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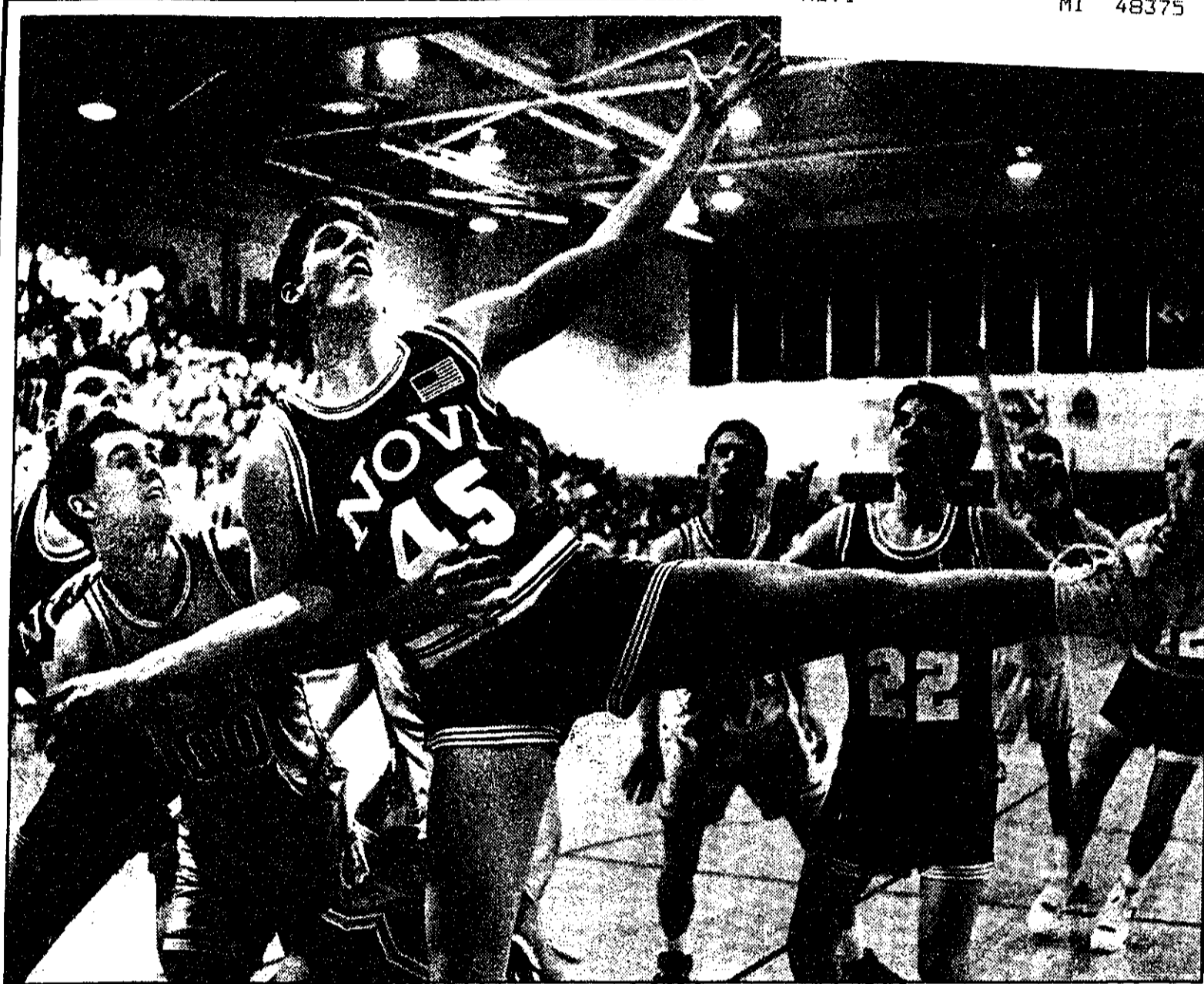


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Novi's Jeff Schram (45) fights Milford's Greg Petru (00) for a rebound while Mike Kramer (22) looks on

## KVC Champions

### Novi defeats Milford in OT for conference title

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN  
Staff Writer

It wasn't pretty, but it was exhilarating. It wasn't a huge upset, but it was unprecedented. The Novi basketball squad nailed down the school's first-ever Kensington Valley Conference basketball title on Feb. 21 with a heart-pounding 45-42 overtime thriller against host Milford. The victory moves the Wildcats to 11-0 in the KVC, a full two games ahead of the Redskins with one conference clash remaining on the schedule. Milford, the three-time defending KVC champions entered the clash with a 29-game home winning streak. The Redskins' last home defeat

came on Feb. 17, 1987 against — you guessed it — Novi. For second-year coach Bob Shoemaker, the victory and the title were two more milestones in a prep coaching career that includes a state title with Orchard Lake St. Mary's and a 41-game winning streak at Detroit St. Andrew. "This is more satisfying than any of those," he said. "I know how hard our players have worked and I know how far we've come. This is the most gratifying moment of my career." A loud, capacity crowd — including a huge Novi following — packed Milford's tiny gymnasium for the showdown. It was obvious from the opening tip-off that both teams were a bit nervous. Novi missed its first three shots and Milford

connected on 1-of-6 free throws in the first quarter. But point guard Greg Petru hit a fadeaway three-pointer at the buzzer to give the Redskins a 10-6 lead after eight minutes of play. Milford increased the lead to seven on several occasions in the second quarter, but the Cats went on a 7-0 run to tie it 17-17 with 1:50 on the clock after a Jason Walker three-pointer. In the final minute of the half, the Redskins got a triple by Tim Mahon and a steal and lay-up by Petru to lead 22-17 at the intermission. Wildcat starter Jeff Schram was whistled for his fourth foul in the first three minutes of the second half, but Novi held Milford scoreless until

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## Novi firm hit with largest wetlands fine

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

A Novi-based company has agreed to pay the state \$100,000, the largest fine assessed to date for a violation of the Michigan Wetland Protection Act of 1979. U.S. Real Property Holding Company of Novi, an affiliate of the Hong Kong toy company New Bright Industries, was charged with filling 1.2 acres of wetlands in Wixom to construct warehouses and a railroad spur. An agreement reached Feb. 19 between the firm, Attorney General Frank J. Kelley's office and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) includes the crea-

tion of 4.35 acres of new wetlands to mitigate the damage, as well as the identification of all existing wetlands on the site. The settlement of the administrative complaint was announced Friday by the state attorney general's office. "I think it's certainly a significant amount (of money), plus the fact they have to create 4.35 acres of new wetlands, certainly shows Attorney General Kelley is serious in the pursuit of these kinds of cases," said Chris DeWitt, a spokesperson for Kelley. Also on Feb. 19, in 52nd District Court, Division 1 in Walled Lake, Continued on 2

