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gets blame  
for damageby JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

A mini-tornado apparently was responsible for \$300,000 in destruction to the W.F. Miller Turf and Industrial Equipment Company's warehouse in August, according to an engineer's report now under analysis by Novi's building department.

Friday, reconstruction of the fallen roof and wall along the original design standards began and should be completed within three to four weeks, the building's architect Gale Forbes said.

About one-third of the four-year-old structure on Trans-X Drive caved in August 19 during driving rains which flooded parts of Novi. This was discovered by employees arriving for work that morning.

Forbes said the 68 foot by 25 foot south wall of the Miller building was sheared off in one piece by with concrete blocks still attached to the bottom and thrown ten feet by a wind blast. Additional damage was

"The wind blew it down. It's anti-climactic, isn't it? The building was built to withstand an 80 mile per hour wind velocity. This was far in excess of that. It must have been a hell of a breeze."

Gale Forbes  
Architect

done to a 92-foot length of wall. This weakening of the foundation along with the onslaught of rain led to the roof collapse, he said. The building has a 24,960 square foot first floor and a 7,147 square foot mezzanine.

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Planners OK  
rule revisionsBy SCOTT DANIEL  
Staff Writer

Proposed changes to stiffen the city's 'substantial-similarity' regulations for single-family homes were recommended for approval by the planning commission Sept. 18. Commissioners voted unanimously to send the changes in the regulations on to the city council. The regulations fall under the city's zoning ordinance.

The regulations stipulate that "there shall be a variation in appearance in the development of single-family detached dwellings."

Currently, the variation requirement applies to homes on the same side of a common street. The ordinance states that two homes must be between homes that are of "substantially similar dwelling structural form."

Homes with common street frontage also fall under the regulations. The ordinance states that homes located across the street also can't be substantially similar.

The ordinance also defines "substantial similarity." Widths, sizes and design features of homes must vary so as not to fall under regulations.

According to Assistant City Attorney Dennis Watson, the ordi-

nance amendment would leave the requirements virtually the same. But, he said, new regulations would be added.

The changes mandate that homes "within the same quadrant" shall be considered to be on the same side of the street. Watson said homes around the corner from each other, for example, would now fall under the similarity regulations.

Homes on corner lots would also fall under regulations, he said.

Watson told commissioners that the regulations have worked well, but some changes were needed.

"They are relatively minor changes," he said. "It's fine-tuning the ordinance."

One local builder isn't happy with the changes, however.

Manny Nosan, of West Bloomfield-based Legacy Homes, said the changes would add expense to development costs. Nosan, whose company is constructing the 47-acre Woods of Novi subdivision at the corner of Thirteen Mile and Decker roads, said architects would have to design more variations into homes to meet regulations.

"I don't know of another community that has as tough regulations," he said. "It puts the onus on

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Sgt. Richard Pastucha addresses students at the Novi Woods Elementary School

Photo by HAL GOULD

Students  
see both  
sides of  
Gulf warBy SUZANNE HOLLYER  
Staff Writer

Novi Woods students have seen both sides of war.

Last February, a pen pal to Sally Chandler's fourth-grade class was killed in the war against Iraq. Chandler's class hoped to meet Air Force Capt. Stephen Phillis on his return from the war.

Instead the students planted a tree in his memory in an April ceremony.

Phillis was shot down while providing cover for another American pilot.

Wednesday, another group of former fourth graders gathered to recognize a pen pal who served in the war. But this time there were no tears.

Sgt. Richard Pastucha recently returned from Germany where he has served since the war ended.

He stopped to visit his sister, Nancy Kujawa, in Novi before heading to Missouri to visit his own family.

During his stay, he visited Susan Harris' former class, his pen pals during the war. This year, the group has gone on to fifth grade and a new teacher. The meeting was a reunion, of sorts, for everyone involved.

"We know there's a real sad side to war. That's one of the reasons we're so happy to see you," Harris said.

Responding to questions, Pastucha told the class he didn't shoot anyone during the war. He also said that the food he missed most during the war was pizza.

Pastucha said because the military had an unlimited supply of ga-

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## Expo Center to host fund-raiser

By SCOTT DANIEL  
Staff Writer

The Novi Expo Center will play host to a major fund-raising event for the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America.

Executive Director Ronald Watson said the event will be the hall's first formal fund-raiser. Besides raising cash, he said, the event could provide momentum for placing a permanent exhibit at the center.

"If this turns out to be a success it will go toward establishing a permanent exhibit at the expo center," Watson said. "That's a goal — to establish a permanent display."

The Hall is currently in the process of moving its executive office, at least temporarily, into the 300,000 square-foot Expo Center.

Offices will be in the building for a minimum of

six months. Hall of Fame officials will decide within that period if the proposed center will become the shrine's final home.

Watson said an alternate plan, for construction of a new building for the hall's home, is still on the boards. The building, which would be about one-third the size of the Mohawk structure, would reportedly cost about \$10.6 million.

The fund-raiser, which will likely be held in November, could play an important role in determining the hall's final home, Watson said.

"We will see where we stand (after the event)," he said.

The Hall hasn't set a specific goal for the fund-raiser. Watson said they are hoping to raise as much as possible.

A letter recently circulated among Novi businesspeople stated that the Hall's June induc-

tion ceremonies had "depleted its (financial) resources severely." Watson said Hall funding "is a concern" that "needs to be addressed."

The executive director added that the Hall hopes to generate increased interest among Novi residents with the event. Watson said generating more interest would help with funding.

"We are trying to get the word out to residents and business that (the motorsports hall) is a benefit to the community," he said. "We are confident that it will happen."

Watson said the fund-raiser would be a large event.

A motorsports display, which will include powerboats, dragsters and Indy cars, among others will be featured. Guests will include hydroplane champion Tom D'Eath and rookie NASCAR driver Ted Musgrave.

## Tax-base sharing goes to gov

By TIM RICHARD  
Staff Writer

A school property tax sharing bill is on its way to Gov. John Engler's desk amid predictions that signing it will seal his political doom.

"It dooms the present governor if he signs it," said Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills. "He has turned on the people (suburbanites) who supported him."

"All these are conservative people. They can't believe this is a Republican tax plan," said Faxon, whose home school district will send \$5.45 million of commercial and industrial property taxes across the state this year.

Added Senate Democratic leader Art Miller, whose Warren-based district would be another major loser: "Once parents and taxpayers see their dollars flowing out, I predict you will hear a loud roar of protest. The people pushing this idea will find themselves running for cover."

Engler intends to sign it.

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The Senate Tuesday gave final 22-16 approval to a conference report passed last week by the House.

Voting yes were 11 Republicans and 11 Democrats, including Fred Dillingham, R-Fowlerville, and Lana Pollack, D-Ann Arbor.

Lt. Gov. Connie Binsfeld ruled the measure didn't require a two-thirds vote (26 senators) to give it immediate effect because it got that amount when first passed July 11.

Opposed were nine Republicans and seven Democrats, including Faxon, Robert Geake, R-Northville, and David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield.

The law requires growth areas to share half the gain in their commer-

cial and industrial tax bases with poorer districts in effort to reduce the gap in per-pupil spending.

Among the top 59 losing school districts statewide are Novi, Northville and Brighton.

Bloomfield Hills, one of the state's richest districts, would lose an insignificant \$4,000 because its base is largely residential with little business growth anticipated.

Only about \$27 million will flow out in each of the first two years, according to a House Taxation Committee staff analysis — about one-third of 1 percent of the \$7.5 billion Michiganians spend on schools annually.

Supporters knew they had the

votes. They offered little defense as suburban senators denounced the law as "a reshuffle," "tax base stealing," "a scam," "hijacking," "legal robbery," "more central planning" and "a tinge of socialism."

House Bill 4267 was sponsored by Rep. William Keith, D-Garden City, who sees it as a small step in the right direction.

Opponents, mainly from the metro suburbs and some lakeshore districts, were joined "on principle" by Sen. Jack Welborn, R-Kalamazoo, whose 20 school districts in four counties would be gainers. "Why is it fair for someone in Midland or Monroe to work hard and expand the (local) tax base and send it to Ionia or Barry County?" Welborn said.

The bill's Senate sponsor, Dan DeGrow, R-Port Huron, offered a brief counter-argument.

"It begins to address the gap (in spending per pupil between poor and rich districts). No one district will have less money than the year before," said DeGrow.

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## Community Calendar

Today, September 30

**City council:** The Novi City Council will meet at 8 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

**Players rehearsal:** The Novi Players, a community theater group, rehearse from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

**Village Oaks PTO (VOICE):** The will meet 7:30 p.m. in the Village Oaks School Library on Willowbrook Road.

Tuesday, October 1

**Chamber open house:** The Novi Chamber of Commerce has moved and will be showing off its new digs when it hosts an open house from 4:30-7 p.m. The new office location is at 43700 Mohawk Drive, Suite 100. Refreshments will be provided.

**Craft show deadline:** Crafters interested in participating in a Holiday Arts and Crafts Show Saturday, Nov. 30-Dec. 1 in the Novi Civic Center must register with the Novi Parks and Recreation Department by the end of the day. The show is to be sponsored by the Novi Arts Council and the Novi Jaycees.

**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.

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

**Novi Woods PTO:** The PTO of Novi Woods Elementary School meets in the community room at 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 2

**Parent-teacher conferences:** To facilitate proper communication between home and school, parent-teacher conferences have been scheduled at Novi High School for 6-9 p.m. This session is primarily for parents of students whose last names begin with the letters A-L. Parents are encouraged to attend to meet their children's teachers.

**Players rehearsal:** The Novi Players, a community theater group, rehearse from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 113 S. Center Street in Northville.

Monday, October 7

**City Council:** The Novi City Council is set for its regular session at 8 p.m. in the council chambers of the Civic Center.

**Voter registration:** Today is the last day to register to vote for the regular city election Nov. 5 in Novi.

**Parenting workshop:** Dr. Ira Glovinsky will speak on Self-Esteem in a parenting workshop from 7-9 p.m. at the Novi Woods Elementary School.

Tuesday, October 8

**Picture Day:** Today is school picture day at the Novi Woods Elementary School.

Wednesday, October 9

**Potluck:** The Novi Senior Citizens Club will hold its regular noon potluck lunch in the Novi Civic Center.

Thursday, October 10

**Parks meeting:** The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission meets in the Novi Civic Center at 7:30 p.m.

