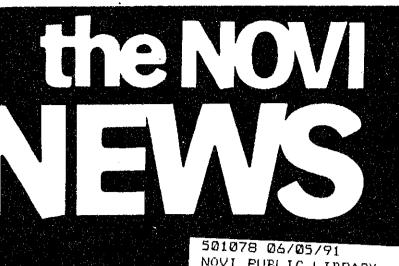
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## **. Jovi firm hit** with largest wetlands fine

## 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 Com-pany 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,

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## 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, \$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.



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 gymna-sium 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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Photo by HAL GOULD

according to Novi schools Suj tendent Robert Piwko.

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

ЫII. 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," Piwko said.

The 10.5 mills account for about

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 author-

ized 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," Piwko said.

"We will continue to levy what we

need to maintain programs." The district asks for millagerenewal requests, like this one, in the early part of the year because it

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## **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.



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## Chicago cops nab Novi suspect

### By CRISTINA FERRIER

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 Illi-

"It was a matter of time. I was pretty confident that we would eventually find him. We worked on it pretty regularly."

> John April Novi Detective

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.

they acted on our information."

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

Planes, a Grand Rapids resident and a native

of Cuba, has been the subject of "be on the look-

"It was a matter of time," April said. "I was pretty confident that we would eventually find him. We worked on it pretty regularly."

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## Cause still mystery in gas main fire

nois chief justice Friday morning for an extradi-

tion hearing before being sent to Michigan for ar-

raignment in Walled Lake's 52nd District Court,

Novi Detective John April said he could not

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-torchtype fire.

The men were treated at nearby hospitals and released that night for first- and second-degree burns, primarily to the face, head and mation Director Garth Behrendt

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.

Division 1.

An auger pierced the gas main at 3:15 that afternoon and was rescaled 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 Infor-

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 situa-

In response to the incident, the

### tions are often unable to determine the cause of a fire."



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## **Community Calendar**

### Today, February 25

City Council: The Novi city council is scheduled to

Lake School District return to achool from winter recess, were to the Oakland County wave pool, Bob-lo, camping most of the buildings in the district will have been con- and more. This year's goal is \$15,000. All money raised is verted to a new Centrex telephone system. As a result of to be used to fund Novi Youth Assistance programs- the the conversion, most school phone numbers will change. Teen Center, camp. P.L.U.S., and family education are A recording to advise incoming callers of the new number just some of the programs. Novi Youth Assistance is a has been set up. The school district's central phone number will also change. The new number will be 960-3800. family through community involvement. To register as a bowler or for more information about Novi Youth Assis-

### Tuesday, February 26

Election day: Novi school district residents will head to the polls to cast their ballots on a 10.5 mill renewal question. Polls will be open from 7 s.m. to 8 p.m.

Parent-teacher conferences: Trechers of Novi High School will be meeting with parents of students to go over their performance. The conferences will be held in the Novi High School commons from 6 to 9 p.m.

Questions about your SEV?: Residents are being invited to an informational meeting with the Novi variances at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers of the Board of Review. The 7:30 p.m. meeting at the Novi Civic Novi Civic Center. Center will cover the function and procedures of the board of review, the data residents need to submit to the board to support their appeals, and how to read the assessor's field cards on individual properties. The meeting will be videotaped and broadcast on Novi's public access station, Cable Channel 12. Under state law, the city as- Center. sessor is required to assess property at an estimated 50 percent of its market value. Land owners who are unhappy with their assessments should first review it at the assessor's office to uncover any potential errors. The next step is a petition to the board of review. For more informa- for submitting a petition to make an appointment with tion, call 347-0494.

### Wednesday, February 27

Novi seniors: The Novi Senior Citizens Club will hold a business meeting at 1 p.m. in the Community Cen-Library Board: The Library board will meet at 7:30

Parent-teacher conferences: For a second night, teachers of Novi High School will be meeting with Board of Review: Novi's Board of Review will begin parents of students to go over their performance. The its annual deliberations of challenges to property tax as-

### Thursday, February 28

Novi property taxes can be paid at the city treasurer's of- although some appeals may be held for further review. fice. If not paid by the close of business today, taxpayers will have to pay their taxes to the Oakland County treasurer in the county courthouse building in Pontiac, at 1200 N. Telegraph Road.

Band Festival: Novi High School will be sponsoring a Band Festival Concert in the Fuerst Auditorium of the high school, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

### Friday, March 1

Short day: Students on Novi High School will have only a half day of classes.

Interfaith Prayer for Peace: Inconjunction with the World Day of Prayer, the Novi Rotary will sponsor an Interfaith Prayer, the Novi Rotary will sponsor an Interfaith Prayer for Peace in the community center of the Novi city hall, at noon. The event will be open to the public. The Rotary will be seeking representatives of all Historical Commission: Also meeting in the faiths - Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Buddists and Novi Civic Center will be city's Historical Commission. even Hindu — to present prayers and hymns at the The meeting is set for 7:30 p.m. gathering. Songs will be sung by the Novi High School

### Saturday, March 2

Novi Bowl. Door prizes will be offered to all bowlers and a et-away weekend for two is being offered as the top prize. The more donations bowlers bring in, the larger the prizes meet in regular session at 8 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. will be. Special prizes will be given to kids. Any youngster who brings in more than \$75 in donations will receive a New phone number: As students of the Walled free field trip at the Teen Center. Last year, the trips given community organization dedicated to strengthening the tance, call 349-8398.

### Monday, March 4

City Council: The Novi City Council meets in regular session at 8 p.m. in the council chambers of the Novi Civic Center,

### Tuesday, March 5

Zoning Board of Appeals: Novre Zoning Board of Appeals will be considering petitioner's requests for

Wednesday, March 6

Planning Commission: Novi city planners meet at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers of the Novi Civic

### Friday. March 8

Challenging your assessment: The deadline the Novi Board of Review to protest and appeal your assesament for 1991 is 5 p.m. Appeals must be filed at the civic center.

### Monday, March 11

p.m. in the Novi Library building.

conferences will be held in the Novi High School com-mons from 6 to 9 p.m. Thurodove Economy 20 their assessments will have a limited time period in which to make their case to the board. Board members will at-Late payments: Today is the last day which 1990 tempt to make a determination at the time of the hearing.

Wednesday, March 13

Senior Potluck: Novi Senior Citizens will have a potluck luncheon at noon in the community center of the Novi Civic Center.

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

Thursday, March 14

Center.

