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## Family unharmed by abductor

By SCOTT DANIEL  
Staff Writer

A 39-year-old Bloomfield Hills woman and her three children were abducted from I-96 in Novi Aug. 30 and later released unharmed.

The family was kidnapped from westbound I-96 near Meadowbrook Road, after stopping to help an Illinois truck driver ward off an assailant on the shoulder of the highway, according to Michigan State Police reports.

The incident began at about 2:30 p.m. on westbound I-96 near Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. Reports said the truck driver, Richard Young, 57, of Summit, Ill., stopped on the shoulder of the roadway to adjust a chain on the back of his flatbed rig.

There he was approached by a 22-year-old Canton Township man. According to reports, he asked Young for a ride in exchange for helping him with the truck.

Young declined the proposition. After finishing the adjustment, Young pulled back on the highway, but noticed that the 22-year-old had climbed onto his trailer.

Young pulled back over to the side of the road and told the man to get off, reports said. As Young drove

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## Arrest made for murder of Novi man

By CRISTINA FERRIER  
Staff Writer

A Detroit man was arrested July 29 — the day after he allegedly shot Novi native David Vaughn to death at an intersection in Detroit — but Detroit police did not release the information until last Thursday.

James White, 19, is currently facing trial on charges of second degree murder and felony firearm possession.

Throughout the month of August, the Detroit Police public information department, which handles calls from newspaper reporters, continued to tell the Novi News that the case was still under investigation, and that no description of the suspect would be released.

Detroit Police Sgt. George Anthony again told the Novi News early Thursday that there were no new developments, and that the case is under investigation.

Later that day, he called back and said that, although information provided to officers in the public information department said otherwise, he had discovered that White was arrested and the case was closed on July 29.

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Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

## Future star

Fifteen-month-old David Hoffman looks like he's lining up to take a shot with a basketball almost as big as he is. Hoffman, son of the coach of the Novi girl's basketball squad, was captured on film practicing his ball handling

skills during a game between Novi High and Northville High Tuesday. Despite this, it otherwise was not a good night for Novi, since the girl's team fell to Northville 54-33.

## Cities work out traffic plan for Meijer building

By SCOTT DANIEL  
Staff Writer

Novi and Wixom have agreed to formulate an "overall impact program" for development of the city's border area near Grand River and Wixom roads, according to Community Development Director James Wahl.

The cities will meet monthly to discuss long range plans for the area. Wahl said issues such as road improvements need to be addressed.

"We've done a lot of studies, but we never completed a long range plan," he said. "We never got to that point."

Wahl said the two communities have recently improved communications about planning issues. He said he hoped a long range program could be worked out within about a year.

"It remains to be seen how things will develop," Wahl added.

The community development director said the sides will meet for the first time Oct. 1. At that meeting, Wahl said, they would determine exactly what work needs to be done.

A key portion of the long range plan will likely be development of a "Base Map." Wahl said the map would chart all new and pending projects for both cities.

Problem areas will also need to

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Director,  
Community Development

be identified for the program.

Wahl said the planning process between the cities will be on-going even after a plan is formulated. Projects such as the I-96 and Beck Road interchange need to be coordinated between the cities, he added.

The long range plan would also help Novi and Wixom to assess impact of new development on each community. The proposed Wixom Meijer store, on the northwest corner of Grand River and Wixom Road, is one development that will impact both towns.

The retail giant is seeking rezoning of 34.5 acres at the site.

## Novi council primary scheduled for Tuesday

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Novi will be decked out in primary colors. This is the day voters will select their favorite six of nine candidates. The winners, competing for three city council vacancies, move on to the November election.

As of late Thursday 270 absentee voters have been given ballots, City Clerk Gerry Stipp said.

Traditionally, the volume of absentee voters equals about 10 percent of full voter turnout.

"If we get 3,000, that would be a good turnout for a primary. So far, absentee turnout is average. It's been so long since we've had a primary, it would be hard to say if it's comparable," Stipp said.

Novi has 22,900 registered voters.

In the contest and keeping their fingers crossed are office-seekers Diana Canup, Robert Huntington, David Ruyle, Robert Schmid, Kevin Crain, Carol Mason, Michael Freeman, Gerald Shulman and incumbent Joseph Toth.

Rob Manooch's name will be on the ballot but he has withdrawn from the race.

Toth is the only incumbent in the race. Current council members Martha Hoyer and Ed Leininger declined to run for re-election this year. Voters will cast ballots in the primary for three candidates. Six will advance to the general election Nov. 5.

City council candidate Robert Huntington has been in and out of town this summer and could not be reached in time for interviews with the Novi News. But Friday, he gave to the same questions asked by the paper of the other eight candidates. The story is on page 6.

## Second rape victim sought by police

By CRISTINA FERRIER  
Staff Writer

The number of victims of a man suspected of kidnapping and raping a 9-year-old Wixom girl last month may have risen to two.

Wixom Police Officer Alan Blashfield said his department has received information that a 12-year-old boy called an area telephone crisis line about being sexually assaulted in an unidentified wooded area.

Blashfield said the boy's description of details of the assault were identical to those the girl described in her Aug. 12 abduction. In addition, he said, the boy's description of the suspect matched that of the girls.

The suspect, described as a white male, 5'11", age 27-34 with a medium-to-heavy build, is still at large. The Wixom girl said he was wearing a criss-cross silver and gold watch band with a square



Abduction suspect

watch face, mirrored sunglasses, a T-shirt and shorts, and a black-and-white baseball cap.

The boy would not give his name and address when he called the cri-

sis line, which also asked not to be identified.