**Historical meeting:** The Novi Historical Commission will meet in the civic center at 7:30 p.m.

**Garden Club:** The Novi Garden Club will be planting 1,000 tulip and daffodil bulbs outside the city hall beautification project can just drop by. The raindate will be Oct. 17.

**Genealogical society:** The Northville Genealogical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Mill Race Historical Village, on Griswold north of Main Street. The topic will be "Early Circuit Riders and Their Connection with Northville," to be presented by the speaker Rev. Douglas Vernon of the First United Methodist Church of Northville. For more information about the group, call 348-1718 or 349-6370.

Friday, October 11

**Rummage sale:** The Women's Service Club of Meadowbrook Congregational Church will hold a Rummage Sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The church is located at 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads.

**In the name of progress:** "The Community's Responsibility to the Developer: The Developer's Responsibility to the Community," will be the topic of discussion at a luncheon scheduled for 11:30 a.m. at the Sheraton Oaks Novi. Mayor Matt Quinn and Michael Horowitz, President of the Selective Group, will address the topic. The luncheon, sponsored by the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors, is open to the public. Tickets are \$12.50 for members and \$15 for non-members. Reservations must be made by Oct. 8. Call 478-1700, ext. 241 to reserve a seat.

Saturday, October 12

**Rummage sale:** The Women's Service Club of Meadowbrook Congregational Church will hold the second day of its Rummage Sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Las Vegas Night:** The Novi Lions Club will host a Las Vegas Night from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Novi Bowl, 21700 Novi Road. Admission will be \$3 per person. The event is fund-raiser for Lions Club charities, including Leader Dogs for the Blind and the Penrickton Center for Blind Children.

**Novi Fanfare:** Eight to ten high school march bands will compete in this festival hosted by Novi High School. The competition runs from 1-4 p.m. at the Novi High football field.

Monday, October 14

**Library board:** The Novi library board meets in the library building at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 15

**Garden Club:** Dried flowers and herb wreaths will be the topic of this hands-on session of the Novi Garden Club at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. The Garden Club meets in the Civic Center every third Tuesday.

Wednesday, October 16

**Planning:** The Novi City Planning Commission meets in the Novi Civic Center at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 17

**School board:** The Novi Board of Education will meet in the Village Oaks Elementary School Building at 7:30 p.m.

**Novi Newcomers:** The Novi Newcomers Club is set to meet in the Novi Civic Center at 7:30 p.m.

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

Monday, October 21

**City Council:** Novi city council is set to meet at 8 p.m. in the Civic Center.

Wednesday, October 23

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

Friday, October 25

**Halloween Express:** The City of Novi will play host to a Halloween Express to six area hotels from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. The activities will include dancing to live entertainment and prizes for costumes. Entertaining will be the Ronnie Kaufman Trio at the Wyndham—Novi; Sunrise at the Embassy Suites—Livonia; Higher Ground at the Holiday Inn—Farmington Hills; Rare Blend at the Hotel Baronne in Novi; Radio City at the Sheraton Oaks in Novi; and Tango at the Novi Hilton. Ticket prices will be \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. The event is sponsored by the Novi Chamber of Commerce, the Miller Brewing Company and WOMC.

Sunday, October 27

**Daylight Savings ends:** Your clock should "fall back" one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday.

Tuesday, October 29

**Candidates Night:** The Lakes Area Residents Association will host a candidate's night for those running in the November election for Novi City Council. The event will begin at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Walled Lake Junior High School, at the corner of East Lake Drive and Maple Road.

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.



**Zoom**  
The runners make an impressive image as they pass by during a recent meet between Novi High School and Howell. This scene was taken during a cross country meet held recently at Cass Benton Park.

## Schoolcraft schedules events

The Second Annual Schoolcraft College Foundation Craft Show will be held on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The show features over 150 exhibitors from across the state offering a wide variety of hand-crafted items.

The \$1.50 admission charge includes hourly drawings for hand-crafted items. Refreshments and free parking are available. Proceeds will be used to fund student scholarships.

The Craft Show will be held in the College's Physical Education Building.

Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile Roads in Livonia.

The Schoolcraft College Music and Culinary Arts Departments will use their talents to recreate a 16th century English feast, complete with merriment and song for the 15th Annual Christmas Madrigal Dinners to be held at Waterman Center on Dec. 12, 13, and 14, from 7:30 to 11 p.m. The proceeds from the three night event will fund Culinary Arts and Music scholarships.

The Madrigal Singers, under the direction of Dr. Bradley Bloom, will enter the hall in full costume to present the Wassail and toast the Christmas season. Each course of this year's Prime Rib feast, complete with all the trimmings will be presented to the court with trumpet fanfare and ceremony, including the presentation of the Boar's Head. A court jester will entertain throughout the evening, and the madrigal singers will perform period musical arrangements.

Tickets are \$25 per person; tables seat eight. Make your check or money order payable to: Schoolcraft College and indicate a first and second choice of the night you wish to attend. Visa, MasterCard, and Discover are also accepted. Mail your check or money order with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Madrigal Dinner, c/o Institutional Advancement, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, MI 48125-2696. For further information contact the office of Institutional Advancement at 462-4417. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile Roads in Livonia.

## Police group starts annual fund-raiser

By CRISTINA FERRIER  
Staff Writer

Have you received your call yet? If not, you probably will soon. The Novi Police Officers Association (NPOA) has begun their annual telephone fundraising campaign.

Callers representing NPOA are telephoning area residents to sell tickets to the group's only annual fundraiser, a county-western music show scheduled for mid-December at Novi High School.

"They will be calling local residents and asking them to buy tickets to the show, or asking businesses to buy ads in the program," said Novi Detective Frank Barabas. "Or people might just want to make a donation."

Barabas added that donors will have a choice between tickets to the show or a sticker for their car, which reads "Support the Novi Police Officers Association."

The annual fundraiser generally raises between \$7 and \$10,000 for

the association. In turn, the association donates a large part of the money to such organizations as the Michigan Special Olympics, the Oakland County Child Abuse and Neglect Council, Novi Youth Assistance, DARE, Novi Little League, scholarships for Novi High School students, VFW Youth Camp, The Novi Council on Substance Abuse, and Novi Parks and Recreation Youth Leagues, soccer, baseball, T-Ball and floor hockey teams.

"The money also goes into the NPOA for police equipment and organization of events."

"We try to put as much money into the community as we can," Barabas said.

Barabas urged anyone with questions about the callers to contact him at the Novi Police Department, at 348-7100. The callers should specifically say that they are representing the Novi Police Officers Association, and should not represent themselves as police officers.

## New acting class starts Thursday

Do your friends think you've got more ham than the nearest Bob Evans Restaurant?

Does the Novi Parks and Recreation Department have a new class for you!

Beginning Oct. 3, Linda Wickert—a master's in theater candidate at Wayne State University—will teach a class on acting at the Novi Civic Center. Stage struck students age 12 and up will develop skills in improvisation, monologues and scene study. Each will work at his or her own level of experience.

Different styles and methods of acting will be explored, as well as other aspects of the theater.

In January, an opportunity to put it all together will be offered in a follow-up class, "Performance Plus."

Wickert has a bachelor's degree in performing arts from the University of Detroit and over 20 years of experience in teaching and directing.

The eight-week class runs on Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. until December 5. The course fee is \$70 for residents and \$84 for non-residents.

Register by Oct. 3 at Novi Parks and Recreation, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. For further information, call 347-0400.

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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Dept. of Community Development, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 P.M. Wednesday, October 16, 1991.

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# Late porno tape leads to complaint

A Northville woman contacted Novi Police Sept. 26 after Nov 10 on Ten Mile informed her that three X-rated movies her husband supposedly rented were overdue.

The woman said she and her husband had no membership there, and were out of town at the time the movies were rented.

## Police News

Police said someone apparently used her husband's driver's license and credit card to obtain a membership at Novi Video, then rented the movies.

Novi Video told the Northville couple that if the movies are not returned, they will be charged to the credit card. Police said two other movies were rented from Northville Video in her name, and the couple claims not to have rented them, either.

**OPEN INTOXICANTS:** A 28-year-old Novi man was arrested by state police for transporting open intoxicants Sept. 17.

The man was traveling on east-bound 96 near Bechtel Road shortly after 5 p.m. when troopers clocked him at 77 miles per hour. Reports said that officers then stopped the man for speeding.

Reports also noted that troopers spotted the man drinking an unknown beverage while traveling down the highway. A search of the man's car revealed an open 16-ounce bottle of beer.

The Nov 1 man was cited for open

intoxicants and speeding.

**HIT-AND-RUN:** A 54-year-old Brighton man was the victim of a hit-and-run accident Sept. 20 in Novi. State police reports said the man was traveling on eastbound I-96 near Meadowbrook Road when his vehicle was struck in the rear. The driver of the other vehicle left the scene without stopping or identifying himself, reports said.

The Brighton man was uninjured. The accident occurred at 7:29 a.m. either.

**BREAKING AND ENTERING:** French Epi, a store in the Pheasant Run Plaza on Grand River, was reported broken into Sept. 24.

Novi Police said someone apparently broke in through the back door, then used a screwdriver to pry open the cash register and steal money.

Police said someone attempted to break into Sam's Cafe in Novi on the same evening, using similar methods. However, in this case, the suspects were apparently frightened away by the business' burglar alarm.

**LARCENY FROM AUTO:** A Chevrolet van was reported stolen from a neighbor's car.

**STOLEN 'ALGATE:** A Novi man re-

ported that someone stole his tailgate from his 1991 Ford Ranger Sept. 23. The man said he parked his vehicle in the parking lot at Mr. B's Farm around 9:30 p.m. that evening. When he returned at 11:30 p.m., the tailgate was missing.

**ATTEMPTED LARCENY FROM AUTO:** A resident on Heatherbrae reported Sept. 24 that someone smashed out the front passenger window of her Pontiac Grand Prix.

The woman dialed 9-1-1 when she heard the sound of breaking glass outside. She said she looked outside and saw her neighbor chasing two white males who looked to be in their 20s. One of the suspects was wearing a green jacket with a white hood.

The neighbor said that when the suspects saw him come after them, they started running.

Police said the suspects may have broken into the car in order to steal a car phone, but were frightened away.