To get your event listed in the Community Calendar, send information regarding the event, activities to be included, who is sponsoring it, location, time and date, ticket infor-Bowl-a-thon: The Novi Youth Assistance will hold its mation and the purpose to which any proceeds will be put ninth annual Bowl-A-Thon from noon to 3 p.m. at the to the Novi News at 104 Main Street, Northwille, 48167.

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## Wetland fine sets record

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U.S. Real Property was fined \$2,500 plus court costs on criminal charges for violation of the Michigan Wetland brought by Oakland County.

District Court Judge Brian Mackenzie suspended \$900 of the fine on the condition that the company complies with all terms of the state

the filling of the wetlands for construction of warehouses, a railroad spur, a parking lot and an access under this legislation. We're really sedge grass to replicate a natural road at the site.

On a routine site visit to discuss expediting the permits, DNR staff discovered that some wetlands had nies and people to think and to make already been filled with dirt and con- sure they get their permits before struction of the railroad spur and warehouses had proceeded, said Dennis J. Hall. Chief of the DNR's Land and Water Management Division

The DNR then issued a cease-anddesist order. The company complied with this. Under the wetland act, a financial

". . . The fact they have to create 4.35 acres of new wet lands, certainly shows Attorney General (Frank) Kelley Protection Act. This action was is serious in the pursuit of these kinds of cases."

accidents.

settlement. In August, U.S. Real Property applied to the DNR for a permit to allow plied to the DNR for a permit to allow

"It's the highest fine assessed tails, bullrushes, arrowhead and pleased with the settlement," Hall said.

"This ought to teach other compathey start construction. We are serious in protecting our natural resour-

ces in this state." Rich McDonnell, an attorney for U.S. Real Property, said the firm does not want to discuss the case. "We just want to leave it where it

into the procedure followed during committee

lies," he added. By July 1, U.S. Real Property must

## Gas fire probe comes up dry

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company will form a joint union/ management committee to see if improvements can be made in the cur-

rent design of protective equipment used, said Behrendt. The Michigan Department of Labor's Construction Safety Division investigation of the accident may be

completed this week, said Rick Mee. assistant division chief. The labor department is looking

the repair work and the quality of the equipment worn by the men. If safety violations are found, Con-

sumers Power, could be held liable under the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Act, a labor depart- need to go into. I don't want to comment employee said earlier. Behrendt said he did not know if yet. The joint union/employee group

the abt injured men, who returned to is being formed and they're going to work shortly after the fire, would par- be discussing this," he said. ticipate in the labor/management

Millage contains tricky wording

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enables administrators to begin working on a budget for the following school year, Piwko said.

Failure of the renewal request would be devastating to the district, he said.

"Something of this nature would financed the \$800,000 loss from the to continue to operate with what they not just gut a program, it would com- district's Fund Equity.

pletely dismantle a district," Piwko

tricts. forced many districts to re- millage increase. quest millage increases from their constituents. Novi schools, however, where we have to ask for an override

Another recapture of the same or greater magnitude is expected this year, but Piwko hopes that despite Passage of the State School Aid Act the shrinking Fund Equity the disin July, which recaptured \$72 mil- trict will be able to restructure funds lion from out-of-formula school dis- enough to prevent a need to request a "Our goal is to be in the position

"It's not that it's all over."

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Chris DeWitt Attorney General's spokesperson

This will then be planted with catenvironment

"It will probably take a season or two before we know if it's a functional wetland," Hall explained. Aquatic life from the natural wet-

lands will then find its way into the new area, he added. The company will now be able to

continue the previously stalled construction. Currently under review by the DNR is a permit application for an access road to the site from Pontiac

Behrendt said the company frequently sets up labor/management committees, not just in the case of

There are other things that we ment on that. This is not completed

have approved to date." Piwko said



## Pace speeds up in schools' suit

By SUZANNE HOLLYER Staff Writer

An attorney representing 51 property-wealthy school districts including Novi and Northville - in a lawsuit against the state has filed a motion requesting the Supreme Court expedite consideration of the

If the Supreme Court accepts the motion, the lawsuit could be decided in time to prevent funding cuts to out-of-formula school districts like Novi and Northville for the next

school year. The lawsuit was filed after the July passage of the School Aid Act which "recaptured" \$72 million from out-oftempt to equalize state school

security payments were designated of the case in January. "categorical" aid for the first time and subject to recapture.

year, voter-approved millage increase

Novi schools made up a \$800,000 issues. loss by taking money from a district Fund Equity. Both districts joined a lawsuit

against the state to prevent further recaptures of money designated for social security payments to district employees.

By SUZANNE HOLLYER

School District in Japan.

Novi in early January.

By SCOTT DANIEL Staff Writer

ing completion.

priority list."

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Owani:

Correspondence has begun the

process of forming a sister schools

arrangement between Novi Com-

munity Schools and the Owani Town

Novi Superintendent Robert Piwko

received a letter from Owani Mayor

Kazuyo Aburakawa thanking Piwko

for receiving visitors from Owani

Teachers, students and school ad-

ministrators from the Japanese town

located to the north of Tokyo visited

the members were much impressed

Consideration has been given to

district between Novi and

Attorney Dennis Pollard is representing all of the 51 school districts participating in the case. The lawsuit was dismissed in

November by the Court of Appeals, on what Pollard considers "a totally erroneous basis." In a letter updating participating school districts on the status of the

torney General conceded that the dismissal was not made on a legally sound basis. Within one week of the diamissal,

Pollard filed a petition to have the Court of Appeals reconsider its decision.

With the passage of the act, social Court take "superintending control"

According to Pollard, the Supreme

Japanese school set

setting up a sister city and sister into the process of establishing a for-

"I am very pleased to see that all ginning the correspondence to begin the members were much impressed that," Piwko said.

for 'sister' program

case. Pollard said even the state At-

Such motions are typically decided within 30 days, according to formula school districts in an at- Pollard, but because the court had not responded within 60 days, he requested that the Michigan Supreme

More recently, Pollard requested that the Supreme Court expedite Northville schools made up the consideration of the petition. If the \$1.3 million shortfall through a one- court agrees, then it will consider the petition sooner than the normal nine o 10 months it takes to decide such

Court mostly likely will decide within one month whether or not to hear the

case The need to have the case heard quickly is caused by the state's budget crisis, according to Pollard.

with your warm reception and kind

"I am looking forward to keeping

such exchange from this time forth. I

would like to send not only students

but also ... members of the city

community, the city council, the

school board and the sister schools'

Aburakawa invited Piwko to send

delegation from Novi to Owani, and

vrote that the Owani town council

has shown an interest in officially

Piwko read the letter at a Thursday

Piwko said he will begin looking

"I'd like to proceed in terms of be-

mal relationship with Owani schools.

forming a sister-city link.