"We're not sure if the parents even know about it," Blashfield said, adding that the boy was probably abducted a few days before the girl.

The boy said he got the number for the telephone crisis line from a magnet on the refrigerator door.

"We would like the public to be aware of the possibility that there might be another victim because we want to help that victim," Blashfield said.

"If he has not told his family what happened to him, he is definitely going through a great deal of stress and discomfort. He has no one to talk to . . . no one to tell him he was not wrong in what happened to him.

"If he can give us information about the abduction it may help our case, but most importantly, we want to help him."

Blashfield is urging anyone with

information — especially anyone with a crisis line number on their refrigerator — to call him at 624-6114 or the Wixom Police Tip Line at 624-0884.

"We would like to speak to anyone," he said. "Friends, family, even the 12-year-old boy."

The Wixom girl was allegedly abducted at approximately 5 p.m. Aug. 12 from the Lyonla and Loon Lake Road area by the suspect, who she said was driving a red mid-size Buick.

Blashfield said the suspect allegedly grabbed the girl, bound and gagged her, and placed her on the right front floor of his car. He then allegedly drove her to an unidentified wooded area nearby where he sexually assaulted her.

The suspect is believed to have been driving a red 1988-1990 mid-size Buick, the interior of which the girl described as being very dirty.

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# Community Calendar

**Today, September 9**  
**Library board:** The board of directors of the Novi Public Library will meet at the library at 7:30 p.m.  
**Village Oaks PTO (VOICE):** The Village Oaks PTO will meet 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Village Oaks School on Willowbrook Road.  
**Players rehearsal:** The Novi Players, a community theater group, rehearse from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

**Tuesday, September 10**  
**Primary election:** Novi city voters may cast their ballots in the city's primary election. On the ballot will be council races, with 10 candidates vying for three seats. The primary will narrow the field to six for the city general election, scheduled in November. Also on the ballot will be a bonding question for the construction of veterans memorial hall.  
**Choralaires rehearsal:** The Novi Choralaires rehearse at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Middle School. For more information about the group, call 349-2241.  
**Band rehearsal:** The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. in the band room at Novi High School. Craig Strain directs. For more information on the group, call manager Warren Ledger at 348-2955.

**Wednesday, September 11**  
**Noon potluck:** The Novi Senior Citizens Club will hold its regular potluck luncheon in the community center of the Novi Civic Center at noon.  
**Players rehearsal:** The Novi Players, a community theater group, rehearse from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.  
**Youth assistance:** The board of the Novi Youth Assistance will meet at 7 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.  
**Youth baseball:** The board of directors of Novi Youth Baseball meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. The meeting is open to the public.

**Thursday, September 12**  
**Parks and recreation:** The parks commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.  
**Historical commission:** The Novi Historical Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Old Town Hall.

**Jazz Cats auditions:** The Jazz Cats, a pop-jazz group for women, will hold auditions 2-3 p.m. in the Choir room of Novi High School. The group will consist of eight to 12 members, depending on the auditions. At the audition, students should be prepared to demonstrate pitch retention and do simple sight reading. Rehearsals will be one hour per week, and times will be set once the group has been selected.  
**Choir parents meet:** A meeting of parents of students enrolled in the Novi High School Choir will meet at 7 p.m. in the Choir room of the high school building.

**Friday, September 13**  
**Community appreciation:** Novi schools sponsors Community Appreciation Day today. Admission to the Wildcats' football game against the Clarkston Wolves will be free. The game begins at 7:30 p.m. A spaghetti dinner also will be sponsored by the district from 5:30-7 p.m. in the high school commons. The cost is \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for students in kindergarten through sixth grade.

**Home building:** The Michigan Builders Institute, in cooperation with Novi Community Education, will offer an eight-week seminar on "How to Build Your Own Home." The seminar will run for two nights a week beginning September 16 for eight weeks and will be held at Novi High School. The cost is \$150 and preregistration is required no later than Sept. 12. Call 344-8330, Ext. 15 to register.

**Monday, September 16**  
**City Council:** The Novi City Council meets in council chambers in the Civic Center at 8 p.m.

**Tuesday, September 17**  
**Photography club:** The Novi Arts Council is sponsoring a new photography club for anyone living in the Novi area who is interested in photography. The second meeting of this group will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. Anyone interested may contact Hugh Crawford at 349-5079.

**Wednesday, September 18**  
**Planning Commission:** The members of the Novi City Planning Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

**Thursday, September 19**  
**School board meeting:** The Novi school board meets tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road. The student code of conduct and personnel recommendations are scheduled for discussion.

**Historical Society:** The Novi Historical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

**Fiction writing:** Award-winning romance novelist Linda Lang Bartell will speak on the topic of "Writing Fiction: Giving form and substance to your creativity" at the Novi Public Library at 7 p.m. The program is free of charge, but registration is requested. Call 349-0720.

**Tuesday, September 24**  
**Blood drive:** The Novi Community Blood Drive will run from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Civic Center. For an appointment or more information, call the City Clerk's office at 347-0456.

**Wednesday, September 25**  
**Senior meeting:** The Novi Senior Citizens Club will hold its monthly business meeting at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

**Thursday, September 26**  
**Novi News open house:** Editors and staff members of the Novi News are hosting an open house for publicity chairpersons of Novi area civic and community organizations from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the newspaper's offices at 104 W. Main Street in downtown Northville. This is to be an informal gathering in which those in charge of publicity for local groups and organizations can get to know newspaper editors and staff members in order to improve the paper's coverage of the activities of these charitable and civic organizations.