**Home Watch:** The Novi Police Department is beginning a new service to the citizens of Novi called Home Watch. Effective immediately, Novi residents who will be away from home for several days can request increased patrol activity in their neighborhood and added attention to their residence by calling the Novi Police Department's Crime Prevention Office at 348-7100.

Callers will be asked their address, departure and return dates, and a local resident who can be contacted in the event a problem is detected. The resident will be sent a package of information informing them of several things they can do before leaving to help keep their property secure while they are away.

**Illustrator at Borders Novi:** Artist and filmmaker Peter Sits will autograph copies of his children's book "Follow the Dream" on Tuesday, Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. at Borders Book Shop in the Novi Town Center.

"Follow the Dream" commemorates the 500th anniversary of the voyage of Christopher Columbus, and takes its inspiration from 15th Century maps as well as contemporary sources.

**Small presses honored:** Area small presses and self-publishers are invited to come as honored guests at "A Salute to Small Presses," a reception to be held Wednesday, Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. at Borders Book Shop in Novi. An RSVP by telephone (347-0760) is recommended. The reception, scheduled during the national observation of Banned Books Week, was conceived as a tribute to small publishers for their part in preserving the freedom to read. Book distributors are also invited, as are members of the purchasing department of Borders' parent company, Book Inventory Systems.

Publishers are encouraged to come in before the reception and submit their books to Borders for consignment sale and a special display of locally published titles. Promotional materials and catalog/brochures are also welcome.

**Artful crafters:** Are you clever with a needle—or a Nikon? The Novi Arts Council and the Novi Jaycees are looking for artists for their first annual Novi Arts and Crafts Show on Saturday, Nov. 30 and Sunday, Dec. 1.

Applications are now being accepted until Oct. 1 for the following categories: painting, drawing, photography, sculpting, pottery, jewelry, wood, needlework and country craft items.

The event, co-chaired by Becky Staab and Paula Joyner-Clinard, will include entertainment by local school choirs, a raffle and food. For an application form, contact Novi Parks and Recreation at 347-0400 or the Novi Jaycees at 348-3121.

**How green was my Novi:** On October 5, Novi will spell re-leaf with 12 new trees behind the Civic Center.

The annual fall planting day is sponsored by the Novi Rotary and Global Reach, a national organization dedicated to putting up trees. Anyone who wants to help city forester Chris Pargoff and the Rotarians plant the 12 saplings by the Power Park ballfields is welcome to lend a hand at 10:30 a.m.

For more information, call Pargoff at 347-0495.

**Casino memories:** Do you remember the golden years of the Walled Lake Casino? If you worked, played or performed at Novi's most-renowned entertainment center at any time during the 1920s through the 1960s, the Novi News would love to hear from you for a special nostalgia project. We are also looking for old photographs, brochures, posters and other memorabilia of the casino to be re-created.

## Novi Briefs

**Tulip time:** October planters bring spring flowers. The Novi Garden Club will be sinking 1,000 tulip and daffodil bulbs outside of the Novi Civic Center on Thursday, Oct. 10 at 10:30 a.m.

If you'd like to get your fingers dirty too, you're more than welcome to join in on the City Hall Beautification Project.

The Novi Garden Club meets the third Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. If you like gardening, good conversation and fun, call President Elinor Holland at 477-7913.

Future meeting topics include: Oct. 15—make dried flowers and herb wreaths; Nov. 19—create a Thanksgiving arrangement with pumpkins; Dec. 17—an hors d'oeuvres and dessert exchange.

**Heart smart:** The Novi Fire Department is offering free blood pressure tests beginning Saturday, October 12 from noon to 4 p.m. at Fire Station One, 42975 Grand River Avenue.

From then on, residents can drop in anytime for the free tests at any fire station from Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. In addition, Fire Station One will continue the Saturday noon to 4 p.m. schedule.

The tests will be conducted by the department's emergency medical technicians.

The program's starting up as a community service, Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan said. "We've got the equipment and the people here."

**Stolen van:** A Chevrolet conversion van was reported stolen Sept. 24 from the upper-level Sears parking lot at Twelve Oaks Mall.

The owner of the van told police she parked and locked her vehicle at approximately 6:15 p.m. and returned at 9:30 p.m. to discover it missing.

Citizens with information about the above incidents are urged to call the Novi Police Tip Line at 349-8887.

# Grocery bags used for PTA drive

By SUZANNE HOLLYER Staff Writer

Paper or plastic? If Shopping Center Market customers answer paper in the next few days, they will see a special message on their grocery bags.

American Elementary second graders wrote "Join PTA" on 100 grocery bags in the first PTA promotional activity in several years, said Barb Flis, PTA Coordinating Council membership representative.

The bags were borrowed from the Shopping Center Market, 425 N. Center St., and returned Wednesday

and Thursday, Flis said.

Some second graders still learning to spell wrote "Join PAT" or "Join PTA," she said. But she expects most shoppers to understand.

Anna Conti told her second-grade class to use bright colors in drawing the message.

"I think it will be a lot more readable," she said.

Conti told her class shoppers from surrounding cities like Novi might be encouraged to join their parent group when they see the bag.

"Even someone from Farmington could come in and shop and join Farmington's PTA," Conti said.

American has 86 percent parent membership and 100 percent staff membership, Flis said. Last year Winchester Elementary was the only school to reach 100 percent parent participation.

In theory, parent participation could exceed 100 percent because only one parent member per student is needed to reach full participation.

And in some cases, grandparents and even great-grandparents join.

Mary Mattis is a great-grandmother member. Mattis also is the grandmother of an American PTA friend with the same name.

Northville PTAs also have 11 busi-

ness members. Last year only 32 busi-

ness members in the entire state joined a PTA.

Memberships are available to any community member, said PTA Coordinating Council president Sharon Ferrara.

The \$3 annual dues entitle members to vote.

"It's also saying we have parents who care," Ferrara said.

American second grader Jimmy Beson didn't mind helping the PTA in its membership blitz. But he could think of things he would prefer doing.

"I'd rather be doing math," he said.

## Schoolcraft to appoint replacement

Schoolcraft College's Board of Trustees will appoint a trustee to replace Wendell Smith, who resigned from the board last Wednesday.

Eligible applicants for the board appointment must be registered voters in the Schoolcraft College District. The district is composed of the public school districts: Northville, Clarencville, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth-Canton and part of the Novi Community Schools.

The appointee will serve on the college's Board of Trustees from Nov. 20, 1991, until June 30, 1993. A regular election will be held in June 1993.

Applicants should contact the president's office for application forms and additional information. Completed applications must be received by 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11. The Board plans to interview candidates for the position on Oct. 21 and 22. The president's office is located in the Administration Building at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads in Livonia. For more information, call 462-4460.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, who is not already registered, may register for the Regular City Election to be held on the 5th day of November, 1991, in said City.

The City Clerk will be at the Clerk's Office on each working day during regular working hours until and including Monday, October 7, 1991, for the purpose of receiving registrations of qualified electors of the City of Novi not already registered.

On October 7, 1991, which is the last day for receiving registrations for said regular election to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 1991, the Clerk will be at her office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, for the purpose of receiving registrations of qualified electors.

In addition to the offices of Mayor and three members of City Council, the following proposition will be submitted to the electors of the City of Novi at such election:

**VETERANS MEMORIAL FACILITY BONDING PROPOSITION**

Shall the City of Novi, County of Oakland, Michigan borrow the principal sum of not to exceed Two Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,900,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor for the purpose of paying the cost of acquiring, constructing, furnishing and equipping a new Veterans Memorial Facility together with the site and site improvements therefor and all appurtenances and alterations thereto for the use of the City?

IN ADDITION, an Oakland County Special Election will be held in connection with the Regular City Election on Monday, November 5, 1991. The following Oakland County proposition will be submitted to the electors of the City of Novi at such Election:

**OAKLAND COUNTY BOND PROPOSITION**

Shall the County of Oakland, Michigan, borrow a sum of money not to exceed Five Hundred Million Dollars (\$500,000,000) and issue its full faith and credit general obligation bonds therefor, in one or more series (the principal and interest on such bonds to be paid primarily from the revenues to be derived from the operation of the Oakland County Solid Waste Management System), to defray the cost of acquiring, constructing and equipping solid waste processing and disposal facilities to serve the Oakland County Solid Waste Management System, including, without limitation, a household hazardous waste program, one or more recycling facilities, one or more composting facilities, a waste-to-energy incinerator and a sanitary landfill?

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## As We See It

# Taxpayers' pockets have just been picked

Your pockets have just been picked.

Did you feel it? Of course not. It is, after all, essential to the success of a dip that he not let you know he is at work.



Government

Who could be better or more practiced at this than the state Legislature? And in the way it has passed the tax base sharing bill, it has shown all the skill and finesse of the Artful Dodger.

The State Senate last week voted 22-16 to approve the tax base sharing bill. The House of Representatives had earlier signed off on the proposal. And the governor will assuredly sign it. He has been a supporter of the concept since the beginning of the debate.

And what that means is that growing school districts, like Novi, will have to share half of their new tax revenue, generated by new industrial and commercial developments, with other districts. School districts which are not experiencing growth, mostly outstate districts, will reap the benefits.

Of course, the Legislature did try to make a trade off with the growing districts by agreeing to phase out its infamous "recapture." But the sharing concept will cost growing districts more. And in the future, it will cost them a lot more.

Among the hardest hit districts are Novi which, when the \$395,000 cost of tax base sharing is matched against the drop in the "recapture," will lose \$200,000 in the first year. Northville will lose closer to \$250,000, and Walled Lake will lose something like \$195,000, according to figures offered by the House Fiscal Agency.

Of course, a few years down the road, as more and more growth in the local districts is subject to the tax base sharing law, the losses for the local districts will be radically higher.

It is clear that local residents are

not happy about it. Some 183 Novi residents filed protests to the tax base sharing law through a coupon mailing conducted this summer by the Novi News, as did another 54 Northville residents.

Now, we are willing to consider the idea of a tax base sharing plan. There may be some legitimacy to the idea. But [and this is a very big but] not until a number of other facets of the tax structure and school finance system have been addressed.

For one, what of the state Legislature's own responsibility to fund education. It is no secret that the state's support of education has been diminishing over the years. At one time, state funding for education accounted for as much as 40 percent of the state budget. That figure these days is down to about 11 percent. And there is no sign the state Legislature intends to improve the level of its contribution by any significant amount.