## Novi district seeks 10.5 mill renewal

By SUZANNE HOLLYER  
Staff Writer

The only thing that could be considered controversial about Tuesday's election for a 10.5-mill renewal is the wording on the ballot, according to Novi schools Superintendent Robert Pivko. Because of legal requirements, the ballot reads as though the district wants to increase taxes by 10.5 mills. Actually, the election is a renewal of a three-year 10.5-mill levy that expired with the December tax bill. The ballot will ask: "Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Novi Community School District, Oakland County, Michigan, be increased by 10.5 mills...?" At the end of the proposition a parenthetical statement calls the election "a renewal of 10.5 mills." "From a legal, technical standpoint that's what it must say," Pivko said. The 10.5 mills account for about

\$8 million or one-third of the district's operating budget of about \$22 million. In the past, the full 10.5 approved mills has not necessarily been levied. The district levied about 9 mills last year. If the 10.5 mills are renewed they will make up about one-third of the 33.05 authorized mills. Another 13 mills will expire in December 1991 and Oakland County allocates 9.54 mills to every district in the county. A total of 33.04 mills are authorized for Novi Community Schools, and the district legally could levy 27.65 mills under the Headlee Amendment. But 26.395 mills were levied to Novi taxpayers last year. "We have always gone on the basis that just because it's available to us we don't levy it necessarily," Pivko said. "We will continue to levy what we need to maintain programs." The district asks for millage-renewal requests, like this one, in the early part of the year because it Continued on 2

## District sets precincts for millage balloting

Novi voters Tuesday will decide if 10.5-mills of the Novi Community School District's operating budget should be renewed. Voting places are: Precinct 1: Novi Middle School, 25299 Taft Road. Precinct 2: Orchard Hills Elementary School, 41900 Quince. Precinct 3: Village Oaks Elementary School, 23333 Willowbrook Drive. Voters unsure of their precinct can check with Educational Services at 348-1200. The polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

## Chicago cops nab Novi suspect

By CRISTINA FERRIER  
Staff Writer

Acting on a tip from the Novi Police Department, Chicago police Wednesday arrested Felipe Planes, the second suspect in the Nov. 9 murder of Dorlando Kenney in Novi. Planes was arrested by Chicago's Gang Crime Unit in a residential neighborhood in the south section of the city shortly before midnight. Chicago Police Officer Tom Karczewski said Planes was arrested without incident. Karczewski said Novi Police were able to give them the exact address where Planes could be found. "We found the address and it proved to be the right information," he said. Planes was expected to appear before an Ill-

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John April  
Novi Detective

nols chief justice Friday morning for an extradition hearing before being sent to Michigan for arraignment in Walled Lake's 52nd District Court, Division 1. Novi Detective John April said he could not

comment on how Planes was found. "It was just good police work," he said. "I can't give much information. We found out where he was and we contacted the detectives there, and they acted on our information." Planes, a Grand Rapids resident and a native of Cuba, has been the subject of "be on the look-out" bulletins issued by Novi police since November. Novi detectives had been trying to locate Planes since he became a suspect several days after Kenney's body was discovered along Twelve-and-a-half Mile Road west of Novi Road. "It was a matter of time," April said. "I was pretty confident that we would eventually find him. We worked on it pretty regularly." Continued on 4

## Cause still mystery in gas main fire

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

The cause of the Jan. 2 Grand River Avenue gas main explosion in which six workers were injured remains a mystery following a recent wrap-up of a Consumers Power investigation. Dressed in full protective suits and masks, the utility company employees were attempting to repair a gas main puncture when something sparked a blow-torch-type fire. The men were treated at nearby hospitals and released that night for first- and second-degree burns, primarily to the face, head and

neck. One was burned on the arms. Consumers Powers lost 2.625 million cubic feet of gas, valued at \$10,000, during the gas leak and the fire. State-wide Excavating Company of Wixom was extending sewer lines west along Grand River Avenue between Beck and Wixom roads. An auger pierced the gas main at 3:15 that afternoon and was resealed by Consumer Power employees at 4:30 p.m. While the men were sealing the line, the fire broke out. The gas main was then shut off and the remaining gas in the main burned out by about 6:45 p.m. Consumers Power Public Information Director Garth Behrendt

said that Consumers Power usually tries to recover its financial losses if an excavating company is found at fault, but no final determination has been made. "What we are doing right now is talking to them (State-wide). We are going to conduct a review with them," he said. A report released earlier by the Novi Fire Department said that Consumers Power lost \$40,000 in heavy equipment in the fire and State-wide lost \$29,000 in construction machinery. In addition, two Michigan Bell telephone poles valued at \$3,000 were charred and had to be replaced. Gas service to 650 Novi and

Wixom homes and businesses was cut off for up to 18 hours. Telephone service to 300 customers in the Grand River Avenue area between Wixom and Beck roads was disrupted for 27 hours. A Consumers Power labor and management team drawn from Livonia, Royal Oak and Jackson offices studied the accident, Behrendt said, and could reach no conclusion as to why the gas ignited: "As we previously indicated, investigations of these kinds of situations are often unable to determine the cause of a fire." In response to the incident, the Continued on 2