**Novi Newcomers:** The Novi Newcomers Club will host its annual kick-off dinner at the Sheraton Oaks, Novi at 6:30 p.m. The program, following dinner, will be a talk show and fashion presentation by Tweety Oaks Mall. Tickets are \$20 per person, and the event is open to the public. For information or tickets, please call club president Laurie Pannon at 344-4614.

**Sunday, September 29**  
**Country Crafts:** The Homespun Traditions Country Craft Show will be held at the Novi Hilton from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$1.50. The craft show will feature the works of area artists, including folk artist Beth Hogan of Novi and rug weaver Joyce Stowell of Northville. For information, call 344-4614.

**Monday, September 30**  
**City council:** The Novi City Council will meet at 8 p.m. in the Novi Civic 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 information and the purpose to which any proceeds will be put to the Novi News at 104 Main Street, Northville, 48167.*

## Campaign launched for approval of Veteran's memorial

By JAN JEFFRES  
 Staff Writer

While the primary city council election scheduled for Tuesday has meant that politicking started early in Novi this year, supporters of Novi's only local issue to appear on the Nov. 5 ballot are also marshalling their forces.

Retiring City Council Member Martha Hoyer and Vietnam veteran Mayor Matthew Quinn, who is running for a third term unopposed, are co-chairs of Citizens for a Veterans Memorial Facility.

Residents will be asked if they are willing to raise their taxes by approximately .28 mills for 15 years to underwrite the \$2.9 million costs of a 16,000 square foot veteran's home, museum and meeting place.

The project is the proposal of members of the Alliance of Veterans of the City of Novi, which includes the local chapters of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, the American Legion, AM-VETS and the Marine Corps League.

A corps of 30 volunteers has already jumped on the bandwagon to promote the veterans memorial. The building would be owned by the city but operated by a board of governors appointed by the veterans alliance.

"I'm giving advice on how to run the campaign. Mostly, we are trying to make sure the public is informed about this thing," Hoyer said.

"When you look at the \$2.9 million, there's no way a group could raise the money by bingo games and raffles and fundraisers and save enough money for the building,"

## Family unhurt after ride with I-96 abductor

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away for the second time, he jumped back on the truck.

The truck driver again pulled back onto the highway and again the Canton man got back on the trailer. Reports said this happened several more times.

Finally, Young decided to leave the man on the back of the truck and continue down the highway until he could find police help. Still heading westbound, the truck approached Meadowbrook Road in Novi.

At that point, reports said, the Canton man reportedly climbed from the back of the trailer onto the top of the truck's cab. He then began punching and kicking the vehicle's windshield while it was moving along I-96.

"When he broke the windshield, Young pulled the semi off the highway near Meadowbrook Road.

Reports said the man got off the truck toward the driver's side of the vehicle and attempted to pull Young out. Young grabbed a hammer and a metal bar to protect himself, but the Canton man quickly wrestled the objects away from him. He broke windows and denied the body of the truck with the weapons.

Bloomfield Hills resident Carol DaDeppo and her children, ages 5, 9 and 11, were behind the truck as it charged down the highway. Reports said DaDeppo pulled off the roadway behind the truck, and witnessed the altercation.

While the 22-year-old was attacking the truck, DaDeppo told police that she began honking her car horn in an attempt to frighten him away.

Instead, he turned and ran over to her vehicle and got in.

"You give me a ride," he reportedly told DaDeppo.

Fearing for the safety of her children, she told police, she obeyed. They then traveled to Kennington Metro Park.

The Canton man exited the vehicle at the park. DaDeppo notified park rangers of the situation and he was finally taken into custody.

Reports indicated that neither DaDeppo, her children nor Young were hurt in the incident.

On the way to the park, the man allegedly told DaDeppo that he was God and had created her and her children. The Bloomfield Hills woman said he thanked her for rescuing him from Young.

"Thank you for saving my life, that driver Satan, was trying to kill me," the man told DaDeppo, reports said.

State Police Det. Sgt. Dean Sanderson said a complaint against the Canton man was sent to the Oakland County Prosecutor's office. If proven mentally competent, he could face charges of kidnapping and destruction of property of over \$100.

Sanderson said the 22-year-old has no history of mental illness. Interviews with his family indicated that he had shown "bizarre behavior in the last couple of weeks" before the incident, he added.

## Detroit arrested for killing of Novi man

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Vaughn died shortly after at Botaford Hospital in Farmington Hills.

"It was apparently just one of those things like 'I don't like the way you're looking at me,'" Anthony said. "Something totally stupid. Nothing worth losing a life over."

Vaughn lived with his wife, Kathy, and their three children in Novi. He was buried Aug. 1 in a Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Family members could not be reached for comment at presstime.

## Wixom rapist may have assaulted second victim

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with Mountain Dew cans on the floor. The vehicle is believed to have automatic transmission and a red interior.

"Whom Police have received over 150 different tips in connection with the incident, and Blashfield said they are in the process of checking out every single one.

"There has not been a tip we don't consider useful, because even if it's not our person it still helps because we can rule that person out," he said.



Romance author Linda Lang Bartell

## Romance writer to speak at library

Award-winning romance novelist Linda Lang Bartell will speak on the topic of "Writing Fiction: Giving form and substance to your creativity" at the Novi Public Library on Thursday, Sept. 19 at 7 p.m.

Bartell, author of six published novels, will give tips to beginning writers on how to develop their creativity as well as other useful writing suggestions.

