggerty (when much of the township's commuter traffic uses the road) a regional authority could step in and require Commerce to assume a fair share of responsibility. That would certainly give quicker results than waiting for the county to make the improvements because the two sides couldn't reach an agreement.

An empowered independent regional authority covering Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties might have been able to direct an urban transit system for the Detroit metro area that power struggles and squabbles among Detroit and suburban officials have so far thwarted. There is no question not only the City of Detroit, but its suburbs as well would be much better off today if an independent regional authority had created a comprehensive commuter system.

Financing for improvements could be handled in the same manner. The difference would be that the regional authority could direct municipal or county governments the amount they must contribute. The regional authority would also be able to present to the state a stronger, unified regional plan with specific data to justify state and federal funding.

The state and county must recognize emerging commercial/residential areas where state and local revenues can be boosted in the long run with some short-run tactics. Creation of an independent regional transportation authority with some clout might be a good place to start.

Emergency Food Program ... Novi Rotary hosting its annual Christmas luncheon for the city's senior citizens ... Middle School South students collecting food for needy people ... the Novi Goodfellows and the Novi Jaycees with their annual Needy Family Christmas project, and, of course, many others.

## A time for giving

Much is written about the negative aspects of the Christmas season — the rampant commercialism and the sophisticated advertising pitches of Madison Avenue-types attempting to convince youngsters that they must have a particular toy, for example.

But there's also a very nice side to the holiday season — people taking time away from their own interests to provide assistance to those who need a little help at Christmas time.

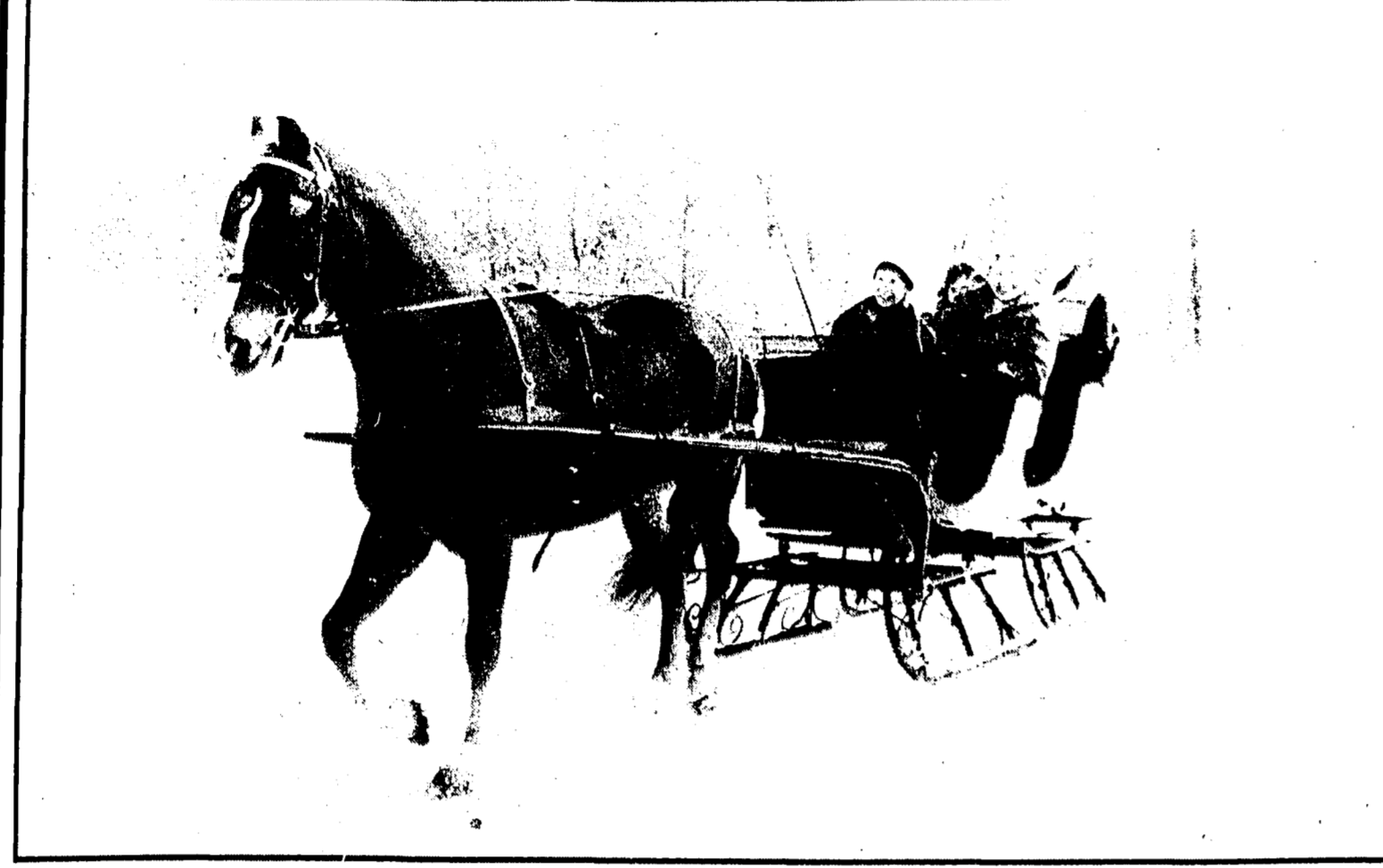
Cub Scout Packs on scavenger hunts to collect food for the Novi

Yes, there is a lot of commercialism associated with Christmas. But there are a lot of good things, too. As the holiday looms just hours ahead, it's nice to note that the nice things about Christmas are also still very much alive.

## Letters welcome

The Novi News welcomes Letters to the Editor. We ask, however, that they be issue oriented, confined to 500 words and that they contain the signature, address and telephone number of the writer. Names will be withheld on request, but a brief explanation of why the request is being made should accompany the letter. Deadline for submission is 3:30 Monday p.m. We reserve the right to edit letters for brevity, clarity and style.

## Have a happy holiday . . .



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## Cinnamon rolls were holiday treat

I was sitting at my VDT late Sunday night, trying to recall all the things that were special about the holidays to me and my family. That's when I remembered our special Christmas morning breakfast.

My mother was a great one for traditions. The Jerome family probably had more "traditions" than any other family around. We still observe many of the traditions she started many years ago. But there's one we haven't been able to carry on.

The problem is that this particular tradition involves a certain recipe, and none of us knows where to find it. Back when we were kids, my mother always made cinnamon rolls for breakfast on Christmas morning.

If we weren't already up by six o'clock, she'd wake us up. Make us stand at the top of the stairs until she and dad turned on the Christmas tree lights. Then gave us the word to come down and start opening our presents.

After all the presents were open, she would head for the kitchen to bake the cinnamon rolls. They were great, too. Nice big rolls, filled with cinnamon and raisins. A thin layer of frosting

spooned over the top. Geez, we loved those rolls. And she only made them Christmas morning. Those rolls were as much a part of Christmas as going to church or being a shepherd in the Sunday school play.

My brothers and sisters and I were sitting around last Christmas talking about those rolls. How nice it would be to have them once again . . . if only we knew the recipe.

My sister Jane recalled that the recipe used to be on the old Bisquick box. But that's all we know about it, except, of course, for the cinnamon, raisins and frosting.

What I was wondering was this: Does anyone remember that recipe? Does anyone still have that recipe? Could somebody send it to me if they do?

By brother Johnny and his wife have flown in from Washington with their new baby this year, so the Jerome family is going to be all together again. And I was thinking it would be awfully nice if we had that recipe.

So if anyone has it, please mail it to me. We'll have a wonderful Christmas even without the cinnamon rolls, of course. But it would be great to have them once again.

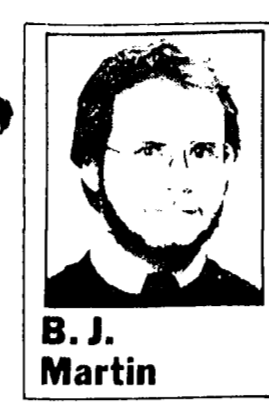
## In sight

By Steve Fecht



Ho, ho, ho

## Optional reading is about carols



B. J. Martin

Hi. Thanks for looking in, but everybody's excused from reading my column this week.

Maybe you were looking for an ad. They're at the bottom of the page. You're welcome. Merry Christmas.

Still here, eh? All right, let me try to give my Christmas column a push start.

All told, there are more things I like about Christmas than things I dislike. Reunions of friends and family. Cards. How *The Grinch Stole Christmas*.

But possibly my favorite thing about the season is the music, despite the best efforts of many to trivialize it. Flipping around the TV dial the other night, I was riveted by *The Twelve Days of Christmas* as performed by the Solid Gold Dancers. In this little number, the lead male dancer pranced around opening big packages, each containing a leggy female

dancer in a spangly red-and-green leotard. How Christmas-y. I couldn't wait to see what they did with *O Holy Night*.

Still, driving along and picking up on the AM radio Nat King Cole doing *The Christmas Song* or John and Yoko doing *Happy Christmas (War Is Over)* is kind of redemptive.

The reason I mention those two songs is that I think they're as durable as the "classic" carols of old. I don't know if Mel Torme knew he'd struck a deeper chord than the jazzy ones in the middle of *The Christmas Song* when he hymned "Jack Frost nipping at your nose" and "folks dressed up like Eskimos." But what he did was find a modern musical context for the holiday spirit as valid in its way as *The Wassail Song* or *Jingle Bells*.

*Happy Christmas* is probably rock and roll's best gift to the holiday tradition. *Jingle Bell Rock* notwithstanding. It has the kind of melody and words you can picture a third-grade class singing at a holiday pageant 20 years from now.

I'm impressed with the lasting musical quality of many of the older carols. I like the

## Be careful at table for holiday feasts

With holiday celebrations in full swing, many of us find ourselves at parties that feature foods and beverages high in fat, cholesterol and calories.

"You don't have to give up your heart-healthy eating habit," says Albert Sparrow, M.D., president of the American Heart Association of Michigan.

"One of the biggest downsides during the holiday season is cocktail parties," Sparrow said. "Whether you're at an office party, a neighborhood open house or a family reunion, the refreshments tend to consist of high-calorie snacks and alcoholic beverages."