Board of Education meeting.

support," Aburakawa wrote.

teachers next year."

Abraham Lincoln, played by Sam Perna, stopped by the Novi Lincoln's birthday is Feb. 12 and was celebrated on Feb. 18, but Meadows Elementary media center to celebrate Presidents' because Novi schools were out for the week, Perna visited Novi Day. Perna, a Novi Meadows custodian, plays "Honest Abe" ev- Meadows on Feb. 20. ery year in commemoration of the former-president's birthday. Lakes area study to begin in May

### By SCOTT DANIEL

An upcoming study of northern Novi, specifically of land adjacent to Walled Lake, could play an important role in shaping the city's future, according to city officials. The study, to be conducted by city consultants

Presidents' Day Visit

and staff, will focus on providing a development plan for the area. It will also look at solving some of the area's problems, such as traffic circulation. "It's a study that is long overdue," said Mayor Matt Quinn. "We want to have something in place when developers come to us and ask what our

According to City Planning Consultant Bran-don Rogers, the study will likely begin by May and conclude in a year. He said it would focus on land use relationships, traffic circulation improve-

ment, water quality control, future development of vacant land and infrastructure. "(The Walled Lake sector) sits on top of the economic core of Novi," said Rogers. "We want to improve the quality of life in the entire section." Funding for the study will come from commun-

Oakland County. Cost of the study was estimated at about \$19,000 by the city's planning department in September of last year.

(The Walled Lake sector) sits on top of the economic core of Novi. We want to improve the quality of life in the entire section . . . Walled Lake decades ago as vacation resorts, needs to be made. is turning into a potentially attractive residential area."

The study area will be bounded by Twelve-and-a-half Mile Road in the south, Fourteen Mile Road to the north. Meadowbrook Road to the east and West Road to the west. Rogers said that half of the area is currently vacant and is considered a future site for residential development. Walled Lake is turning into a potentially atrac-

tive residential area," he said. The planning consultant pointed to Maples of Novi. Woods of Novi and Sandstone as prominent

Lake.

itate the area."

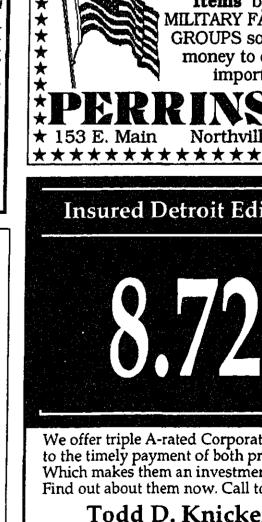
residential developments going into the area. Ro- future association meetings.

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the project and minimization measures. Further information is available from the Detroit Office of HUD, Environment

Clearance Officer. Written comments concerning this project may be submitted within fifteen (15) calendar days from the last date of this publication. Comments may be addressed to: Manager, Detroit Office, HUD, 477 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226-2593. ATTN: ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE OFFICER.





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Sikh church needs ity block grant funds appropriated to the city by only money to build

Jim Grant -

**PGA Golf Professional** 

Financing for the development of a the U.S. from northern India, have Sikh Society church in Novi is near- about 250 families worshiping in Madision Heights. Worshipers are made Michael Kahm, vice president of up of mainly second-generation im-Singh Development, developers of migrants from India.

Heights-based congregation is close location for worshipers and alleviate to raising the necessary funds. He overcrowding at current facilities. said the church, which will be located Kahm said.

project. We are almost to the point where any site plans to the commission be cause of recent design changes. ary site plans to the commission be-

ested and the church is high on their 1993.

would be used for the church. The fa- difficult building to put up."

on Eight Mile Road between Garfield The church would be "typical," he and Beck roads, will cost between \$1 added. It would feature gathering as million and \$1.5 million to construct. well as kitchen areas for the congre-An extension of a special land use gation's usage. Nearly 38 acres of city permit and preliminary site plan for land would be used in the the church was granted by the plan-ning commission Wednesday. The extension gives the church an addi-tional year to finalize funding and this summer. He added that it may be complete final site plans for the necessary to bring revised prelimin-

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monies are raised and plans are fi- But, if all goes well, Kahm said nalized," Kahm said. "But, these constuction could begin by this fall things take time. They are very inter- and be completed by the spring of

"It will take nine months to a year A total of about 6,000 square feet to construct," he said. "It's not a real

cility would have "built in capabilities to expand," he said. The Sikhs, a religion brought to the church, said the Madison Novi would provide a more central

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gers added that the study will address needs for those and future developments around Walled

Quinn agreed with the planning consultant that the study would improve the quality of life for the area. He said an effort to "rehabilitate" the sector. which includes many cabin-style homes built "We are looking at what is there now and how they (home owners) can continue to reside there," Quinn said, "but we have to have a plan to rehabil-

Brandon Rogers The mayor said the study wasn't an effort to City Planning Consultant force those residents out. Many of Novi's lower income residents live in the Walled Lake, area. Sarah Phelps, president of the Lakes Area Resi-dents Association (LARA), approved of the study. "My opinion is that it's a good thing and necessary as long as it's taken in an advisory capacity, she said. "If the recommendations are taken seriously then it's fantastic and overdue."

LARA has long asked the city to conduct a com-prehensive road study of the area, Phelps said. She added that problems such as wandering road right-of-ways, lack of names for some streets and poor road structures need to be addressed. Phelps said LARA hasn't officially taken a position on the study. She said it will be discussed at

## Burglar flees as entry is foiled

An Arbor Street resident in Novi awoke at 1:28 Feb. 13 to discover a burglar trying to break into his home. Police News The man told police he was sleeping when he heard his front door banging as if someone was attempting to pull it open.

Then, he said, he heard a noise entering at a residence on Nine Mile from the west side of the house. In Novi, He told police that when he looked Police reported that the front garout the bedroom window he saw age door had been kicked in, and that DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY: Apsomeone walking away from the the door lock and jamb had been kitchen windows on the west side of broken. the house, heading south.

When the man checked the were locked and secure, and an audikitchen windows he discovered one ble alarm was sounding from within of the screens had been cut open and the house. pushed in. In addition, the grass was Police believe the alarm probably matted down around the window and scared the suspect away. there were "very smeared" fingerprints on the windowpane.

The man described the burglar as AND ENTERING: A Novi man reported a white male, approximately Feb. 19 that someone had attempted 5-foot-10 with brown hair and a me- to break into his garage on Braydon dium build.