And what of all those "poor" districts, the ones which are to be the beneficiaries of this bill. Are they to be asked to make some additional effort on their own behalf in order to receive the shared revenue? That subject, to our knowledge, was never raised.

So it is pretty clear that although it is being paraded around as an attempt to achieve "equal education," it is in reality little more than theft.

And the proponents who are offering their justifications sound like any other purveyor who tries to claim "you have and I don't, so it's okay to steal."

## As You See It

# You're too old for tennis

To Mr. Phil Jerome  
You were too old to play tennis when I met you 15 years ago let alone at your advanced age. If you spent more time doing a two step in front of Planning Commissions, City Councils and ZBA's you'd be in much better condition. Of course, you would also understand the real meaning of pain.

Best regards  
Michael A. Ward  
Partner

enough to sell Detroit as a convention site, corporate meeting and group tour destination. The one advantage Detroit has had was less expensive hotel rooms.

Currently, hotel guests are required to pay 1 1/2 to 6 percent tax to cover the Cobo Hall expansion. Imposing an additional tax to subsidize Tiger Stadium would be insane.

Since occupancy rates are at an all-time low, how can anyone conceive of imposing further hardship on the hotel community?

I am a life-long resident of the Detroit area and I have never met a single person who stayed at a hotel after attending a Tiger game.

## Insanity reigns in tax debate

To the Editor:  
Insanity reigns—it is already difficult

Nancy Cameron

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## Rattlesnakes near Eight Mile



Phil Jerome

It was a frightening thought. And the more I thought about it, the more frightening it became. What happened is that I had left the house before she did recently to get to work early and get started on the day's activities.

It was shortly after eight o'clock when she called the office.

"You'll never guess what I did this morning," she said. I could tell it wasn't something good because there was a certain ominous tone in her voice.

"You wrecked the car, but don't worry because you weren't injured?" I asked, trying to meet the challenge of guessing what she had done.

"Wrong, my little dish-washer," she said. And then she blurted out the answer—before I even had a chance to make a second guess.

"I killed a rattlesnake in the drive as I was leaving for work."

The news hit me like a thunderbolt. A rattlesnake! In our driveway! What if I had been the second one to leave for work? Would that venomous viper have been stalking me instead of her?

All these thoughts were racing through my mind before I realized she had resumed her story.

"It was just a little fellow. Only 6-8 inches long. Just a baby. He was sunning himself on the cement by the garage."

"I was leaving the house when I saw him. What struck me first was his markings. It wasn't a garter snake. It wasn't like any snake I've seen around here before. He had

really bright markings on his back.

"Some of the garden equipment is on the porch, so I grabbed an edger and touched him very gently with the handle. And as soon as I did, he coiled up. Just like a rattlesnake."

"I saw his head pop up, and I saw his little tail pop up at the other end of his body and start shaking back and forth."

"That's when I knew for sure it was a rattlesnake. When I saw the way he coiled up and the way his tail popped up at the other end of his body."

She proceeded to tell me how she killed it and left the body in the drive, but I didn't hear everything she was telling me. I was thinking about other things.

Like where there's a baby rattlesnake, there must be mother and father rattlesnakes.

Like what about our seven cats. How most of 'em like to hunt, and how they've even been known to hunt down snakes and bring them home to show us. What if one of the cats runs across the mother or father rattlesnake?

"Like what about me. How it's often dark when I get home. What if I get home late and one of the adult rattlesnakes is waiting for me there in the driveway and I can't see it until it's too late."

Like this is a big story. Rattlesnakes near Eight Mile. Lurking in people's front yards. Baring their fangs. An epidemic of rattlesnake bites. Are the hospitals are ready to handle it?

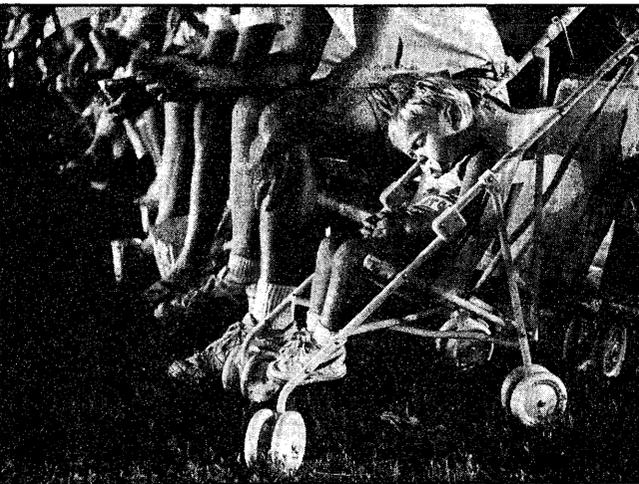
I made sure I got home before dark that night. I spotted the little guy right where she said it would be. It was tiny. Only six or eight inches long. Just like she said.

I looked for the rattle, but it was too small to tell one way or the other. I can't say there was a rattle, but I can't say there wasn't one either.

At this point, the mystery remains unsolved. I'll find out eventually, but in the meantime I'm watching where I step very carefully.

## In passing

By Hal Gould



## 'Nap time'

Not even the acts could keep this youngster awake at the recent Novi Jaycees circus

## Longing for days of old casino



Rick Byrne

The more I hear about the story reporter Jan Jeffries is putting together about the old Walled Lake Casino and Amusement Park, the more I wish we had something like that around now.

The pictures show an old wooden roller coaster that looks like an in-your-face, hair-on-fire, screaming white-knucker.

And looking at the Casino Pavilion, with its high and high arching ceiling makes me want to slip into a tuxedo and slowdance to a brass band with a woman in slinky sequins.

On my list of things to do this year: Drop by one of the tailgate parties at U-M hosted by Lou LaChance of Northville. Check out the story on the front page of the Creative Dining section. These folks know how to party.

In the course of conversation with LaChance, he revealed that he has a tape that he updates from time to time chronicling radio calls of U-M's finest moments. The most recent addition is Desmond Howard's catch against Notre Dame a couple of weeks ago.

LaChance's heart definitely pumps maize and blue. He has an "M" room in his home, and a doorbell that plays "The Victors." I'd heard about alumni like this when I was in school there, but I thought I was more likely to become

one than meet one.

He's also fond of quoting the late U-M radio announcer Bob Ufer, who said, "Football is a religion, and Saturday is the Holy Day of Obligation in Ann Arbor."

He also shared with me a revelation. He suspects God must have been a Michigan fan because he made the sky blue and the sun maize.

Yup, I wanna party with this guy. And Lou, I'll have to tell you what A.C. looked like from the student section.

As usual, my TV-watching habits won't be altered greatly by the new fall arrivals. The only two shows that will draw me to the sofa are "Flesh 'n' Blood," and "Home Improvement."

"Home Improvement" hits particularly close to home. I saw it's star, Tim Allen, perform his stand-up routine about five years ago at the Main Street Comedy Showcase in Ann Arbor—and twice more since then. The Birmingham resident was a relative unknown then, but his routine was fabulous. I predicted then, accurately I might add, that he would make it big.

He's also proof of my theory that 75 percent of all jokes aren't fiction. I know that every time I go into Builder's Square up in Novi I get this testosterone rush from the smell of the raw lumber.

I love pushing those big orange dollies around with a big pile of studs and joists and plywood on it—not intending to buy any of it, just pushing it around on the cart. You see, the men in that store observe a certain etiquette. The guy with the biggest pile of stuff on his cart has right of way, and you're supposed to bow to him—and grunt.

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Animals are your friends.  
Don't throw trash in the forest.

# State seeks to overcome adoption barriers

By **TIM RICHARD**  
Staff Writer

In three different corners of the State Capitol, lawmakers and citizens are seeking to knock down Michigan's adoption barriers.

It's a bipartisan effort, and it may begin to pay off beginning in 1992.

"We're looking at the system, trying to minimize as many barriers as possible in a cumbersome system," said Don Marengere, Bloomfield Township resident who serves on a commission headed by Lt. Gov. Conrude Blinsefeld.

Michigan records fewer than 4,000 adoptions a year and 10 times as many abortions.

"Thirty or 40 years ago, the whole country had a different attitude toward pre-marital sex," said Marengere,

president of Adoption Option. "A (pregnant) girl was rushed out of state to visit the infamous 'sick aunt.'"

Today single women tend either to keep their babies or have abortions. The supply of adoptable babies has dwindled.

The House has passed bills by Rep. Maxine Berman, D-Southfield, mandating that health insurers cover adoptees the day they come into their new homes. Some insurers require a year wait, forcing adoptors to seek Medicaid coverage.

A Senate subcommittee headed by Sen. Fred Dillingham, R-Fowlerville, is looking at Berman's bills. Welborn said they will be reported out only as part of an entire adoption package.

Here's what's going on:  
■ Gov. John Engler put Binsfeld at the head of Special

Commission on Adoption. It will work one year, starting last April 23. Meetings are closed. Marengere said there are "vigorous discussions" of foster care, trans-racial adoptions, and state-vs.-private agency adoptions.

■ The Senate Family Law Committee will concentrate on "special needs adoptions. That's the toughest nut to crack," said chair Jack Welborn, R-Kalamazoo. Special-needs kids are older, have siblings and may be handicapped. Vice chair is Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville.

■ A House Judiciary subcommittee, headed by Rep. David Gubow, D-Oak Park, is looking at bills to open up some adoption records so that adult adoptees can obtain their medical histories. In his hearings, the Department of Social Services came under criticism for failing to publicize its existing registry.

A private group called Parents for Private Adoption re-

cently held a day-long seminar at Oakland University, Rochester.

Michigan is one of a handful of states that doesn't permit private adoptions, arranged by individuals through an attorney without help from either a state or private agency.

Private adoption is being discussed in Lansing, but Sen. Welborn is unsure it has much support.

In the U.S. 30 percent of adoptions are private and 70 percent agency, said Marengere, who says they're expensive. "I have some friends who are doing that for \$20,000," he added.

Maureen Sullivan, of Birmingham, said the price doesn't have to be anywhere near that high.

Information on Parents for Private Adoption is available at 27821 Santa Barbara, Lathrup Village 48076 or by calling (313) 557-3501.