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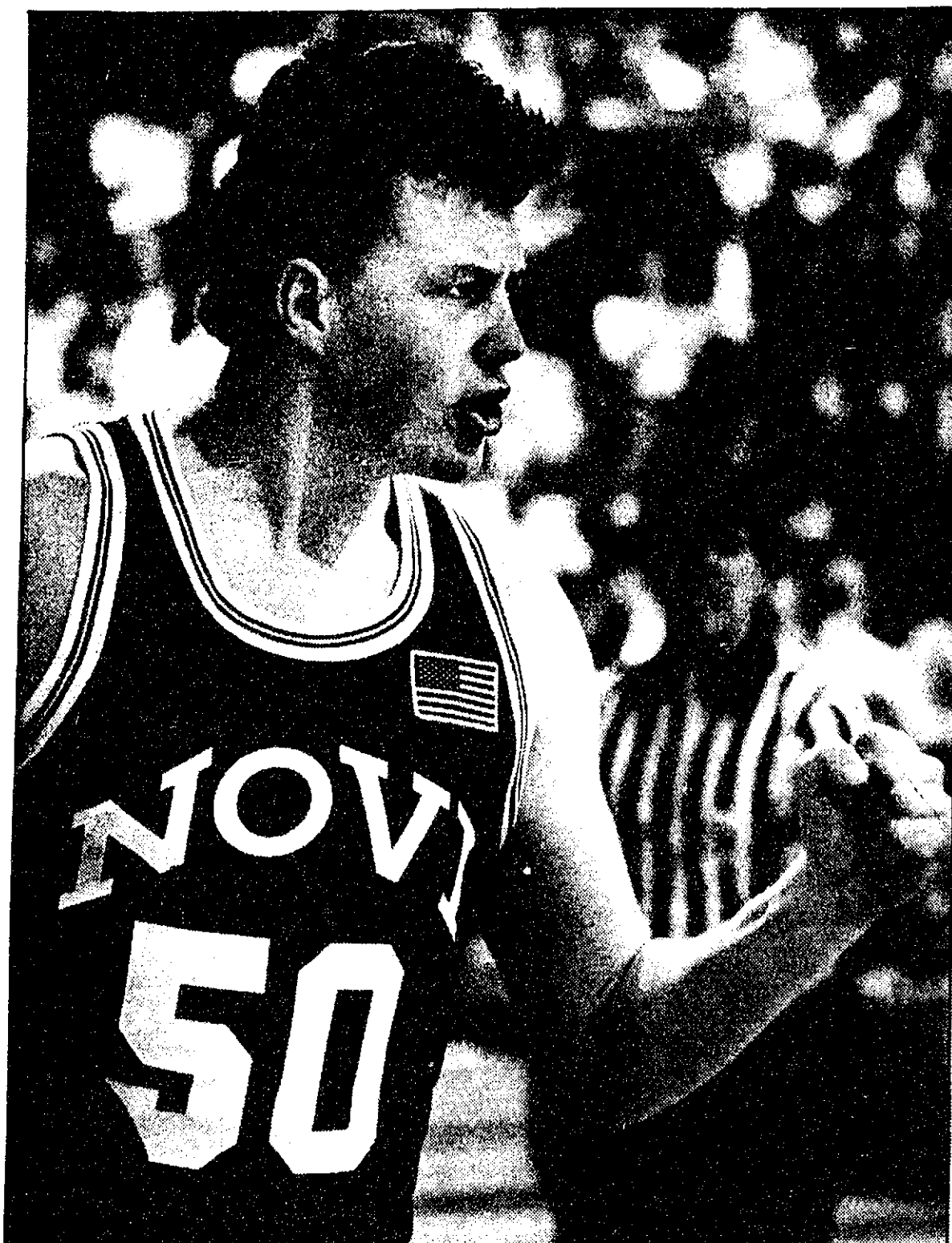
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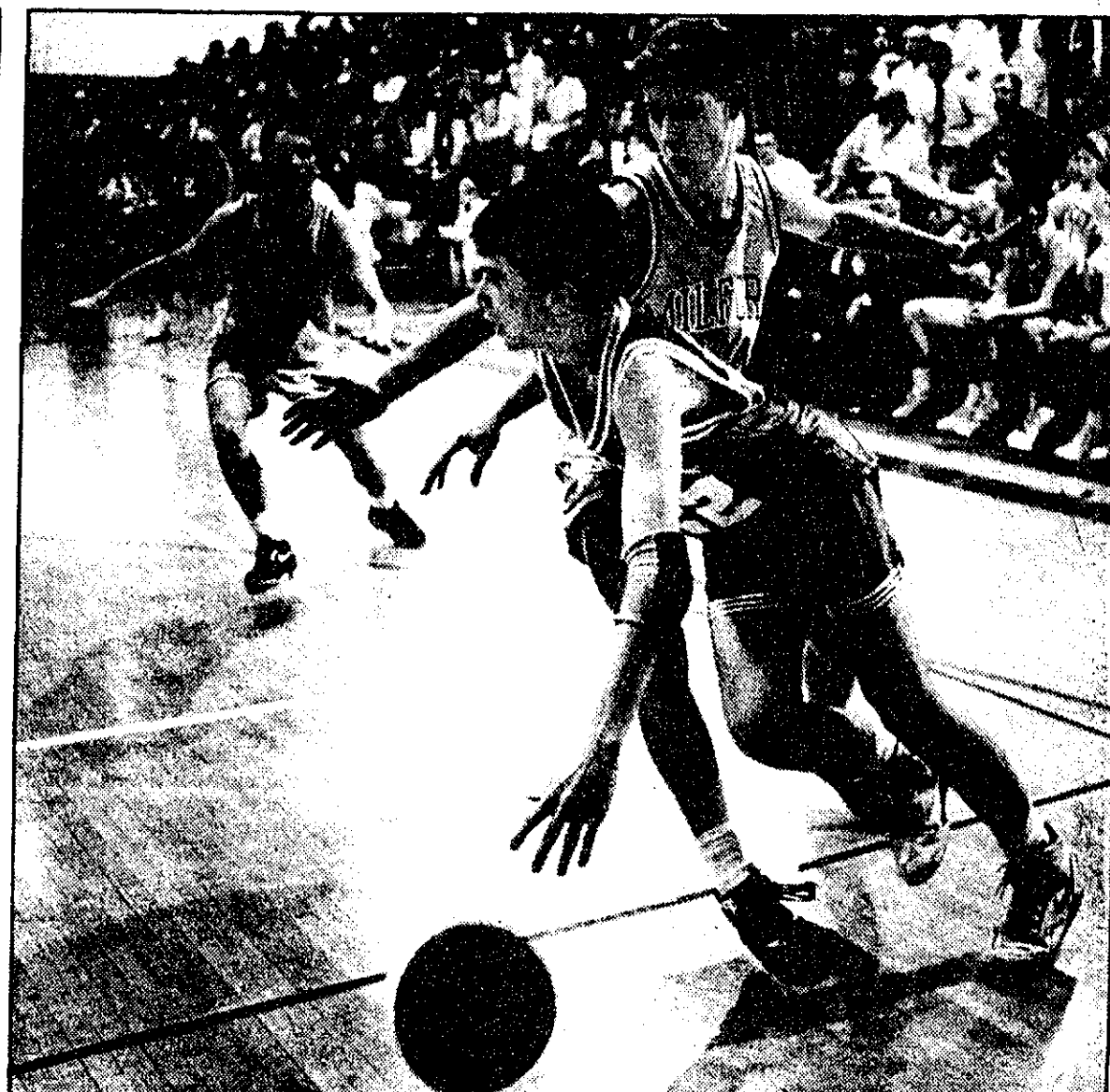
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Aaron Federspiel had the look of determination



Wildcat guard Mike Kramer (22) tries to advance the ball upcourt despite defensive pressure

## Top of the conference

### Novi wins first-ever KVC title

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the 4:35 mark of the third quarter. A pair of steals and buckets by Doug Soper knotted the score at 28-28 late in the third, and it was nip-and-tuck the rest of the way.

