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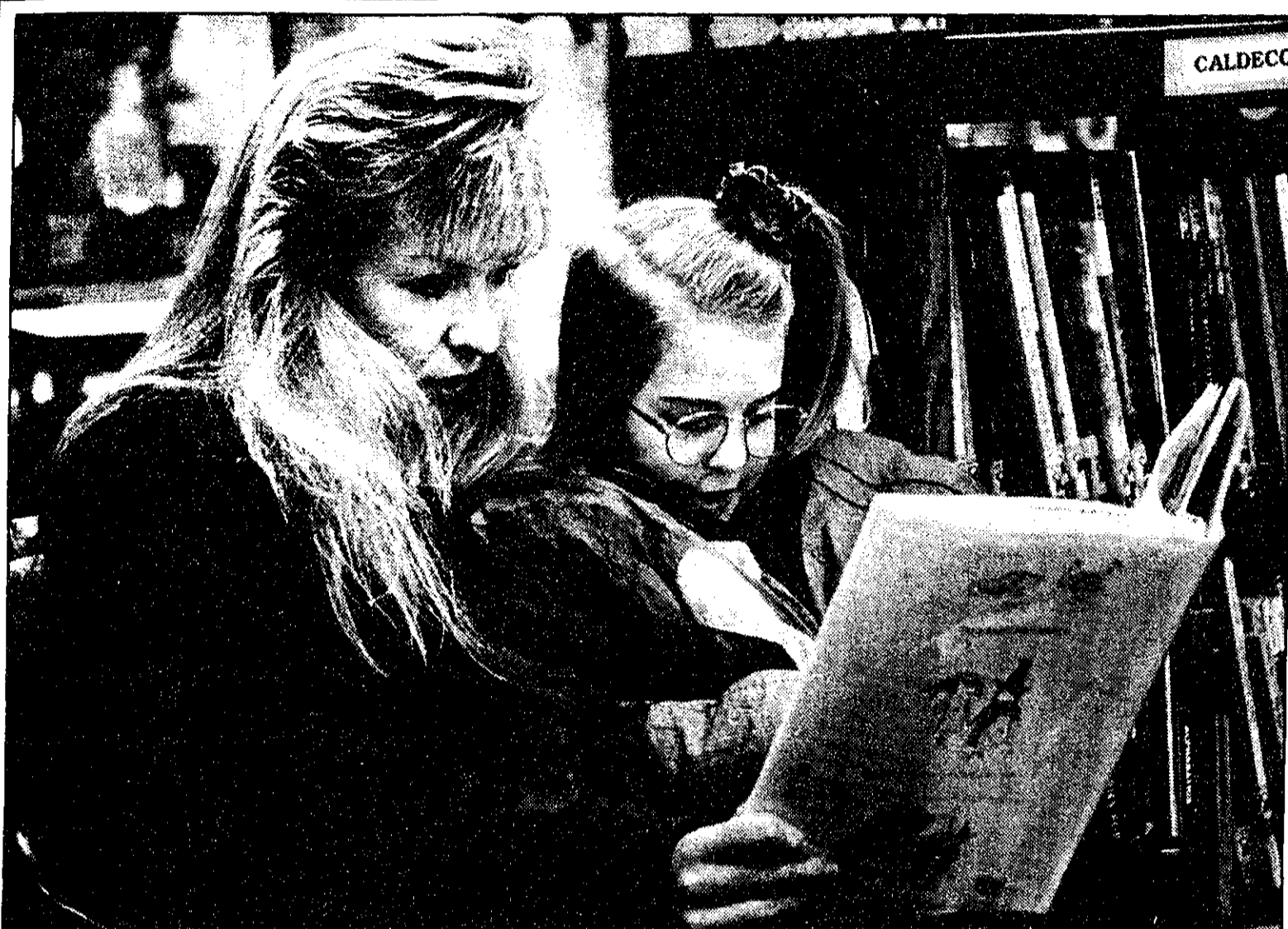


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A little quality time

There are tons of things to do at the Novi Public Library, not the least of which, of course, is ample opportunity for a little mother-daughter togetherness. In the picture above, Cindy Stephens spends some time with her seven-year-old daughter

Melissa, helping her read *The Adventures of Madeline*. The Stephens were in the library awaiting the start of one of the regular children's programs.

Novi schools release 1992 MEAP scores

By **RANDY COBLE**
 Staff Writer

The results of the 1992 Michigan Assessment Program (MEAP) are in. And while administrators and school board members have expressed concern over some of the scores, the overall feeling is that there is no cause for unreasonable concern although some problems may exist.

"We feel good about what's happened so far," said Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Dr. Rita Traynor, when the MEAP results were released at the Jan. 7 meeting of the Novi Board of Education. Here are highlights of Novi's performance on the 1992 MEAP.

■ **READING:** The scores of Novi students rose slightly over 1991 levels on the fourth and seventh grade levels but dropped off for

tenth graders.

Some 59.6 percent of Novi's fourth grade population received satisfactory scores on the reading portion of the MEAP test — a 2.8 percent improvement over the 1991 scores.

Among seventh graders, 42.3 percent earned satisfactory scores in reading, a 5.5 percent increase over 1991.

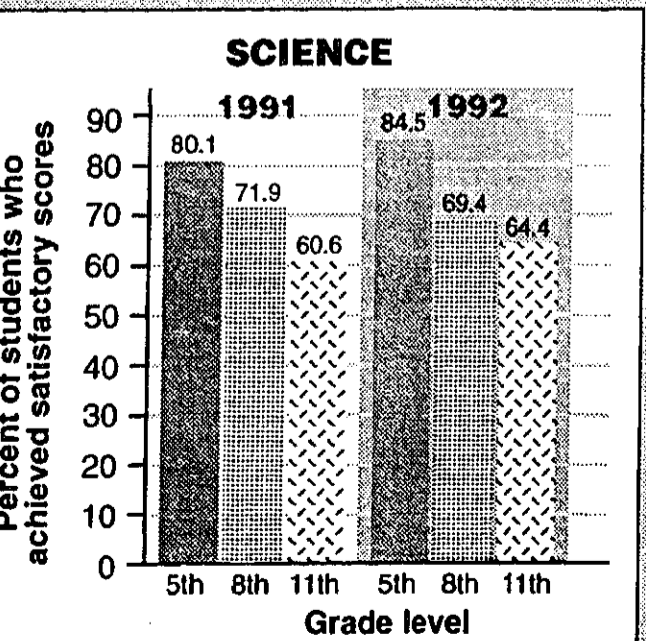
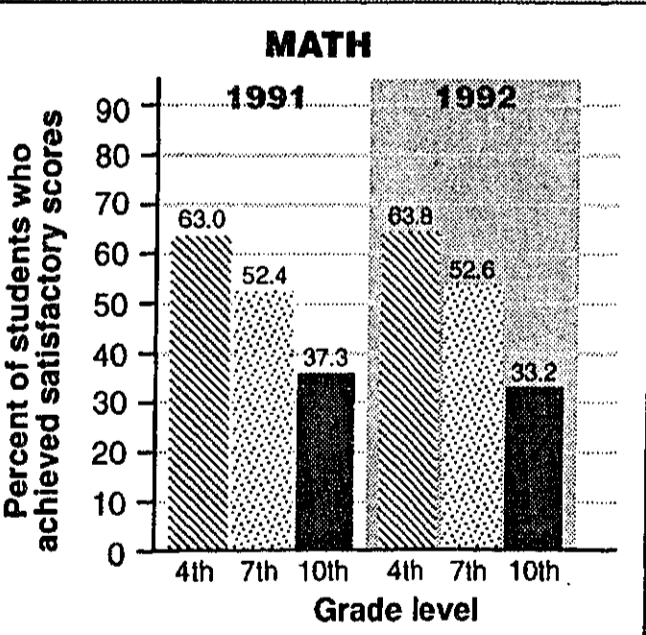
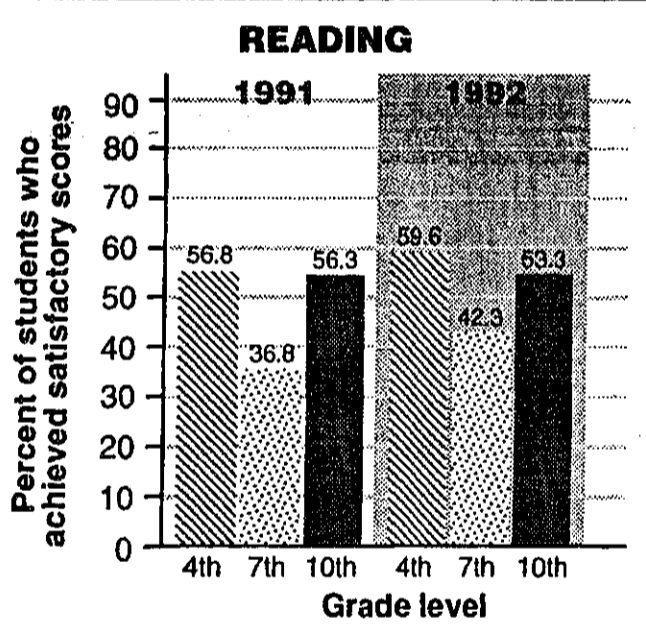
Among tenth graders, however, 53.3 percent earned satisfactory scores, a drop of 3.0 percent from 1991.