## Senate approves MIOSHA bill

By **TIM RICHARD**  
Staff Writer

A Michigan workplace safety law is about to breathe again after Senate action last week.

But state officials will have a tougher time imposing higher standards than the federal government's, said Sen. David Honigman, architect of what he calls "a very reasonable compromise" between business and labor.

The Senate approved SB 459 on a 30-5 vote and sent it to the House. All area senators voted yes.

Gov. John Engler and a handful of outstate Republicans wanted to kill MIOSHA (Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Act), relying instead on federal standards and enforcement. The 1974 state law is due to sunset next year.

"The federal government should be the ones who are enforcing those rules rather than passing the buck to the states," said opponent Sen. Jack Welborn, R-Kalamazoo.

He said Michigan work rules, as proposed by the Labor and Public Health departments, were almost invariably higher than federal standards. "It puts Michigan employers out of competition with other states because we have higher regulations than competing states," Welborn said.

Added Sen. Nick Smith, R-Addison: "It was my experience that rules promulgated by the (Michigan Safety Standards) commission tend to be... very liberal and labor-oriented — in other words, maybe some overzealous safety regulations."

Honigman, a freshman senator

who chairs the Labor Committee, said the revised MIOSHA will allow higher state standards only in special circumstances.

"It creates a rebuttable presumption in favor of new federal occupational safety and health rules. The directors of Labor or Public Health will be required to promulgate rules which are 'substantially similar' to new federal rules," he said.

"What we intend is that Michigan have the freedom to establish standards different from those of federal OSHA, but only if there has been a showing of a compelling need to do so.

"Similarly, Michigan still has the freedom to set standards where (the federal) OSHA has not established any regulations at all, but only if it has been determined by one of the commissions that there is a clear and

convincing need to do so."

Workplace rules are made by state commissions. Under the state constitution, rules are subject to approval by a joint House-Senate Committee on Administrative Rules.

The bill also increases "seven-fold" the fines and penalties for violating businesses, Honigman said.

"On this, we had no choice, as federal law demands that states with their own plans conform to federal penalty guidelines," he said.

Honigman had trouble getting the measure out of his own five-member committee earlier in the week. With Robert Geake, R-Northville, absent and Nick Smith voting no, Honigman needed help from Democrats George Z. Hart of Dearborn and John Cherry of Clio to get three votes.

"It was the result of lengthy and painstaking deliberations," Honigman said.

## Mini tornado takes blame for damage

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Extensive studies of the site, including a computer analysis, showed no design and construction flaws, Forbes added.

"The wind blew it down. It's anti-climactic, isn't it? The building was built to withstand an 80 mile per hour wind velocity. This was far in excess of that," he said.

"It must have been a hell of a breeze."

The company was closed for three days, until the roof could be shored up. The damaged section of the building is now taped off and restricted only to hard-hatted construction workers, said Norb Ugorowski, the controller for W.F. Miller.

Repairing the structure will cost

approximately \$215,000, the architect said. Ugorowski estimates another \$50,000 to \$75,000 worth of damage was done to the firm's equipment.

Rick Kessler, a commercial plan reviewer for the Novi Building Department, is currently evaluating the 25-page report filed by Forbes.

City code requires a roof to be able to withstand three inches of water, but W.F. Miller was built to a 12-inch capability, Kessler said.

An informal city estimate was that 2.5 inches of rain fell that night.

The W.F. Miller complex is two identical buildings linked together and only separated by a firewall. One of these was left intact by the storm.

## Students see the two sides of War in Gulf

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soline courtesy of Saudi Arabia, the army sprayed diesel fuel on the sand to prevent dust storms during helicopter landings.

One student asked why the army didn't kill Saddam Hussein.

"That was a political decision that was made. We had no say in that matter," he responded.

Harris' class began writing to Pastucha at the request of Nancy

Kujawa. Kujawa had a son, Michael, in Harris' class. Michael frequently spoke in class about his uncle in Saudi Arabia, Harris said.

"We were inspired to write and show support," Harris said.

After leaving Novi, Pastucha was expected to visit Missouri. He has not seen his two children in two years, he said.

His next stop will be in North Carolina where he plans to return to duty as part of the 82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg.

## Commissioners sign off on revisions to housing rules

the builder-developer."

The changes won't slow residential building in Novi, Nosan said. He added that it would likely increase time it takes to get building permits.

Development of the Woods of

Novi began about a year ago. Nosan said the subdivision is about one-third completed.

As the project is filled out, he said, it will become harder to meet city regulations.

"It will get more difficult as we build in," Nosan said.

## Ferrara leads council for PTAs

By **SUZANNE HOLLYER**  
Staff Writer

Sharon Ferrara wanted to see more parental involvement in schools when she moved to the portion of Novi in the Northville school district seven years ago.

The mother of two boys decided to start with herself, and she joined the Amerman PTA.

Now Ferrara is this year's PTA Coordinating Council president. She will spend four to five hours a week this year as the council president coordinating PTA activities.

The council meets once a month to coordinate all the building-level PTAs in Northville, including the Our Lady of Victory PTA. A forum is provided by the council for sharing information,

providing leadership training and coordinating the efforts of all PTA groups.

PTAs provide extra activities and assemblies to students through the Junior Enrichment Series. Building-level PTAs also provide assistance to the media center, classroom helpers for teachers and organization of other volunteer efforts in Northville schools.

PTAs in districts poorer than Northville have to concentrate on raising money for educational materials like books. In Northville, PTAs can raise money for extras like playground equipment and landscaping, Ferrara said.

At the district level, the council works toward the established district goal of encouraging parental and

community involvement.

But the main purpose of the PTA is to advocate for children, Ferrara said.

PTAs are different from the parent organizations found in some districts because they are affiliated with the state and national PTA.

The state and national groups lobby for and against legislation, and they take positions on political issues. For example, the national PTA took a stand last year favoring gun control. Several local PTAs withdrew their memberships in protest, according to the national PTA newsletter.

Northville PTAs tend to stay out of non-local issues, Ferrara said.

Two building-level groups formally gave support to the Michigan Model

for Comprehensive Health Education. The model is a series of lesson plans used in Northville that has caused some controversy.

But the coordinating council does not dictate what building-level PTAs will or will not support, Ferrara said.

Ferrara has nine years ahead of parenting school-age children. She has risen to the top of Northville PTAs. She wouldn't mind helping other school districts organize a PTA, but she doesn't think she will seek a position on the state or national level.

"At this point, I've been focused just on Northville," she said.

She hopes to continue working for the benefit of Northville students.

"I guess I don't have aspirations for becoming the state president," she said.

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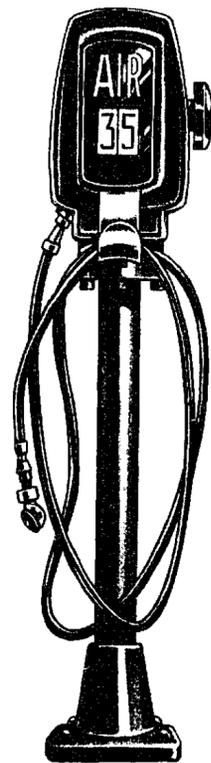
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**German wines should not be overlooked**

Germany, the northernmost European wine growing region, makes lovely, drinkable, white wines that are perfect for modern, light cuisine. If you have not sampled German wines lately, now is the time.

Warm harvests in 1988, 1989 and 1990 yielded grapes ripened to perfection. The wines show expressive fruit aromas and refreshing flavors with the added attraction of lower (7.5-10 percent) alcohol.

You may have avoided German wines because the labels are difficult to read. One of 11 German growing regions appears on each label as well as a village name, a vineyard name, the grape name and the producer.

You can simplify label reading by focusing on the grape and the producer. Look for the wine estates named in this column and rhesling, the finest wine-grape varietal grown in Germany.

You may have heard that all riesling is sweet. It is true that Germany is very cool and therefore it is difficult to ripen grapes. Adding sugar balances the acidity of under-ripe grapes, but not all German wines are sweet.

In years where mature grapes are harvested, German wine producers make wonderfully dry, fruity white wines that have balanced fruit and acid. That means they taste refreshing, not too sweet and not too tart.

The driest German wines are labeled trocken (dry), half-trocken (half-dry) of Kabinett. Spatlese is a label term that means late harvest, and the wines usually have noticeable sweetness. The spatlese recommended below are extremely well-balanced.

We recently tasted 23 wines from seven estates in seven different winegrowing regions. The best examples are recommended below. Unless otherwise noted, these wines are all riesling.

The wine estate of Dr. Fischer is in the picturesque village of Ockfen in the Saar region. Here, the slate soils rise steeply behind the village. Vines were actively cultivated in Ockfen as early as 1958. The vineyards have perfect southern exposure and are planted almost exclusively to riesling.

Dr. Fischer's 1989 Ockfener Bockstein Kabinett (\$13) exhibits fresh apple and apple blossom aromas and flavors. The Spatlese (\$17) boasts riper fruit and mineral accents in a style that emphasizes balance.

The 1989 Wawerner Herrenberger Spatlese (\$17) is a delicious wine also made from riesling, but grown on different soils.

The wines of Dr. Heidemanns-Bergweiler are grown in the villages of Bernkasteler, Wehlen and Graach, along the Mosel River on sunny, south-facing, slate-covered slopes. Dr. Heidemann's 1989 Bernkasteler Lay Kabinett (\$15) showcases fresh, crisp apple characters that are a great accompaniment for fresh white fish.

The 1989 Bernkasteler Badstube Spatlese (\$19) has supple textures with nuances of peaches and pears. The 1989 Bernkasteler Alte Badstube am Doctorberg Spatlese (\$25) has aromas of orange peel and a supple mouthfeel.

Clean rieslings, rich in extract, is the goal of the famous Rheingau estate Schloss Schonborn. Most of the 148 acres of gently sloping estate vineyards, scattered over 13 communities, are planted

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**WINE SELECTION OF THE WEEK**

**1989 Schloss Schonborn Winkeler Haasprung Riesling G&A (\$12):** If the German wine name seems confusing, read the column for an explanation. This German riesling boasts ripe apple and pear aromas with a touch of vanilla. Full creamy textures highlight the flavors and it finishes with refreshing zip. Try it with fresh grilled fish.