With a three-point lead (37-34) and just over three minutes remaining, Redskin Coach Don Palmer went into a stall. The plan backfired though, thanks to the quick hands and feet of Soper. The senior point guard swiped two passes and converted them into points on driving lay-ups to put the Wildcats temporarily in front 38-37 with two minutes left.

"I just kept moving my feet and trying to keep active and it paid off," Soper said.

Perhaps the biggest play of the game came when Petru—Milford's team leader—fouled out at the 1:16 mark with just eight points. With the score tied at 40-40, Walker attempted to win the game with a three-pointer at the buzzer, but the shot was off the mark.

In the overtime session, Soper made a brilliant 20-foot bounce pass to a wide-open Matt Rolles for an easy backdoor lay-up which broke the tie. The rest of the period degenerated into a free throw shooting contest, with Walker earning 3-of-4 from the free throw line in the final minute to preserve the win.

"We knew that the team that made its free throws down the stretch would probably win," Walker said. "I just reminded myself that it's something we've been working on since last summer and that helped."

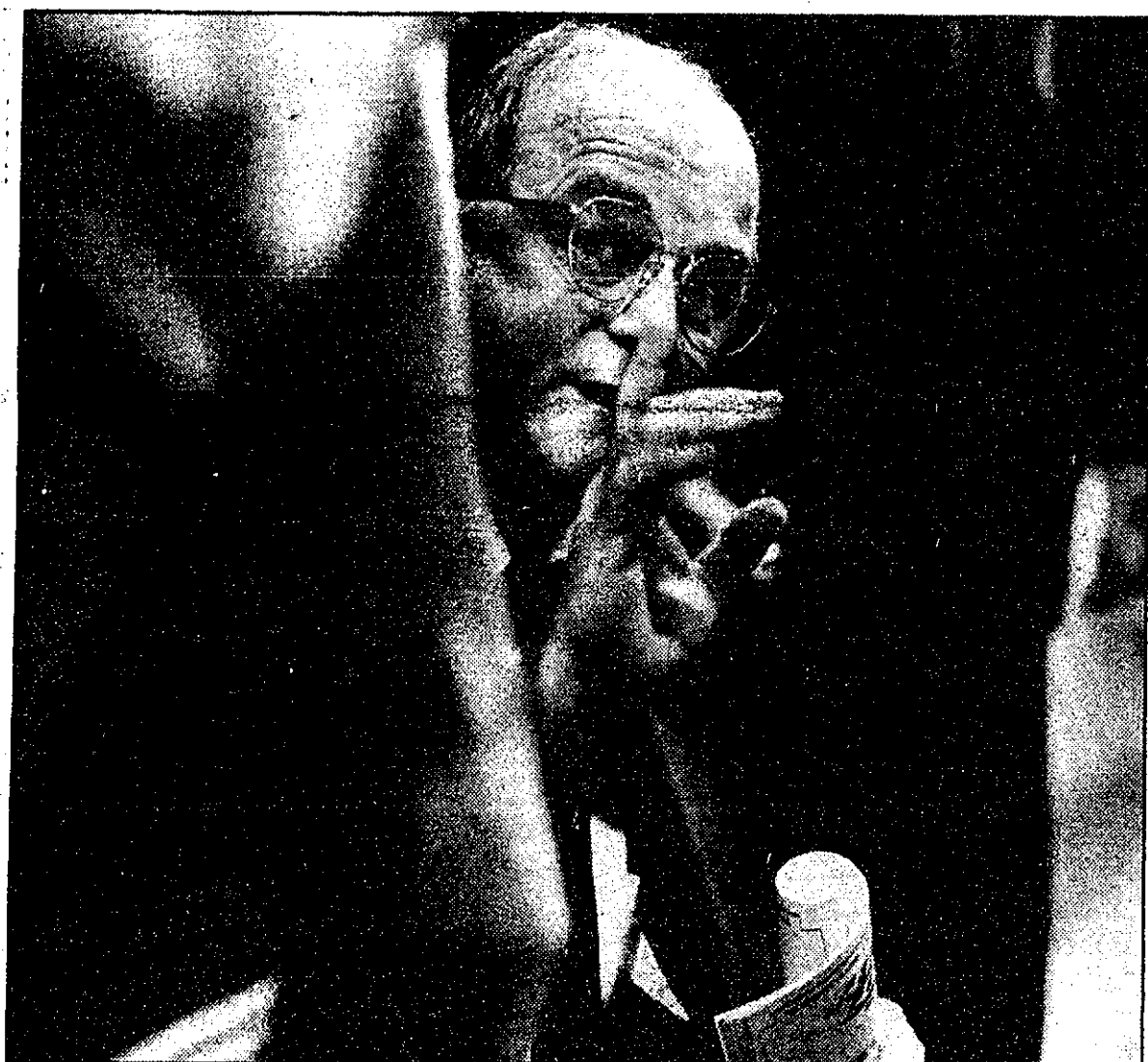
For the game, the Redskins shot just 8-for-23 from the charity stripe. Novi wasn't much better (10-for-20), but did nail 7-of-12 in the fourth quarter and the overtime.

For the second time this season, Soper outplayed Petru—his point guard counterpart—with 12 points, five steals and four assists. Walker added 13 points and nine rebounds, and Schram chipped in with 10 points and eight rebounds despite being in foul trouble most of the game. Center Aaron Federspiel hauled down nine rebounds before he fouled out.