ATTEMPTED BREAKING AND EN- The unknown suspect had appa-

All doors and windows to the home

ANOTHER ATTEMPTED BREAKING

in Novi's Royal Crown Estates mobile

gated a suspected breaking-and-entering at a residence on Nine Mile lift the door approximately six inches before it came off its track and became Jammed.

> proximately five low-voltage lamps, valued under \$100, were damaged on an entrance sign at the Jamestown Greene subdivision, police said.

MISSING GLASSES: A Novi woman reported Feb. 13 that, while shopping at Fashion Bugin West Oaks, she left her glasses on a sales counter and left the store. She told police she returned to re-

trieve the glasses, but they were gone OPEN INTOXICANTS: A 42-year-old

Jackson man was ticketed by Michi-TERING: Novi Police Feb. 19 investi- rently pryed the north side of the gar- gan State Police in Novi Feb. 20 for

ransporting open intoxicants in his State police first observed the man traveling westbound on 1-96 east of Meadowbrook Road at a high rate of speed, according to reports. The 42-year-old was clocked at 75 miles per hour by troopers, who then stopped the man. Troopers detected a strong odor of

intoxicants coming from the car after talking to the subject, reports said. Officers then observed five empty beer cans and two bottles of tequila, one approximately a quarter full, on the floor of the back seat of the car. The 42-year-old was then issued tickets for speeding and transporting open intoxicants, reports said. He was released from the scene and will later have to appear in 52-1 District Court.

Citizens with information about the above incidents are urged to call the Michigan State Police or the Hovi Police Tip Line at 349-6887, it is not necessary to give your name.

## **Novi Briefs**

Correction: In the Feb. 21 issue of the Nov! News, it was incorrectly reported that Wildcat basketball player Jason Walker sank two free throws in the final 30 seconds to provide the margin of victory in an 81-80 win against Redford Union on Feb. 15. The player in question was actually senior point guard Doug Soper.

Friends for Freedom: The Novi Secretarial and Paraprofessional Association of the Novi School District is facilitating a project to send care packages to former Novi students and family of staff members of the school district stationed in Saudi Arabia. District staff members are donating items to go in the packages. Some local businesses have also made donations. Donations are being collected

until March 1. A group of veterans and military support group members called Friends for Freedom" have contributed to shipping the packages. If a community member would like to donate to the project or would like

derson at 348-1200.

That special someone: If you know of a Novi resident who is outstanding in giving of his or her time as a volunteer, the Novi Jaycees are looking for nominations for their 19th annual Distinguished Service Award. Nominees must not be members of the Jaycees, but the organization will select the final winner. Applications for the award are available at the Novi Public Library, the Novi Civic Center or by calling the Jaycees at

348-6684 The organization will also be honoring the city's outstanding firefighter. police officer and young person at a Saturday, March 16 breakfast at the

Wyndam Garden Hotel In addition, taking laurels will be the winners of the seventh and eighth grade essay contest "Pride of America."

SOUND reasons: The public is invited to enlist in Operation SOUND (Support Our United Nations Dependents). The group is now meeting each Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Church of the Holy Cross, 46200 Ten Mile Road, Operation SOUND makes and sells yellow ribbon bows to raise money for the families of reservists called up for active duty. Proceeds are sent to the

Selfridge Air Force Desert Shield Fund. Co-founder Linda Smaltz said the organization is encouraging parents of persons serving in the Persian Gulf to get involved. Large bows are sold for

\$10, small ones for \$3. For further information, call Smaltz at 347-1689.

Police collar 2nd murder suspect

home park.

Another suspect, Nelson Cobas, was arrested in Kalamazoo Township

\$895°°

Dec. 13. Cobas is currently being held in dealer sold them turned out to be Oakland County Circuit Court with- powdered sugar. out bond, pending trial on an open

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murder charge. April said he expects Planes will their money back, but were unsucnow face a preliminary exam very si- cessful. He then testified that Cobas milar to Cobas' Jan. 28 hearing, with became angry with Kenney because the same witness testimony. A witness who was with Cobas, for the incident. Planes and Kenney hours before the crime, indicated that Cobas and

one had to pay for a drug deal gone Martin testified that Cobas began The witness, Domingo Martin, must pressure, "intimidate," and FURNACE Installed From

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with Kenney so that Kenney could ar- has to pay." range a cocaine deal for them.

He testified that Kenney arranged the deal, but that the "cocaine" the Martin said the four drove around Detroit trying to find the dealer to get

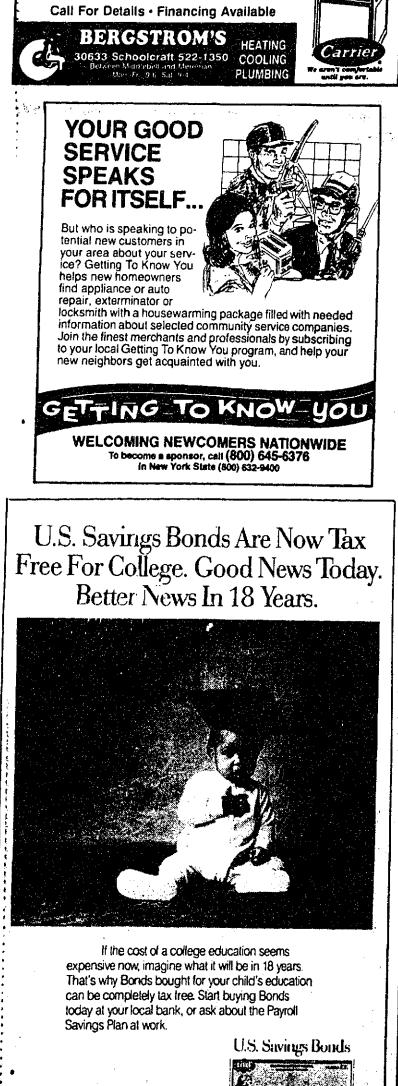
he believed Kenney was responsible Martin, Cobas and Planes are all natives of Cuba who speak Spanish Planes killed Kenney because some - fluently. Kenney spoke only English.

said he had set Cobas and Planes up "tame" Kenney and that "someone"

Rapids.

He then testified that over the next several days, after Kenney's body was Martin testified that before they discovered, he received numerous dropped him off at home - with Ken phone calls from Cobas, asking ney still in the car - they asked in whether Kenney's body had been dis-Spanish for directions to Grand covered and warning him not to say anything to police.



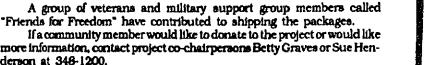


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## As We See It





school district? An additional . . . my goodness . . . 10 ½ mills?"

