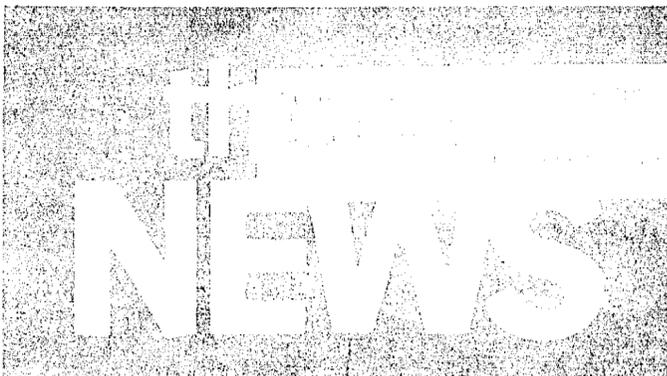


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## Discuss 'stranger safety' with child

By CRISTINA FERRIER  
Staff Writer

Two suspicious people in a Camaro who alarmed parents in the Roma Ridge subdivision Aug. 8 by asking two young children if they "wanted to go for a ride" have not reappeared anywhere in the area, police said.

But the incident has prompted police and parents to discuss stranger safety with their children, said Novi Crime Prevention Officer Todd Anger.

"There has been no further report of that Camaro," he said. "We haven't heard of anything at all. We're hoping it's an isolated incident."

Anger said that he has been in touch with residents about getting a child watch program started in Novi. He is currently looking into the Michigan Community Child Watch Program, which involves an hour-long training program for parents that teaches what to look out for in neighborhoods and offers advice on keeping the area safe for children.

Anger has also offered some child safety tips of his own to parents.

"The best thing to do is get to kids at an early age," he said. "Talk to them about abduction and stranger safety. We talk about these things in school, and they need that reinforcement at home."

But what age is appropriate?

"That's a tough question to answer," Anger said. "It depends on how mature the child is. We don't want to frighten them, but we can give basic information at an early age. You might want to start out by telling a child that a stranger is simply anyone you don't know, regardless of height, weight, age, sex, race or any other factor."

Other safety tips from Anger include:

- Children should know how to use the phone. They should know how to call a trusted family friend or to call 9-1-1 if there is an emergency.
- Kids should know their address and phone number. If a child is lost and a police officer finds him, the child will return home much more quickly if he can tell the officer his address or phone number.

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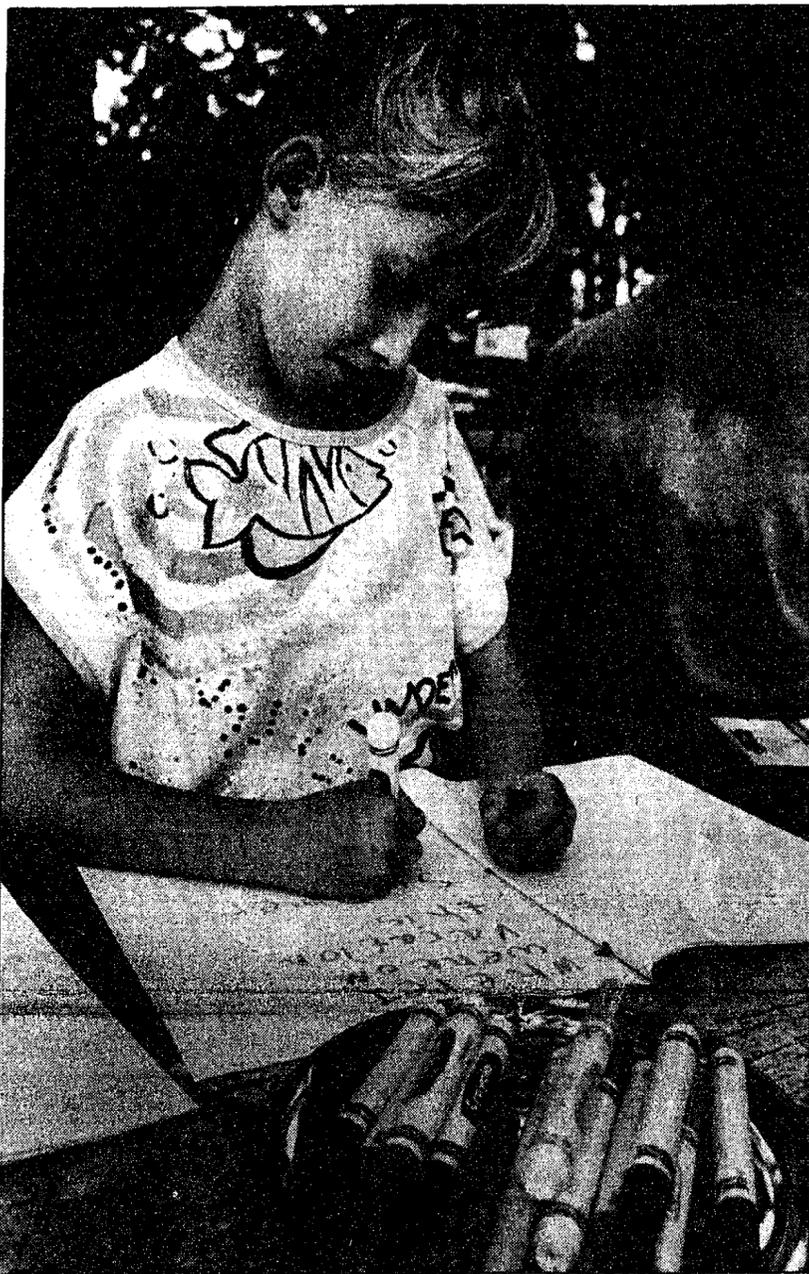