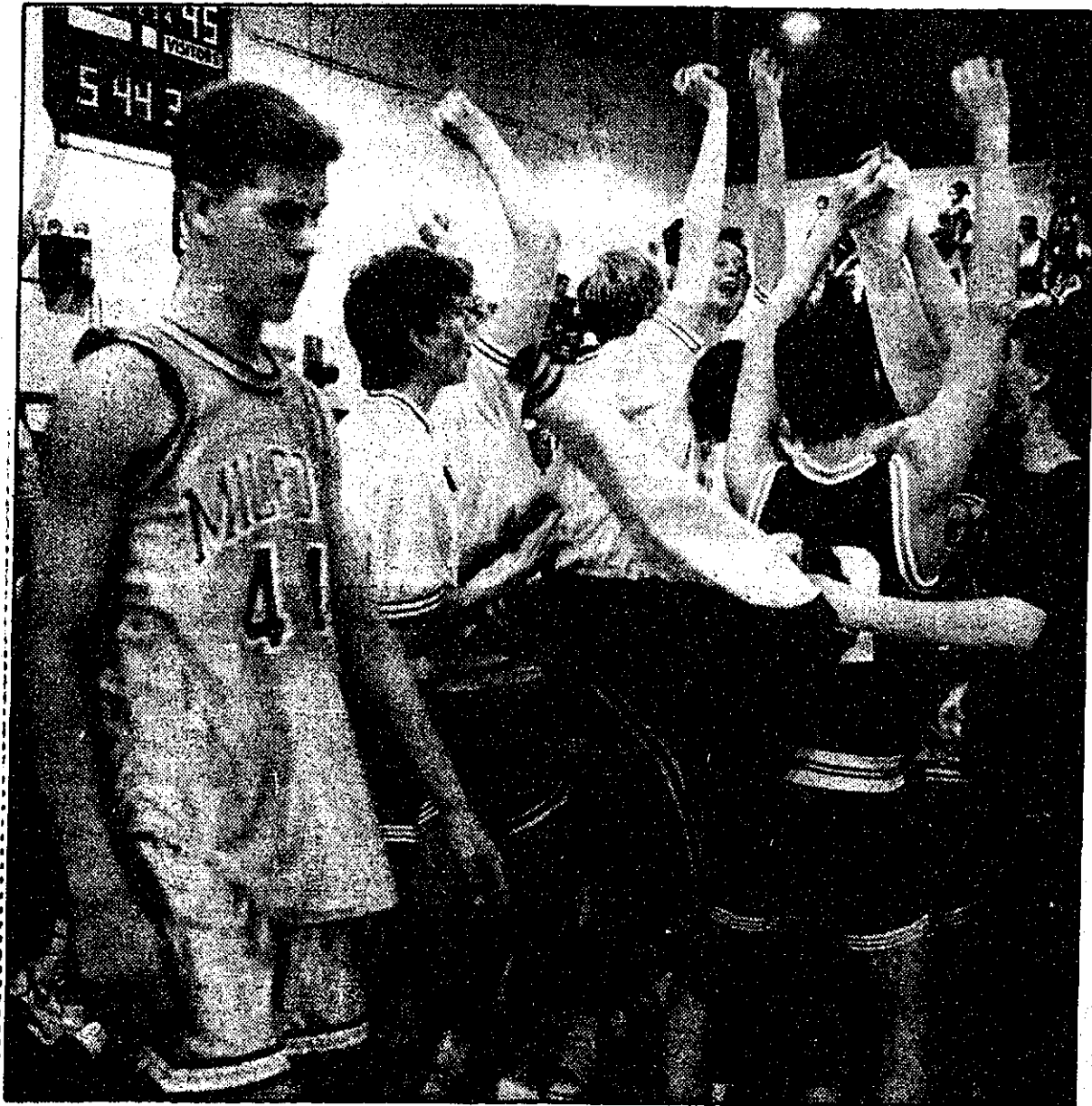
Tom Kohahl led Milford with 17.

"It's our first ever basketball title and we feel great," Soper said. "It's really satisfying because we've been working hard for 11 months. The difference between this season and the other seasons was that we played so much in the off season."

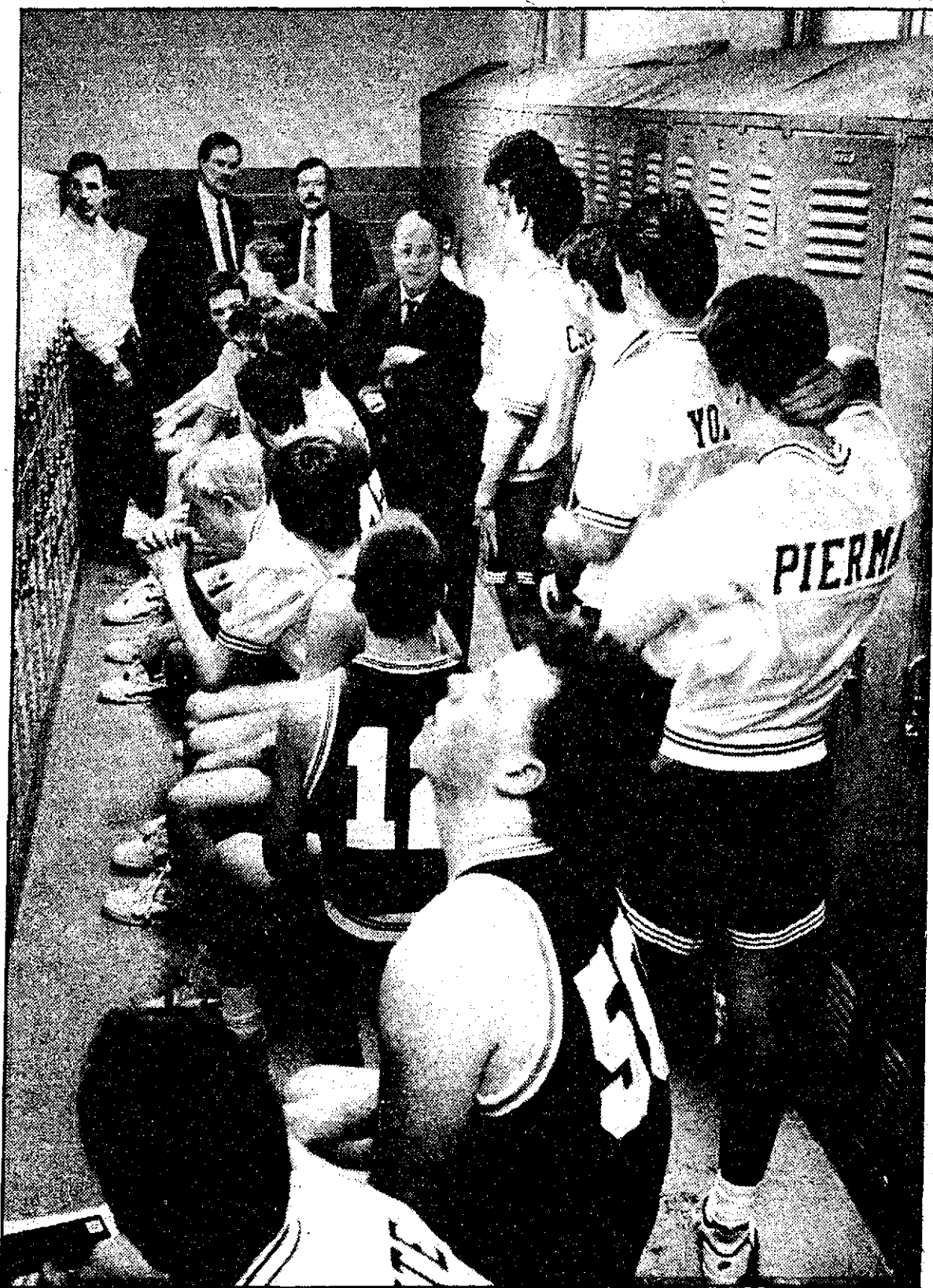
Novi (16-3 overall) will host South Lyon tomorrow (March 1) and then will be the host site for the MHSAA District tournament starting March 4.