■ **MATH:** Results of the mathematics portion of the MEAP were similar to the reading results — marginal improvements on the fourth and seventh grade levels and a somewhat larger decline among tenth graders.

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MEAP Scores Novi Community School District

A comparison of 1991 and 1992 results



Source: Novi Community Schools

Graphic by JUANITA LITTLE

Buying begins

City officials make plans to purchase land for park sites

By **JAN JEFFRES**
 Staff Writer

With money soon to be in hand from the recent voter-approved \$9.9 million bond sale, Novi will soon exercise its option to purchase the Novi Tree Farm and the adjacent Resco property.

In a brief special meeting convened Thursday, Jan. 16, the city council instructed its attorney to contact the landowners to notify them of the city's determination, Mayor Matthew Quinn said Friday.

"We fully intend to comply with the options," he added.

The two tracts bear a combined price tag of \$3.44 million. In addition, city officials are looking for other land which might be an attractive buy as well.

"We're looking at all kinds of property around town," City Manager Edward Kriewall said.

Locations will remain hush-hush until the city has the land optioned. Kriewall predicts that the future park lands will all be assembled within 60 days.

Novi has \$8.8 million to spend on land and \$1.1 million to spend.

The city will need to sell bonds to buy the land.



"We would like to in some form or fashion get together with neighboring communities and see if we could do a joint facility. It's at least worth exploring. Duplication doesn't make sense."

Dan Davis
 Parks Director

The options on the two sites near Walled Lake were scheduled to expire not long after the election.

An option for a \$745,000 third parcel at Napier and Nine Mile roads does not expire until the summer.

Meanwhile, a happy parks and recreation commission Thursday began battling around how that all that land will be developed.

The top priority is building playing fields for Novi Youth Baseball by May, when the private's program

season starts, Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis said.

A "backwards time frame" will be put together, he explained, working in reverse order from the time the fields will be needed to figure out what work will need to be done when.

"As many as they need," will be built, Davis added.

"They (Novi Youth Baseball organizers) have been very good about working with us," he said.

Soccer and softfields needed for

the department's own programs will not be built immediately, but will likely be ready for fall 1994.

By the end of March, committees working on other parks proposals such as a \$3.5 million swimming pool complex and an ice arena are likely to report back to the city council. A third proposal, for a fieldhouse, has been put on the backburner.

The ice arena committee is keeping an eye on a proposal for a similar facility now being considered by Farmington Hills. That city's council has called for a feasibility study.

"We're monitoring that, to see where it's going. It's going to impact on our decision quite a bit. We would like to sit down with our neighboring communities," Davis said.

"We would like to in some form or fashion get together with neighboring communities and see if we could do a joint facility. It's at least worth exploring. Duplication doesn't make sense."

The proposed Novi ice arena, which could be a two-rink, public/private building constructed on the tree farm, has been described as a facility which could succeed based on a regional draw.

Novi, Owani kids leap language gap

By **JAN JEFFRES**
 Staff Writer

Okay, Heidi Zimmerman, 16, and Kenji Kosaka, 14, really didn't have a lot to say to one another last week.

He speaks little English and she speaks no Japanese, yet.

While the pair's communications were pretty much reduced to sign language and pointing to words in a Japanese-English dictionary, the Novi High School sophomore found plenty to giggle about and lots of entertaining things to do when the Zimmerman family hosted the student from Owani.

Sledding, bowling, attending a Novi High basketball game visiting the auto show at Cobo Hall, were

some of the American-style excursions the family provided for the eighth grader from Japan.

The auto show appeared to be a highlight of the visit.

"He took a lot of pictures. He seemed excited," Heidi said.

"A few (of the students) understood most of what you said, but he wasn't one of them."

For the third year in a row, a delegation of Owani educators and students jetted into town Saturday, Jan. 9, for 5-day visit. The Japanese resort town is Novi's official sister city.

The 15 students in the group spent two days trailing their Novi High School hosts through their daily academic routine.

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Community Calendar

Today, January 18

Arts Council: The Novi Arts Council Executive Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Novi High School: Dismissal will be at 10:55 a.m.

City Council: The Novi City Council is scheduled to meet in regular session at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

Health tests: Community EMS will sponsor blood pressure testing and cholesterol testing in the Novi Civic Center from 7:30-9 p.m. in conjunction with the Novi City Council meeting.

Band Boosters: The board of the Novi High School Band Boosters will meet from 7-9:15 p.m. in the high school band room.

Tuesday, January 19

Chamber Luncheon: The Novi Chamber of Commerce general membership luncheon will be held at the Sheraton Oaks Hotel on Sheraton Drive at noon. Mayor Matthew C. Quinn will present the annual State of the City address. The cost is \$13 for members and \$17 for non-members.

Wixom Road: An informational meeting has been scheduled for 7 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center Activities Center to update residents regarding the progress of the Wixom Road improvements, from Ten Mile to Grand River Avenue, and to present a tentative construction schedule. JCK & Associates and city staff will be available to answer questions and receive feedback from residents relevant to design considerations, right-of-way needs and project scheduling.

Novi High School: Dismissal will be at 10:55 a.m.

Garden Club: The Novi Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Band rehearsal: The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. in the band room at Novi High School. For more information on the group, call manager Warren Ledger at 348-2955.

Wednesday, January 20

Novi High School: Dismissal will be at 10:55 a.m.

Planning Commission: The Novi Planning Commission will meet in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

Thursday, January 21

Novi High School: There will be no school today.

Novi schools: The Novi schools Board of Education will meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Educational Services Building.

Friday, January 22

Novi High School: There will be no school today.

Monday, January 25

City Council: The Novi City Council is scheduled to meet in regular session at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

Health tests: Community EMS will sponsor blood pressure testing and cholesterol testing in the Novi Civic Center from 7:30-9 p.m. in conjunction with the Novi City Council meeting.

Novi High School: Second semester starts today.

Tuesday, January 26

FEMALE: FEMALE (Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge/Loose Ends) is holding a new member meeting at Providence Hospital's new facility at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 684-6096.

LARA: Lakes Area Residents Association will meet at 7 p.m. in the Walled Lake Junior High media room. A speaker from Coastal Remediation will discuss improving water quality on the lakes.

Youth Assistance: Novi Youth Assistance board will meet at 7 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Band rehearsal: The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. in the band room at Novi High School. For more information on the group, call manager Warren Ledger at 348-2955.

Camera Club: The Novi Camera Club meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. For more information, call Hugh Crawford at 349-5079.

Wednesday, January 27

Lions Club: The Novi Lions Club will meet at Kim's Gardens at 6:30 p.m. for dinner followed by a meeting.

Seniors business: The Novi Senior Citizens Club will meet at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center for its regular monthly business meeting.

Friday, January 29

Historical District Study Committee: The City of Novi Historic District Study Committee meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center Conference Room F, on the second floor.

Chamber Banquet: The Novi Chamber of Commerce 5th Annual Installation Banquet will be held at the Novi Hilton Hotel. Phil Power, Chairman of Suburban Communications which owns the Novi News, will be the featured speaker. Tickets are \$25.

Monday, February 1

Novi Adventurers: The Novi Adventurers first meeting of the year will be at 6:30 p.m. at the Tollgate Center.

City Council: The Novi City Council is scheduled to meet in regular session at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

Health tests: Community EMS will sponsor blood pressure testing and cholesterol testing in the Novi Civic Center from 7:30-9 p.m. in conjunction with the Novi City Council meeting.

Village Oaks PTO (VOICE): The will meet 7:30 p.m. in the Vil-

lage Oaks School Library on Willowbrook Road.

Choir Boosters: The Novi High School Choir Boosters will meet at 7 p.m. in the high school library.

Tuesday, February 2

Novi Jaycees: The Novi Jaycees will hold a general membership meeting at 8 p.m. at the Jaycee House on Sixthgate.

Seniors meeting: The Novi Center Seniors will hold their general meeting at 11 a.m. in the Community Center of the Novi Civic Center.

Board of Appeals: The Novi Board of Appeals will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Band rehearsal: The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. in the band room at Novi High School. For more information on the group, call manager Warren Ledger at 348-2955.

Amateur Radio Club: The Novi Amateur Radio Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Anyone interested in any aspect of amateur radio two-way communication is invited to attend.