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## On my vacation ...

"What I liked best about summer" was the title of Amanda McCracken's book. She was working on the project during the Novi Parks and Recreation Department's Recreation Station program held this summer at the Spirit of '76

Park on Taft Road near Eleven Mile. That location was just one of numerous sites of Recreation Station activities over the course of the past summer.

## Fretter deals to get store, save church

By RANDY COBLE  
Staff Writer

It's always better to deal with Fretter — especially when the appliance chain will donate \$50,000 to save a landmark 19th century Novi church.

The hopes for saving the old Methodist Church, located on Grand River Avenue near Novi Road, appeared bleak earlier this summer. Thanks to the Novi City Council, Fretter Superstores and the Novi Community School District, the structure's future seems rosy.

The council at its Aug. 16 meeting voted to accept a deal Fretter offered which saves the church and points the way to the solution to a problem the two have had for years.

Fretter will give \$50,000 to Preservation Novi, a local historical group, to pay for moving the church from its present location, preventing it from being torn down. Novi gets Fretter's agreement on building a long-sought second store behind its West Oaks appliance mecca.

The board of education, meanwhile, on Thursday agreed in concept to moving the church to the corner of Ten Mile and Taft Roads,

land it now owns. "This is an outstanding opportunity for these seven members of this council to do something to save the church," Fretter lawyer Terence Jolly said. "It's a complete win-win situation for the city and for Fretter Superstores."

A little history:

In 1984, Fretter built an 18,000 square-foot store in West Oaks. City ordinance, however, calls for all buildings there to be at least 50,000 square feet, so the council granted Fretter a variance. It had as a condition that Fretter build a second store of at least 32,000 square

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## Landowner stands pat on parcel price

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

Novi will likely attempt to wrest through the courts 40 acres of potential parkland from an owner who is reluctant to sell at the city's price.

The Novi City Council will be asked Aug. 30 to move ahead with condemnation proceedings on the property next to the municipally owned former Novi Tree Farm, City Manager Edward Kriewall said Friday. The council has already agreed in concept to the idea.

Based on a city-financed appraisal, Novi wants to pay the owner, Paul Mitchell, \$998,919 for the site, using funds from the \$9.9 million in voter-approved bonds for city parks.

Mitchell, a builder, informed the city in a July 28 letter that he is not interested in letting his acreage go at this time.

"He wants to sell it at his price. It's for sale. We're going to go to the next step, the first condemnation resolution," Kriewall said.

"As part of the assembly we're working on up there, that's a key piece."

The city has already put together 325 acres of parkland north of Twelve Mile Road near Walled Lake — at a cost of \$3.44 million — as a

major expansion of Lakeshore Park. Much of this vacant property will be used for "passive recreation" such as picnic sites and nature trails.

However, Mitchell says that he feels he can realize greater profit out of the land, which has been held by his family for 27 years, if it is developed for single-family residences.

"I'm not interested in selling it. I had in the past wanted to develop it with another builder. I can get more doing that than from what they're offering. I don't feel their offer is acceptable," Mitchell explained.

"Their appraisal is based on God knows what."

But Mitchell added that he has "no problem" with the idea of the city moving ahead to condemn the land through Oakland County Circuit Court.