A former French and history teacher, Bartell, who lives in Troy, received the Romance Writers of America's Golden Heart Award for her book Brianna in 1985. Another novel, Marisa, won Best Medieval Romance in 1988 from the Romantic Times trade publication, and Coresca was nominated for Best Foreign Historical Fiction by Affaire de Coeur in 1990.

The program is free of charge, but registration is requested. For further information and registration, please call the Novi Library at 349-0720.



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# Huntington responds to city council questions

*Editor's note: City council candidate Robert Huntington has been in and out of town this summer and could not be reached by the Novi News in time for an interview in the paper's election coverage on Sept. 5.*

Included here are the responses he gave Friday to the same questions asked by the News of the other eight active candidates.

Tuesday, voters will be asked to select six to continue on to the November election. There are three vacancies on the city council.

By JAN JEFFRIES  
Staff Writer

Huntington, a Novi resident for over 30 years, is a retired Ford Motor Company quality control engineer. The owner and president of Huntington Associates of Novi, he is a veteran of World War II.



"Number one would be the police and the fire department, I would like to see that they increase with the population. The second thing is water pressure. The city should put in water towers to increase the pressure, for safety if for nothing else."

Robert Huntington  
City Council Candidate

**Novi News:** If elected, what will your top priorities be?

**Huntington:** "Number one would be the police and the fire department. I would like to see that they increase with the population. The second thing is water pressure. The city should put in water towers to increase the pressure, for safety if for nothing else. We need more north/south roads this side (north) of Grand River. Also we need left turn signals and right turn lanes. That wouldn't cost that much."

**News:** Are you satisfied with the direction Novi's development boom

has taken? What would you do to guide it in the future?

**Huntington:** "Development is coming in good. I'd like to see single family development where we're expanding to the west. I'd like to see more commercial out by Meadowbrook Road and in the town center. If we get M-9 in, that would alleviate the traffic we're seeing. I'm in favor of residential development along there. They should review some of the ordinances. A lot of builders don't want to come into Novi due to the restrictions of the ordinances. A lot are fair, but they could be a little lenient on

some of them."

**News:** Does Novi have an adequate commercial and industrial base for the short term? For the long term? What would you do to encourage or discourage more commercial and industrial development?

**Huntington:** "We have an adequate base. We still have a lot of room along Novi Road at the town center, and Grand River both east and west for commercial building. I'd like to see more light industrial. We do need a shopping center out west for the new subdivisions. Some of these poor

people have to drive eight to ten miles to get a loaf of bread. You're definitely going to have to build something out that way."

**News:** Does Novi need to build more affordable housing? How would you define this term? Would you encourage or discourage the construction of more affordable homes?

**Huntington:** "If we had more homes in the \$75,000 range up to \$125,000, they'd be more affordable for the middle class. We don't seem to get those type of contractors in here who do that type of building. We need to encourage them to come in and build middle class homes.

As far as senior citizens go, there's not much you can do to bring housing in below that level. What we can do is give seniors a tax break on the housing they've got."

**News:** Do you favor the mandatory alternate day lawn sprinkling ordinance? Why or why not?

**Huntington:** "No. The people should be educated in the use of water. We have a pressure problem now. If we put in a water tower, we wouldn't have that shortage. We wouldn't need an ordinance.

We have to educate the people. The more you water the lawn, the shorter the roots are. If you only water it once or twice a week, the roots get longer. The city should educate people on how to water the lawn. They could put out brochures and get them to the homeowners associations to

hand out."

**News:** What local environmental initiatives would you favor?

**Huntington:** "With the wetlands and the woodlands, so far they're doing a good job with them. With all the new building going on in the west, there's a lot of lowlands and wetlands there. We have to distinguish between them. There's quite a difference.

Here, all the run-off goes into the sewer and into Walled Lake. We've been getting a concentration of mercury and fertilizer. We have more algae this year than when we had septic tanks. We have to stop it somehow. That would be a joint project with the City of Walled Lake.

I'd like to see more parks before they build on everything."

**News:** Do you support the city's land deal with the Amoco Oil Company? Should the city trade zoning for the acquisition of land? Should Novi take an aggressive role in spurring development?

**Huntington:** "Yes. The city and the people in the long run will benefit from it. They're going to build new stations. We definitely need them. The one in the town center is a nice location. The city could build there. They're talking about a community hall, which we don't have.

But I don't think the city should get involved too much in real estate."

**News:** How would you assess the

city's handling of the Lakeshore Park incident? What should the city do in such a situation?

**Huntington:** "That's a tough one. Between the fire department and parks and recreation there was a misunderstanding in communications. Edison should have been there in the first place and taped off the area. They should learn a lesson from this mistake.

The city and its lawyers are trying to handle it the best they can so it doesn't happen again. I don't know if any disciplinary action is any good. I don't know who you'd blame."

**News:** Do you back the November ballot question asking residents to underwrite a veteran's memorial home?

**Huntington:** "Yes, I'm on the committee. It would be a good thing for the city and the residents. It's going to be the only one in the State of Michigan. It'll be good for the residents because there will be three halls they can use for weddings. In the long run, by rentals we'll be able to pay the bond issue back to the city. Within a few years, it should pay for itself. The building would be owned by the city and run by the board of governors of the veterans groups.

It would take years for the veterans groups to get enough money together to build a building, with the expenses today. It would cost our citizens about a cup of coffee once a week for that bond issue.

## State will hold incinerator permit

News this week about Oakland's proposed \$500 million solid waste program was bad and good, according to county commissioners.

The bad news is state officials will not give Oakland a permit for its proposed incinerator in Auburn Hills before residents vote on financing the program Nov. 5.