Wednesday, February 3

Good Morning, Novi: The Novi Chamber of Commerce breakfast series presents Councilwoman Nancy Cassis who will speak on issues, past and future, important to the Chamber, including signs, taxes, false alarms, growth and development at 7:30 a.m. at the Country Epleure Restaurant. Admission is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members.

Athletic Boosters: The Novi High School Athletic Boosters Club will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in room 107 of the high school.

Planning Commission: The Novi Planning Commission will meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

Thursday, February 4

Novi schools: The Novi schools Board of Education will meet in regular session in the Educational Services Building.

Saturday, February 6

Softball Tournament: The Novi Jaycees will hold their annual softball tournament at Mr. B's.

Sunday, February 7

Brunch at Brady's: The Women's Resource Center, Schoolcraft College, and Diamond Jim Brady's will host Brunch at Brady's: Scholarships for Women from 11:30-1:30 p.m. Proceeds will support scholarships for women who need assistance in meeting their educational goals. The cost is \$30. For more information call 348-5474 or 482-4443.

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Northville beat Novi in basketball 77-54 on Tuesday night, but the Novi students didn't let anyone forget who has the jug. The coveted Baseline Jug will remain in Novi possession unless Northville reclaims it next year by winning the annual football battle.



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

MEAP scores in, evaluation to begin

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Some 63.8 percent of Novi's fourth graders earned satisfactory ratings on the MEAP, a rise of 8 percent over 1991 when 63.0 percent received satisfactory marks.

Among seventh graders, 52.6 percent earned satisfactory ratings on the 1992 MEAP. That's an increase of 2 percent over 1991 when 50.4 percent of the district's seventh graders fell into the satisfactory category.

Among tenth graders, there was a slight decline in math scores. Only 33.2 percent of the tenth graders earned satisfactory scores, a drop of 4.1 percent from the 1991 level of 37.3 percent.

Unlike the math and reading portions of the MEAP, the science category is administered to fifth, eighth and eleventh graders. Results showed that Novi students improved in science on the fifth and eleventh grade levels but dropped slightly among eighth graders.

Fifth grade science scores were not only the highest, they also showed one of the largest improvements. Some 84.5 percent of Novi's fifth graders earned satisfactory ratings on the science test, an improvement of 4.4 points over the 1991 level of 80.1 percent.

Novi seventh graders also scored well in science, but the 1992 results dropped from 1991 levels. Some 69.4

percent of the seventh graders earned satisfactory scores on the 1992 MEAP, 2.5 points beneath the 1991 score of 69.4 percent.

And among eleventh graders, some 64.4 percent earned satisfactory grades on the 1992 MEAP, an improvement of 3.8 points over 1991 when 60.6 percent of the seventh graders earned satisfactory marks.

District officials say they are way of comparing MEAP scores across years or school districts, arguing that

the examinations are not designed to be used for that purpose.

Instead, said Traynor, the MEAP results serve as a sort of trouble-spotters for teachers.

Traynor added that a full understanding of what the scores mean is yet to come.

"We're now in the process of analyzing all the data. It takes awhile, but we expect to give a more detailed report to the board after the February break," she said.

Michigan high school graduates must pass the MEAP exams in order to receive a state-endorsed diploma. Students who don't pass the test the first time they take it can retake it.

Survey may be in and on future

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

The Novi Planning Commission might see a community survey in its future.

The survey — part of what the commission calls "futuring" — has been in the hopper for awhile now, but it appears as though it might become a reality this year. The commission will consider it along with its other 1993 goals at its Jan. 20 meeting.

Most commissioners have said a survey to learn what Novi residents want their community to look like and how its land should be used in the future — hence "futuring" — would be a good thing.

The biggest problem with proceeding with such a survey thus far has been the cost.

Some commissioners question if the money — some professionally-conducted surveys can cost \$30,000 — is a worthy expense. If the community wants to express its opinion, the thinking goes, there are a num-

ber of mediums: commission meetings, letters to the newspaper and so on.

Others on the panel have held that the process is too hit-and-miss, and that a proper survey would give the commission guidance in making its planning decisions.

"Surveying the community is often a vital element of the futuring process," said Director of Planning James Wahl in a report to commissioners.

"It is important to take care in constructing and implementing the survey," he continued, "to ensure that the results are representative and useful. It is generally advisable to utilize professionals or experienced staff."

To that end, if the commission decides to proceed, one likely method would see consultants prepare a questionnaire on planning issues.

A professional survey or marketing firm or college team would be brought in to oversee the entire process.

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Windows shot out on Grand River

Employees at Builders Plumbing Supply and Michigan Chandler, two businesses that stand next door to each other on Grand River — reported front windows shot out over the past few weeks.

Police News

The most recent incident took place the night of Jan. 11-12. An employee at Builders Plumbing Supply reported a large hole in the glass and told police that another window was apparently shot out some time since Christmas.

Michigan Chandler employees showed windows with similar damage to police. Officers discovered a 3/4-inch ball bearing lodged between two panes of glass.

BREAK-IN: A resident on Grand River reported Jan. 13 that someone broke into his house and stole an estimated \$18,000 in custom made stereo equipment.

He told police there were many people who knew he kept the equipment in his home, and that he had no idea who may have done it.

The incident took place some time between 1:45 and 5 a.m. while the owner was spending the night at his cousin's house.

Police found footprints outside the home. The incident remains under investigation.

ANOTHER BREAK-IN: An employee at Family Care Physicians reported Jan. 12 that someone broke into an office and stole a "special reports" TV from the waiting room.

The TV, police said, only plays "special reports" tapes. It is designed for patient information as they are

waiting to see a doctor.

Police said the unknown suspects apparently broke in by smashing a small window in the door to the waiting room. They did not enter the actual doctor's office area, which was also locked.

There are currently no suspects or witnesses.

LARCENY: A resident on Brookforest in the Village Oaks subdivision reported Jan. 13 that someone stole a 10-speed bicycle, a tool box and numerous mechanic's tools from his garage.

The homeowner told police he discovered the break-in around 7 p.m. Police found footprints from a side garage door leading to the driveway of a neighbor's house.

Police said the neighbor is an elderly female who lives alone. The prints appeared to be made on Jan. 12 because they had been covered by ice from the Jan. 13 storm.

BREAK-IN: A resident on Nine Mile reported Jan. 13 that an acquaintance entered his home and took a hunting bow and arrows without permission.

The items were valued at \$300.

BREAK-IN: The manager of a condominium complex under construction on Canterbury reported Jan. 13 that someone broke in and stole a

stove from an empty unit.

The stove had already been installed in the kitchen, he said. The locks had been installed during the last week of December for final inspection. However, the manager told police he remembered seeing the door open "one day last week."

There are currently no suspects or witnesses.

LARCENY: A resident in the Westgate VI apartment complex reported Jan. 12 that someone broke into his 1992 Ford Escort and stole a CB radio, stereo and radar detector.

He told police the incident took place between midnight and 9 a.m. on Jan. 10. The driver's side window of the vehicle was reportedly shattered.

The car was parked at the apartment complex. There are currently no suspects or witnesses.

LARCENY: A Novi woman reported Jan. 11 that someone stole the hubcaps from her 1992 Buick Roadmaster. The car was parked in front of Kitchen Glamour in the Novi Town Center at the time of the incident.

DRUNK DRIVING: Novi police arrested a 35-year-old Milford man for operating under the influence of liquor Jan. 10.

Police stopped the man, who was

driving a 1989 Toyota Tercel, on northbound Beck Road, north of Elmwood Mile.

LARCENY: A resident on Ocher reported Jan. 9 that someone stole two stereo speakers that were sitting in the back of his 1986 Ford Ranger pickup truck.

The owner told police that the speakers were in a black carpeted box at the time of the theft, which occurred in his driveway.

BREAK-IN: A resident on Strawberry Court in the Pavilion Apartments reported Jan. 9 that someone broke into her apartment and stole her jewelry box and miscellaneous other items while she was in the hospital.

Police are currently investigating the incident.

LARCENY: A resident on Timberlane in the Waterview Farms apartments reported Jan. 9 that someone stole a set of speakers from his 1989 GMC pickup truck.

He told police he awoke at 3 a.m. to the sound of his car alarm. He noticed the window in time to see two white male suspects running from the vehicle with his speakers, but was unable to get a further description.

Police searched the area but found no suspects. The driver side window of the truck had been smashed.

Citizens with information about the above incidents are urged to call the Novi Police Tip Line at 349-6887.

Novi Briefs

Correction: A Jan. 14 Novi News article on the Wintergreen subdivision incorrectly stated that Planning Commissioner Robert Taub favored allowing the subdivision to proceed under the city's adjusted lot ordinance.

Taub did not. He voted twice against the plans. The commissioner says he's an opponent of the adjusted lot size ordinance.

Breath of life: The city council has recently approved the purchase of 30 self-contained breathing apparatuses for the fire department, as at a cost of \$39,000.

The funds were added to the city budget last spring, when Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan told the council that some of the existing equipment was old and had been malfunctioning.