Novi Coach Bob Shoemaker discusses strategy during a time-out



The Wildcats celebrate their victory with fans as Milford's Brandon Phillips walks off the court



Coach Bob Shoemaker and his coaching staff give the Wildcats a pep talk during halftime

PHOTOS BY HAL GOULD

# FOOD CREATIVE DINING

**B**  
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## Eleanor & Ray Heald/Wine

### To Glen Ellen vintners, it's all in the mix

Glen Ellen Winery is 10 years old. Yet, a visit to the "home" ranch in Sonoma Valley might lead you to believe that nothing changed during the decade.

The visitors, so warmly welcomed to the ranch, depart with the impression of a California boutique winery. But in the 1980s, Glen Ellen's astute marketing strategies developed it into a big winery with a "little" image.

Glen Ellen began its successful 10-year rise in the industry by producing a series of affordable wines. "We call our inexpensive wine Proprietor's Reserve because we want to provide value," explains Mike Benziger, managing general partner. "We want to sell a wine that everyone can afford to drink daily."

"The Glen Ellen style is determined in the vineyard with innovative farming techniques — watering, fertilizing, canopy control, time of harvest and vineyard selection. We farm for flavors," he says.

The Benzigers do their flavor farming by buying grapes from 240 growers in seven California viticultural areas. "We purchase fruit from 101 growers for our Proprietor's Reserve Chardonnay," remarks Glenn Proctor, director of viticultural operations.

"By working with so many growers in such diverse areas, we are able to build a wine from the ground up. Chardonnay from Paso Robles helps increase body and fullness. Santa Maria-area fruit improves aging potential, while grapes from Mendocino contribute intensity and approachability."

After harvest, each grower's wine is fermented and stored separately. Growers are invited to taste their wines in comparison to a neighbor's in a quality feedback program. The result is innovative vineyard techniques that improve flavors.

In the winery, each lot of wine is classified according to vineyard origin, style, flavor, and aging potential. Chardonnays from Santa Maria, a cool growing area with lean soils, exhibit apple and lemon-citrus characters that enhance ageability.

Warm region, Paso Robles chardonnay has rich, smooth flavors that add body to the wine. Monterey fruit comes from the cool Salinas Valley known for lean soils that limit vine vigor. In a blend, the Monterey fruit adds apple and pear aromas, plus a rich, spicy character.

Warm days and cool nights in Napa Valley yield chardonnay that increases complexity and structure as well as adding a tart, minty-apple nuance.

Sonoma County grapes contribute a flavor intensity reminiscent of Granny Smith apples.

Glen Ellen uses the principles of "farming for flavors" when producing red wines too. Cabernet sauvignon grown in Paso Robles contributes a cedar aroma, while Santa Maria cabernet gives a berry-cherry quality. Monterey cabernet is peppery while that from the Clarksburg area yields a hint of chocolate and coffee. The people at Glen Ellen use a large flavor palette for making consistently attractive wines for your enjoyment.

#### WINE SELECTIONS OF THE WEEK

Glen Ellen Proprietor's Reserve wines are value-priced. The 1989 Proprietor's Reserve White (\$5.40) shows attractive floral-spice aromas with flavors reminiscent of gewurztraminer. The 1989 Glen Ellen PR Sauvignon Blanc (\$6) highlights aromas of honeydew melon with clean, fresh flavors and an off-dry finish. The 1989 Chardonnay (\$7) emphasizes crisp, apple aromas and flavors. The 1989 PR Gamay Beaujolais (\$4.20) is a fruit-julicy, light red wine with raspberry and strawberry flavors. The 1989 PR Merlot (\$7) shows honest grape flavors without hindrance of overpowering oak.



## Scratch Cooking

### Getting back to basics foils modern myths

By RICK BYRNE  
Copy Editor

Think back for a moment to your childhood. Maybe you have a fond memory of weekends spent in the kitchen helping a parent or grandparent cook from scratch.

Remember when the fare was cake or cookies or brownies or something really good, and you waited for a chance to lick the spoon? The smell of home-baked goodies would linger in the house, fresh and fragrant, all afternoon long.

What you may not have picked up on (no doubt your senses were already overwhelmed) was that the ingredients were all simple. Just the basics used in cooking from scratch.

Fast forward to the present, with two-career couples, single parents and single singles with not a moment to spare.

The best we often hope to achieve in the kitchen is throwing together a prepared mix. Scratch cooking is almost a dirty word.

Yes, we've heard the excuses before. Think about the time, the difficulty, and that lengthy clean-up, right?

Think again. Baking from scratch can be as easy, simple and fast as using a mix, if you choose the right recipes and plan ahead.

If you're a hard-working business person or student, you probably know the benefits of planning ahead, so this should come naturally. The same principles apply in the kitchen.