In a condemnation proceeding, typically a jury decides if the government body has a need for the land. In the second step, a price for the land is arrived at by a jury.

"They have the right of eminent domain to take it," Mitchell added.

"It's their appraiser's opinion versus my appraiser's opinion. It's their perception of fair market value versus my person's perception of fair market value. It's not me versus them."



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

## Everyone survived

A woman and three children in this Datsun 210 all survived with some cuts, head injuries and one broken arm after a broadside collision with a Geo Prism Thursday afternoon. Witnesses at the scene told police that the driver of the Datsun attempted to make a left-hand turn from the westbound lane of Fourteen Mile into the Haverhill Farms subdivision entrance.

The driver of the Prism, which was heading east on Fourteen Mile, was unable to stop and collided with the side of the Datsun. The driver and a baby in the Prism were uninjured. Everyone in the Datsun was transported to Botsford Hospital, where they were treated and released.

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## Community Calendar

To get your organization's activities, regular meetings or special events listed in the Community Calendar, send information to Community Calendar, The Novi News, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

Today, August 23

**TOPS:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at Novi High School, Room 109. For more information, call 348-9691.

**Breast Disease Support Group:** Providence Medical Center, 4760 Grand River Ave., hosts a monthly breast disease support group from 7:30-9 p.m. Anyone who has experienced breast disease is welcome to attend. Call 1-800-968-5595 for more information.

**Bereavement Support Group:** Dr. Michael Meyer, bereavement counselor, facilitates a monthly support group for anyone in the community who has experienced the death of someone they loved and is in need of help. Program is "Learning to Walk Alone," with reflection and prayer by the Rev. Ken Stevens of Orchard Hills Baptist Church. The group meets 7:30-9 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile. For more information, call 348-1800.

Tuesday, August 24

**LARA:** Lakes Area Residents Association (LARA) meets at 7 p.m. at the Lakesore Park on South Lake Drive. Topics for discussion include: traffic on South Lake and East Lake Drive, lake access lots, and the status of the landing site (old casino lot).

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

**F.E.M.A.L.E.:** The Novi area chapter of F.E.M.A.L.E. (Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge/Loose Ends) meets at 7:30 p.m. For more information, please call 684-6096.

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

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

**Chess Club:** The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tim Sawmiller, 344-9833 evenings after 6 p.m.

**Preservation Novi:** Preservation Novi will hold a meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Old Town Hall, located near the intersection of Taft and Ten Mile Roads next to the Novi Public Library.

Wednesday, August 25

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

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

**Business Network International:** The Farmington Hills Chapter of The Business Network International, made up of members from 10 neighboring communities, meets at 7 a.m. at the Tollgate 4-H Education Center, 12 Mile at Meadowbrook Rd. For chapter information or an invitation to one of the meetings, please call 642-7725.

Sunday, August 29

**Dance auditions:** The Midwest Dance Theater will hold auditions for company membership and non-company parts for its upcoming performance of *The Snow Queen* at 1160 Welch Road in Walled Lake. Senior and apprentice members ages 13 and up will audition from 2-3 p.m.; juniors ages 10-12 will audition from 3-4 p.m. Females, please bring pointe shoes. For more information please call 669-9444 or 437-5434.

Tuesday, August 31

**Novi Youth Theatre:** The Novi Youth Theatre "Performance Plus" needs actors and actresses for its fall performance, *Anne of Green Gables*. Auditions will be at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Rehearsals begin September 7 and run Tuesdays, 7-10 p.m. and Saturdays, 9 a.m.-12 noon. The performances will be November 5, 6 and 7.

Wednesday, September 1

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

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

**Business Network International:** The Farmington Hills chapter of The Business Network International, made up of members from 10 neighboring communities, meets at 7 a.m. at the Tollgate 4-H Education Center, 12 Mile at Meadowbrook Rd. For chapter information or an invitation to one of the meetings, please call 642-7725.

Thursday, September 2

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

Monday, September 6

**Labor Day:** City offices and the public library will be closed.

Tuesday, September 7

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

**Menopause Support Group:** Providence Medical Center's Conference Center, 4760 Grand River Ave., hosts a monthly menopause support group from 7:30-9 p.m. for women with concerns about menopause. Call 380-4115 for more information.

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

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

Wednesday, September 8

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

**Seniors potluck:** The Novi Senior Social Club will gather at noon in the Novi Civic Center for their monthly potluck luncheon.