Sparrow offered these tips for surviving holiday parties:

1. Instead of high-fat finger foods like cheeses or butter cookies, and highly-salted munchies like nuts and chips, treat yourself to fresh vegetables and fruit. Another good tip that will help you avoid overindulging at parties is to move away from the refreshment table.

2. As for alcoholic beverages, don't use the holiday season as an excuse to overdo — not only is alcohol high in calories, but it can present an even more serious and immediate risk when you mix drinking with driving. If you do want to enjoy a drink, limit the amount of alcohol and don't drive if you have been drinking.

3. When your family gets together to create a festive assortment of cookies, consider using recipes from the American Heart Association Cookbook. It features several cookie recipes that take a low cholesterol diet into consideration. You'll find these goodies a great treat to share with family and friends.

4. Make a new year's resolution to adopt an eating plan that's low in fat and cholesterol. Your local office of the Heart Association has free information on heart-healthy eating.

"Don't let the holidays become an excuse to let your exercise program fall by the wayside," Sparrow said. "Include exercise with your socializing. Schedule a date with friends for a walk or run. Go ice skating with the family or enjoy down-hill or cross-country skiing. Enjoy and have a healthy and safe season."

For more information on eating heart-healthy meals, contact your local office of the American Heart Association of Michigan, a United Way Agency.

## Novi Road: Busy, but help is on way

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generate 625 new inbound trips and 665 outbound trips to the road system during peak hours.

A look at the communities immediately east and far to the north, west and south of Novi shows no community's commercial district offering the sort of volume and selection encountered in what will be central Novi.

Add to that traffic generated by the trade center-hotel expansion (about 500 trips in and out between 7:30-8:30 a.m. and slightly less from 4:30-5:30 p.m.)

Add to that development of the Town Center immediately to the south of all that activity — an outdoor, pedestrian-oriented business-office-retail store district — and it begins to look as if the traffic problem in central Novi will be insurmountable.

That sort of regional commercial appeal has been on Novi's agenda for years. It's not a surprise. But when much of the groundwork for it was laid — the late 1970s to early 1980s — the city's growth was affected by a national building recession that in particular slowed Michigan's new business climate to a crawl. At that time, the vision of Novi's economic potential seemed remote enough for it to be unthought of.

In spite of the present, unexpectedly high-growth rate, Novi has a surprisingly well-organized plan to accommodate the extra traffic — at least on Novi Road. Much of that plan should become reality in 1986. If it doesn't, then there may be cause to worry.

Other improvements expected to ease the traffic load on Novi Road include the expansion of West Oaks Drive to five lanes and elimination of driveways to Art Van and Fretter Appliances which now face Novi Road.

Access to Art Van and Fretter would be via a service drive running parallel to Novi Road extending from West Oaks Drive north to an east-west road directly across from the northernmost Novi Road entrance to

Twelve Oaks Mall.

Further in the future according to the Barton-Aschman Associates report are four improvements in various stages of the planning process which would reduce reliance on Novi Road by through (local resident) traffic: The extension of Decker Road from Twelve Mile to Thirteen Mile and ultimately to Meadowbrook; the extension of Tall Road north of Grand River to cross I-96 and tie into West Road; the upgrading of Haggerty Road with an interchange at I-96/I-275; and the upgrading of Twelve Mile from Haggerty Road to Beck Road.

This concludes *The Novi News'* three-part series on traffic in the City of Novi. Additional developments are expected to be forthcoming in upcoming weeks, including the announcement of a proposal for a Haggerty Road interchange, plus a review of the city's road improvement funding policy.

Novi Road: Solutions

Already some of the roadwork that will relieve the traffic strain on Novi Road is visible. Most of the traffic tie-ups stem from one problem in particular: drivers coming off the expressway and turning left into West

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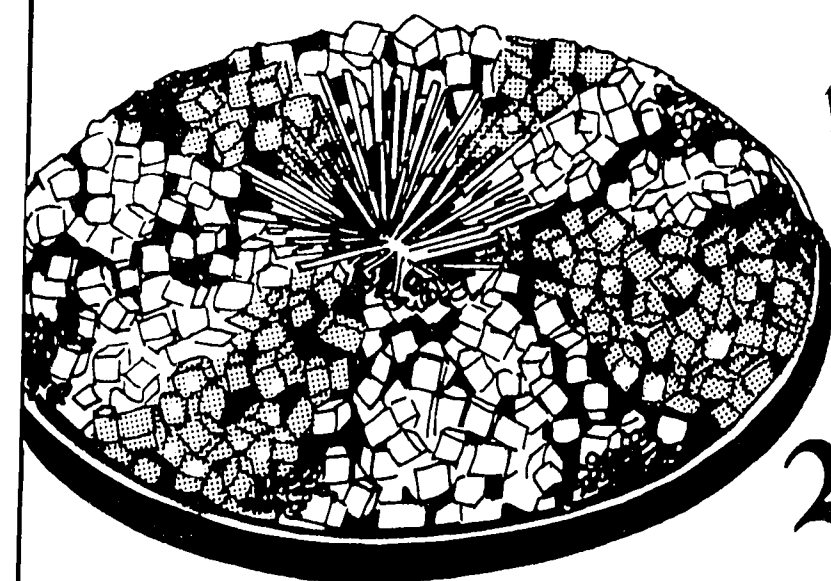
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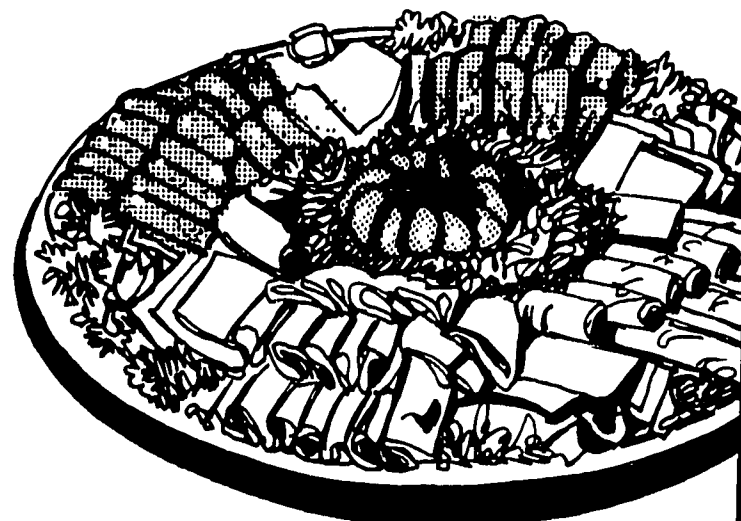
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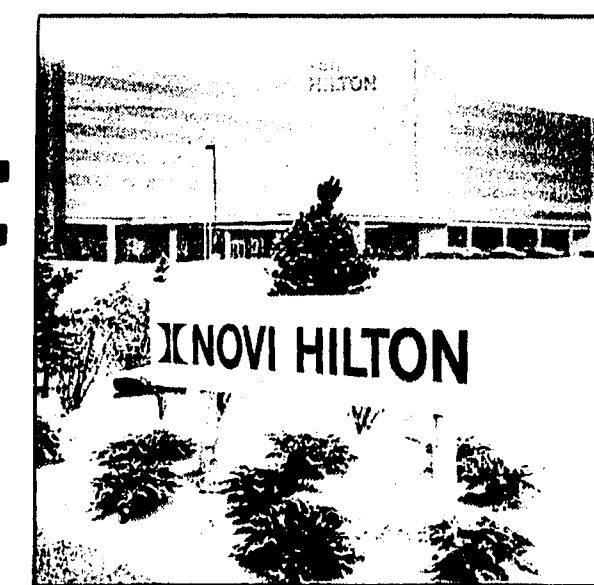
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## Home, Sweet HILTON



By Ann Chowdhury

For the Seiberts, room service, gourmet food, and elevators are a way of life



Gerhard Seibert is motoring along Interstate 275 with his four-year-old son Jonathan. As the silvery exterior of the six-story Novi Hilton comes into view, Jonathan cries, "Look Daddy, there's our house!" Jonathan is not at all impressed with the size and appearance of the Hilton, though. He's just glad to be home.

Indeed, Gerhard, general manager of the Novi Hilton, his wife Kathryn, his eight-year-old son Matthew and young Jonathan quite accurately call the Hilton "home."

Their luxurious two-bedroom apartment in the hotel is presently dominated by a huge Christmas tree, decorated in the traditional old-fashioned style, a sharp contrast to the sophisticated tree with pink bows in the main lobby.

Just like other children, the two boys have been wondering what is in the parcels under the tree and can't wait for Christmas Day.

Some things in the Seibert family will be different on Christmas Day than in many homes, however. For one thing, nobody will have to cook. There will be a choice between the Christmas buffet in the hotel restaurant or room service.

In fact the best thing about "living in," Kathryn says, is that when coming home tired after a day out, no one has to cook dinner. "We just go down to the coffee shop, and if the boys don't want the same thing to eat, they order what they want and we come back to a clean kitchen," she explains.

The Hilton Hotel Corporation requires general managers to live in the corporate hotels.

"I personally find it an advantage because I'm somewhat of a workaholic," Gerhard admits. "If I didn't live in, I would probably spend 12 to 14 hours on the job and then go home and have very little time with the family.

"By living in I can spend eight to 10 hours on the job, then go home for an hour, and on Saturday and Sunday mornings easily pop into the office and do some more work, which I probably wouldn't do if I lived 20 or 30 miles away," he says.

He also enjoys not having to worry about icy roads or traffic jams on the way to work.

Even though the family lives in the hotel, Seibert claims he can separate work from home life. "I do get away from it in the sense that when I'm at home I feel at home."

"I have enough supervisory staff to whom I delegate enough authority that they can settle most problems. Of course, if it's something serious, they call me and I am there."

He finds it helpful that Kathryn, whom he met in college after his 3 1/2 years in the Army, also trained in hotel management.

"She understands the hours I work and that's very important. It's rare we discuss anything about the hotel at home. Like other couples we talk about the kids and watch some TV," he said.

Gerhard says he wouldn't change his career for anything in the world.

"I enjoy the people contact and the service environment. I also enjoy the flair that goes with a hotel," he says. "Most of the time a hotel manager is looked on as asset to the community. I enjoy that."