If you're a problem-solver on the job, perhaps you can look at a recipe and figure out a way to save a step, or do without an extra dish to wash.

For the most part, it's cheaper to cook from scratch. Think about it on a philosophical level. Every time you add some sort of processing to a mix — packaging, processed sugar, processed flour, ingredients you can't even spell or pronounce — that's an added cost that the manufacturer passes on to you.

There's another benefit to scratch cooking if you're the health-conscious sort. Not only do you know exactly what goes into your recipe, but you can limit or control things like fat, salt and processed sugar.

Take pancakes. The ingredients used in pancake mix are virtually the same as those used if you make the pancakes from scratch, so the nutritional content may be the same — but maybe not.

You don't know, for example, how much salt or sugar was used in the mix. If you make the pancakes from scratch you can control the amount, or even eliminate sugar and salt completely.

You also can use whatever kind of flour you want — whole wheat, rye, buckwheat, unbleached white — instead of the highly processed flour used in the mix.

As for time and dirty dishes, if you compare making pancakes from scratch with a regular (as opposed to instant) pancake mix, you may be surprised to find that, using flour instead of mix, you need add only three extra ingredients — sugar, salt and baking powder — to the egg, oil and milk you have to add to the mix anyway.

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## Retro recipes

Some of the recipes below give ranges for the amounts of some ingredients. If you want to cut down on the fat or sugar content, use the smaller amount.

#### MAYONNAISE

1 egg yolk  
1 teaspoon hot (not sweet) mustard (e.g. Dijon)  
¼ teaspoon salt  
pinch of white or cayenne pepper  
¼ cup oil (see note)  
1 teaspoon lemon juice or wine vinegar

In a bowl, whisk together egg, mustard, salt and pepper. While mixture thickens, slowly pour in oil. Continue to whisk vigorously. When oil has blended in, slowly add lemon juice or vinegar, season to taste. Yields 1 cup, which will fit in the 8-ounce (small size) jar of the store-bought variety. Next time you buy some, save the jar, and fill it with your own.

NOTE: To help prevent fresh mayonnaise from breaking up in the refrigerator, add several teaspoons of hot water at the very end while whisking. It is best to blend olive oil with a vegetable or peanut oil at a ratio of roughly one to six. Too much olive oil gives an overpowering flavor, and may cause the mayonnaise to harden in the refrigerator.

#### RUSSIAN DRESSING

1 cup homemade mayonnaise (see above)  
½ cup ketchup

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## Chef Mary Brady

### Fish makes for fine lenten fare

With the start of the Lenten season I was reminded that all Fridays now until Easter are to be meatless. This means no animal flesh. No, not even chicken.

The logical alternatives are fish or vegetarian meals. Both can be very nutritious and simple to prepare. This column will be devoted to fish and seafood and their benefits. Next week's will elaborate types of fish and their proper handling.

Americans' interest in health and nutrition has grown to tremendous heights in the '80s and now the '90s. A recent survey conducted by the food marketing institute reveals that individuals' main concern is the fat content in food, not the cholesterol and sodium.

Indeed, if we all limited our fat intake to the recommended 30 percent there would be minimal obesity and fat-related diseases, not to mention how good everyone would feel physically and mentally.

Fish and seafood make for heart-smart eating for several reasons. Seafood is nutrient-dense. That is, it offers large quantities of

protein, vitamins and minerals without high levels of calories or fats. Most varieties of fish and shellfish contain less than 5 percent fat and are generally low in saturated (bad) fat.

Seafood is naturally low in calories. On the average, a four-ounce portion contains only 100 calories. Remember, however, that what you put on the fish or serve with it must be low-fat also. Tartar sauce and rich buttery sauces are not permissible.

And, although the Friday fish fry is a looked-forward-to treat, the calorie and fat content skyrockets with deep frying. Many seafood products fit into the low-sodium category, though shellfish and processed fish tend to have higher sodium levels. Anything in a can will generally have a higher salt content. The use of fresh, non-processed fish is recommended.

Also use lots of vegetables and fresh or dried herbs for flavoring instead of salt. Cooking with wine is a nice addition of flavor. Lemon juice and tarragon vinegar are sodium-free alternatives also.

Lobster and shrimp contain the highest amount of cholesterol of any shellfish. A 3 ½-ounce serving still only contributes a third to a half of the daily recommended allotment for cholesterol, with very little saturated fat.

Seafood and fish are excellent sources of complete proteins and contain all of the essential amino acids. B-complex vitamins, potassium, iron, phosphorus, copper, iodine, and in some cases calcium, are contained in seafood. Fish contains little or no connective tissue so it is easy to digest.

The number of ways to cook fish are endless. Virtually every cooking method known to man can be used effectively. The varieties of fish and seafood available are countless. Joe at Northville's Shopping Center Market keeps his display case chock full of an interesting collection of fish and is extremely knowledgeable. He is more than happy to assist his customers with their selections.

Be willing to try new items and experiment with the ways you cook fish.

#### FISH-K-BOBS

1 pound salmon, tuna or swordfish steaks cut into 1-inch cubes  
1 red, yellow or green pepper cut into 1-inch cubes  
1 red or white onion cut into 1-inch cubes  
8 whole mushrooms  
8 cherry tomatoes  
Any additional vegetables that can be skewered: zucchini, broccoli, eggplant, yellow squash, etc.  
½ cup low salt soy sauce  
½ cup orange or lemon juice  
1 cup dry white wine (increase soy and juice if wine is omitted)  
Fresh or dry herb of choice (dill, tarragon, oregano) to taste  
2 cloves garlic, chopped fine  
4 skewers, metal or wooden

Mix soy, juice, wine, garlic and fresh or dry herbs. Add fish and marinate for 2 hours or overnight. Drain and skewer fish alternately with the vegetables. Broil, bake or grill until fish is firm to the touch. Brush marinade over during

cooking. Serve over rice or with potato or pasta.

#### ORANGE ROUGHY ENPAPILLIOTE (Parchment)

(for sole, halibut, etc.)  
4-6 ounces roughy or mild fish.  
Parchment (can be found at Kitchen Glamour stores)  
Fresh vegetables, sliced or chopped: carrots, green or red peppers, zucchini, onion, mushrooms, cooked, sliced redskin potatoes  
Herbs (fresh if possible): oregano, basil, dill, tarragon  
Spices: garlic, pepper, cayenne pepper

Cut approximately 12-inch piece of parchment for each fillet to be cooked. Place fish in center, top with vegetables, spices and herbs you decide to use. Wrap well, sealing all edges. Bake 350 degrees for approximately 30 minutes. Open pouch as you serve to let the aroma escape. Approximately 250 calories.