**AARP Meets:** The Walled Lake Area Chapter of the American Association of Retired People holds its monthly meeting at 1 p.m. at the Walled Lake Community Education Center, formerly Walled Lake Middle School, 615 N. Pontiac Trail. Any Lakes Area community member 50 or over is welcome to attend. Call 960-8444, or 669-6299 for more information.

**SPARK:** The Society for the Preservation of American Racing Knowledge, the all-volunteer support organization for the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America, meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Expo Center. The meeting is open to anyone interested in supporting the Hall of Fame and Museum.

**Youth baseball:** The board of directors of Novi Youth Baseball meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. The meeting is open to the public.

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Thursday, September 9

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

**Historical Commission:** The Novi Historical Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Novi Township Hall.

Monday, September 13

**Library Board:** The Novi Library Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Library building.

**American Business Women's Assoc.:** The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will meet at Country Epicure Restaurant on Grand River. Social Hour is at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. followed by a general membership meeting. Cost is \$15. All working women are invited. For reservations call Cynthia McKissack, 397-7990. For membership information, call 478-5048.

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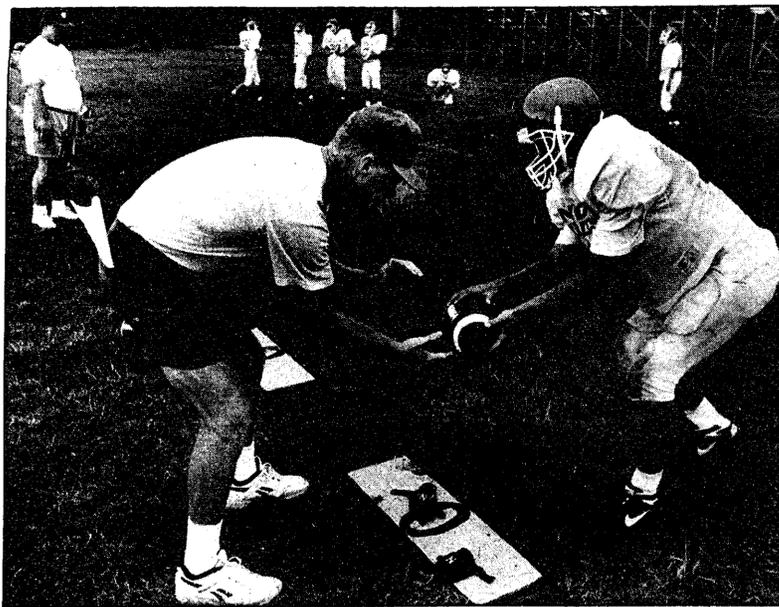


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## Sump pumps to blame for floods in Briarwood

By RANDY COBLE  
Staff Writer

Everyone wants to solve Briarwood Homes' wetland woes. It's who's responsible for them — and who'll pay to fix the problem — that's at issue. The solution and the answers to both questions may be on the way.

The Novi City Council at its Aug. 16 meeting received the report of consulting engineers JCK & Associates detailing what has caused Briarwood's improper drainage. Members voted 7-0 to have JCK see if the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will approve a proposed solution, which could cost up to \$110,000.

Several residents of the subdivision, however, said that JCK has it wrong and want an independent engineering firm to review the matter. Added to the mix is City Attorney David Fried's report on who's legally responsible for the problem. That is due out for the council's Aug. 30 meeting.

Briarwood Homes is a subdivision of condominiums, site condominiums and single family homes located northeast of the intersection of Ten Mile and Beck roads. Water runoff collects in wooded areas and does not properly drain off. This has created new wetlands in Briarwood, what some residents call "virtual swamps."

Because of that, trees there are dying. Homeowners want someone to replace them and establish a proper drainage system. They cite concerns over falling property values and the safety hazard of the standing water pools.

Last month, the council asked JCK to take a look, determine why the site didn't drain properly and decide what it would take to fix it. The problem, JCK Engineer Gary Foyt told the council last Monday, is that the site can't retain or drain the amount of "base flow" water that residents' sump pumps are depositing in it.

Sump pumps draining basements in Briarwood keep putting water into the area, Foyt said, and the land has no time to "dry out." Instead of a temporary water buildup, such as after a storm, he added, the water level has permanently risen in Briarwood. The trees, roots underwater all the time, are therefore dying, he said.

The solution — including ditch improvements and special drains — will cost from \$100,000-\$110,000, Foyt said. It will also need DNR approval, which the engineer said may be a sticking point in the plan.