As a result of living in the hotel the Seibert children are well-behaved in restaurants, confident beyond their years, and not only capable of ordering their own meals but aware of any mistakes in table settings.

But Seibert concedes he sometimes worries a little about what will happen to the children's sense of values.



A Day In The Life. High-Rise Style. Clockwise from top: The Seibert home draped in holiday white; Kathryn, Gerhard, Jonathan and Matthew debate dinner plans; the Seiberts' little-used kitchen gets a test run; and dinner as usual at the Orchard Cafe with waitress Janice Chapaki.

"Things are so easily accessible to them," he says. "Not many children eat in a restaurant as often as they do, or have a pool, sauna and exercise room available."

"One time, Jonathan wanted something and I told him I didn't have enough money. So he replied, 'Well, just go to the front desk and cash a check, Daddy.'"

On another occasion, they were out of ice cream in the apartment when one of the boys called room service. That's strictly against the rules now.

"Though the boys have many advantages, they are also expected to behave responsibly. They are polite to the staff and to guests and have to follow quite a strict dress code."

There is no going through the hotel and lobby in their "grubbies," even if on the way to the beach. They have to change into play clothes when they arrive at their destination and clean up before they come home, or sneak in the back door.

It's harder for them to make friends, too, because there are no neighbors' children into whose homes they can run in and out.

To compensate for this, Kathryn sometimes brings their school friends home in the car, and they are allowed to use the pool and have a snack in the coffee shop.

What the Seibert boys take for granted, their friends consider a great treat.

According to Seibert, one thing his children never seem to consider old hat is pushing elevator buttons, however much of it they do.

The elevators give plenty of scope for their imagina-

tions, even though they are not allowed to go in them alone. Recently they shared an elevator with some businessmen who asked the well-dressed children who they were.

"That's Spike and I'm Sneaker," Jonathan replied without hesitation.

"What funny names!" Kathryn heard one man say to his companion as the elevator doors closed behind them. The boys thought it a great joke and have used the names for each other ever since.

They have learned a lot through hotel life, too. Matthew has lived in seven states and both boys know the names of all the states in the U.S.

Most weekends the boys tour the hotel with their father and learn about the machinery most children never see: the behind-the-scenes things like elevator pulleys, huge water heaters and furnaces, the internal telephone system workings and all the laundry and cooking equipment.

Matthew looks forward to the time he will be strong enough to be a bell man and carry the luggage. He wanted to try when they first moved in, and when his father told him he would need more muscles he replied he would tell the guests he felt a little weak that day so maybe they could help him.

Jonathan wants to be a general manager like his dad because then all he would do is "walk around and look at things."

Kathryn acknowledges she enjoys the benefits most homemakers would envy — limited cooking, a bell man

to carry to the apartment what few groceries she buys, valet and laundry services, and the use of guest rooms for family visitors during less busy times (imagine having someone else to wash the guests' bedding and towels, clean their bathroom and cook and serve their meals).

But it's not easy to keep two energetic and outgoing boys as closely supervised as hers have to be under their special living conditions.

Every time they leave the apartment one of their parents has to be with them, because for the comfort of the guests the Seiberts do not allow the boys the run of the hotel.

Kathryn even has to go out to the school bus with them because there is no safe place for it to stop on the road outside the hotel, and it cannot use flashing lights on private property.

It would be hard to imagine what would be a treat for a family to whom the luxuries of life are everyday routine.

For Gerhard Seibert, it's taking his family tent camping and roughing it for a few days. For his wife and children it's eating junk food in a fast-food restaurant, a welcome change from veal, shrimp and steak.

As for the rest of us, we can look longingly at the Hilton as we pass it on the way home from work, or coming back from an exhausting shopping spree at Twelve Oaks Mall, and dream about how nice it would be to visit the coffee shop or call room service.

Record photos by STEVE FECHT



# Trackers move running location

By JEANNE CLARKE  
special writer

The Novi Trackers Runner Club has announced a change in the location of its runs on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. Instead of meeting at Novi High School, runners will meet at the Northville Community Building so they can run along the well-lighted streets of Northville instead of on Taft Road which is unlighted. The group will continue to meet at Village Oaks Elementary for Saturday morning runs at 8 a.m.

Anyone interested in more information about joining the Trackers may call President Bill Ahrens at 349-8945. The club combines the love of running with a spirit of camaraderie among members who get together for social occasions in addition to their running. Stan Ducker and Bill Ahrens were named "Trackers of the Year" at the group's annual Christmas party at the Ahrens' home.

Trackers have enjoyed a busy fall, which included participation in the America's Marathon in Chicago. Hugh Sweeney recently participated in a marathon in Dallas, placing second in his age group with a time of 3:03:52. The club also participated in the Thanksgiving Day Parade in Detroit, where they took their "Tracker Train" which they unveiled in Novi's Memorial Day Parade. The "train" received an enthusiastic response from parade-watcher.

**SPRIT OF CHRIST:** The Spirit of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church will hold special Christmas Eve services tonight (Tuesday) at 7 and 11 p.m. On Christmas Day, the congregational will join members of the Hope Lutheran

## Novi Highlights

Church at 10:30 a.m. to celebrate the Christ-Mass — the Feast of Nativity of the Lord.  
Recent activities have included an intergenerational "New Year's Party" on the first Sunday in Advent when church members worked on displays highlighting the six major seasons of the church and then met for a potluck dinner. The Pre-Confirmation class held a caroling party for senior citizens and elderly members of the congregation.

**Spirit of Christ** holds services every Sunday with Holy Communion at 10 a.m. followed by coffee and fellowship. Newcomers are invited to attend.  
**NOVI LIONS:** The Lions Club is wrapping up its annual Candy Cane Sale after two weekends of selling the candy at various locations in Novi. The cans are filled with M&M candies and can be obtained by calling Chuck Nanas at 344-8330.

The Lions will make plans for their annual "300 Club" raffle at their next meeting at the Red Lobster on January 15 at 7:15 p.m. The raffle includes twice monthly drawings over the next six months with a grand prize awarded in June. Proceeds are used to help local residents who need eyeglasses or hearing aids.  
Club members honored their spouses at the annual Ladies Night program at the Red Timbers on December 11. Coming on January 29 is a trip to the Strohhaus in Detroit. Tickets are

available by calling 344-8320.  
Local residents who have old eyeglasses they can donate to the club are asked to drop them off at the Novi Police Station or any of the Novi schools.

**NOVI PWP:** The Novi chapter of Parents Without Partners (PWP) is busy during the holiday season with special activities for single parents.  
Family activities this month have included ice skating, a Christmas walk in Detroit and a Christmas party. Adult activities have included a slumber party, astrology party, pub night and a Christmas open house. Coming up December 27 is a Pizza and Movies night. Adults will meet at a member's home to watch movies on a VCR and eat pizza.

The Novi PWP is sponsoring a "Kid Swap for Shopping" activity. Members will meet at Twelve Oaks and "swap" children in order to help them buy Christmas presents for their parents.  
PWP is a group which provides support for members and helps them overcome feelings of loneliness during the holiday season. Activities include a series of Fireside Chats in which members discuss such topics as "Coping with Loneliness" and "Casual Dating." Members of the local chapter are eligible to attend activities sponsored by PWP chapters in Plymouth, Livonia and Dearborn. Call 624-5540 for more information about membership.  
**PERSONALS:** Mrs. Charlotte Munro

has returned from a three-week vacation of visiting her daughters and their families. She went by Amtrak to visit Jim and Tina Case of Edinburg, Texas, and their new baby, Philip Rae. She then visited Earle and Virginia McIntosh of Spring, Texas. She also visited Lydia Spicer and her two boys before returning home.

Cathy Lombardi was guest of honor at an afternoon baby shower at the home of Mrs. Jackie Wilenski. Co-hostess was Daphne Hansor. The shower was attended by members of the Novi School Cooks Association.  
Caseworker Bill Knapp was honored by his Novi Youth Assistance co-workers at a farewell breakfast at Denney's restaurant. Knapp is leaving his post after one year to accept a position in General Motors' Customer Relations Department in Flint.

Cindy Dove has returned from a week's vacation in Honolulu. She was accompanied by her nine-year-old son Jason and sister Heather Bar. While in Hawaii, they attended activities in honor of the 4th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the Honolulu Marathon.  
Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Clarke attended an 11th birthday party for their grandson Patrick at the Union Lake home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Timko. Other guests included two great-grandmothers, Mrs. Betsy Clarke of Pontiac and Mrs. Marie Travis of Northville.  
*Novi Highlights is written by Jeanne Clarke. Groups and organizations may arrange to have their notices published by calling her at 624-0173. Individuals with news about births, birthdays, showers, anniversaries, vacations or other special events also are encouraged to call her.*

## In Uniform

Captain **ROBERT H. TROMBLEY** has been decorated with the Air Medal at Bergstrom Air Force Base in Texas. He is the son of Robert and Florence Trombley of Wixom and a 1980 graduate of Westminster College in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The Air Medal is awarded for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight. Trombley is a weapons systems officer and academic instructor with the 57th Tactical Training Squadron.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class **TODD CASWELL** has reported for duty aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Callaghan, homported in San Diego. He is the son of Marilyn Wetmore of Leroi in Novi.

A 1981 Ferndale High School graduate, he joined the Navy in August 1981.

Her hobbies include horseback riding, bike riding, dancing and collecting Cabbage Patch dolls and accessories.  
The state pageant will be held Sunday, January 13, at the Plymouth Hilton in Plymouth. The pageant is sponsored by Universal Productions.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

For information regarding rates for church listings call The Northville Record or Novi News 349-1700.