Where there's a will... The Oakland County Probate Court trial to determine which of two wills left by local millionaire Ruby Furst is being postponed again. City Attorney David Fried said Monday.

A Jan. 6 trial date was put off until April, at the request of a new attorney for Antonia Kearns and Frieda Simmons. The women are heirs to a second will signed by Furst.

An earlier testament leaves the bulk of her estate to the City of Novi. Originally, the trial was scheduled for spring 1991.

NHS Senior Party: The 1993 Novi High School senior party planning committees have begun to form and could use your help. All adults interested in helping to make this a spectacular event, please contact Karen Chubb at 349-2042.

All help is needed and appreciated. For ticket information call Pat Maenach at 477-2675.

Health Notes

Parent classes: The Oakland County Health Division will offer a series of six Expectant Parent Classes beginning Thursday, Jan. 28 in the Oakland County Health Division, Greenfield Road, Southfield.

Classes will be held in the evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. and will be taught by public nurses. There is a \$10 charge for attending this series of classes and participants are asked to pre-register since enrollment will be limited.

Topics will include maternal physical changes, good nutrition, growth and development of the fetus and baby, labor and delivery, infant care and parenting.

To register, call 424-7042 by Jan. 22.

Health Fair: Feel better as you start off the new year. Health screening, health tips and nutritious cooking will be featured at the Health Yourself—1993, a free health fair at Schoolcraft College on Jan. 20. The fair will be held in the west end of the College's Waterman Campus Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The fair is open to the public.

Participating organizations include: Clark Chiropractic Center, Michigan Cancer Foundation, Michigan Eye Care Institute, St. Mary Hospital and the Wayne County Health Department.

Representatives from the Michigan Eye Care Institute will offer vision screenings; St. Mary's Hospital, blood pressure screening; Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts Department will demonstrate how to cook low-fat meals and offer food samples; Schoolcraft's Physical Education Department will offer body fat analysis; and the Wayne County Health Department will conduct cholesterol and cardiovascular risk reduction screening. All services are free.

For further information, please call Schoolcraft's Health Services Division at 462-4400, ext. 5050. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads.

Education Notes

Financial aid: Schoolcraft College will host a free Regional Financial Aid Night Thursday, Jan. 21 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the college's physical education building. Financial aid night is designed for all area high school students and their parents. The presentation will be divided into two sessions: financial aid opportunities and completing the financial aid form.

Session I, financial aid opportunities, will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. An overview of financial aid programs available to college students from the federal and state government and from private institutions will be discussed. In addition, the process of applying for scholarships, grants, loans and other forms of financial assistance will be presented.

Session II, completing the financial aid form, from 8 to 9 p.m., will provide an explanation of the process for completing the Financial Aid Form (FAF) or the Family Financial Statement (FFS). The forms will be available at the session.

Free parking is available in the north and south parking lots. Interested individuals can attend one or both sessions. For further information, please call 462-4433. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads.

Obituaries

ERMINE M. MCGINN
Ermine M. McGinn, 82, of Novi died of cardiac arrest at Providence Hospital Dec. 17. She was born Feb. 4, 1910 in Grand Rapids to the late Simon Rinehart and Margaret Cady Jacobs. Her husband, Benedict, preceded her in death.

She was a teacher for ten years. Ermine is survived by her children: Sr. Anne, Peggy Calandro, and Thomas; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and one brother.

A chapel service was held Sunday, Dec. 20 at 4 p.m. at O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi. Funeral services were Dec. 21 at Holy Family Church in Novi. Rev. John Budde of Holy Family officiated. Interment was at Our Lady of Hope Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Parkins Research, 3990 John R., Detroit, MI 48201.

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Opinions

As We See It

A long list for Novi to accomplish in '93

Despite a host of troubles, the City of Novi had a productive year in 1992. But there is still much to be done. And much of the work items left on the city's "to do" list have time elements to them. So, as *The Novi News* offers its list of priorities for the city for '93, it should be noted that the list is long, and the deadlines are tight.



Government

Council efficiency
One of the primary obstacles to progress in Novi is a lack of efficiency at the City Council level and its strained relations with the city administration.

We're not going to point fingers here; there is enough blame to go around. Rather, we want to point out the two areas in which improvements could and should be made.

Make the meetings more efficient. The facts that council has yet to live up to its stated goal of finishing by midnight, that too many items get tabled, that special meetings are frequently scheduled, and that the clerk's office cannot keep up with the workload should be ample evidence of the problem.

We recognize Mayor Matt Quinn has only a year left to go in the position, but a year is a long time. So we call on him to tighten down on his control of those meetings. Yes, all points of view must be brought out and discussed, but Quinn must learn to be quicker on the gavel when the discussion turns redundant or unproductive.

Improve council/administration communication. The problem became clear in the long, drawn out debate over "Watermaingate" last year. Council must be able to ask all the questions it feels it needs to have answered, and the administration must make better efforts to answer those questions, quickly and completely.

At the same time, council must listen to the answers it is getting. It was quite clear last year that some members of council had not read information already supplied to them by the administration.

We suggest two possible systems to make information flow better. Once meeting packets have been reviewed by council members, they might get better results if they informed the city manager and what additional information they will be wanting, so he can be prepared and bring it with him to the table. Perhaps the council should consider scheduling occasional work sessions, during which no actual decisions are to be made, but when department heads can be present to be interrogated on whatever subjects the council members have on their minds.

Consultants
Draft a consultant policy. Out of "Watermaingate" came a clear understanding that it is time the city installed better policies by which to guide its consulting firms. While some minimal amounts of progress has been made on this score, it is critically important that this issue be resolved early '93. Such a policy should attempt to define what kinds of decision-making authority can be assumed by the consultants, what the administration must see, and what kinds of decisions need to be reserved for the city council.

Use competitive bidding. One of the concerns of council and among the public revolves around the prices charged by consultants. We have long maintained that Novi can rest assured it is getting the best consultant bang for the buck if it periodically puts its con-

tracts out for competitive bidding. City Manager Ed Kriewall argues there is already a review process in place to insure Novi is getting good prices. That's fine, if council agrees it's a good system, but we'd like to see it formalized and made more public so city residents can also be comfortable they are getting the best prices possible.

Planning and development
There are a tremendous number of planning and development issues for Novi to address in 1993. But with the city's final push toward build-out likely to come as soon as the economy breaks '92 was already a year of heavy residential development) '93 may be the last chance to make sure we have the necessary plans in place.

Plan for a sustainable future. Two issues are important here. Already, the city and school administrations have been sounding the warning bells about a fall off in business development. That's fine perhaps for those who want a so-called "bedroom community," but they have to recognize that residential development does not produce the kind of tax base business developments do. And that means there will be pressure for higher taxes in the future, especially if the city is to maintain the kind of services residents have come to expect. We think it important the council and Planning Commission make a determination of the business-to-residential mix they would like to have when the city is fully developed. Then, if business development is falling short, take steps to encourage it.

Secondly, we believe efforts should be made to increase the amount of development in the "affordable housing" category. At present, most homes built here are for the high-end of the market. That makes it difficult for both seniors and young adults to buy homes in the community. We believe both of these categories of residents have much to offer the city.

Finish planning the town center. With the Novi Expo Center in place, city officials expect it will be a catalyst for development in the town center area. Plan now for the coming development.

Review the master plan. It needs one last look before we get into a building boom. Are we comfortable with what the master plan has in mind for the city? Many indicate they are not.

Implement the studies. Two area studies made progress in 1992—the Walled Lake Sector Study and the Grand River Corridor Committee. Both made impressive progress last year and came up with some exciting ideas. But ideas are useless without execution. The city should make a priority of implementing the results of these works.

Budgetary control
Simply stated, Novi voters have twice said in the past couple months they are willing to put up more tax money to support our local units of government in the parks and school bonding elections. With that comes an obligation for the city government to hold down operational taxes to the lowest possible level. Be fair to Novi taxpayers.

In the wake of voter passage of a \$9.9 million parkland bond question, the City of Novi has much to do to ready that land for public use. Our agenda for Novi parks for 1993 will be the subject of an editorial coming Thursday.

A vote for teaching to the test



Phil Jerome

One of the neat things about working for a newspaper is that you get to discuss politics, government and current events all day long — and get paid for it.

Most people have to talk about their jobs when they're at work, and pretty much have to put off discussion of current events until they're home. Same thing's true of journalists and journalism, except for the fact that current events are your job. And it's not only appropriate to discuss them at work, it's expected.

All of this is prelude to the fact that the test scores from the Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) are starting to come in, and they were the topic of some discussion in the newspaper at *The Novi News* last Friday.

And, as is so often the case when MEAP results are being discussed, somebody suggested that some school districts are guilty of "teaching to the test."