The good news is the Detroit Edison Co. is willing to pay \$20 million a year for electricity generated by the controversial waste-to-energy incinerator... if it's ever operational.

The incinerator financing program will appear on the ballot in Novi in November, even though the city has its own solid waste plan, though the seven-community consortium known as the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County (RRRASOC) and even though RRRASOC now plans to use the Detroit incinerator rather than the Auburn Hills facility.

Novi is a part of the overall Oakland County solid waste plan, at least technically. The county solid waste plan names RRRASOC as the means by which the southern Oakland communities will dispose of their solid waste.

The news about the permit and Detroit Edison's participation was indeed a mixed bag, with commissioners not certain about which bit of information is more important in the long run.

Not having an operating permit puts commissioners in a position they'd rather not be in — asking voters to approve financing for the waste program before they have a permit to operate the incinerator from the Michigan Air Pollution Control Commission.

The commission can't issue the permit until the Michigan Department of Natural Resources makes a recommendation on the incinerator, explained Ann Hobart, public information officer for the solid waste program.

And the DNR won't make a recommendation until the state establishes a policy on mercury emissions from incinerators — something that could take four months or longer.

Oakland applied for its operating permit in December, 1989, and commissioners scheduled the vote on financing the solid waste program in November, rather than August, hoping it would be approved by then.

Some commissioners even insisted the vote should be canceled if the permit was not approved in time. "There's no sense voting on an incinerator if we don't have a permit to operate it," commissioner Lawrence R. Perrinck said at that time.

When contacted Wednesday, Perrinck seemed less certain. "I want to get more information about why we won't have the permit before I comment," said the Southfield Democrat.

Other commissioners, however, seemed committed to going ahead with the Nov. 5 vote — with the stipulation that no incinerator would be built without a state permit.

"I don't see any way around it," said commissioner Donald E. Bishop, R-Rochester Hills. "We have to go ahead with the vote... we should have voted on this a long time ago."

Bishop said he opposes the incinerator. He said he hopes not having the operating permit would prompt his colleagues to again consider a measure backed by a number of commissioners.

Bishop favors putting two ballot proposals before voters. One would authorize the sale of bonds for a waste program with an incinerator. The second would propose the sale of bonds for a program without the incinerator.

Putting two issues before the voters is something staunchly opposed by Commissioner Roy Rewold, R-Oakland Township, and others who insist the incinerator would be a vital part of any comprehensive solid waste program.

They say not having an incinerator would force the county to build an incinerator or landfill in five years or less.

If voters reject the incinerator in November, Rewold and others say the county should consider disconti-

nuing its efforts to manage solid waste management and leave the problem to individual communities.

Commissioner Teresa Krause, D-Troy, said she believes not having the operating permit for the incinerator will not affect the outcome of the Nov. 5 election. "Voters are going to reject the incinerator with or without a permit," she predicted.

The contract with Detroit Edison was discussed Tuesday during a meeting of the county board's Planning and Building Committee — and greeted as exceptionally good news.

"We're very pleased," said Commissioner Larry Crake, R-Waterford. "It means we'll get top dollar for any electricity generated by the incinerator."

The contract was okayed by the committee, but must also be approved by the entire board of commissioners.

It calls for Edison to pay 3.5 cents per kilowatt hour of electricity, a price Crake said would generate about \$20 million annually, or about 25 percent of the expected operating costs.

As proposed, the Auburn Hills incinerator could burn up to 2,000 tons of trash a day and generate enough electricity to provide power to 60,000 homes each year, according to Hobart.

## Decoys the answer to carjackings?

Oakland County's two top law enforcement officers are receptive to the idea of a decoy unit to deter carjackings — providing adequate safeguards are in place.

Sheriff John F. Nichols and Prosecutor Richard Thompson both expressed interest in the proposed decoy unit Friday, in light of increased incidents of carjackings in Oakland County.

But both lawmen insisted on controlled circumstances, involving only carefully screened and highly trained officers.

Nichols agreed to discuss a possible decoy in response to a request from Farmington Hills Police Chief William J. Dwyer, who worked with the sheriff on another decoy operation when both were Detroit police officers.

That operation was called STRESS, in which Detroit police officers went undercover to curb a rash of street robberies.

STRESS was a highly controversial operation, with critics complaining about abuses, including entrapment. Among the critics was Coleman A. Young who discontinued STRESS after he became mayor of Detroit in 1973 by beating Nichols, a former Detroit police commissioner.

Thompson said he applauds the idea of a decoy unit.

"The message police agencies seem to be sending right now is incorrect," he said. "We seem to be saying that we have lost control of the streets — and the answer is to control law abiding citizens."