<b>NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTER</b> 5785 Grand River, New Hudson (1/4 mile west of Millford Rd.) Worship Services Sunday 11 a.m. Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m. Church Office: 349-1700 For additional information, 349-1724	<b>CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHURCH</b> Novi Community Center 26400 Novi, Rd., near I-96 Worship 10 a.m. Cora Priests: the Lord Pastor Leo Beauchamp, 348-2265
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<b>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b> 200 E. Main St., Northville 349-0911 Worship: 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Church School: Grades 1-8 8:30 a.m. Child Care both services: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Dr. Lawrence Chamberlain-Pastor Dr. Nile Harper, Associate Pastor	<b>FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b> 21260 Haggerty Rd. 349-7600 (1/2 mi. at 12 Mile) Sunday School 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. Worship: 9:30 a.m., Eve. 8 p.m. Bible Study Wed. 7 p.m. Dr. Richard Parrott, Pastor
<b>SPRIT OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF NOVI</b> Ten Mile between Meadowbrook & Heaverty Worship, 10:00 a.m. Sunday Ch. Sch. 11:30 Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m. Church Office: 477-4298 Pastor Thomas A. Scherger: 477-8285	<b>WALLED LAKE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 309 Market St. 624-2483 Wendell L. Baglow, Pastor Wed. 7:30 BYF, Sr. High thru Adult Sunday, 9:45 Study, 11:00 a.m. Worship Nursery Available At Services
<b>OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> 770 Thayer, Northville WEEKEND LITURGIES Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Sunday, 8:30, 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Church School: 9:30-11:30 a.m. Religious Education 349-2559	<b>ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> Farmington 2325 Gill Rd., Farm. 3136 S. of Gd. River, 3 1/2 mi. W. of Farmington Rd. Worship 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. Church School 9:30-11:30 a.m. (Nursery Provided) Pastor Charles Fox
<b>ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN</b> High & Elm Streets, Northville C. Boeger, Pastor T. Lubeck, Pastor Church & School 349-3140 Sunday Worship, 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Saturday Vespers: 6:00 P.M.	<b>FIRST APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 28325 Halstead Rd., at 11 Mile Farmington Hills, Michigan Services: 10:30 a.m. Every Sun. 7:00 p.m. 1st & 3rd Sun. of each month Church School: 9:30-11:30 a.m. Bible Class 7:45 p.m. Tues. Song Services 7:00 p.m. Last Sun. of month
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<b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE</b> 8 Mile & Taft Roads Rev. Elv Hammar, Minister Worship Services 9:30 & 11 a.m. Church School, Nursery thru Adult 9:30 a.m. Nursery thru 3rd Grade 11 a.m.	<b>CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> (Assemblies of God) 41355 Six Mile Rd., Northville Rev. Larry Frick—348-9030 Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Wed. "Body Life" Serv., 7:00 p.m. Christian Comm. Preschool & K-8
<b>ST. ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH</b> 430 E. Nichols Walled Lake 48868 Phone: 624-3817 Church Service, 10:00 a.m. Church School, 10:30 a.m. Rev. Leslie Harding	<b>MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH</b> 21355 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi At Broquet Rd. (8 1/2 Mile) Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m. Church School, 10:30 a.m. 349-7757 Interim Minister: Rev. Robinson Edwards
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<b>ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 22455 Novi Rd. (between 9-10 Mile) Bible Study For All Ages 9:45 a.m. Worship Services at 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wed., 7:30 A.W.A.N., 7:30 Prayer Service 349-3665	<b>FAITH COMMUNITY UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b> 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi 1 1/2 mile west of Novi Rd. Worship & Church School, 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. P.O. Box 1349-5866 Richard J. Henderson, Pastor
<b>CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL</b> 10 Mile between Taft & Beck, Novi Phone 349-1175 Services: Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Worship & School The Rev. Leslie F. Harding	<b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE</b> 217 N. Wing 349-1020 Dr. James H. Luther, Pastor Sunday Worship, 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Wed., 7:30 A.W.A.N., 7:30 Prayer Service Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
<b>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 9 Mile & Meadowbrook Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Class 11:15 Gene E. Jahnke, Pastor—349-5565	<b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF WIXOM &amp; WIXOM CHRISTIAN SCHOOL (K-6)</b> Wixom & W. Maple Rds. Family Bible School, 9:45 a.m. Family Worship, 10:45 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Family Night (Prayer Service), 7:30 p.m. Robert V. Warren, Pastor 624-3823 (Awañá & Pro-Teens) 624-5434

# Sports

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## Wildcat spikers topple Falcons for first victory

Just when the Novi volleyball squad finally had a chance to get its feet wet in real competition, a three-week break looms on the horizon.  
The Wildcat spike squad went up against three different opponents in two days last week and now, with the holidays fast approaching, they won't take the court again until January 9.

Fortunately, Coach Kathy Bedor and the Wildcats have a win over Farmington to help keep the momentum going over the long layover. Novi did lose twice (to Northville and South Lyon) in a triangular exhibition on December 16, but it's the win over Farmington the next day that will stay fresh in the players' minds.

"I think we'll lose some because of the break," Bedor said. "It's a long time to be idle after two quick meets but our girls are pretty excited after beating Farmington."

Last year, the Wildcats were on the winning side just three times. And even though winning may be a new experience, Bedor said the players are expecting more out of themselves. Despite the setbacks against Northville and South Lyon, Novi was ready the following day in the clash with the Falcons.

"We played so well on Monday that the girls were ready to play Tuesday," Bedor asserted. "They knew they could do it, and they did."

The triangular saw the Wildcats fall twice, but both were three-game nailbiters — a sort of moral victory for Novi.

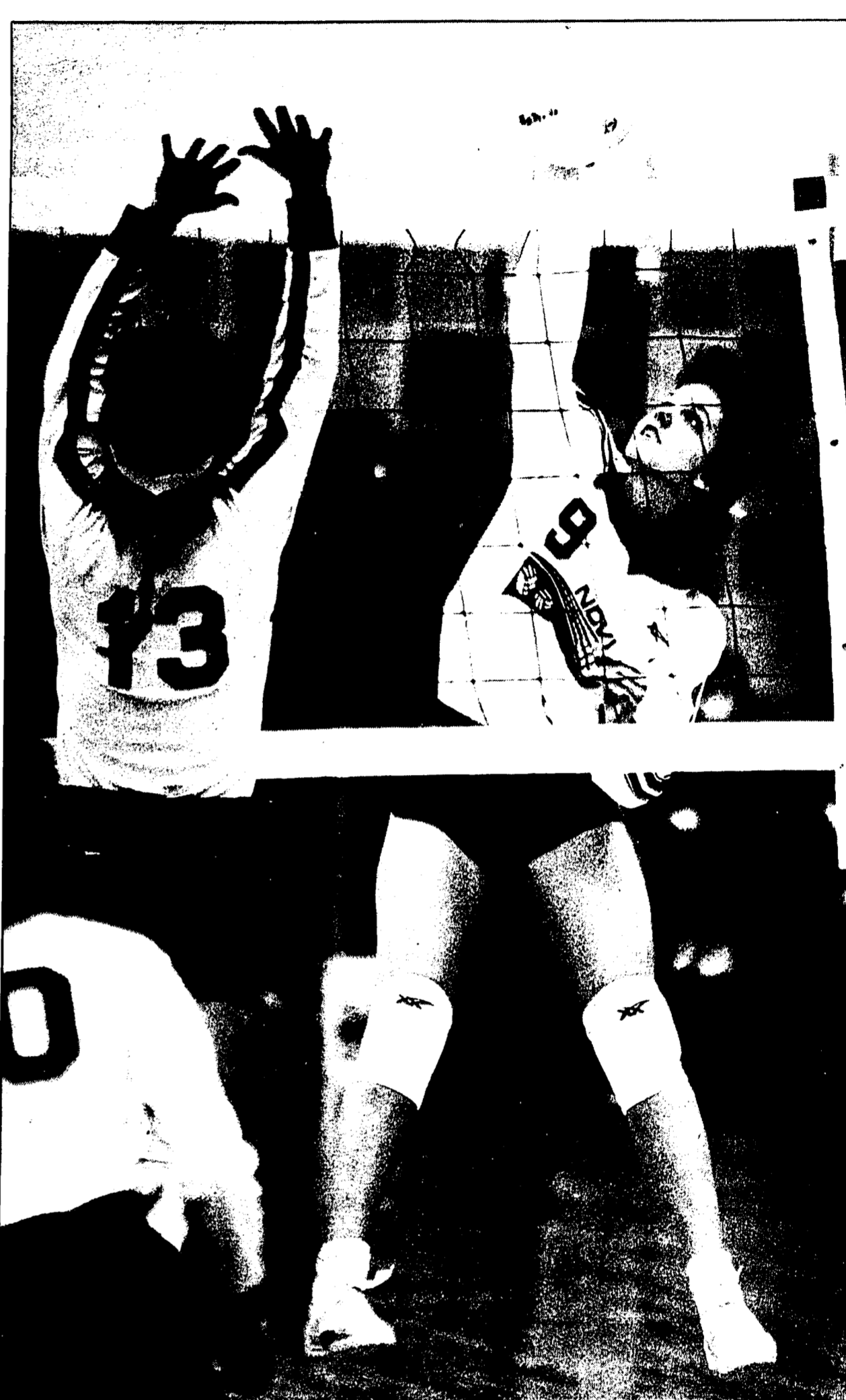
"I think we did very well (in the triangular)," Bedor said. "Last year the team was beaten quite badly by those same teams, but this year we were very competitive."  
"I was pleased with our spiking, we were getting the ball up off the serve and we recovered very well on the balls we had blocked. Overall, we played very well as a team."

One of the few problems the Wildcats encountered in the meet was serving — an area Bedor targeted as a strength. The next day at Farmington, the serving improved, and an easy 15-5, 15-12 victory followed.

"Our serving improved and again we had some nice spikes, set-ups and recoveries," Bedor said.  
Junior Lisa Campbell caused Farmington all sorts of problems with her serve. She served for 13 of Novi's 30 points in the course of the two games.

Hitters Erin Barry and Michelle Benoit both responded well even though they hadn't played volleyball on a team in over a year. Benoit, in her first varsity action ever, was a surprise starter for the Wildcats against Farmington and passed the test.

"Michelle's serving was good and she played very well for not playing at all last season," Bedor said.  
Unfortunately, just when the Novi spikers started to roll, Christmas break threw a monkey wrench into the picture.



Senior co-captain Erin Barry (9) goes up for a block against Northville

## Novi plans sport trips

Looking for some family-oriented winter activities in the weeks ahead. If you are, the Novi Parks and Recreation Department has just the thing. Working in conjunction with Century 21 East at Twelve Oaks, the Parks and Rec Department is sponsoring three winter trips for families.

Included are trips to the Muppet Show, a Detroit Red Wings game and a Detroit Pistons game.