Voters shouldn't get excited when they find that wording on the election ballot Tuesday, Feb. 26. If they just keep reading, they'll find that it is really a renewal of old millage, the same millage Education they've been paying since the late 1970s. Because the millage has already expired. with the property tax levy in December, state law requires the school district to call it "additional" millage on the ballot. Only at the end of the ballot language pired rate.

Now, even though state law re- a good deal of voter trust. quires it to be billed as "additional" millage in the ballot language, state law will still require that the Headlee amendment and truth-in-taxation law rollbacks be applied to it, as long as voters approval the renewal before June 1. That avoided coming to the voters to ask for means that while the question is for increases in operational funds, they've 10 ½, only about 8.925 mills can be also avoided any need to seek out Headlevied.

That much millage represents about a third of the Novi School District's overall budget, worth about \$8 million out of the district's total \$22 million budget. And it would be essentially impossible for the district to trim its budget by that much.

of this millage is a must. Were the re- question.

As You See It

I have been, and continue to be,

greatly disturbed by the actions of our

county officials, most particularly our

county commissioners. It is no secret that they have decided on a plan to

handle our municipal solid waste and

that that plan includes an incinerator. It

is the feeling of many of us that this in-

cinerator will cost us dearly both in dol-

Our county, in its efforts to bring this

plan to fruition, has hired an advertising,

communications, strategy company

(Stone, August, Baker). It is their job to

convince us that we really do approve of

this plan, including the incinerator. The

cost of convincing us will cost us, as tax-

I find the county's method question-

able at best. Do you know that they have

advised the municipalities of our county,

via the Stone, August, Baker firm, of

ways in which they should hinder/

thwart public comment on this issue? I

have been victim of this policy and so I

ence to sit at public meetings and have to

listen to county officials tell of the won-

derous marvels they see resulting from

the process of burning peoples' garbage.

only as it is the only side that can be told.

It is most difficult not to be able to speak

The county commissioners have been

adamant in their refusal to listen atten-

tively to the people who will live with the

decisions they are making in their be-

half. I must say to you, and it is without

pleasure that I say it, that I have found

at these times.

It is a story with one side and one side

speak with first-hand knowledge. It has been a most frustrating experi-

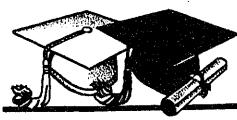
payers, \$935,500 plus expenses.

To the Editor:

lars and in health.

and the state

Incinerator will cost dearly



newal question to fail, school officials would just have to come back to the voters for another request. And we can see no cause for turning it down. Not only do does it explain it is a renewal of the ex- the figures support passage, the Novi district has shown a level of fiscal responsibility that, to our minds, warrants

> Indeed, the Novi school board has showed a commitment over the years to keeping its tax burden on residents as low as possible. Not only have they lee overrides. To further the point, the school district has rarely levied the full amount authorized or allowed. For example, last year, the board trimmed the tax levy 1.255 mills further than either the Headlee amendment or the truth-intaxation law required.

The school board has definitely earned voters' trust. So voters should Needless to say, we believe passage cast their ballots YES to this millage

them to be a most pompous and arrog-

I must also say that I do not feel them

better qualified to make a decision of this

magnitude than the people of Oakland

County. Why will they not put it to a

vote? Roy Rewold, chairman of the board

of commissioners, said at the commis-

sioners meeting of June 28 that the peo-

ple would turn it down if given the opportunity. To me, that is reason enough.

people of Oakland County have been

quite capable of controling the direction

of their lives, of making the decisions in-

volved in providing them with the quality

of life they desire, and that they continue

to possess the qualifications and intel-

I ask the county now to free the lines of

communication - to tell your plan to the

cities, townships and villages of Oakland

County and to give us equal time to pre-

sent what we have learned from the ex-

periences of other cities, townships and villages in our country as well as in Eur-

ope. Then let the municipalities vote

whether or not they want to become a

part of the plan as it stands. Funding

should, of course, be provided by voter

the people of Oakland County. All of the

people should have access to all of the in-

formation available and not only to that

provided by the county and the county

hired public relations, communications,

This is a decision that will affect all of

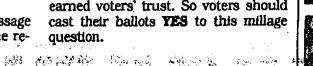
lect to continue to do so.

approved bonds.

strategy firm.

It has been my experience that the

ant group of people, with few exceptions.



## Give me a topic, I'll make list Okay, folks. This week we're going to have some fun. We're

going to play a game, and you are cordially invited to participate. Oh, I know what you're thinking. You're thinking, "What the heck is that old geezer up to this

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week?" Well, what I'm up to is this, the first-ever game of Phil's Fabulous Lists.

What happened was that I was watching television last week when I saw an advertisement for subscriptions to

Time magazine. "Subscribe now," the announcer said, "and we'll send you a video of Time's list of the Ten Most

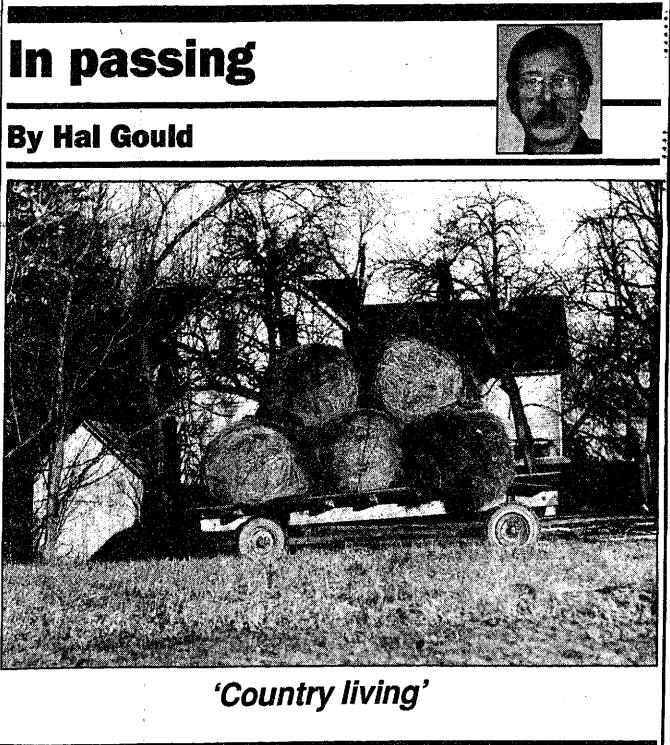
The whole thing was accompanied by film clips of famous people. There were clips showing Winston Churchill, Nikita Khruschev, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan and

step on the moon. There was a clip of Mikhail Gorbachev. A

Time's list. I guess you have to get a subscription to find

magazine to tell me who the 10 most important people of the 20th century were. I'll make my own list.

all time.