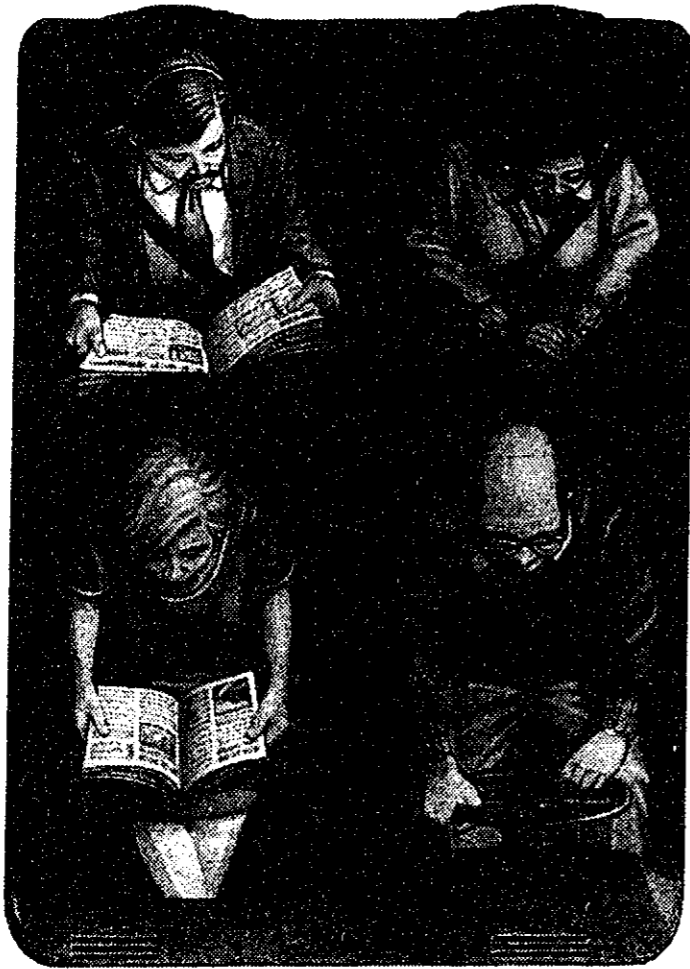
"We're telling citizens when and how they should drive their car. We should be telling criminals we will not put up with carjackings," said Thompson. "We've got to tell criminals that we, not them, control the streets."

Given the increase in the number of carjackings — and their potential for violence — Thompson suggested that Oakland law enforcement agencies begin discussions on a decoy unit sooner than later.

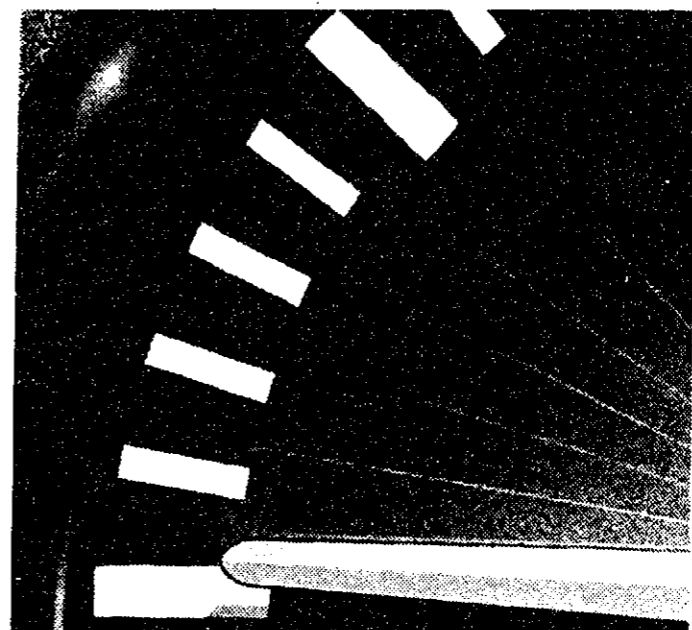
But like Nichols, Thompson said the officers involved must be literally hand-picked. "There is serious criminal and civil liability for Oakland County."

Neither Nichols nor Thompson elaborated about the training for deputies involved in any decoy unit. Undersheriff Billy J. Nolin, however, speculated prospects for any decoy unit would have to undergo intense training as well as a psychological profile.

"Putting an officer in a decoy situation is dangerous," Nolin said. "But we wouldn't want any innocent people injured either."



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# FOOD CREATIVE DINING

## Eleanor & Ray Heald/Wine

### Dry Creek Valley turns out wines of deep flavor

Separated by a range of hills, the American Viticultural Area known as Dry Creek Valley runs parallel to Alexander Valley in northern Sonoma County. The northern end is warm, and lacking a river influence, it is an ideal region for growing zinfandel and cabernet sauvignon with ripe berry flavors and melony sauvignon blanc.

The fertile, well-drained, valley-floor soils, influenced by morning fog in the south, are also well known for quality sauvignon blanc with a heightened grassy character.

The Dry Creek Valley benchlands have red soils and less fog influence. This is an area that boasts 100-year-old zinfandel vines and distinguished cabernet sauvignon exhibiting attractive herbal, dill and olive components.

Doug Nalle, co-owner and winemaker at Nalle Winery who has experience working with Dry Creek fruit, believes that the region should be divided into north and south.

"It is impossible to say that Dry Creek is best for one varietal over another because the boundaries are too general," he said. "When identifying best locations, north versus south must be considered, based on temperature differences as well as soil and site."

John Pedroncelli owns the oldest producing winery (since 1927) in Dry Creek Valley. "Even in Bordeaux, there are good sites and poor ones," he explains. "They're not all first growths."

In the warmer, upper end of Dry Creek Valley, Preston Vineyards is demonstrating that southern Rhone varietals, such as syrah and mourvedre, are successful.

"When planted on gravelly soil, syrah achieves good flavor development and smoky, earthy, ripe plum characters akin to the northern Rhone," said Lou Preston, owner of Preston Vineyards.

"Typical Dry Creek zinfandel develops ripe fruit, jammy, raspberry and blackberry flavors and spiciness (cinnamon, clove, allspice). It's not heavy and tannic, but medium-bodied with a claret-like quality."

"When grown on well-drained benchland, Dry Creek cabernet sauvignon exhibits soft tannins with a combination of cassis and black currant fruit, accompanied by a delicate, herbal, cedary-spice quality. The wines are typically round and soft with medium body. They are accessible when young and do not require lengthy bottle age to be attractive."