The trip to see the Muppet Show on tour is scheduled for Saturday, December 28. The bus will leave from Parks and Rec offices at 9:30 a.m. for Cobo Theatre where Kermit, Miss Piggy and the rest of the Muppet characters will be performing live and in person at 11 a.m. Tickets are priced at \$9 per person and include transportation and parking.

Hockey fans will be able to see the Red Wings tackle the Calgary Flames at Joe Louis Arena on Saturday, January 18. The bus will leave from Parks and Rec offices at 12:30 p.m. for the game which gets underway at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$13 per person, including transportation and parking.

Isiah Thomas, Kelly Tripucka and the rest of the Detroit Pistons will try to solve the problem of playing against 70" Manute Bol and the Washington Bullets at the Pontiac Silverdome on Saturday, February 1. The bus will leave for the game from Parks and Rec offices at 6 p.m. The game begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$13 per person, including transportation and parking.

People who sign up to attend both the Red Wings and Pistons game will receive a \$1 discount.  
Reservations are required as seating is limited. For reservations or more information call Novi Parks and Recreation at 349-1976.

## Dates set for 'runs'

To help make Michigan's bitter winter weather a bit more tolerable, the Total Runner in Southfield is sponsoring a series of Saturday morning "fun runs".

The Saturday morning "fun runs" will be just that — informal training runs as opposed to races. Suggested routes range in distance from two to eight miles and wind through scenic parts of Southfield, Farmington Hills and Franklin Village.

The runs are scheduled for January 4 and 18, and February 1 and 15. All runs start at 9 a.m. from the Total Runner which is located in the Franklin Plaza at 2920 Northwest Highway at Twelve Mile in Southfield.

More information about the runs is available at 354-1177.

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# Wildcats of the Week



RON NUTT

Before the wrestling season began, Coach Tom Fritz didn't really know who would be his regular in the line up at 98. But now, after just three tournaments and two dual meets, sophomore Ron Nutt has the spot wrapped up pretty good. Nutt has wrestled much better than most expected this season and his outstanding performance in the Oakland County Championships last weekend was enough to qualify him as a "Wildcat of the Week."



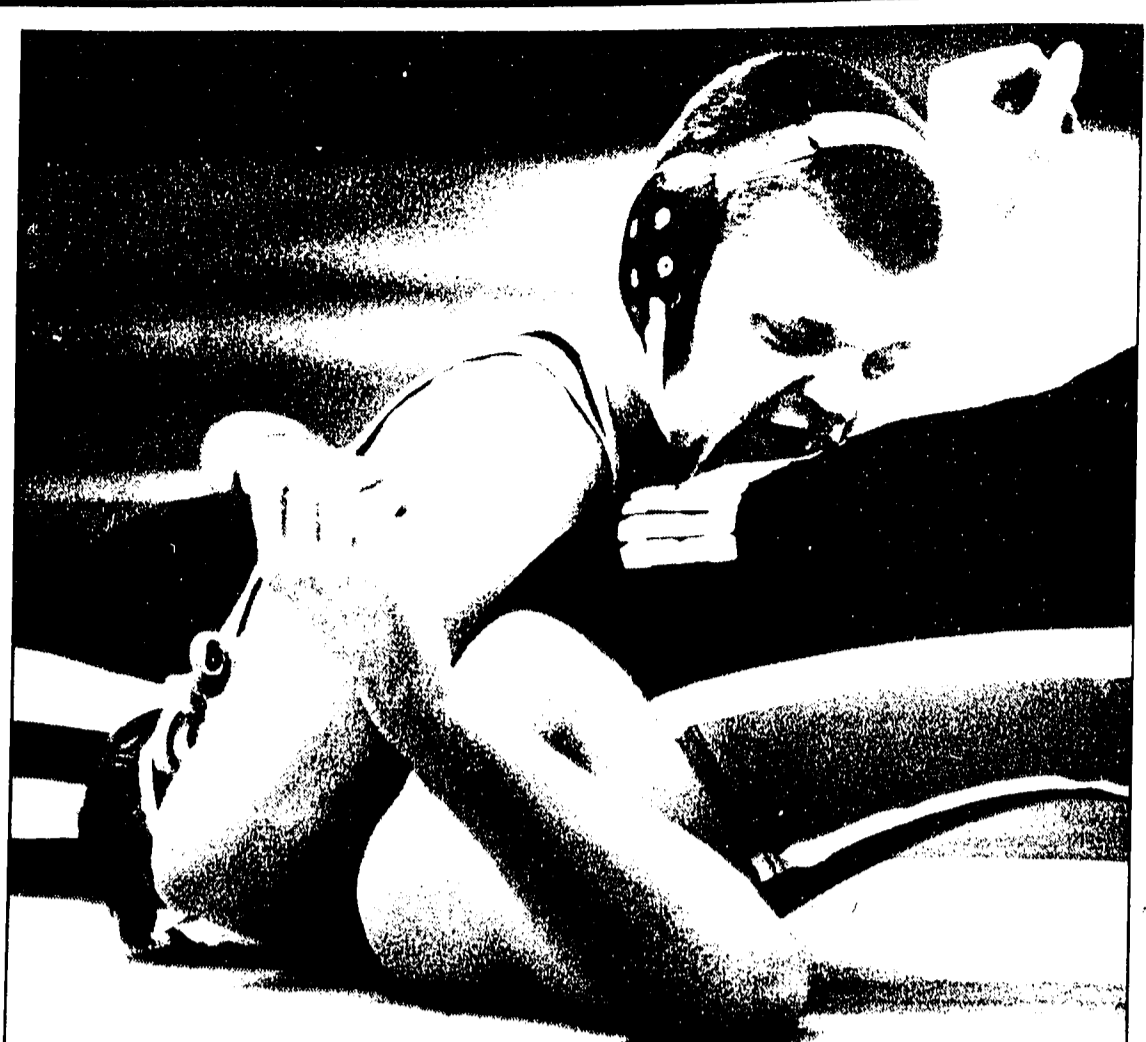
LISA CAMPBELL

Many don't realize the importance of a good serve in volleyball, but Lisa Campbell does. The 5-9 junior on the Novi squad is already establishing herself as one of the area's most feared servers after just one week of action. In a 15-5, 15-12 Wildcat victory over Farmington, Campbell served for 13 of the team's 30 points. She caused South Lyon so much trouble in another match, it prompted the Lion's coach to refer to her serve as "b's."

# Novi takes four places in mat meet

The Oakland County Championships last weekend provided the Novi wrestling team with its first look at some of the top competition in the state. And even though it may have been a rude awakening for some of the young Wildcats, the Novi grapplers acquitted themselves nicely, thank you. And four wrestlers even managed to qualify for the finals.

"If a program is to be built here at Novi, we're pretty well started because we took seven sophomores to the meet Friday," Coach Tom Fritz said. "It's either going to turn us one way or the other — (our wrestlers) are finding out how tough the competition is and the price you have to pay to be good."



Novi's Ken Saylor registers a pin against a Brighton opponent

and advancing to the consolation semi-finals where he eventually lost. Keir advanced to wrestle in the consolation finals with a 3-1 mark Friday at 186 but lost to Milford's Carl Strand in the first match. Keir had a 5-2 lead heading into the final period but made a mistake and Strand pinned him.

# Wildcat swimmers suffer first defeat

Novi's upstart swimming team suffered a 101-71 loss to North Farmington last Thursday — their first dual-meet setback after three straight victories.

But Coach Larry Teahan wasn't disappointed at all — for a number of reasons. Two days earlier, the Wildcats had swamped Farmington, 101-68. Novi has set school records in each of its first four meets, including four in the last two outings.

Freshman Jon Cohen continues to dominate opponents. He has now set new school marks six times already this year in four events. Times keep dropping, and the improvement is really there for all the swimmers to see.

As for the loss to North Farmington, well... the Raiders have one of the top programs around and were ranked sixth in the state last season. The encouraging thing was the Wildcats managed to give them a good competitive meet.



Novi Wildcat tanker Todd Marker demonstrates his form in the 100 butterfly event

behind his own school record. Other second-place finishes were registered by Dave Strange in diving and Matt Lorenze in the 100 butterfly.

But it was the 100 freestyle that really hurt as North Farmington outscored Novi 12-4 in the event to make it 60-50. Then in the 100 backstroke, the Raiders again grabbed the first two places and

# Rec Briefs

**FLOOR HOCKEY SIGN-UP:** Registration deadline is Tuesday, January 7, for boys and girls in grades 3-8 who want to participate in the Floor Hockey program sponsored by the Novi Parks and Recreation Department.

**SNOW SCULPTURE CONTEST:** Novi Parks and Recreation will sponsor "Winter Fantasy III" — the annual snow sculpture contest on Saturday, January 25, at Lakeshore Park at 1 p.m.

**SKATING RINK OPEN:** The community skating rink located behind the tennis courts next to Novi City Hall on Ten Mile is now open. Skating is at your own risk.

**LAKE SHORE PARK:** Novi's Lakeshore Park on Walled Lake is now open for sledding and cross-country skiing daily from 8 a.m. to sunset. Activities are at your own risk.

# Wildcat cagers nip Trojans in OT

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN staff writer

It's becoming apparent that nothing is going to come easy for John Cicchelli and the Novi basketball team this season.

A rash of injuries has proven to be devastating in the early going, but even with some of the players back in uniform, the Wildcats have had to struggle all the way. Last week, Novi tussled with two teams of similar talent and both turned into heart-pounding, down-to-the-wire-type affairs.

The Wildcats came out on top 56-55 in double-overtime against Livonia Clareneville on December 17 but two days later the tables were turned and Dearborn duked out with a 62-58 barn-burner.

Novi heads into the Christmas break with a 1-4 overall record, 0-1 in the Kensington Valley Conference (KVC), but it could be worse.

Clareneville's Devin DeRoock had a one-and-one free throw opportunity with one second left in regulation and Novi clinging to a 31-50 lead. DeRoock made the front end, but missed the second, sending it into overtime. If DeRoock had made the shot, the Wildcats would likely be 0-5.

Novi's next game isn't until January 7 and the break is a welcome break to Cicchelli. Against Dearborn, the Wildcat coach had only eight players dressed for the game, and the Wildcats have yet to get the starting five out on the court at the same time because of the injuries.