It's an accusation that invariably reminds me of Ms. Wilkinson, my French 101 teacher back in college. I did well in French 101. Had close to a straight A average, which I never considered much to brag about because, quite frankly, I found it extremely easy to get As on Ms. Wilkinson's tests.

The rules when I went to college was that professors must announce all major examinations one week in advance. They could pop a "quickie quiz" on you anytime they wanted, but if it was a major exam, they had to give you one week's notice.

Well, good of Miss Wilkinson not only gave us a week's notice, she also told us exactly what was going to be included on the test.

Not everything she told us was going to be on the test actually ended up on the test. Only some of the things she

had warned us about were included. But she never put anything on the exam that she had not said was going to be there.

Quite frankly, getting As on those tests was a breeze. All you had to do was make sure you knew everything she said would be on the exam, and an A was just about guaranteed.

For a long time, I did not have as much respect for Ms. Wilkinson as I should have had. Let's face it, her French class was a breeze . . . a real GPA booster.

It wasn't until we were half way through the second semester (French 102) that I began to realize Ms. Wilkinson was a whole lot smarter than I had given her credit for.

There was no madness to her method. It was simple logic.

One week before every examination she would tell you everything that she thought you ought to know. If you wanted an A, no problem. Just learn what she thought you ought to be learning, and the A was a flat-out cinch.

So who was outsmarting who? If anybody, it was Ms. Wilkinson outsmarting the rest of us. But I expected she considered it a fair tradeoff. If you had learned what she thought it was important for you to learn, she had no problem whatsoever about handing out those 4.0 grades.

And that's why I think of Ms. Wilkinson whenever I hear somebody accusing one school district or another of "teaching to the MEAP test."

The MEAP tests are put together by a group of professional educators to ascertain whether students are learning what they're supposed to learn when they're supposed to learn it.

So a school district that teaches to the MEAP test is guilty of nothing more serious than making sure their students learn what they're supposed to learn when they're supposed to learn it.

And that's why I'm all in favor of "teaching to the test." Frankly, I think all school districts should do it.

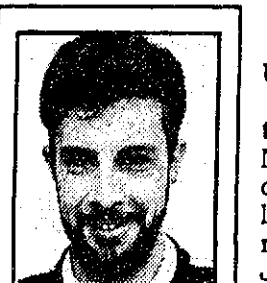
In passing

By Hal Gould



'An uphill battle' — Ice and snow combine to make it difficult for this youngster to climb the hill at Novi Woods.

The lesson hasn't sunk in yet



Rick Byrne

Unbelievable. That's all I can say. Unbelievable.

You would think after all that's gone on in the last year in Northville Township that some of our readers would have learned their lesson in government and the public process. Judging by the letters to the editor we've been receiving, that's one lesson that hasn't sunk in yet.

But before I go on to scold you all for flunking civics, I should probably praise you all for having learned your math lessons so well. You all know how to figure your property taxes, although some of you still have a twisted notion as to what constitutes taxes that are "too high."

But I digress. Back to the government lesson. We recently ran an editorial chastizing Township Supervisor Karen Baja for circumventing the public process when asking Township Manager Richard Henningsen. Rather than taking a vote on whether to renew his contract in a public meeting, she polled each of the board members one on one, and in subquorum groups.

Michigan's Public Meetings acts are quite clear on such matters. Specific language, written in plain English, forbids the conduct of public business in subquorum groups. We've received a few letters to the editor doubting that the hiring and firing of a township manager should be public business. The letter writers say that as an employee, Henningsen's status should remain private.

In a word, they are misinformed. First off, Henningsen's salary, which is the highest in township government, comes out of your taxes. He works for you. Not just Karen Baja and the township board. And as his employer, you are entitled to know how he's doing, review his record, and review the procedure by which his contract is either renewed or dropped.

Furthermore, Henningsen technically is not an employee of the township. He's a contractual employee. His contract comes up for review periodically. He really can't be fired in the same sense as a free-will employee hired by a private-sector company. His contract may not be renewed, which, if you are Richard Henningsen, probably feels like being fired. But technically, it's not.

Whether it's a firing or a failure to renew a contract is a mere matter of semantics. But viewed in the big picture, you begin to see why the process ought to be public.

Whether it's a contract for manager to administer the township, or it's a contract for an engineer or consultant for a sewer, it must be handled in full public view.

Now do you make the connection? Do you remember the old regime? No-bid contracts, negotiated behind closed doors. When you voted for the new township board, it was clear that most of you were voting against the back-room politics of old.

I fully realize that, like a Tigers fan who hates to hear his team's name taken in vain, you find it hard to accept that the candidate whom you trusted with your vote to open the doors of local politics might close them.

Let's just hope that the board members realize their mistake and restore the faith that voters put in them in November.

Class dismissed.



The driver of this car found out first hand last Wednesday that many of Novi's side roads, such as Cranbrook, were ice-covered and slippery.

Storm left power, schools out

By PHIL JEROME
Executive Editor

Students got a day off school and there were several minor accidents, but Novi generally escaped any serious problems during a mild ice storm last week.

A relatively light rain began falling on the area late Tuesday afternoon and ended driving treacherous as temperatures fell into the evening and overnight into Wednesday morning.

Lt. Gerald Burnham of the Novi Police Department confirmed the hazardous road conditions and reported that there were numerous minor accidents, but added that there were no significant problems.

"There was nothing more than the usual," said Burnham. "There were a few accidents and some inconveniences . . . the usual kind of stuff you expect with that kind of weather, but there were no major problems or incidents."

Sister city group swoops through Novi

Continued from Page 1

In June, the Novi school district hopes to send a delegation to Oiwani. Heidi hopes to be one of the local students on the trip and in preparation will begin Japanese lessons next semester.

"Just thought it would be kind of fun to have someone. I thought it would be the best to go there," Zimmerman said.

The way is a tough one. Dr. Rita Traynor, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, said the Oiwani contingent took a 12-hour bus drive from its hometown to Tokyo's Narita Airport for a safe trip before embarking on the grueling 24-hour flight.

"It's fast (the stay), but at least it's a multi-cultural experience," Traynor said, adding that the trip couldn't be longer because the Japanese did not want to take more time out of their own school schedule.

"We always get a very positive feeling. We have a lot more technology than they have. They seem to feel we have larger schools. They're im-

pressed with the schools." Traynor said.

"Generally, they seem to feel our students are happy."

But, she added, they don't "ever say anything negative."

Traynor was one of four local educators who traveled to Oiwani last year at their own expense.

Orchard Hills Elementary teacher Darlene Grabowski's family played host to a 16-year-old Oiwani girl, in part because Grabowski's daughter Wendy plans to return the visit.

The Grabowskis also found it difficult to communicate with their guest, Makl Koyama.

"We took our dictionary and she took her dictionary and we worked very hard. We realized the last night that if we could write it down, she could understand," Grabowski said.

"At the mall, she did not shop. She was not very expressive. She just kept her eyes down all the times. Now and then, we'd get her to laugh."

One excursion that seemed to please the young girl was dinner at the Kyoto Steakhouse, although Pizza Hut was also a hit.

What Makl seemed to like above all

else in Novi — and many would agree with her — was Guernsey's Farm Dairy.

"She was very excited about Guernsey's and ice cream. She knew what she wanted, chocolate chip," her hostess said.

Makl's experience will not deter her adventurous daughter, either. Grabowski added: "We thought maybe after she saw how isolated Makl seemed, she might be afraid to go, but she can't wait for the day to come."

The first grade teacher raves about the impact the brief visit had on her household, which put forth a united front to keep the Japanese student entertained.

"It was really a beautiful experience. It was amazing to me how it brought my family together. My husband came home early from work. My kids came home from college. I found my family when Makl was here," Grabowski said.

The adults of the Oiwani group — high school principal Hiroshi Igarashi, deputy school superintendent Takeshiro Tokumi, junior high school teacher Juniko Akimoto,

Media relations officials with Detroit Edison were unable to confirm reports of power outages in Novi as a result of the icy conditions, but spokesman Scott Simons said it was "a rather mild situation as far as ice storms go."