Because of the water there, Foyt explained, the DNR might consider the area to be protected wetlands and so not allow anyone to drain them. Several Briarwood residents told the council that JCK's take on the situation didn't sit well with them. One man said that it was "exaggeration" to blame homeowners for the problem. Another said that the report was a tactic to shift blame for the matter from the developer and JCK — who, respectively, created and recommended the subdivision's design — to the residents.

"You're listening to the people who have told us before that it would work," she said. "Just once, I'd like them (JCK) to admit they're screwed up."

"I've lost all confidence in these people," neighbor Brian Gates said. "We're paying them good taxpayer money and they're doing absolutely nothing."

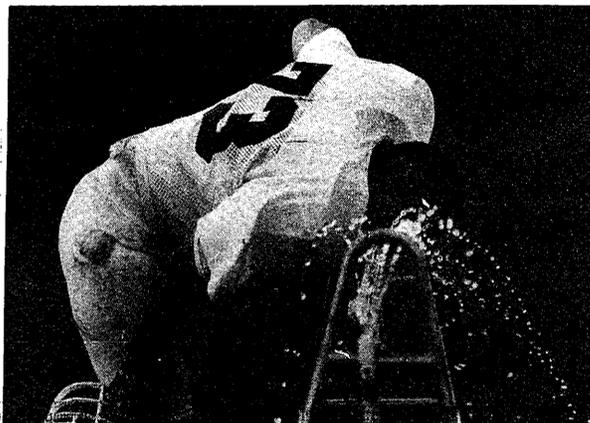
Members of the council questioned JCK officials on the drainage plan for Briarwood. Engineer David Blum at one point explained that there are no city ordinance requirements concerning drainage plans in subdivisions designs. The reason, he continued, is that drainage patterns are too hard to predict accurately.

Several Briarwood residents suggested that the city develop ordinances to govern drainage plans to avoid future Briarwoods, which some on the council echoed.

An answer from the DNR on the plan may come within the next two months.

## Workin' out

The Novi football squad started practice last week, beginning preparation for the fall season. On the first day, coach John Osborne, above, works with his quarterbacks to show them their proper ball-handling skills. At right, one youngster takes a break for a drink of water. The heat of summer practice is a stark contrast to the cool weather they'll have for some fall games.



## Moving day set for drop-off center

Sept. 1 is the official moving day for Novi's Recycling Drop-off Center. The new location is the city's Department of Public Works garage at 26300 Delwa Drive, Delwa Drive is north of Eleven Mile Road, east of Town Center Drive and west of Meadowbrook Road.

While the new hours are more limited than at the current recycling center behind the Novi Civic Center, the switch is described as a way to monitor exactly what is dropped off at the free recycling center.

City employees will be available to advise recyclers on precisely what is or is not permissible. The new hours are Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The center will not be open on Sundays. Here's what will continue to be accepted at the new location:

- Newspapers and extra supplements, bundled or in paper bags only — no plastic bags. Also, no telephone books, magazines, cardboard or other paper products are permitted.
- Glass jars and bottles which have been rinsed out. Clear brown and green must be separated by color. No pyrex, window glass or light bulbs are accepted. Lids must be removed.
- Both cloudy and opaque plastic containers of either type one or type two. These numbers, contained in recycle arrows, will appear on the bottom of the container.
- The containers must be rinsed and flattened as much as possible. Lids must be removed. No motor oil or cooking oil containers will be accepted.
- Aluminum pie plates, foil and cans which have been rinsed.
- Steel and tin cans and jar lids. They must be rinsed, the bottom should be removed if possible. Labels should be pulled off. No aerosol cans may be dumped at the center.
- Used motor oil unmixed with any other material, such as gasoline or additives. No large oil drum containers will be accepted.
- Large appliances and scrap metal may also be brought to the DPW garage. All appliances containing freon, such as refrigerators and air conditioners, must have the freon removed prior to disposal. Contact a heating-cooling-refrigeration dealer for details on removal.

The move was made to cut the city's costs of operating the recycling center. Past abuses of the service have led to increased charges to Novi taxpayers, as some users mixed in non-recyclables with the recyclables, thereby contaminating the loads.

For example, "contaminated" loads of non-recyclable glossy magazines mingled with recyclable newspapers have led to higher costs for the city from the hauler, Waste Management Inc.

In addition, Novi has had to pay to cart away barrels of unknown substances dumped off at the center.

## State house urges flag-burning ban

By TIM RICHARD  
Staff Writer

With dwindling enthusiasm, the Michigan House of Representatives once again has asked the U.S. Congress to start work on a constitutional amendment banning flag burning.