Starting guard Jeff Tanderys, out with a fractured finger, may return in January, but guards Gregg Giorgio and Mike Ladd have quit the team, leaving Cicchelli with virtually no backcourt depth. To make matters worse, top guard Joe Miskovich, the team's

leading scorer, missed the Dearborn game for personal reasons. With all these problems, maybe a 1-4 record isn't so bad.

"If I ever get everybody back, we'll be able to substitute a little bit," Cicchelli said. "With everybody back we'll have a different look and we'll be a lot stronger overall."

For a change, the Wildcats made some key free throws and benefited from some Clareneville misses. With the score tied 55-55, Novi's Ray Samolin sank the winning free throw with six seconds left in the second overtime to notch the season's initial win.

"It was a fight between two teams that were about the same talent-wise," Cicchelli said. "In the overtimes it was just a matter of free throws."

But DeRoock's miss at the end of regulation gave the Wildcats new life. In the first overtime, Miskovich connected on two free throws in both overtime periods to offset a pair of Clareneville baskets, but it was Samolin who finally put it away.

Junior forward Matt Kamish scored a team-high 20 points, Miskovich added 14 and Samolin chipped in with 13. At Dearborn, a slow start put the Wildcats in an early hole they never could dig their way out of. Novi trailed by seven at halftime and the deficit ballooned to 16 with a minute left in the third quarter.

Then the Wildcats made a comeback. They outscored the host team 19-13 in the final eight minutes but had to foul down the stretch. Dearborn made the free throws to seal the victory. Cicchelli is seeing good production out of the forward spots, an area of concern before the season. Samolin poured in 23 points, while Kamish had another fine outing with 21 points and five assists.

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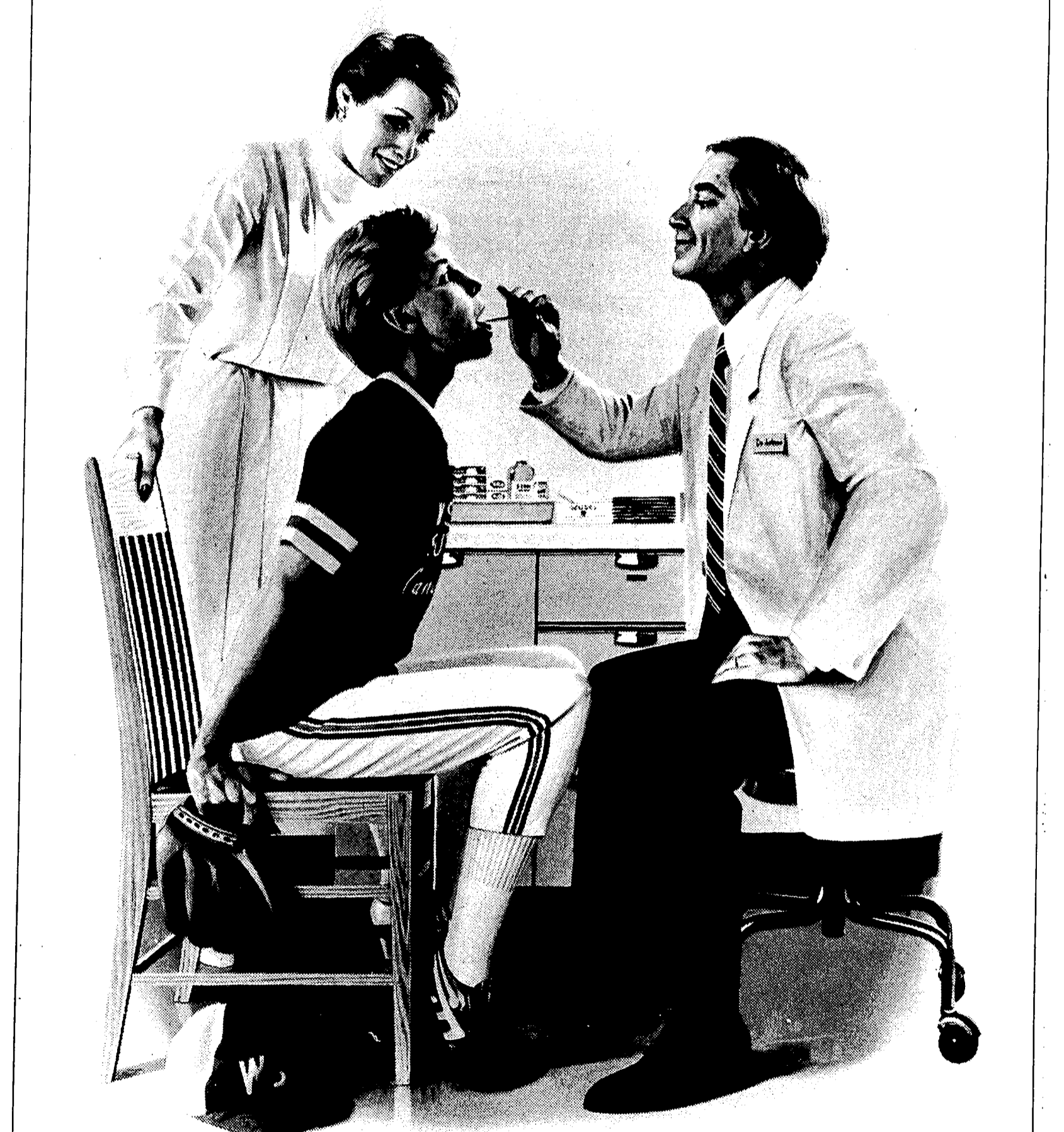
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## Section B

Wednesday, December 25, 1985

### No problem

Personalized service helps small store stay competitive

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN

What do homemakers do after the children are off to college and they want a new challenge?  
For Berclay Ruschak, buying a book store was the ideal thing.  
But not just any book store — the Bookstall on the Main in Northville.  
"I had been thinking about something for a couple of years but I really didn't know what I wanted to do," Ruschak admitted. "This just jumped up and it's perfect."  
"As soon as I heard the store was for sale, I thought, 'this is for me.' I couldn't be more delighted with it now."  
Ruschak purchased the store from Berenice Ellis back in April. Ellis and Madelon Rathburn opened the shop six years ago. But the change last spring went so smoothly that a lot of area shoppers didn't even notice the new owner.  
"I really didn't get involved as soon as I would have liked to — it wasn't until the early part of the summer," she said. "I think that's why it was such a well-kept secret that I had bought the store. I'm finding out that a lot of people who come from Grosse Pointe and others from Birmingham and even Toledo. And they are not just shopping at my store, they're shopping at the other stores, too. A lot of it is the atmosphere — there's a really nice feeling downtown."  
One reason the change in ownership went so smoothly was that Ruschak made very few changes. The addition of two new rows of shelves increased the stock in the front room, and some new shelves in the children's room in the back provided more display area. Those are the only real changes Ruschak made.  
"I'm trying not to change too many things," she admitted. "I want to keep the same flavor. I will definitely keep all the antiques. It gives the place a county look — a Northville look."  
With the emergence of cable T.V. and video tape recorders, you would think that books sales would fall, but not at the Bookstall.  
"Personal contact in the store is very important," Ruschak said. "It's a lot different than if you work at Walden's

or Dalton's because you get a chance to chat with the customers.  
"I think the people in this area are very friendly. I know that when I purchased the store, there was already a lot of goodwill with the customers already there. Goodwill that I inherited from Mrs. Ellis."  
When she's in town, Mrs. Ellis still helps out around the store, and made Ruschak's first few months much easier to handle. In all, four others work in the store to help recommend good books for customers and provide services like special ordering. That and the country atmosphere keep the patrons coming back.  
"The bigger stores aren't overly crazy about (special ordering) because it takes so long, but we rely on services like that," she said. "It's the way we can compete. We also like to find out what the customers have read before because it gives us some type of idea what to recommend."  
Another advantage Ruschak has noticed is the location.  
"All the shops in the downtown area are cooperating and people are coming from all over. I have regular customers who come from Grosse Pointe and others from Birmingham and even Toledo. And they are not just shopping at my store, they're shopping at the other stores, too. A lot of it is the atmosphere — there's a really nice feeling downtown."



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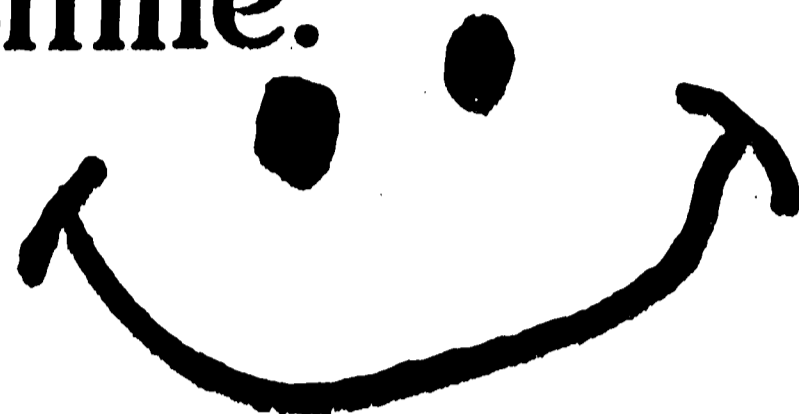