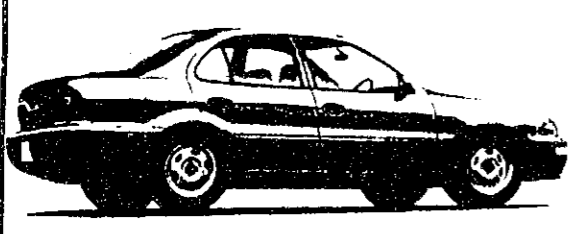
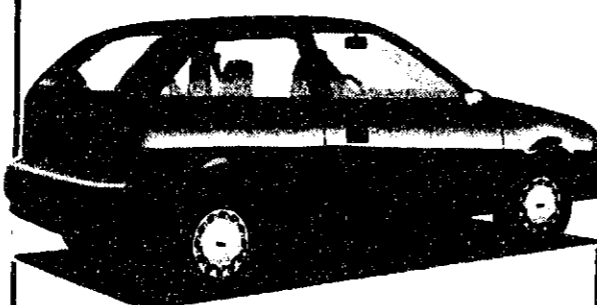

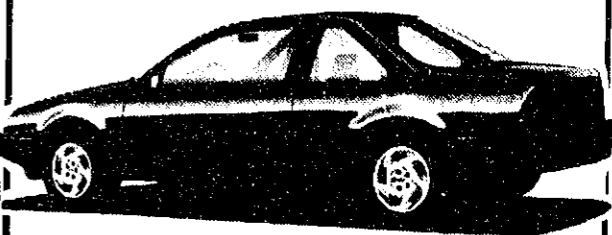
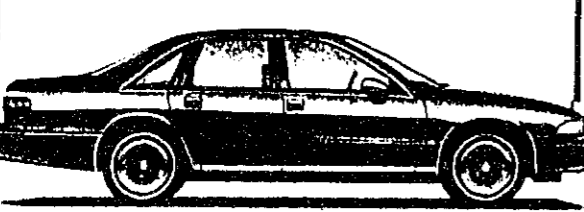
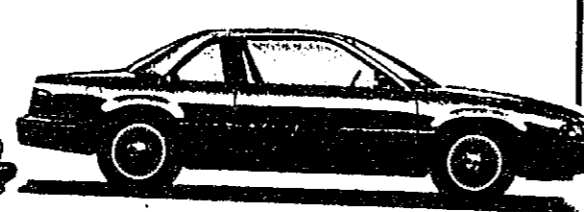
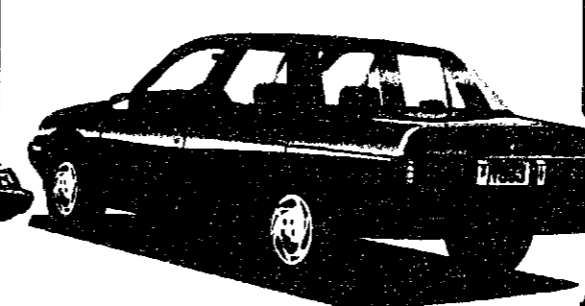
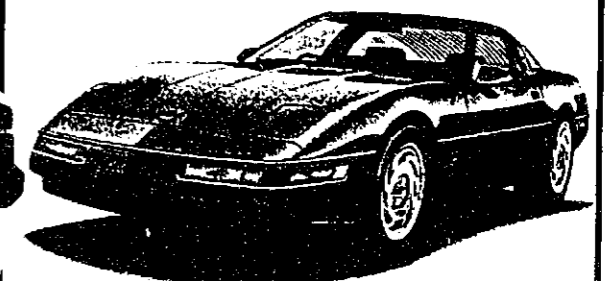
Simons said approximately 16,000 out of 1.9 million Detroit Edison customers lost power for various periods of time as a result of the storm. Approximately half the outages were in Oakland County, he said.

Simons attributed the relatively low number of outages on the utility's vigorous tree-trimming program during the past two years.

"We trimmed some 800,000 trees in 1991-92 and spent millions of dollars to try to alleviate the potential for outages caused by high winds and ice storms," said Simons.

"If a storm of this nature would have hit two winters ago, we would have experienced a lot more outages than we had on Tuesday and

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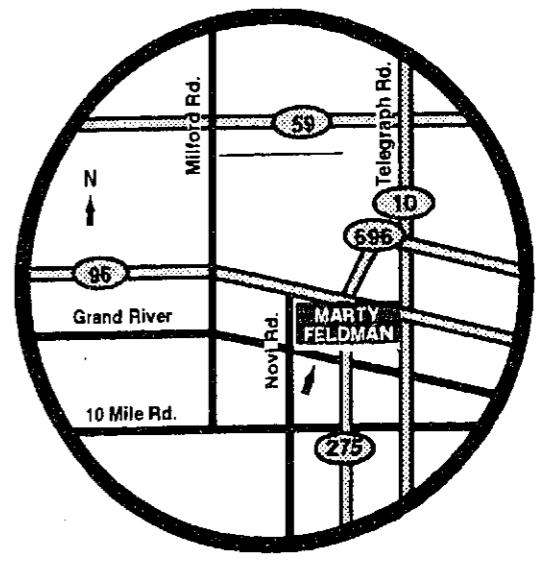
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FOOD CREATIVE DINING

Florine Mark/Weight Watchers

Self discipline helps resist temptation

Holiday entertaining may be helpful to your weight loss program.

That's the jolly news from Weight Watchers. One of the best ways to stay in control of your holiday eating is to entertain in your own home. When you are the host or hostess, you have the home field advantage. You make the rules, design the menu and stay in charge.

One good choice for holiday entertaining is to plan for activities other than eating. For example, have a caroling party, or a holiday walk to enjoy neighborhood decorations.

Beat statistics which indicate the average person gains between two and 10 pounds between Thanksgiving and New Years. The recipe is simple — all it takes is a little know-how, an extra ounce of control and a sizeable portion of planning.

Here are some helpful hints from Weight Watchers.

Drink lots of water. It will help to fill you up and you'll be putting a curb on your appetite.

Learn to be assertive in any eating situation. A simple and polite "no, thank you," or "yes, this is all I'm going to have" will do the trick. Remember it's your choice and your body.

Focus on the "Reason for the Season." Having a good time is not stuffing yourself with food, but filling yourself with hours of fun and surrounding yourself with family and friends.

Plan ahead. If you are going to a dinner party, eat light at lunch and breakfast that day.

Eat slowly. Put your fork down between bites and join in on the conversation. It takes about 20 minutes for food signals to reach your brain and tell you if you are full. Eating slowly aids this process.

Exercise. Every bit of physical activity helps during the holidays. Besides eating greater amounts of food, the holiday season often brings on additional stress. Exercise not only burns calories and fat, but it's also helpful in relieving stress.

High calorie drinks and punches are common at holiday parties. Ask for Perrier or seltzer water with a twist, instead. Sip your beverage elegantly in a wine glass or champagne flute.

Avoid alcoholic beverages. Alcohol stimulates your appetite, and before you know it — you'll find yourself at the hors d'oeuvres table with the munchies.

Share with a friend. If a piece of pumpkin or apple pie a la mode looks too tempting to pass up, share it with a friend or family member. This way you can enjoy it without having to eat the whole thing.

Make sure you schedule some time for yourself. Added stress and the feeling of being overwhelmed can often lead to overeating.

Remember there is more to celebrating than food. Share funny stories, play a game that everyone will enjoy, rent a classic movie or one of the new releases.

Portion control. Selectively choose what you'd like to eat. Sample a variety of what is being served in small portions.

"Seconds? No Thank you." Tell yourself that you will feel better and will have more energy after the meal if you pass on second helpings.

When holiday grocery shopping, stick to your planned list. Avoid impulse purchases such as packaged holiday cookies and goodies to "have on hand" during the holidays. Chances are they will end up in your hand and then in your mouth.

Don't go to a holiday party "famished." Have a glass of low fat milk or piece of fruit before leaving home. You won't feel the need to "fill up" on snacks once you arrive.

Don't eat just because the people around you are eating. If you aren't hungry, nurse some sparkling water or fruit juice.



Chef Jack Dai prepares General Tsou's chicken for Hunan Palace's Chinese New Year celebration.

Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Oriental Celebration New Year's feast will keep you crowing

By RICK BYRNE
Copy Editor

It's time to gong in the Chinese New Year again.

It's time to stop writing Year of the Monkey on your checks and get ready for the Year of the Rooster, 4691 for those of you who are keeping track.

Chinese New Year this year falls on Jan. 24. Whereas the calendar observed in the West is based on the earth's orbit around the sun, the Chinese calendar is lunar. Their months have either 29 or 30 days, with the full moon always falling on the 15th day of the month. Twelve months totaled 357 making the Chinese calendar somewhat inexact. Chinese New Year falls on a different day each year.

The Chinese compensated by adding an extra month in certain leap years, but eventually, in 1910, they began observing the solar calendar.

The old lunar New Year continues to be observed, however, with a bountiful feast.

As Linda Parker of Novi explains, in her native Taiwan New Year is an even bigger celebration than the Jan. 1 holiday is here in the United States.

"Back home we celebrate for three days before and five days after," she says. "Usually there is a big meal with the family

together. We eat a long dinner and give money in a red envelope."

In China, the color red is symbolic of good luck, an eating is something of a national pastime. The Chinese believe cooking represents a way of thinking, on a par with fine art.

So is it any wonder that at Hunan Palace, which Parker owns, the traditional Chinese New Year is celebrated with a 10-course meal which takes most of the evening.

Parker's artist on staff is Chef Jack Dai. Also a native of Taiwan, Dai has worked (woked?) in restaurants in New York and Miami. He was educated under Pong Chong Que, a famous chef from his homeland. In fact one menu item at Hunan Palace was especially created by Dai to honor his mentor. Pong's name appears in Chinese above the English name for the dish, bean curd stewed with black bean sauce.