## The 'quintessential' column



volume called "Quintessence." short histories of various pro- versatile. ducts - mostly of American manufacture - which hold the quintessential qualities in the performance of their function. That is, these objects are generally the first, or best known, or best functioning, or longestlasting, or even the one-and-

only of their breed. The Volkswagen Beetle is honored as the quintessential economy car. The Checker Marathon, the quintessential taxicab. The Parker pen, the Polaroid Land Camera, Levi's teans, and even Animal Crackers are all held in esteem for their lasting impact on their various industries.

One key product is missing from this hall of fame of consumerism, however, And Id like to take this moment to nominate it for inclusion in the next edition. That product is GE Silicone Sealant.

This stuff is just incredible. I see it as the Scotch tape (also applauded in "Quintessence") of the '90s. Not only is it a sealant that form a waterproof seal tight enough to keep out a tidal wave. It's a handy adhesive, too.

One of my favorite books ar- The thing I like best about it is that it dries quickly. But if ound is a little coffee-table type you botch the job and have to start over, it peels off (with some, but not much, effort) like weatherstripping and The book has photos and leaves no residue. Kind of like Post-It notes, only more I've used it to caulk my bathtub, fix a torn raincoat, and

seal a leaky window on an old house. When I worked in restaurants, it was a mainstay of kitchen contractors, who used it to seal gaps around stainless steel and wooden countertops.

plastic knob broke and the guy at the repair store said I had a snowball's chance of finding the replacement part. He did, however, offer to drill and cut and custom-build times what the little old black-and-white was worth. I said thanks, but no thanks, and headed to Meller for a

The best fix yet, though, was the on/off/volume knob on a 25-year-old Zenith TV that I keep in my bedroom. The a replacement knob out of metal. For the pleasure and privelege of this job he would only charge me about seven tube of GE Silicone. A little dab did me, and the old set is

back on the job. Suffice it to say that if you have two things you never thought of joining together, you could do it with GE

Silicone. I'm sure I could think of other uses for it, but right now I've got this dog-eared copy of "Quintessence" with a cracked binding that needs attention.

Iris K Uhlar Member of Help Oakland Protect the Environment Byrne Letters to the editor

This newspaper welcomes letters to the editor. We ask, however, that they be issue-oriented, confined to 400 words and that they contain the signature, address, and telephone number of the writer. The writer's name may be withheld from publication if the writer fears bodily harm, severe persecution, or the loss of his or her job. The writer requesting anonymity must explain his or her circumstances. Submit letters for consideration by 4 pm Monday for that Thursday's paper. We reserve the right to edit letters for brevity, clarity, libel, and taste. The week prior to an election, this newspaper will not accept letters to the editor that open up new issues. Only responses to already published issues will concerned. Submit letters to: Editor, The Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167.

Jagger????) that out.

Phil

Jerome

But that makes it all that much better. I don't need Time

Let me say at this point that I love making lists. The 10 best movies in history. The world's 10 greatest novels. The all-time best baseball team, including left-handed, righthanded and relief pitchers. The 10 best television shows of

Give me a topic, and I'll make a list.

perspective of who was really important in the 20th century).

Send your lists to "Phil's Fabulous" care of the Novi News at 104 West Main. Northville, MI 48167. And, depending on how many people respond, we'll publish some or all of them in an upcoming Monday edition.

You can try to figure out who made Time's list if you want. But there are absolutely no prizes for this contest whatsoever (except for the honor of having your list published), so the only person you're cheating is yourself. Oh, yeah. Your list must be signed and contain your adeach name on your list. And try to get them to me by March

dress and phone number (so I can check out the phonies). You may include no more than one sentence explaining 4. That's one week from today.

So get to work on your lists, fellow list-makers. Mine is just about completed, and I'll give you a hint: none of the people mentioned previously in this column are on it. at least not yet.

Phil Jerome is executive editor of HomeTown Newspapers, which publishes The Novi News.

## Important People of the 20th Century.' " John F. Kennedy. There was a clip showing Nell Armstrong taking the first

clip of Pablo Picasso. And even a clip of Mick Jagger? (Mick Of course, the announcer didn't tell you who was on

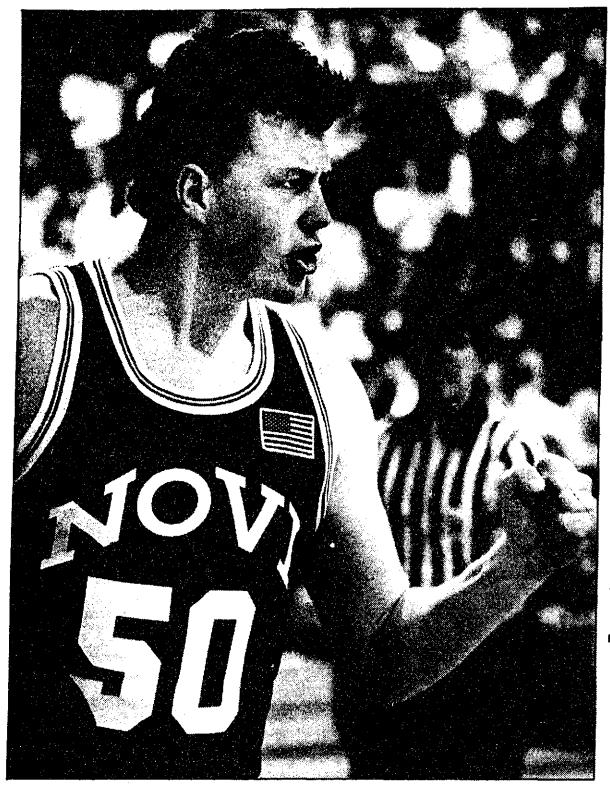
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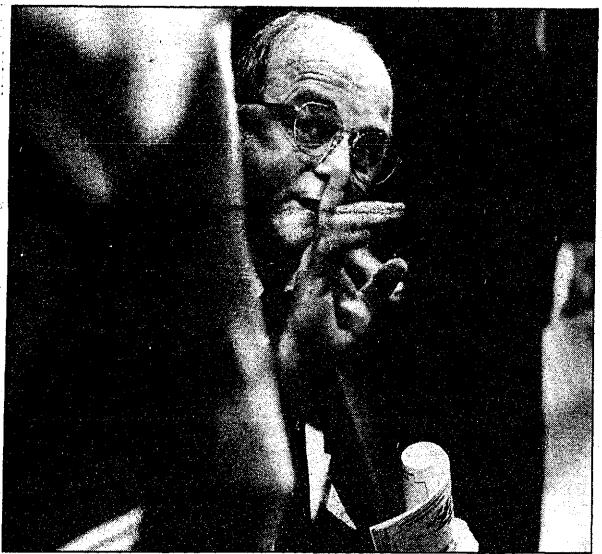
The one that drives me crazy every year is when they publish somebody's list of the 10 most admired women /n the world. How can anybody in their right mind make put people like Madonna and Cher on that list and leave off Patricia Schroeder and Sandra Day O'Connor?