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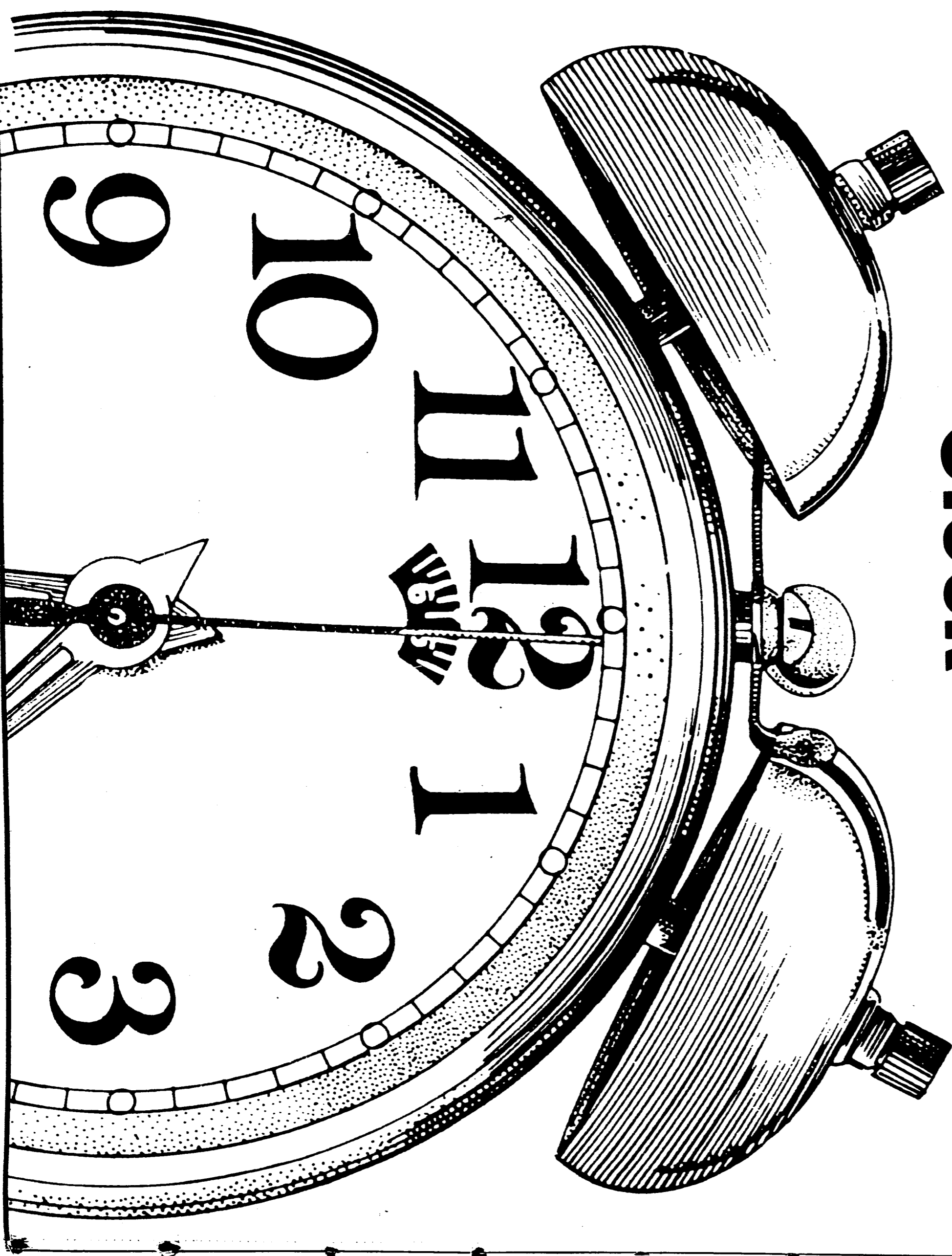
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Here's hoping you'll have a warm wonderful Holiday season and a prosperous 1986!

## YEAR IN REVIEW

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### THE NOVI NEWS



DECEMBER 25, 1985











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**Brooke Shields visited Novi as a guest**  
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**Go Dark dropped in at the Wisconsin Ford Plant in November to the approval of the community**  
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**YOUNG HERO: Chad Simmons, a 13-year-old eighth grader at Novi Middle School, was named "Hero of the Year" by the school**  
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**JOE BARTT DRIVE: Joseph Bartt, Jr., was named "Driver of the Year" by the Novi High School**  
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**WILSON ASSUMED THE REINS: Wilson assumed the reins of the Novi High School**  
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**PEACE CORPS RECRUIT: A lot of people have heard of the Peace Corps**  
 A lot of people have heard of the Peace Corps. It is a great organization that helps people in need around the world. The Novi High School has many students who are interested in joining the Peace Corps.

**GOING STRONG: Frank Salie and his family are celebrating their 10th anniversary**  
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Soccer standout: Nov's senior Erin Barry



Erin Barry, Nov's senior soccer player, was named MVP of the team...

Sliding shortstop: Nov's Steve Cody



Steve Cody, Nov's shortstop, was named MVP of the team...

Madam Mayor: Patricia Kerevich and entourage celebrate election night



Patricia Kerevich, Nov's first female mayor, celebrated her victory...

Nov's first female mayor, Patricia Kerevich, was elected...

The election was a historic moment for the city...

1.9.8.5 SPRING SPORTS

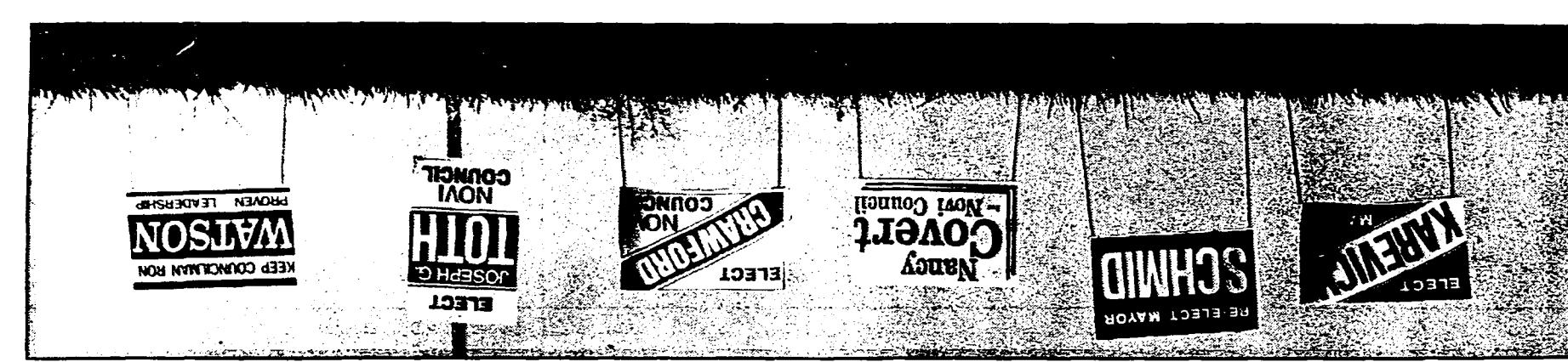
Making a racket: Mark Boksha and Nov's tennis teams



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MARY RICHTER: John and Mary Richter held a special place in the history of Nov...

WILGUS COMBS: Wilgus Combs, a Novi area resident for more than 50 years...

DEL GERHARDT: "A dynamic go-getter" was how Novi Librarian Pauline Drueschel described Del Gerhardt...

C.A. SMITH: The Novi/Northville area lost one of its most dedicated community servants...

RAY GAISS: "He had an enthusiasm about music, about the band and about Novi which was contagious..."

JOHN BRENT MUNRO: A member of one of the city's oldest-established families...



Ray Gaiss

Season's Greetings advertisement with decorative elements and a quote from Ray Gaiss.

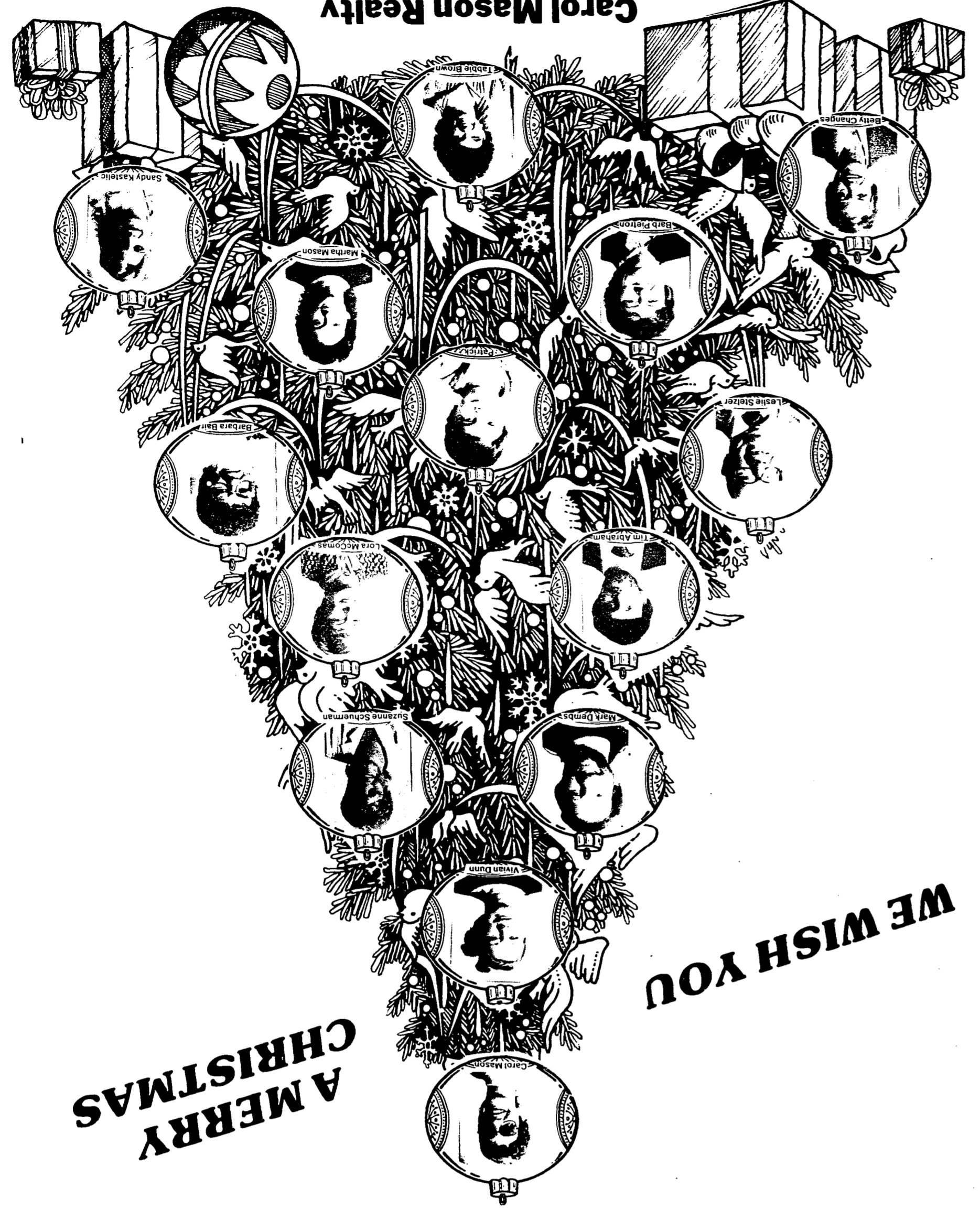
No More Floods advertisement for L. Loyer Construction Co. featuring photos of the dam and river.