Hearty eaters make their way through the buffet line at a hog wild tailgate party in San Diego — the "Pig-million"

**Hail to the tailgaters**  
Fans make pregame parties a fall ritual

By RICK BYRNE  
Copy Editor

What's the best way to beat game traffic when attending a football game?

Simple. Arrive three or four hours early and host a tailgate party. Then stay late and polish off the leftovers.

When it comes to tailgate parties, Lou LaChance of Northville gives 110 percent. A dyed-in-the-wool Michigan Wolverines fan, LaChance has been hosting tailgate parties at the same location on South Main Street in Ann Arbor since 1975.

His van, decked out in maize and blue with a block "M" motif, rolls into town every Saturday and welcomes friends from all over.

"We lay out a spread for every game," he said. "We have our own private section now. People who come by are friends I went to college with. They come in from New York, California, Hawaii."

A 1966 U-M graduate, LaChance began his tailgating when the Wolverines became a national power.

"The thing that motivated me was that, at the time I went to U-M, they didn't do well in football," he said. "People find it hard to believe that they weren't always that good. But when Bo Schembechler became head coach, he turned them around, and they started to win some games."

And the party hasn't stopped since.

The van, equipped with a sink, TV, refrigerator, pop-top tables and a horn that plays "The Victors," hauls all the necessities for a parking lot party. LaChance recommends that cheese and crackers, chips and dip and deviled eggs be included on the menu. There should be hot coffee and cold drinks both alcoholic and non-alcoholic. An umbrella is also handy for keeping rain and sun off the food.

Another item that comes with the LaChance seal of approval is Guernsey's chicken.

"We can't be without it," he said. "We serve 30 or 40 — 50 for the Notre Dame game."

And of course, everything is served up on U-M plates. Ice comes from an "M" bucket and salad comes from a bowl shaped like a Wolverines helmet.

You don't need a van, or even go out of town to enjoy a tailgate party though. You can pop the hatch on your beat-up old Escort at Northville or Novi high school on Friday evenings, pull out a hibachi and revel in the pregame camaraderie.

Area stores can outfit your soiree with party trays and deli meats. Maria's Bakery and Deli in Novi (41652 Ten Mile Road) does a brisk business in pregame fare.

"Football fans sure like to eat," said owner Maria Paccocco. "What they usually get are the 3- to 6-foot party subs, some salads and lots of cookies."

Galen Anderson, the "Andy" of Andy's Meat Hut in Novi (24150 Novi Road) sees a lot of football party traffic in his store as well.

"We do party trays that go to football parties, and we did a three-foot sub last week that I know went for a football party at somebody's home," he said.

If you're planning your own party, pregame strategy is the same outside the stadium as it is on the field: You have to be prepared.

Besides paper or plastic plates, you'll need plastic knives, forks, spoons and glasses. Big napkins are essential because this is often a stand-up-and-eat affair. Those disposable cleanup cloths will allow you to arrive at kickoff with non-sticky hands as well.

Here are some basics for making sandwiches which allow everyone to enjoy the festivities. They are gleaned from "The Sandwich Book" by Judy Gethers (Random House).

Toasted bread should be spread with butter or other spreads as soon as possible to prevent drying and breaking.

Butter, margarine or cream cheese should be at room temperature for easier spreading.

A sandwich can become a complete meal if filled with meat, cheese or other protein foods and vegetables and/or salad greens.

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**San Diego party is top tailgater**

There are tailgate parties — even elaborate, carefully conceived tailgate parties — and then there is the "Pig-million."

Chairs and cloth-covered tables for 70 wait beneath soaring garlands of blue-and-yellow balloons at one end of a long concrete island in Section P-1 of the parking lot at San Diego's Jack Murphy Stadium. Beyond the seating, a long cloth-covered buffet table points like an arrow down the island to a wide, flat barbecue pit, 4 feet by 5 feet, spread corner to corner with a hot, gray blanket of briquets.

Above the coals, on twin spits, meat turns: on one spit, 25 pounds of beef ribeye roast and two 16-pound turkeys; on the other, a whole golden pig, about 60 pounds dressed out. Drips of fat from the meat spend themselves in crackling "puffs" of ash on the hot coals below, smoke rising back to the meat from each little explosion.

The time is 9 a.m. on a warm, pretty Sunday before the Chargers' home opener. The main partying body will not begin to arrive until 9:30 or so. But motor homes already fill one curb along the island, and backed up to the opposite curb are a number of supply vehicles. Those partyers already in residence are wearing new white T-shirts proclaiming this the date and site of "Pigmillion V." It is a site that, on approach, invites assumptions.

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**Pack 'n' go meal is great for tailgate parties**

This is a wonderful time of year to get out-side with your family and friends for those fabulous fall weekends. Sunny days and crisp, cool air create the perfect atmosphere for football tailgate parties and family autumn picnics. Take time to snatch up these last few Indian summer moments.

A perfect fall outing begins with planning. Select recipes that are easy to make, easy to serve, and travel well. Bring along a cooler to keep foods fresh and cold, and if your plans include grilling, pack a portable grill with charcoal — just to be on the safe side.

Whether you're planning a light autumn lunch, a simple tailgate brunch, or an entire fall family meal, here are a few favorite recipes that you might like to include: Spicy Deviled Eggs are absolutely delicious and simple to prepare. They make an attractive hors d'oeuvre as well as a nutritious part of a totable meal.

To many, any outing isn't complete without hamburgers on the grill. Don't settle for a plain hamburger this year; make California Burgers. After tasting ground beef sirloin, a slice of Monterey Jack cheese, avocado, and alfalfa sprouts piled high on a kaiser roll, you

may never eat a traditional hamburger again.

For the chicken lovers out there, Oven-Barbecued Chicken makes a great meal for a picnic. Prepared before hand at home, this tangy chicken dish, served hot or cold, with a delicious Cucumber-Corn Salad to add a little pizzazz, is sure to please.

Iced Apple Turnovers make a delightful ending, or beginning, to a fun-filled day. Start off a tailgate brunch with this reduced cholesterol and reduced sodium Danish or end your day with this sweet, tasty dessert. It's your choice.

So, take advantage of the season. Get together with people you care about and enjoy the best Indian summer ever.

**SPICY DEVILED EGGS**  
(Makes 4 servings)

- 4 hard-cooked eggs
- 2 tablespoons plus 2 teaspoons reduced-calorie mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped red bell pepper
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped green bell pepper

- 2 tablespoons finely chopped celery
- 2 teaspoons minced scallion (green onion)
- 1/2 teaspoon seeded and minced jalapeno pepper
- dash chili powder
- dash hot sauce
- dash Worcestershire sauce
- garnish: diced red bell pepper

Cut eggs in half lengthwise; remove egg yolks to small mixing bowl, reserving whites. Add remaining ingredients except garnish to egg yolks and, using a fork, mash until combined. Spoon an equal amount of yolk mixture into each egg white half. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

To serve, garnish with diced red bell pepper. Each serving provides: 1 fat, 1 protein, 1/4 vegetable.

Source: Weight Watchers Healthy Life-Style Cookbook, 1990.

**CALIFORNIA BURGERS**  
(Makes 2 servings)

- 5 ounces ground beef sirloin
- 1 slice (1/4 ounce) reduced-fat Monterey

- Jack cheese, cut in half
- 2 Kaiser rolls (1 ounce each); each cut in half horizontally and lightly toasted
- 2 lettuce leaves
- 2 tablespoons ketchup
- 4 tomato slices
- 4 slices avocado (1/2 ounce each), pared
- 1/4 cup alfalfa sprouts
- 1 medium pickle, cut in half

Preheat broiler. Shape sirloin into 2 equal patties and arrange on rack in broiling pan; broil 5 inches from heat source until medium-rare, 2 to 3 minutes on each side, or until done to taste.

Top each burger with half of the cheese and broil until cheese melts, about 1 minute. Onto bottom half of each roll arrange 1 lettuce leaf and 1 burger; then top each with 1 tablespoon ketchup, 2 tomato slices, 2 avocado slices, 2 tablespoons sprouts, and remaining half of roll. Serve each burger with pickle half.

Burgers can also be cooked on the barbecue grill.

Each serving provides: 1 fat, 2 1/2 proteins, 2 1/2 vegetables, 1 bread, 15 optional calories.

Source: Weight Watchers Healthy Life-Style Cookbook, 1990

**OVEN-BARBECUED CHICKEN**

- (Makes 4 servings)
- 1 1/2 cups tomato juice
- 3/4 cups distilled white vinegar
- 1 tablespoon plus 1 1/2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon firmly packed dark brown sugar
- 1 bag leaf
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon powdered mustard
- dash pepper, or to taste
- 3 pounds chicken parts, skinned
- 1 cup thinly sliced onions

Preheat oven to 350 Fahrenheit. In 1-quart saucepan combine all ingredients except chicken and onions; cook over medium heat, stirring frequently, until flavors are blended, 5 to 10 minutes.

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### The Refrigerator Door

**ASIAN FOOD:** A grand opening celebration will be held at Canton's newest Oriental food store, Asian Food & Gifts, noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6. The store is at 45160 Ford Road, and carries an assorted variety of food from the Philippines, China, Taiwan, Thailand, Japan, Hawaii, and Korea. Call 453-2030 for information.

**HEALTHY SNACKS:** The Food and Nutrition Hotline sponsored by the Oakland County Cooperative Extension Service can answer many food and nutrition questions. To contact it, call 858-0904 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. Sylvia Treitman, home economist for the Extension Service, offers several suggestions for healthy snacks.

- Keep low-fat crackers, boxed juices, microwave natural popcorn, fresh and dried fruits and nuts and seeds on hand at work for healthy snacking.
- Use microwaves and slow cookers to make easy one-dish meals instead of buying fast food from restaurants.
- Keep plastic bags of cut vegetables in your refrigerator for easy snacks.
- Stay away from vending machines unless they offer fresh fruit or yogurt.

**LOW-FAT BEEF:** GFI America, a Minneapolis-based meat processor, has introduced SmartMeat, beef which it says has less saturated fat, total fat, cholesterol and calories than grain-fed beef. The company says it uses solid muscle meat from selected lean cattle, then makes it tender and flavorful through a process called Vacu-Marble. SmartMeat will be available at selected supermarkets and restaurant chains. For more information, call (612) 872-5252.