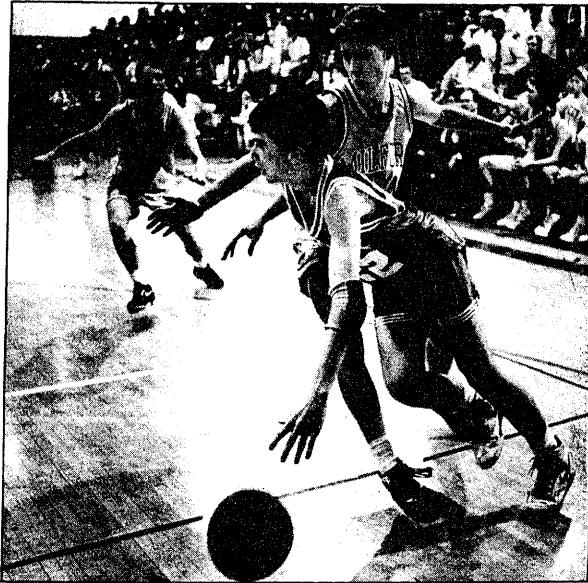
And the way I figure it, if I like making lists, there are lots of other people out there who like making lists. So, here's your big chance. Make a list of the 10 most important people of the 20th century and send it to me here at the News. Fun game, right? In addition to list-makers like myself, I figure it's a great game for current events classes in schools and for senior citizen groups. (Actually, seniors will have a bit of an advantage because they have a broader

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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 ste-als and buckets by Doug Soper knotted the score at 28-28 late in the third, and it was nip-and-

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 factor though, thanks to the quick hands and feet of Soper. The senior point guard swiped two passes and converted them into points on driving layups 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.

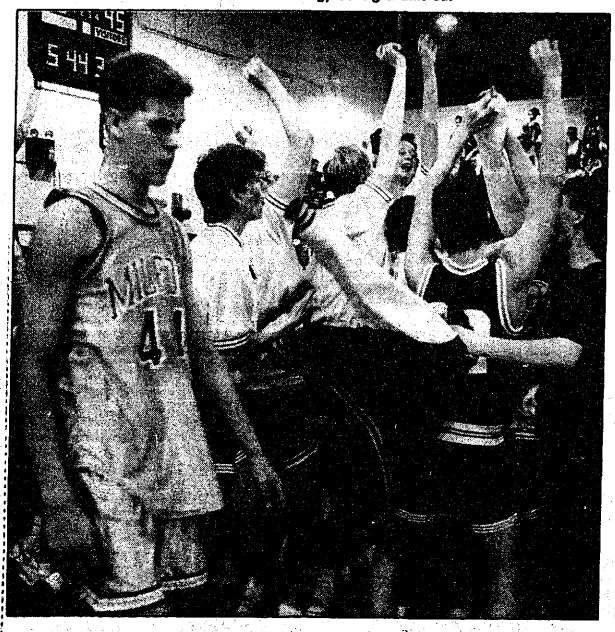
Perhaps the biggest play of the game came when Petru - Milford's team leader - fouled out at the 1:16 mark with just eight points. With the score tied at 40-40, Walker attempted to win the game with a three-pointer at the buzzer, but the shot was off the mark. In the overtime session, Soper made a brilliant 20-foot bounce pass to a wide-open Matt Rolfes for an easy backdoor lay-up which broke the tie. The rest of the period degenerated into a free throw shooting contest, with Walker canning 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 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.

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

"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



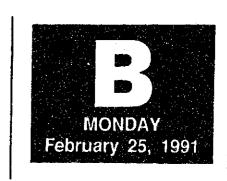


Coach Bob Shoemaker and his coaching staff give the Wildcats a pep talk during halftime



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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 — water-ing, 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 viti-cultural 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



## Scratch Cooking

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 valuepriced. 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 offdry finish. The 1989 Chardonney (\$7) emphasizes crisp, appley aromas and flavors. The 1989 PR Gamay Beaujolais (\$4.20) is a fruit-juicy, light red wine with raspberry and strawberry flavors. The 1988 PR Meriot (\$7) shows honest grape flavors without hindrance of overpowering oak.

## 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 not.

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 ab-

out the time, the difficulty, and that lengthy cleanup, 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

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
- I teaspoon hot (not sweet) mustard (e.g. Dijon) ¼ teaspoon salt
- pinch of white or cayenne pepper
- % 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 oll. Continue to whisk vigorously. When oll 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 storebought 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) % 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 cating for several reasons. Seafood is nutrientdense. That is, it offers large quantities of

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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 caloric 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 sait. Cooking with wine is a nice addition of flavor. Lemon juice and tarragon vinegar are sodium-fee alternatives also.

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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, lodine, 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 l 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.

1/2 cup low salt soy sauce 1/2 cup orange or lemon juice I 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. Broll, bake or grill until fish is firm to the touch. Brush marinade over during

cooking. Serve over rice or with potato or pasta.

ORANGE ROUGHT EN'PAPELLIOTE (Parchment) (for sole, hallbut, 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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When you bake from scratch you you can link up with those magical let the mixer do the work. progress we've made away from along the way:

scratch cooking seems to have • Read the recipe through before fourth step. If you rearrange the or- later. Just add the separate ingre- honey instead of sugar, or low-fat sidestepped taste, failing to acknow- you start, and simplify the steps. der, you can melt the chocolate while dients when it would have been time plain yogurt instead of sour cream. You can make the batter with one ledge that that was the prime benefit owl, one measuring cup and two of eating in the first place. And moist ingredients be added altercooking if you want to sound hip). dump all ingredients in together and methods. The recipe may say "in a se- type of flour.

create something that's entirely your days of years past, and with the peo- • Do things in a logical order; many granite.

parate bowl," but that's not cast in

Once you have found simple re- on to more difficult recipes, tackling cipes, adapted some of them so they Julia Child or Craig Claiborne, or own, and it sure tastes better than ple who created them with you. recipes are not arranged that way. There's no reason why you should are easier to use, and mastered the even creating your own concoctions. anything that comes out of a box. The Here are some tips to help you If you need melted chocolate, that mix the flour, salt and leavening in a art of baking from scratch, you can Can the Pillsbury Bake-Off be far may appear in a recipe as a third or separate bowl you will have to wash start experimenting - such as using behind?