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**AWARD WINNERS:** Marcus Glass and the Frank W. Kerr Company were selected as the first recipients of two new awards sponsored by the Novi Chamber of Commerce to honor businesses which have worked hard to beautify Novi.

Marcus Glass received the Chamber-sponsored Landscaping Award, while the Frank W. Kerr Company won the Building/Renovation Award.

The new awards were established by former Chamber President Charles Wood to honor local businesses which have worked to make Novi a fine community in which to do business and encourage other businesses to upgrade and beautify their own buildings.

**PARADE REST:** The Delwal Corporation earned a huge vote of thanks from city officials on two different occasions during 1985.

In January the company purchased the engine to the city's Novi Special race car for a price of \$100,000. The Economic Development Commission took out a loan to purchase the engine, but the principal on the loan will be repaid by Delwal.

And in March, Delwal President William "Spike" Walker agreed to sponsor the city's Novi Special float in the Indianapolis 500 Festival parade on May 25.

"Since we sponsored purchase of the engine, we thought it apropos to sponsor the float. It's just something we wanted to do for the city," said Walker.

**CREME DE NOVI:** Two prominent Novi businesses — Guernsey Farm Dairy and Mohawk Liquors — combined efforts to produce an official city ice cream.

City Manager Edward Kriewall came up with the idea to create a city ice cream utilizing the products of the two local businesses. The new flavor was made by adding a dollop of Mohawk's Creme de Menthe liqueur to a batch of Guernsey ice cream and adding a batch of chocolate shavings.

Some 200 people submitted entries in a contest to name the new ice cream, and 10 of them submitted the name that was selected as the winner — *Creme de Novi*.

**BIGGER DAIRY:** Guernsey Farm Dairy did more than develop an official city ice cream during 1985.

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Applying themselves: Meijer job-seekers

**NEW BUSINESS:** Reid Lighting opened for business at 43443 Grand River during the fall of 1985. The company is affiliated with Reid Manufacturing and Reid Glass and Plastics of Southfield.

The Reid Lighting showroom features a wide array of lighting types and styles, including track and recessed lighting, interior and exterior lighting and decorator crystal chandeliers.

libraries which provide youngsters an opportunity to meet and touch the various animals from different parts of the world.

One of the Living Science Foundation's interpreters is Erica Brown, daughter of Jane Brown, children's librarian at the Novi Public Library.

**NOT IN NOVI:** The new Meijer store wasn't located in Novi, but had a big impact on the city anyway.

Situated on the southeast corner of the Eight Mile/Haggerty Road intersection in Northville Township, the 175,000 square foot store opened in July, generating significantly more traffic for the already-overburdened intersection which also serves Big Boy and McDonald's restaurants in addition to the Novi Hilton.

**STATE CONTRACT:** Foote Gravelly Tractor was awarded a contract by the State Department of Natural Resources to provide 15 Gravelly tractors for use in maintaining state recreational facilities.

Lisa Foote, vice president of sales, said it was the largest bid the company has ever received from the State of Michigan.

**PROMOTIONS:** Numerous Novi residents received promotions, earned achievement awards or moved on to new positions during 1985. Among them were:

□ Don Putro was appointed Director of Field Services for the Florists' Transworld Delivery Association.

□ Terry Roberts a new vehicle salesman for Fox Hill Chrysler-Plymouth in Plymouth, received the Silver Level Award for individual performance in selling Chrysler-Plymouth automobiles.

□ Carol Messano-Cole was appointed product manager for Samson Tours, Inc., a leading tour operator based in Southfield.

□ David Wilson was promoted to assistant vice president of the Amersure Life Insurance Company.

□ Michael D. Miller was named assistant loan officer of NBD Dearborn Bank, N.A., Western Metropolitan Regional Banking Division.

**STROKE OF BRILLIANCE:** Mara Deline and Novi swim team



Stroke of brilliance: Mara Deline and Novi swim team

the state girl's cross country championships (out of 28 total teams) and Novi was one of them. Despite a 1-5 conference dual meet record (4-5 overall), and a sixth-place finish at the KVC meet, the Wildcats still qualified as one of the state's top 25 with a third-place team finish in the Class A regional in Royal Oak.

Novi placed 25th in the state meet but as coach Norm Norgren said: "Hey, there were a lot of teams that stayed home."

Top runners were freshman Kelli Rolles and junior Kristine Mustart. Both grabbed All-Regional and All-KVC honors.

The Novi men's team had a much tougher season. Bob Smith's young team finished last in the KVC meet and logged a 2-8 dual meet record. At the Class A regional, the Wildcats placed 18th (out of 18 teams) and had no state qualifiers.

A slow finish by the Novi girls' swim team took a little of the luster off the

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**WILDCAT WALLPAP:** All-area defensive end Brett Gillick



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With the City of Novi among the top four leaders in residential growth in Southeast Michigan during 1985, it is not surprising the Novi Community Schools spent much of the past year grappling with climbing enrollment.

News that some 2,000 apartment and condominium units received city approval during 1984 prompted the Novi Board of Education in early February to form a **population-facilities subcommittee** to study the affects of the housing boom on the district's classrooms.

The committee's findings, released in May, showed a potential increase of 300 students within the next two years provided housing and apartment construction continues at its present frenzied pace.

Though the study concluded that the nearly 300 new students projected over the next two years would be spread among the 13 grades (K-12), the committee noted all new housing development was expected in the **Novi Woods' attendance area**.

Cautioning that Novi Woods would be near capacity or possibly exceed capacity by the start of the 1985-86 school year, the committee urged the school board to pay special attention to the district's **most populated elementary school**.

The committee's projections became a reality at the start of the 1985-86 school year when 522 students in grades K-4 — **59 more than building capacity** — took their seats at Novi Woods.

The school board's efforts to handle the overcrowding through the addition of a mobile unit for art classes and use of former non-classroom areas sparked angry criticism from parents.

Faced with parental protests and the potential for an even greater student population increase during the course of the school year, the board approved Superintendent Robert Piwko's request to **convene another citizens' committee** to further study Novi's enrollment and recommend proposed changes to be implemented by September, 1986.

Formation of the committee and solicitation for volunteers proved a timely proposition. Only one week shy of naming 15 members to the task force, the district's enrollment hit an **all-time high**.

The increase at Novi Woods coupled with the addition of new students at Orchard Hills, Middle School North and Novi High School put the district's enrollment at 3,303 — an additional 99 students over last year.

Increased enrollment coupled with additional program needs resulted in a record **budget of \$12.9 million** for the Novi Community Schools in 1985-86.

To help offset the nearly \$1 million increase to its previous year's budget, the board approved the levy of its total authorized millage of **33.04 mills** for the 1985-86 school year. The improved increase marked an addition of 1.06 mills to last year's millage levy.

The board discussed levying its full millage rate as early as mid-May when it was determined that at least \$260,000 — or .69 mills — would be needed just to maintain the current program.

Despite the levy of its full millage, the board only was able to finance \$155,000 in additional budget requests. Other improvements were paid for out of the 1970 and 1974 building and site funds.

Among the additional items paid for out of the district's general fund were **new band and choir uniforms**, high-tech computer equipment for Novi High School and four new staff members.

The district also took \$10,000 out of its general fund to pay for **barrier-free improvements** to the district's facilities.

Barrier-free improvements at the high school were taken out of the 1974 Building and Site Fund which also paid for new typewriters for the high school and a **walkway** for the facility.

The district depleted its 1970 Building



Helping: Hollis MacKinder, volunteer tutor

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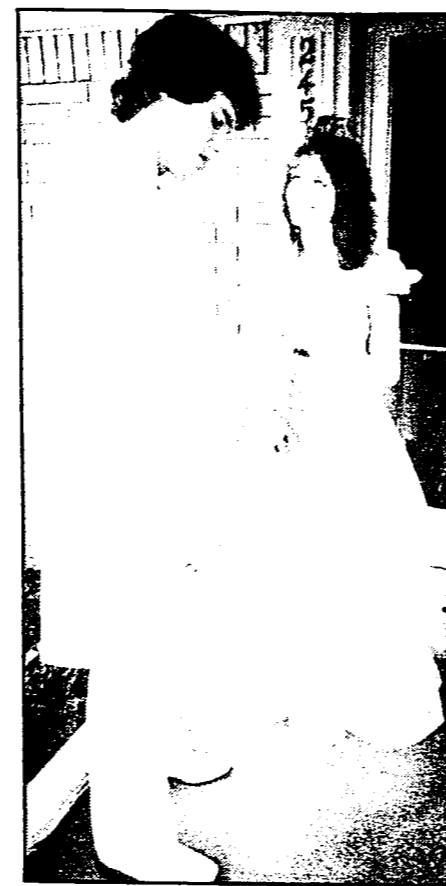
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and Site Fund to make \$50,000-\$60,000 worth of improvements to Orchard Hills Elementary.

Novi voters helped the Oakland County Intermediate School District out of its special education budget quandary in early October by joining 25 other districts

in approving a .75 mill tax hike for special education services.

Threatened with the possibility of picking-up its share of the county's special education shortfall — approximately \$700,000 — 241 of the 410 registered Novi voters turning out at the



Prom pair: Ted Holloway and Kerry Northrup

polls approved the proposal with 169 rejecting it.

As it turned out, more voters cast "no" ballots in the county-wide election than headed to the polls for the annual school board race.

Incumbents Sharon Pelchat and Joan Daley were re-elected to four-year terms by fewer than 100 votes each.

Facing no opposition in their bids for re-election, the two incumbents — among the longest-tenured members on the Novi Board of Education — were virtually assured new appointments to their four-year seats.

With no inflammatory issues pending in the district, school officials anticipated a light turn-out in the June race which coincided with Schoolcraft College's election.

With only 101 — fewer than one percent — of the district's 13,124 registered voters casting ballots, the turnout certainly was light. According to school officials, it was the **lowest voter turnout** in recent history.

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Wednesday, December 25, 1985

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