**NUTRITION INFORMATION:** The Food Marketing Institute, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Dietetic Association recently launched a nationwide nutrition campaign aimed at encouraging families with children ages two to six to make better food choices. Four free booklets offer information concerning reducing fat and cholesterol, avoiding arguments about food and healthy food choices. To obtain free copies of the brochures, you must include the brochure code in the address where indicated. The codes are Good Nutrition, Healthy Foods, Food Hassles and Cholesterol. Send a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope to the American Academy of Pediatrics, Department C—(Brochure Code), P.O. Box 927, Elk Grove Village, Ill. 60009.

**BEEF BROCHURE:** Get a head start on easy, carefree outdoor cooking with the help of a new recipe folder from the beef industry, "Marinate and Grill Beef Recipes."

To receive a single free copy, send a stamped, self-addressed, business-sized envelope to the Michigan Beef Industry Commission, 2145 University Park Drive, Suite 300, Okemos, Mich. 48864. Allow four to six weeks for processing.

The newly released brochure contains a grilling guide for beef chuck steaks and three complementary marinades. The robust flavor of economical beef chuck cuts such as top blade, chuck eye, shoulder, blade or seven-bone and bottom blade steaks, as well as shouder steak strips for kabobs, are enhanced through the use of flavorful marinades.

Mix and match the steaks and marinades for a variety of beef meals.

Flavorful and quick-to-prepare recipes offered in the brochure include Hot 'n' Spicy Beef Steaks, Caribbean-Style Steak and Beef and Plum Kabobs.

**COMMUNITY COOKBOOK AVAILABLE:** The First Presbyterian Church of Northville is selling a community cookbook full of favorite recipes from Northville and the surrounding area. Books are \$6.50 each and are on sale at the church. For more information call 349-0911.

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

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**DIETARY GUIDELINES:** The federal government has updated its nutritional guidelines to help consumers sort out conflicting nutrition advice. They are offered in "Dietary Guidelines for Americans," a free booklet that includes suggested weight charts and advice on controlling weight and reducing fat in your diet. To obtain the booklet, write to Consumer Information Center, Department 514X, Pueblo, Colo. 81009.

"The Refrigerator Door" is a list of coming events and short notes about food and drink. If you have an event planned or a brief announcement you would like included here, send it care of this newspaper, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, Mich., 48167. Photos or other artwork welcome.

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## Tailgaters take preparation

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It is best to prepare sandwiches as close to serving time as possible. However, if you must prepare them ahead of time, wrap well and store in a cool spot. Save "wet" ingredients, such as tomato slices or lettuce leaves, for the last minute so moisture doesn't seep into the bread.

Following are recipes for sandwiches ideal for casual tailgate parties. Bowls of olives and dry-roasted nuts can provide snacks during setup. Just add beverages. Don't forget a bottle of sparkling water to cleanse the palate, in addition to any other beverages.

The next three recipes are from "Pinger Foods" by Mable Hoffman (Price: \$1.99). The first offering, a three-decker sandwich, is served warm.

### LAYERED TUNA-EGG LOAF

- 1 10-inch French bread baguette
- 4 hard-cooked eggs, chopped
- 1 cup chopped ripe olives
- 2 tablespoons canned diced green chilies
- 1/2 cup (2 ounces) can tuna, drained and flaked
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped green onion
- 2 tablespoons chopped red bell pepper

Yields 8 to 10 servings.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Slice bread lengthwise into 3 equal pieces. In small bowl, combine eggs, olives, chilies and cheese. Spread mixture on cut side of bottom layer of bread. Top with second bread layer.

In second small bowl, combine tuna, mayonnaise, green onion and red pepper. Spread on middle layer of bread. Cover with top of bread. Wrap entire loaf in foil.

Bake in preheated oven 20 minutes until hot. Remove from oven; cut loaf crosswise into 2- or 2 1/2-inch slices. Serve warm.

### BARBECUED BEEF ON A BUN

- 2 pounds beef stewing pieces or beef chuck roast, cut in cubes
- 1 small onion, peeled and diced
- 1 cup ketchup
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

Place warm meat mixture in a food processor fitted with metal blade. Process briefly to shred, or shred by hand using fork. Spoon about 1/2 cup meat and sauce onto each roll. Serve hot or warm.

### GRILLED CHILI-DOG BURRITOS

- 1/2 cup beef stock or bouillon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 10 Kaiser rolls or onion rolls, split, warmed

Yields 10 servings.

In a 4-quart Dutch oven, combine meat, stock and salt. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 1 1/2 to 2 hours or until meat is very tender.

## Party hearty, but party healthy, too

Whether it's a Sunday noon potluck before a professional game or a buffet brunch in advance of the Saturday college game, this is the fall tailgate party season.

When you're eating—and often cooking—away from home, food safety becomes even more important.

Try grilling kabobs for your next party. Ingredients can be marinated earlier and transported in airtight plastic or glass containers. While the marinade will help preserve the ingredients, it is still important to keep them chilled. Do not use aluminum or copper containers to marinate and transport mixtures that contain acidic ingredients, such as lemon or lime juice, vinegars, barbecue sauces and wine. Also, cover marinating ingredients with plastic wrap rather than foil.

Kabobs cook quickly and can be presented attractively. If using bamboo skewers, soak them in water one hour before using. This will prevent charring and fire.

Grilling is still popular in autumn, particularly at tailgate events. Keep in mind that ground beef receives more handling than other meats and is vulnerable to bacteria. For complete safety, make sure hamburgers are cooked brown or at least brownish-pink in the center before serving.

Use a net food cover to protect food from flies and other pests. If electricity is available, crockery cookers can be very useful in holding hot foods.

Dry ice also can be used when transporting and holding chilled items.

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cooked on the barbecue. Let the beans heat on the edge of the grill while the hot dogs cook over more intense coals.

- 1 (6-ounce) can refried beans
- 10 beef or turkey frank's
- 10 5-inch corn tortillas
- 1/2 cup (3 ounces) shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 1 cup shredded lettuce
- Fresh salsa (recipe follows)

### FRESH SALSA

- 1 large tomato
- 1 California green chili or jalapeno pepper, chopped
- 2 green onions, chopped
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Yields 10 servings.

In a small bowl, combine tomato, green chili, cilantro, green onions and salt. Stir to blend. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

### CHEDDAR-CHILI SPREAD

- 2 (3-ounce) packages cream cheese, at room temperature
- Two-thirds cup milk
- 1 pound (4 cups) finely chopped jalapeno chilies, seeded or for a milder flavor, canned chopped green chilies
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped pimiento

Yields 3 cups.

Combine cream cheese and milk in medium bowl. Beat with electric mixer until smooth. Add cheddar cheese, chilies and pimiento. Stir until well blended. Spoon cheese mixture into bowl. Store in airtight container in refrigerator up to 1 week. Allow to soften at room temperature 15-20 minutes before serving.

## Tofu is protein-rich meat substitute

Tofu or bean curd is a highly nutritious soybean product that has been used in East Asia for over 2,000 years. It was invented in China and introduced to Japan by Buddhist monks.

Tofu is an important source of protein for billions of people in the world. It has made its way into some American diets because of its versatility and nutritional value. Tofu has been called a "culinary chameleon" because of its ability to change flavors with every use.

Tofu is made by a process not unlike that of making cheese. The soybeans are soaked, purged, cooked and filtered through cloth, producing soy milk. The soy milk is curdled with a coagulant, typically magnesium chloride or calcium sulfate, and the curds are pressed into soft blocks as the whey drains off.

Four ounces of this custard-like cake contains about 10 grams of protein and provides the eight essential amino acids. Tofu is free of cholesterol and very low in total fat. Its only shortcoming is that it has no dietary fiber which is found in the whole soybean.

Tofu is available in three textures: soft, firm and extra firm. Soft is best used for puréeing and blending. Firm holds its shape better during cooking and can be sliced or cubed. Extra firm holds together really well for stir-frying. All of these types can be used for mashing, or crumbling.

Tofu is a good source of iron, potassium, phosphorus and calcium (when calcium salts are used to precipitate the curd). It provides 8 vitamins and vitamin E in varying amounts.

Tofu compares favorably with cottage cheese, which has more sodium and less iron than a soybean product. The texture is smooth, moist, silky and easy to digest. The firmer the tofu, the more nutrients and calories it provides because it contains less water per ounce.

Fresh bean curd is highly perishable and sours when past its prime. Check the expiration date to determine freshness. After buying water-packed tofu, slit the package and drain off the water (replace water daily).

Ideally, tofu should be in the dairy or deli case. The exception is an aseptically packaged tofu that requires no refrigeration until opened. Refrigeration is available in three textures:

erate unused portion, covered with simple water in a covered container. Use within two to three days of purchase. If unable to use tofu quickly, freeze it.

Freezing changes the texture to a spongy and chewier one when defrosted but is still useful in many dishes.

Rinse tofu briefly under cold running water, then cube, dice or slice as the recipe directs. Tofu can be used as a meat extender or meat substitute. Combine a half pound of crumbled tofu with an equal amount of ground beef when making hamburgers, meatballs, meatloaf or tacos.

In a stew, substitute chunks of tofu for some of the beef cubes. Combine diced tofu with chopped eggs in egg salad or crumble in a tuna salad.

To cut the calories and fat in a peanut butter sandwich, mash tofu with peanut butter, add some chopped raisins and spread on bread. Puréed tofu can be added to soup to make it creamy. For the real adventuresome, blend tofu with juice and a banana for a fruit shake.

Probably the most popular way to serve tofu is to add it to a stir-fried dish. However, if you are using lots of soy

sauce, tofu will pick up the salt and flavor of the soy sauce. It can be deep fried, but by doing this it certainly adds additional fat. Tofu can be substituted for cheese in many dishes but remember, it does not melt.

This is tasteless and bland on its own, but has the ability to take on the flavor of whatever food or spice that surrounds it. It can be used in salads, shakes, soups, sauces, sandwiches, stir-fry, steaks, dips, dressings, burgers and desserts. Replace mayonnaise, sour cream, eggs, meat and cheese in recipes with tofu. It lowers saturated fat and cholesterol in the dish.

Tofu is probably a more familiar product to consumers. It has a similar taste and texture to ice cream but is a non-dairy frozen dessert, high in protein and lower in calories. Since tofu is a soy-based product, it contains no cholesterol, but does contain a vegetable fat.