At no other time of the year does Dai practice his art more perfectly than at New Year. He takes special pride in the main course dish, crispy boneless whole fish, which he will prepare this Sunday when Hunan Palace hosts a Chinese New Year's Party for invited guests.

"It takes a long time to bone the fish — three hours," Parker says. "Jack's the

only chef I know who can do that."

The boned body of the fish, in this case succulent grouper, is then crafted into a network of rounded shapes, and deep fried with the head and tail separated (they're returned to the plate later). Then Dai creates a sauce of bamboo shoots, onions, red peppers, red wine sauce, and a Szechuan sauce of his own making.

Fish is a traditional part of the lunar New Year celebration because it symbolizes abundance and plenty. Indeed, many of the ingredients of Chinese cooking are given symbolic meaning.

Mushrooms, for example, mean opportunity and happiness. Eggs symbolize life, and the numerous seeds of the pomegranate, many children. Chicken is the symbol of rebirth, and shrimp indicate joy. Onions and heads of lettuce are produce bursting forth from the earth, and hence portray new beginnings.

Tangerines wish good luck, their succulent juice symbolic of continued sweetness in life. At lunar New Year, tangerines complete with leaves intact, are hidden in the beds of children, wishing them "the sweetest issue of life," according to Chinese mythology.

Food preparation also carries meaning. The rounded shapes of Dai's crispy whole fish symbolizes harmony, much

like the ring shape of our Western wedding bands.

Dai says that many home cooks are often disappointed when they try cooking Chinese food at home, that it doesn't come out the same as it does in the restaurant. He admits that even he can't create at home the same dishes he can at Hunan Palace where he cooks over two 5,000 BTU gas woks (there are six in the restaurant altogether) kept at 300 degrees F and 500 degrees F.

Here, however, he offers some spicy, Szechuan-style dishes often served at Chinese New Year which can be made at home on a household wok. You'll need to make a trip to an Oriental grocer, though. Dai recommends Evergreen Supply Co., 20736 Lahser Road in Southfield. Owners Siu and Cholada Chan supply many Chinese restaurants in the area, and have a retail store as well.

You'll notice his recipes don't call for specific measurements of most items. Dai encourages home cooks to measure ingredients to your own personal taste, and experiment.

These dishes call for a very hot wok, and you'll have to cook fast, so have all your ingredients prepared and measured

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Chef Mary Brady

Food trends may change in the coming year



The past few weeks have been a time for reflection, most of which is business related.

This was our second holiday season in beautiful Novi and we are definitely happy with our still-new home.

It is amazing the number of people that we see two and three times a week. This is turning into another Seven Mile Brady's with a clientele of regulars.

We are thrilled to see the same faces over and over again. Babies that were newborn when we opened are now toddlers,

and toddlers turning into youngsters. We watch with wonder at their developing personalities.

Also important is your acceptance of different foods and cooking styles. Just 14 short months ago we were trying to discourage the practice of squirting lemon juice over fresh, beautiful fish. Try the fish first, and the lemon after. You were trusting. No one has asked for lemon in over a year. If the fish is what it should be, no odor, firm and "clean" tasting, lemon will just ruin the flavor.

A similar situation is the person who adds salt and/or pepper before sampling the food. Some of the finest chefs around refuse to put shakers on the table. This, however, is making the assumption that everybody's taste buds are the same, which they are not.

One of the fun parts of my job is to re-

commend entrees to those that ask. There is a good number of our patrons who will not order without my input. Sometimes it is hard. We try our best to accommodate all types of tastes and needs. Our menu is ever changing and often there are protests that we've removed a favorite from the everyday selections. Not a problem, give us a call several days in advance and we'll have your favored choice.

In the last couple months two of our frequent diners have had to contend with heart surgery. They still come in — we cook special. Little or no fat, lean cuts of meat or fish and lots of fresh steamed vegetables. In fact, a goal for 1993 is to introduce more low-fat selections. We are well on the way with many of our sauces and soups.

Potatoes are used as a thickener in soups instead of cream or rouxs. Sauces

are flavorful vegetable purees. Oils, butter and other fats are used to a minimum. Fruit salsas, unusual grains, tasty herbs and infused olive oils add much zip without the calories. Don't get me wrong, a nice butter sauce still hits the spot with certain foods.

1993 will see other changes for eating out too. Pork is being served pink instead of dried up and well done. Medium pork remains juicy and flavorful. During World War I hogs were fed recycled food (garbage) and trichinosis was a problem. Now, for years this parasite has disappeared from the scene. Have no fear to eat pork a bit on the pink side. It is a taste treat.

Classical cooking will return as a norm rather than a second thought. You'll see ragouts, cassoulets, and traditional fare done with a flair. Lots of wild mushrooms, exotic fruits, "old fashioned" veggies (fen-

nel, celeriac, turnips and parsnips), and wild game will come into their own.

Little meals are on the rise for the fourth of fifth year in a row. Several appetizers become dinner or lunch. Personally, I love to eat this way. Much more satisfying to the palate.

The interest in food is forever growing. The questions I get asked are intriguing. Ones that I never would assume the general public to query about. Which country produces the best olive oil? Olives? Vinegars? Cheeses? And, which pans are the best for home use, are just a few. Hopefully I will get to answer these and more in future columns.

Food education is ever increasing. The more you know, the better the industry as a whole is forced to become. Yes, 1993 will be a great year. Lets make it a culinary adventure together.

The Refrigerator Door

KITCHEN GLAMOR CLASSES: Novi's Kitchen Glamor store hosts a series of drop-in classes Tuesdays at 1 and 7 p.m. during the next several weeks. The fee for most of the classes is \$3.

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Kitchen Glamor is located in the Novi Town Center. Call 380-8600 for more information.

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SUPERMARKET TIPS: An informative sheet, "Charting Your Way Through the Supermarket," offers tips for making educated decisions at the supermarket. It is available free from the Oakland County Cooperative Extension Service, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac, MI 48341. Questions about food, nutrition or food safety can be directed to the Food Hotline, 858-0904.

Chinese celebrate

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ahead of time. Once everything's been prepped, Dai can craft his masterpieces in a matter of minutes. And if it still won't come out right, Dai says he's happy to help anyone who asks. Just drop by the Hunan Palace and "ask for Dai."

SESAME BEEF
Beef tenderloins, cut in strips
egg white
cornstarch
Sauce
soy sauce
wine
sugar
garlic
Ginger Szechuan hot pepper
sesame seeds

Coat beef with egg white and cornstarch. Heat oil in wok to 120 degrees Celsius (about 250 degrees F). Fry beef to one-half of desired doneness, a minute or less. Remove from oil and heat wok to 400 degrees Celsius (about 500 degrees F). Return beef to pan and fry to desired doneness. Remove from pan and drain. Drain oil from pan. Add sauce ingredients to pan and heat through. Add beef to pan and stir only long enough to coat with sauce and seeds. Serve with steamed broccoli on side.

CRISPY SHRIMP WITH CHAMPAGNE SAUCE

10-12 shrimp per person (depending on size of shrimp)
egg white
cornstarch
pinch of salt
Sauce
equal amounts of sweet cherry sauce, ketchup and champagne (or white wine)
fresh chopped ginger
fresh chopped garlic
small amount of chicken broth
sugar
salt
Szechuan hot oil to taste
some corn starch mixed with water as thickener.

One egg white will make enough breading for a dozen or more shrimp. Mix enough cornstarch with egg white to make a thick, sticky batter. Toss the shrimp in the mixture to coat evenly and let stand for about 15 minutes.

Heat enough oil to deep fry the shrimp in a wok. Heat oil almost to smoking point and drop in shrimp. They should fry for only a few seconds, only enough to turn opaque. Don't leave them in so long they turn deep brown. Remove from oil and drain. Drain oil from pan. Add sauce to pan and heat if for just a few seconds to thicken. Put the shrimp on a plate and pour a little sauce on top. Serve the remainder in a bowl as a condiment.



New Year's fare includes (clockwise from top left) General Tsou's Chicken, Crispy Whole Fish, Sesame Beef, Crispy Shrimp with Champagne Sauce and Szechuan Scallops.

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the NOVI NEWS Sports

Novi falls to Baseline rival Northville 77-54

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

It's all over. The Baseline battle of the hardwood has been won by Northville for the 1992-93 school year.

The Mustangs pounded Novi 77-54 Tuesday night at home — their second straight win over the Wildcats this season.

Despite the loss, Novi coach Bob Shoemaker said his 2-6 Wildcats are improving. The team is still learning about itself, he added.

"We're seeing different kids do things," Shoemaker said. "It's just getting them all in sync at the same time."

For Northville, the win shook off a two-game skid.