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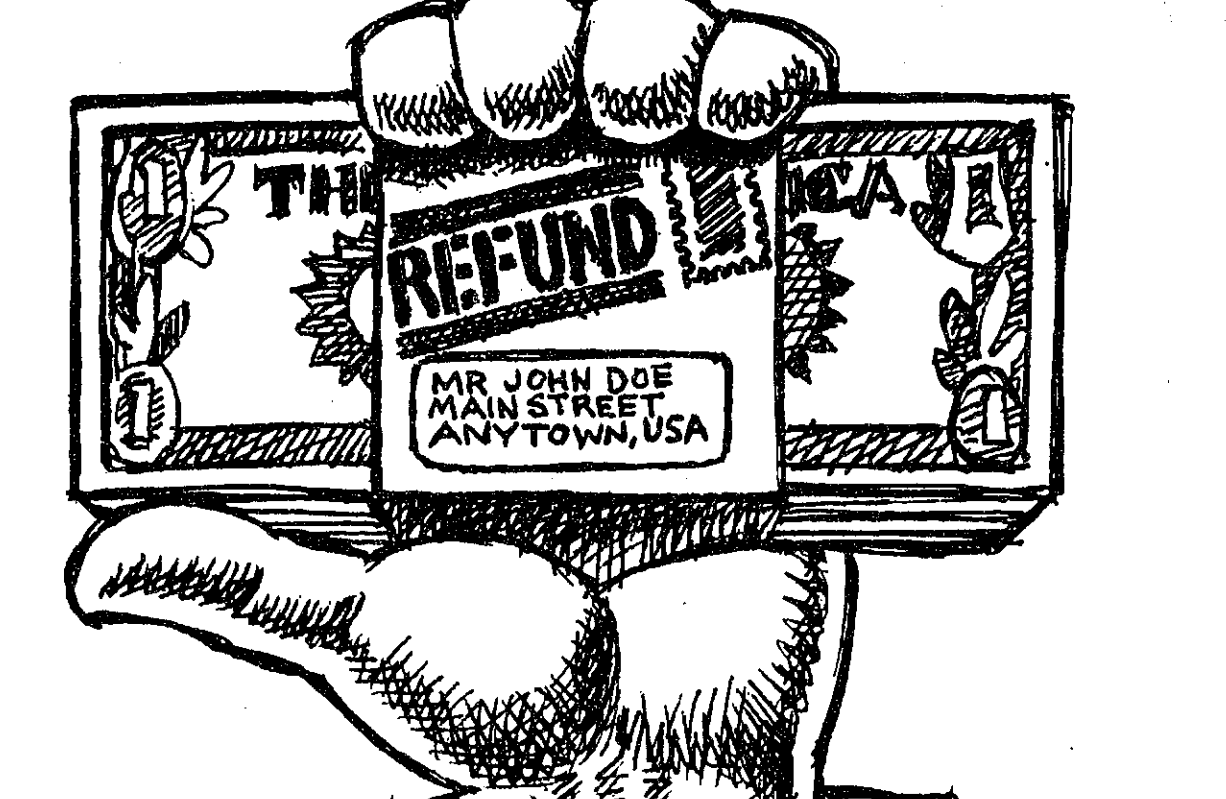


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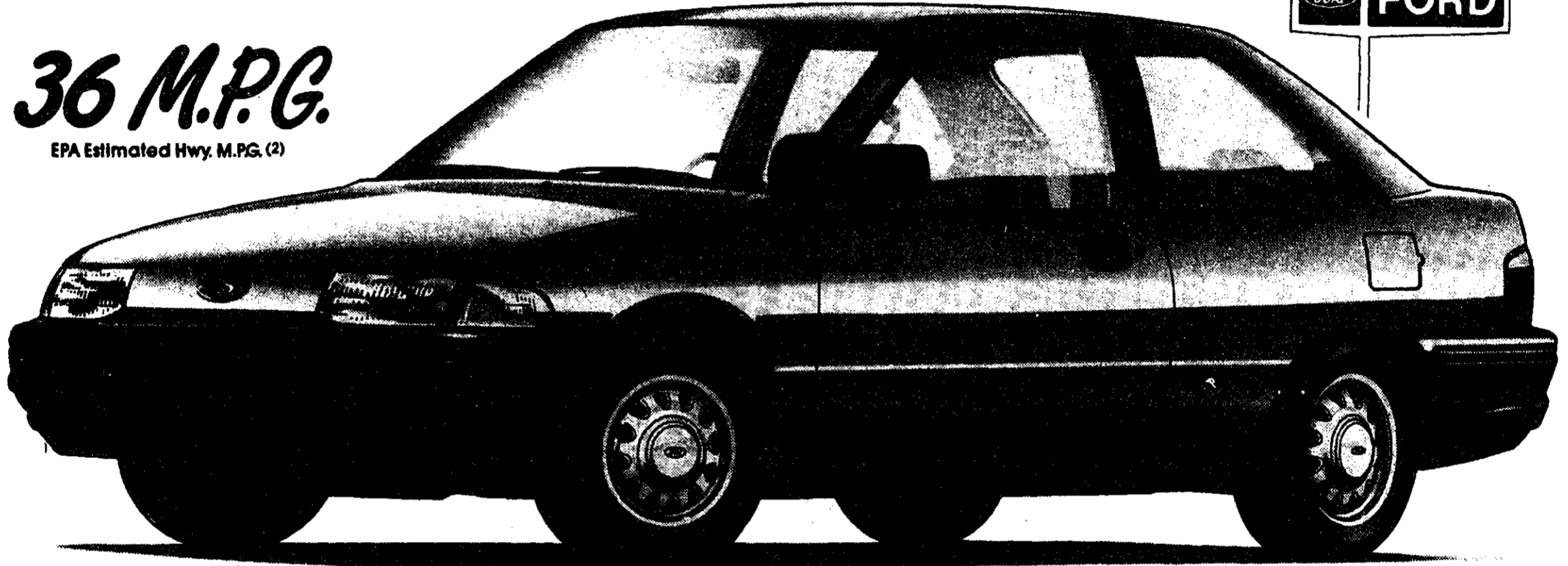
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