If you have been stumped at what to do with this white block of bean curd, be adventuresome and try it in any kind of dish. It is a versatile and nutritious alternative to other high-calorie, high-fat protein sources.

In medium mixing bowl combine first 6 ingredients, stirring until combined. Add remaining ingredients, stirring to coat. Each serving provides: 1/4 milk, 1 1/2 lbs. vegetables, 1/4 bread, 3 optional calories.

Source: Weight Watchers Healthy Life Style Cookbook, 1990.

**ICED APPLE TURNERS**  
(Makes 8 servings —)

- 8 oz. red cooking wine
- 8 garlic sections
- 2 large white onions
- 2 large Hungarian peppers
- 2 large jalapeno peppers
- 2 cayenne peppers

**SEASONING**

- 6 tablespoons chili pepper
- 4 tablespoons cumin
- 2 teaspoons Hungarian paprika
- 2 teaspoons celery salt
- 2 teaspoons Mediterranean oregano
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 tablespoon white pepper

Salt and pepper the meat, and brown in about 2 1/2 ounces of suet. Remove suet, but reserve drippings.

Put meat and drippings in a big pot and add the bouillon, tomato paste and wine. Finely chop garlic, onions and peppers, and add to the mixture. Let it cook for one hour. Then add seasonings and cook for two hours over medium heat. Yield — one gallon

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In 13-by-9-by-2-inch baking dish arrange chicken parts in an even layer; top with onion slices, then tomato juice mixture. Bake, basting chicken frequently, until chicken is cooked through, 50 minutes to 1 hour. Remove and discard any fat before serving.

Can be served hot or cold. Each serving provides: 4 protein, 1/2 vegetable, 35 optional calories.

Source: Weight Watchers Flavor Recipes, 1986.

### CUCUMBER-CORN SALAD

- (Makes 2 servings)
- 1 cup plain low-fat yogurt
- 1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon reduced-calorie mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/4 teaspoon chopped fresh dill
- 1/4 cup grated unpeeled sugar snap peas
- 2 cups thinly sliced cucumbers
- 1/2 cup thawed frozen whole-kernel corn
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2 tablespoons confectioners' sugar

1 teaspoon grated orange peel

Preheat oven to 425 Fahrenheit. In 1 1/2 quart saucepan combine apples, lemon juice, granulated sugar, and cinnamon and cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until apples are very soft, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat; set aside.

On work surface roll pie crust into a 16-by-18-inch rectangle; cut rectangle into eight 4-by-4-inch squares. Spoon an equal amount of apple mixture onto center of each square. Fold square in half, forming a triangle. Using tines of fork, press edges to seal.

Arrange turnovers on nonstick baking sheet and bake in middle of oven over rack until golden brown, 8 to 10 minutes. Remove to wire rack and let cool.

While turnovers cool, prepare icing. In small bowl combine confectioners' sugar, orange peel, and 1 teaspoon water, mixing to form thick, drizzleable glaze; keep over turnovers.

Each serving provides: 1/2 bread, 1/2 fruit, 65 optional calories.

Source: Weight Watchers Healthy Life Style Cookbook, 1990.

## German wines need not always have sweet taste

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## State chili champ shares his secrets

On his third try, Paul Huyck of Farmington Hills won the Michigan Chili Crown at the 13th annual cook-off Sept. 15 at the Lark Restaurant in West Bloomfield.

"I went to my first cook-off in 1985, and after three years as a spectator, I thought, wouldn't it be fun to cook," said Huyck, who has completed 12 cook-offs. "You have a good time, and they reward charities."

In 1989 he entered a cook-off at the Livonia Spree which benefits abused children. He won second place at a cook-off in Sumpter Township and has competed in New York.

At the Michigan State Fair in 1989, he won the "Belly Burner Championship" for the best hot chili. "That chili was much hotter than I would enter in normal competition," he said.

According to rules of the International Chili Society, the major characteristics to consider when judging chili are the favoring and chili pepper taste (not too hot or mild), the texture of the meat (not too tough or mushy), the consistency (not too thick or thin), the blend of spices, and how well they have permeated the meat, the aroma and color.

"One major tip is it's extremely important to de-

velop a tasty stock. I use condensed beef broth. After the first hour of cooking, my chili doesn't taste like chili, but then you convert it by adding spices. You've got to know when to stop adding seasonings, when enough is enough."

Huyck will represent Michigan at the World Cook-off to be held Oct. 20 at the abandoned Tropic gold mine in California's Mojave Desert.

"I already got plane tickets for my team. We're ready to go. We're going to give it our best shot."

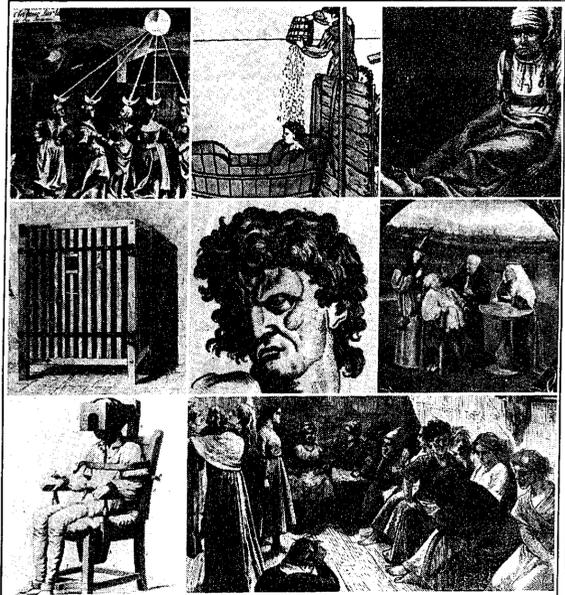
Huyck is a CPA and part owner of Carter Technology Inc. in Farmington Hills. He said his wife, Lynne, helps him cook.

Second place was awarded to Joe Sviderski of Wyandotte and third to Ken Herr of Plymouth. A sellout crowd paid \$30 per person attend the cook-off. Event proceeds are used to award \$1,000 scholarships to 10 culinary arts students.

Here's the winning recipe:

### MICHIGAN HEAT

- 2 lbs. ground chuck
- 2 lbs. lean chuck steak bits
- 1 lb. chorizo
- 42 oz. beef bouillon (condensed)
- 18 oz. tomato paste



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EXPERIENCED Hair Designer, 65% commission, S. Lyon. Changes, (313)437-6886.

EXPERIENCED Janitorial help wanted. Own transportation. For appointment: (517)694-5040 leave message.

EXPERIENCED silk screen printer, full or part-time. Must have some graphic experience. Apply to Spm, Mon, Thu, Fri, 10am to 6pm at J & M Sports, 213 W Main St, Brighton.

FABRICATING COMPANY. Looking for self motivated person for welder/fitter position. Apply in person. 2140 Industrial, Howell.

FACTORY JOBS THREE SHIFTS In Brighton, Howell, Whitmore Lake and Farmville. Phone and transportation necessary.

ADIA (313)227-1218 FOOD manufacturer needs full and part-time help. Days and evenings available. Will train. Advancement and benefits. Call (313)348-8011.

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LANDSCAPE laborers needed, immediate full time positions required. Call between 9am and 3pm. (313)227-7551. E.O.E.

LAWN maintenance company needs full time help, start immediately. Must have own transportation, experience helpful but not necessary. Please leave message between 9am-4pm. (313)348-0440.

LINE Cook, nights, experienced or will train. Griz & Gibby's. (313)437-4161.

LONG term assignment. We are currently recruiting dependable workers to join a team of workers at a plastics plant in Wacom. 7-3:30. Mon-Fri, some O.T. \$5.00-\$5.50 per hour, bonuses and benefits offered. ETD Temporary Service (313)464-7078.

LUMBER sorters and nailers needed for outdoor work in Milford area. \$4.75 per hour to start. Steady work with overtime. (313)559-7744.

MACHINE OPERATORS No experience necessary, immediate openings available. Day and afternoon shifts, 40 hours per week plus overtime & benefits. Farmington Hills/Milford. (313)473-0400.

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MECHANIC wanted, light duty, high volume dealership, must have own tools. Apply in person: Brighton Chrysler, see Linda in service.

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OUTREACH clerk, 10 hours per week. \$5.00 per hour. For information or to apply, contact Paula Druethel, Novi Public Library, Desdine Oct. 5th. (313)949-0720.

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Local men's specialty store has an opportunity for a manager at our Novi location. Good selling skills desirable, company offers attractive compensation package including commission & bonus program. Please respond in writing or in person to: Attention John Choniere, Russells Tuxedo, 43428 W. Oaks Dr., Novi, MI 48060.

MONEY! MONEY! MONEY! EASY FUN JOB. Earning \$20 an hr., part-time evenings. Showing home decor, gifts, toys. \$300 sample kit free. Also looking parties \$50 and more guaranteed to hostesses. (313)449-0782, (313)563-3378, (313)291-8456, (313)474-8868.

FREE boating course, covers seamanship, navigation, safety, sponsored by: Ann Arbor Power Squadron, Registration, 7pm, Wed. Oct. 2, Clague Middle School, Ann Arbor. Nominal charge for optional materials. Info: (313)996-9323.

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TELEPHONE Sales people needed, experience preferred, but not necessary, earning potential between \$400 and \$600 weekly. Contact Mr. Ryan for interview. (313)363-5843.

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KINDERMUSK A music reading class, for children, ages 4 thru 6 Northville class begins, Wednesday October 16, at 6:30 pm. Last day to register October 4. (313)420-2660.

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210 Boats and Equipment 12FT aluminum boat, 3hp motor, \$360. (313)231-7175.

1978 22FT Starcraft Islander, w/culley cabin, 140HP inboard/outboard, chip to shore radio, graph, down riggers, new canvas and many extras. Shorelander trailer, with new tires and lights. 8am to 4:30pm. (517)521-4646.

1987 BAYLINER, 17ft. BPR. 85 force, trailer, \$4,995. (313)449-2735.

1987 CHESTLINER, 16ft. VKDLX, set up for fishing or skiing, \$7200. (313)229-2136, after 4pm.

1989 WELLCRAFT Portofino 43ft. Loaded, all electronic instruments, custom dash, low hours, well maintained. Mr. Smith, Monday through Friday, 8am to 4pm. (313)538-8878.

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