"I was really pleased with the effort tonight," Mustang head coach Larry Taylor said. "We were much better defensively."

After taking a 12-10 lead after one quarter, the Mustangs blew the game open in the second and held an 11-point advantage at halftime. Novi never mounted a serious threat in the second half.

Rick Biermann led Northville with 18 points, while Mike Maschek added 17. Taylor said his team concentrated on an inside-outside offense. Biermann, who had three, three-pointers, worked outside while Maschek dominated down low.

"Anytime we can get it to Mike inside," Taylor commented, "he's a threat."

Shoemaker was impressed with Biermann's game.

"He was outstanding for them," remarked the Wildcat cage coach. "He showed a lot of hustle out there."

Dave York and Brian Coordas both had career highs in scoring for the Cats. York scored 21, and Coordas poured in 14.

Both teams were out of sync in the first period.

Biermann hit a three-pointer for the game's first basket with a half-minute gone by. Northville led 6-0 before Coordas got Novi on the scoreboard at the 4:59 mark with a jump shot.

The Wildcats sliced Northville's lead to two by the end of the quarter. York had a three-pointer and also connected on three free throws.

As slow-paced as the first quarter was, the second was a track meet.

Novi stayed within four points for the first few minutes of the period before the Mustangs went on a roll. Northville converted several fast break opportunities and broke down the Wildcat defense for 28 points in the quarter.

"They hurt us on second shots," Shoemaker added.

Northville led 40-29 at halftime. Maschek had nine points in the period on a variety of inside jumpers. Coordas did all he could to keep Novi in the game as he scored nine in the second period as well.

The home team continued its domination in the third.

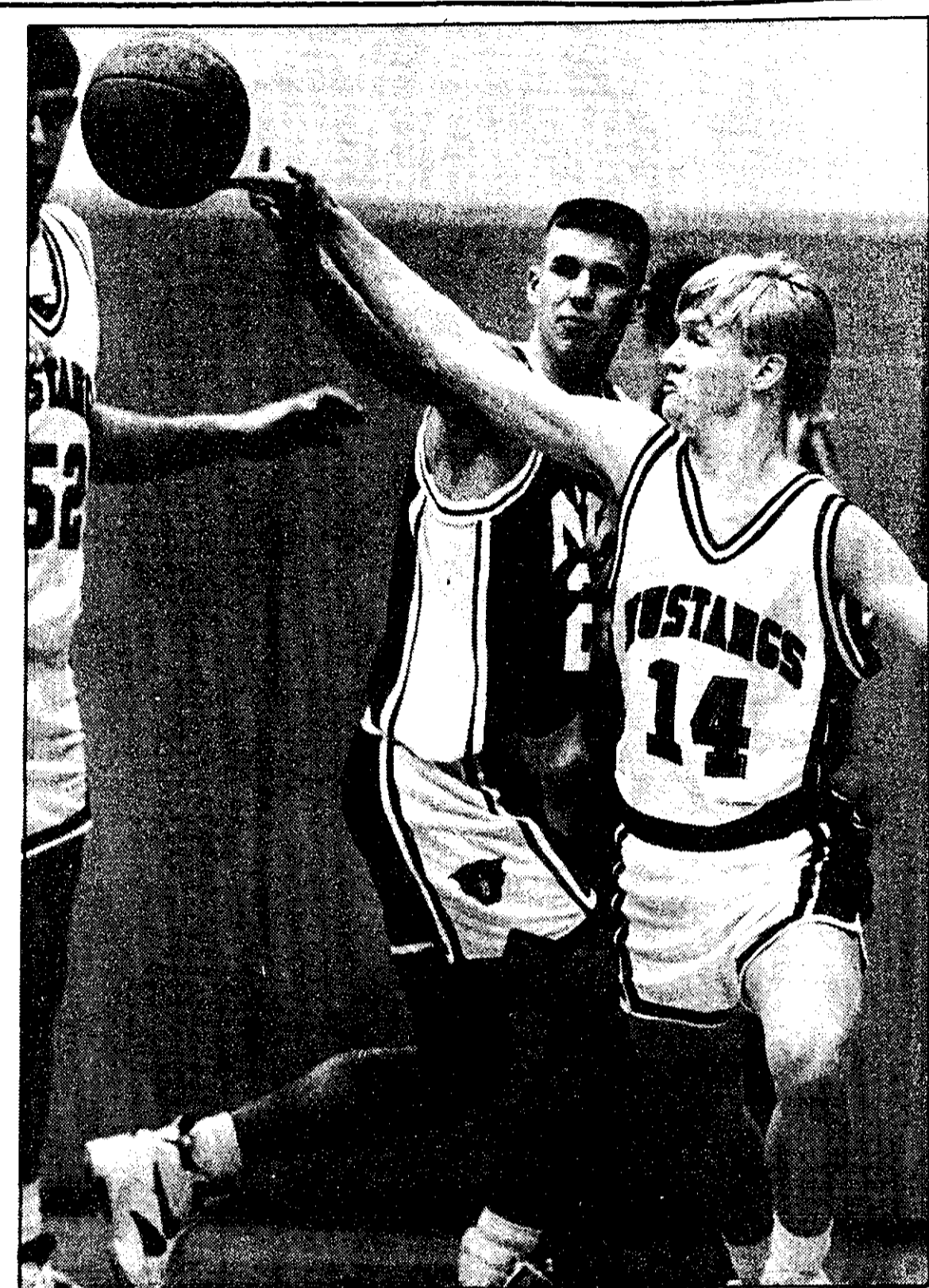
Northville led 48-38 with about half the quarter gone. The Mustangs' Neil Yaeleke scored consecutive baskets to spearhead a 12-0 run before the buzzer.

The Baseline rivals played an almost even fourth quarter. York closed his strong game with seven points for Novi in the period.

While the Wildcats relied on York and Coordas for their scoring, Northville showed excellent balance. Four Mustangs were in double figures, including 11 from Kieran Williams and 10 from Todd Rabourn.

Taylor went to three-guard alignment — Biermann, John Farrar and Rabourn — for the game to add more speed to the lineup. He said he may continue to use that combination.

"We've got some good guards who can play," said the Mustang mentor.



Novi's Shawn Kelly battles Northville's Rick Biermann for a loose ball Tuesday.

Chelsea dunks Wildcat tankers

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

An injury-depleted Wildcat swim team fell 104½ to 71½ Chelsea Jan. 5.

No fewer than five of Novi's top performers were sidelined due to illness and injury. That list included Mike Speerschneider, Dennis Suchytka, Matt Mutch, Craig Gilbert and Mark Yost.

"We had to rely on our underclassmen to carry the load," said Novi coach Mark Mason.

The Wildcats already have a small team. So with that many kids gone, Mason said his team did an excellent job in staying relatively close to Chelsea.

"We have quite a few people making improvements," he added.

Mason said Novi should be just about back to full strength tonight when the Cats hit the road to face Plymouth Salem. The team is 1-2 on the campaign.

"Hopefully we will have a full compliment the rest of the season," Mason commented.

The Wildcats started the meet on a positive note. Mike Lafferty, Curt Speerschneider, Rob Mutch and Erich Kelly combined to win the 200-yard medley relay with a time of 1:53.56. Jim Galford, Henry Newton, Jason Black and Brian Leroy were third in 2:13.37.

In the 200-yard freestyle, Lafferty was a winner in 1:54.57. Eric Watkins was fifth in 2:20.27, while Matt Christopherson was sixth in 2:24.65.

Novi took its third straight win in the 200-yard IM. Kelly took top honors in 2:01.22. Galford placed fifth in 2:33.81.

Curt Speerschneider was second in the 50 freestyle with a time of 26.29. Black placed fourth in 26.30.

With Gilbert and Yost out, Novi failed to take any points in diving competition.

In the 100-yard butterfly, Rob Mutch had a personal best time of 1:01.95, good for second place. Leroy was fifth in 1:21.13 and Tim Gibbons placed sixth in 1:38.06.

Rely came back with another win, this time in the 100 freestyle. The freshman posted a time of 52.91.

Lafferty also had a personal best in the 500-yard freestyle and won in 5:04.80. Christopherson was fifth in 6:34.23 and Gibbons was sixth.

In the 200-yard freestyle relay, Curt Speerschneider, Watkins, Black and Newton finished in second place. They had a time of 1:51.44.

Rob Mutch's 1:09.85 was second in the 100 backstroke. Leroy was fourth and Galford fifth.

Curt Speerschneider won the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:10.76. Black placed fifth in 1:18.89 and Newton was sixth in 1:30.23.

Novi took second and third in the 400-yard freestyle relay to close the meet.

Black, Rob Mutch, Galford and Kelly finished second in 3:45.74. The team of Christopherson, Leroy, Gibbons and Watkins were next with a time of 4:20.94.

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238 Recreational Vehicles 5TH wheel 24ft. Concord, self-contained.

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