Then add:

2 eggs

1 1/2 Cups flour

## Scratch recipes use the simple ingredients

1 teaspoon Worcestershire pepper

in a saucepan, melt butter and add minced onion and

garlic. Cook over medium heat until golden brown, 3-5

minutes. Add rest of ingredients. Cook over medium

heat, stirring frequently, for a half hour, or until sauce is

1 % cup flour (whole wheat, unbleached white, rye,

Combine flour, sugar, baking powder and salt; add

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BLUEBERRY PANCAKES

% teaspoon allspice

reduced by a third.

2 tablespoon oil

1 cup blueberries

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1 tablespoon sugar, optional

3 tablespoon baking powder

½ teaspoon salt, optional

1 cup milk

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- ¼ cup sweet pickled relish, drained 1 teaspoon grated horseradish
- l teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon grated onion
- dash salt and pepper
- Combine all, mixing well. Refrigerate 1-2 hours before
- Yields 2 cups
- VARIATIONS: Substitute dill pickle relish for sweet. Or add one hard-boiled egg, finely chopped. BARBECUE SAUCE
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 medium onion, minced
- 1 small clove garlic, minced

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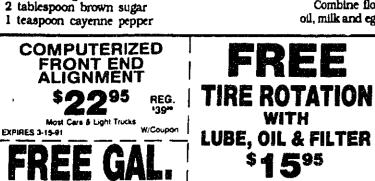
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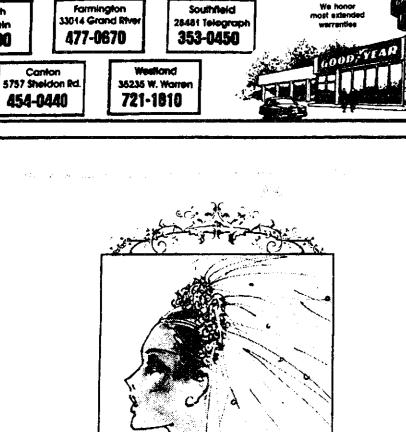
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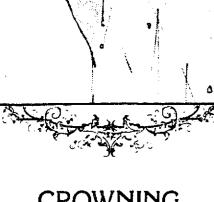
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- 1 12- to 14-ounce bottle ketchup
- И cup vinegar



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- 2 ounces baking chocolate % to 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs % cup flour
- '4 cup chopped nuts, optional ½ cup butter or margarine
- l teaspoon vanilla
- % teaspoon baking powder % teaspoon salt, optional

In a medium saucepan over low heat, melt chocolate and butter: remove from heat. Add sugar and vanilla to the chocolate mixture in the saucepan, mix well. Add eggs and stir until smooth; then add flour, baking powder and salt, again mixing until smooth. Stir in chopped nuts. Pour into an 8-inch-square baking pan and bake in a 350-degree oven for about 25 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in the center of the pan comes out clean; don't overbake.

### BERRY COBBLER This dessert is really just sweetened fruit and biscuits,

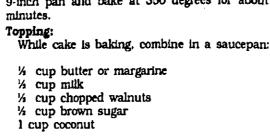
but it looks and tastes like a lot more. 2 ½ cup berries (blackberries, blueberries, raspberries)

- 3 tablespoon butter or margarine, melted
- 1 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder 14 cup milk
- 2 teaspoon lemon juice 1/4 to 1/4 cup sugar
- ¼ teaspoon salt, optional
- Topping: 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- K to K cup sugar
- % cup bolling water % teaspoon saltp

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place fruit in a deep-dish 10-inch pie pan; sprinkle with lemon juice. In medium, ovensafe bowl, melt butter in preheating oven. Add flour, sugar, baking powder and salt, then stir in milk until smooth; spoon over berries. In the same bowl, mix together cornstarch, sugar and salt; sprinkle over batter. Pour boiling water over all. Bake at 350 for about 1 hour. Serves 6.

OATMEAL CARE This is a moist, spicy cake that is easy to make but spectal enough for company. 1 % cups boiling water

4 CUD misins 1\_cup quick-cooking oats



% to 1 cup white sugar

l teaspoon cinnamon

% to 1 cup brown sugar

% teaspoon sait, optional

teaspoon baking soda

Cook together over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until butter is melted. When cake is done, spread topping over cake while it is still hot and broil until frosting is brown (about 3 minutes). GRASSHOPPER PIE

dinner party dessert that you can whip up in no time the day before the party. Crust: 3 tablespoon butter

20 creme-filled chocolate cookies, crushed (about 1 % cups crumbs)

Melt butter in 10-inch, deep-dish glass pie pan in the microwave. Add crumbs and combine. Firmly pat on bottom and up sides of pie pan.

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1/2 teaspoon baking powder Stir together until smooth; pour into a 13-inch-bv-9-inch pan and bake at 350 degrees for about 35

OK, this dessert is not a health food. But it's a festive,

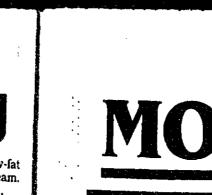
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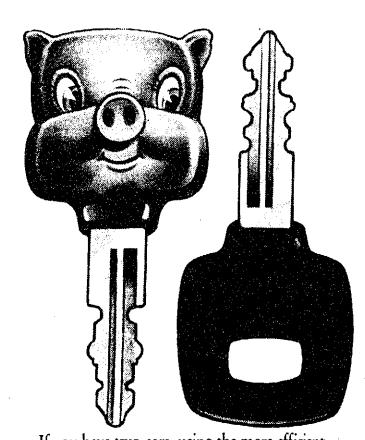
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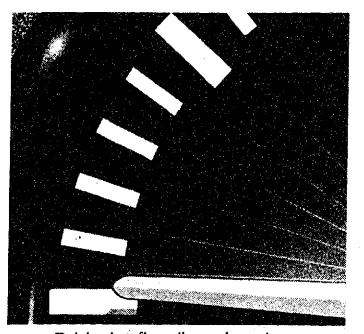




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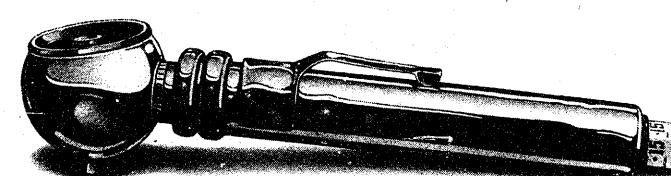
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