In 1971, David Stare founded Dry Creek Vineyards in the Dry Creek Valley. "The Dry Creek sauvignon blanc is a very flavorful grape and produces a grassy, herbaceous style," said Stare. "The heavy, rich bottomland soil of the valley floor encourages vine vigor and a characteristic herbaceousness."

"When I started making sauvignon blanc from 100 percent Dry Creek fruit, it had a strong varietal character that I like in the wine. But this business is market driven, and the consumer

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#### WINE SELECTIONS OF THE WEEK

**1990 Preston Vineyards Cuvee de Fume (\$11)** is 81 percent sauvignon blanc and 19 percent semillon. The aroma is alive with pear, apple, mineral and barrel fermentation elements. Fresh fig and pear flavors enhance a wine with a citrusy finish that's a perfect accompaniment for grilled fish. It's consistently one of the best sauvignon blancs from Dry Creek Valley.

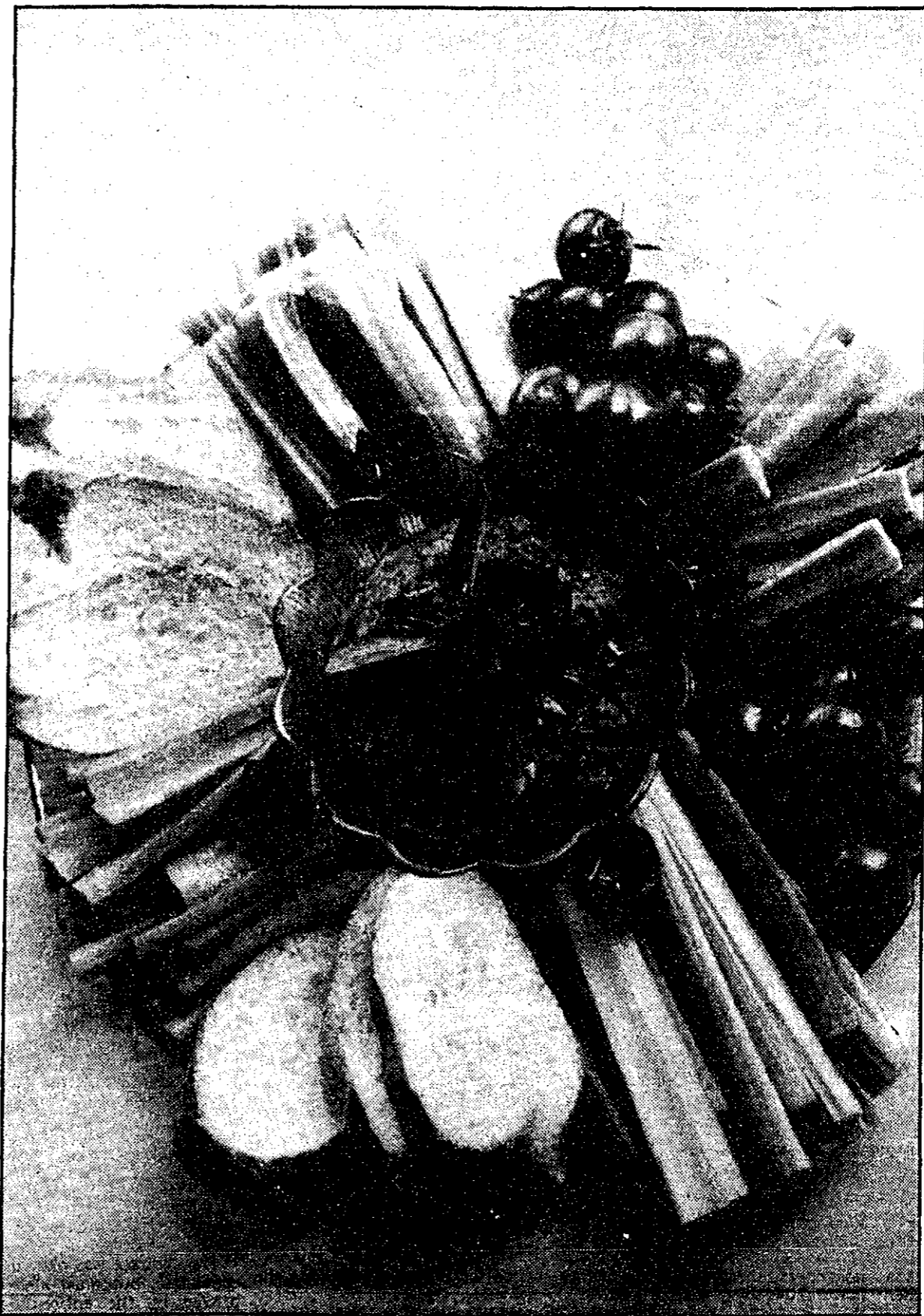
**1988 Dry Creek Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon (\$17)** is a classic representation of a cabernet from a Dry Creek Valley winery. Blended with 10 percent cabernet franc and 4 percent merlot, it showcases blackberry fruit with gentle spiciness and well-married oak. This big, bold, rich, ripe rendition finishes streamlined and elegant.

One of the good things about the American Association of Wine and Food folks is that they don't leave all the cooking to the women and the wine selection to the men. You're just as likely to find male members getting down to business in the kitchen and the women knowledgeable enough to pick their way through a wine cellar.

One chapter's AIWF members routinely get together and pool their talents to prepare part of the menu.

For example, certified public accountant Frank says cooking is a big hobby for him.

"Both my wife, Linda, and I cook, but she is a home economics graduate and I



This Antipasto Spread and Dip is delicious with either toasted bread rounds or fresh vegetables

## Appetite-whetters

### Experts whip up appetizers that dazzle

"Both my wife, Linda, and I cook, but she is a home economics graduate and I came up through the amateur ranks."

"Frank"  
AIWF member

came up through the amateur ranks."

He's serious about his wine, too. Frank and his wife have a wine cellar and tasting room built under their house on a canyon.

Retired midwest business executive George is well-known for his kitchen creations. He comes by his interest naturally, since as an advertising expert and owner of his own company, he worked with many of the national food compa-

nies. Developing and promoting new products was his specialty. He is still a consultant to the trade and has written a best-selling book on the subject.

William is involved with food through his work with spa cuisine expert Jeanne Jones. But it wasn't always so, although food is part of his early roots.

A dancer by profession, William was involved with the Alvin Ailey and Jose Limon modern dance troupes. He also taught dance for four years in the University of California system.

"When I hit 40 my back was telling me to find an alternative kind of work."

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## Chef Mary Brady

### For certified chef, learning never stops

Over the last four years I have been a chef-instructor at Schoolcraft College. Many things happened in those years.

The first class I taught had nothing to do with food. It was strictly of the management-type variety. This was OK with me since my cooking skills were not nearly as refined then as now.

It was a tough, but fun, fall semester. It was all over too fast and then there was the summer off.

The following fall, two new chefs were brought aboard, Jeff Gabriel and Mike Russel. Each had a tremendous background in cooking. Food was their life.

Although I had always cooked, I never imagined the complexities of the kitchen. They were wizards. More importantly, they both encouraged me to continue my training in the culinary arts.

My education in business was wonderful, with a degree in hotel and restaurant management from Michigan State. Now, with formal cooking, new doors were opened in my career and in my mind. There was nothing I could think of doing other than the hospitality business. Here was a way to expand my knowledge and

have fun doing so. It was work, but truly enjoyable.

Jeff and Mike passed their Master Chef exam that January. This is the highest level a professional chef can achieve. The test is grueling, and tests your cooking technique and knowledge. There is no faking on this one.

It was about this time that I started to think that I would like to become certified. With a lot of support and encouragement from my husband, family and the culinary staff at school, I was able to achieve my goal in just two years.

During these last few years, my association with professional chefs has been a learning experience. They are a group that is truly committed to the betterment of their field, and, equally as important, the education of the public.

There are some unique opportunities for the professional and the layman alike. The continuing education department at Schoolcraft College has a knockout schedule starting in mid-September, covering anything from nutrition to sausage-making.

For home cooks, several classes come to mind. First, starting on Oct. 14, Chef Ga-

briel will teach a five-week course on exploring the art of cooking. Beginners and experienced cooks can benefit from his instructional methods.

For those interested in watching their diet, a class appropriately named No-Guilt Cafe, will be taught by chefs Gabriel, Joe Decker and Dan Hugeller. They will teach appealing soups, appetizers and desserts for those on restricted diets.

And, just in time for the holidays, a course on pastries for everyone will be offered. Elegant yet simple desserts that can be made in the home will be taught by Joe Decker. Step by step instructions and demonstrations will be given.

In addition to the above classes there are several that are geared more toward the experienced cook or professional. Nutritional cuisine for health and fitness will be co-taught by Chef Gabriel and a certified nutritionist. The seminar will explore the innovative nutritional cuisine for the '90s. Actual meal preparation will be supported by lectures on nutrition and how it relates to heart disease, cholesterol levels and body metabolism.

Master Chef Dan Hugeller will head a class on basic charcuterie. Professional

preparation methods for pates, terrines and sausage making will be covered as well as curing, corning and smoking of meat, fish and poultry.

Chef Hugeller is formerly of the Amway Grand Hotel in Grand Rapids, and is a three-time Culinary Olympic team member. Now he's a part of the Schoolcraft culinary department. Lucky them.

And finally, restaurant desserts will be taught by Chef Joe Decker. Recipes and techniques that can be executed on short notice will be illustrated.

When I became a Certified Executive Chef, I had to sign an oath known as the Cullinar Code. By signing, I promised many things—to further my profession, to behave in a professional manner, to treat my co-workers with respect, and so on.

In that list of a dozen commitments, I promised to assist in the education of professionals and laymen alike. The opportunity to elevate your level of knowledge is right at your back door. Take the opportunity. I am, and I'll see you in class.

For more information, call the continuing education department at Schoolcraft College, 462-2228.

#### Basic classes

**NO GUILT CAFE:** This course is designed for people who have special dietary needs, but still want to enjoy delicious meals. Learn to prepare appealing appetizers, soups, desserts and entrees for restricted diets. Techniques and methods will be demonstrated, and there will be an opportunity to taste the guilt-free recipes at the end of each session. Recipes will be shared. Mondays, 6-8 p.m. for four weeks, beginning Sept. 16.

**EXPLORING THE ART OF COOKING:** This class is for anyone who is interested in learning more about the art of cooking. Demonstrations will include techniques and methods used to prepare more advanced soups, appetizers, entrees and international cuisine for beginners and experienced cooks. Recipes will be shared. Mondays 7-9:30 p.m. for five weeks, beginning Oct. 14.

**PASTRIES FOR EVERYONE:** Complete step-by-step practical demonstrations will be given on elegant yet simple desserts that can be made in the home. Use of pastry creams, fresh fruit, pastry doughs and unique serving suggestions will be included with ideas for individually plated desserts. Pastries and desserts presented are designed for the cook who loves to entertain in the home. Wednesdays 7-9:30 p.m. for five weeks, beginning Nov. 20.

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