There was no roll call vote. Speaker Curtis Hertel, D-Detroit, said a voice vote — answered by barely a half dozen voices — was affirmative.

The closest thing to a roll call occurred when co-sponsor Bill Martin, R-Battle Creek, asked that the voting board be opened for cosponsors. Just 50 of the House's 110 members flashed green (yes) lights.

Area members signing up as cosponsors were Willis Bulliard, R-Milford, and Dan Gustafson, R-Halet.

Withholding sponsorship were Susan Munsell, R-Howell; Tom Middleton, R-Ortonville; Kirk Profit, D-Ypsilanti; and Jerry Vorva, R-Plymouth.

"We're doomed to debate this once a year," said Rep. Madeline Berman, D-Southfield, who opposed the House resolution.

"That it keeps coming up seems idiotic, except for use in a political campaign," said Berman.

"It shows respect for the U.S.," replied co-sponsor Robert DeMars, D-Lincoln Park. "It's supported by the commanders group of all the veterans' organizations in the state. There should be penalties for any kind of desecration of the flag. It's a symbol of this country."

Berman shot back: "I'd like to know where the hell the vets' organizations were when we voted on the vets (benefits) bill."

"We're the greatest democracy the world has ever seen or ever will see. We can withstand the onslaught of some jerk with a match."

The issue arose in 1989 when the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the conviction of a protester who burned an American flag in violation of Texas law. The high court called that state's law an abridgment of freedom of expression.

The House resolution asks the U.S. Congress to approve a constitutional amendment "to prohibit the desecration of the American flag" and start it on the round of state legislatures.

"For more than 200 years," said the House resolution, "old Glory has been a revered part of American life. It has been a source of inspiration in battles from Fort Mifflin to Omaha Beach to Iwo Jima."

"Most recently, events in the Middle East have served once again to remind us of how precious the American flag is and to fill our hearts with pride as it was flown bravely by yet another generation of America's youth in a face off with a tyrant."

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# Ford stripped behind parts store

A Wixom man reported Aug. 14 that someone stole the tires and wheels from his 1987 Ford Mustang while it was left parked behind Novi Auto Parts.

Police said the incident occurred some time between 6 p.m. Aug. 13 and 7 a.m. Aug. 14. There are currently no suspects or witnesses.

**MISSING CASH:** The manager of a business on Durston reported Aug. 13 that nearly \$150 in cash was missing from a cabinet.

She told police that she counted the money Aug. 12, then placed it in a box and locked it in a cabinet. When she counted it again the next day, she discovered the money missing.

Police said three different employees at the business have a key to the cabinet, and seven others have access to the keys.

**AUTO THEFT:** A resident in the Woodland Glen residential complex reported Aug. 14 that someone stole his 1978 Ford Pinto from the carport outside his apartment.

Police in Van Buren Township recovered the vehicle shortly after it was reported stolen.

## Police News

**LARCENY:** A resident on Cumberland reported Aug. 13 that someone smashed the driver's side window of her 1987 Ford Mustang and stole a set of stereo speakers.

Police said the incident occurred some time between 11 p.m. Aug. 12 and 7 a.m. Aug. 13. Officers noted that the unknown suspect attempted to steal the radio by cutting the wires, but was apparently unsuccessful.

**DRUNK DRIVING:** Novi police arrested a 30-year-old Plymouth man for operating under the influence of liquor (OUIL) Aug. 13 on Pontiac Trail near West Road.

Officers stopped the man, who was driving a 1993 Plymouth Sundance, shortly after 10 p.m.

**DRUNK DRIVING:** A 39-year-old Wixom man was arrested for OUIL on northbound Beck Road near Grand River shortly before 1 a.m. Aug. 14. He was driving a 1989 Ford pickup truck.

**SHOPLIFTING:** Novi police arrested a shopping suspect at Sears in Twelve Oaks Mall Aug. 14.

The suspect allegedly took various items of clothing from a sales rack into a fitting room, then put the items on and tried to leave without paying.

**DRUNK DRIVING:** Novi police arrested a 22-year-old Detroit man for OUIL and driving on a suspended license shortly before 3 a.m. Aug. 14.

The man, who had a tested blood-alcohol level of 0.20, was driving a 1991 Plymouth Reliant.

**LARCENY:** A resident on North Hills reported Aug. 14 that someone entered her 1986 Ford pickup truck and stole a JVC stereo system.

The vehicle was unlocked at the time of the theft. There are currently no suspects or witnesses.

**DRUNK DRIVING:** Novi police arrested a 49-year-old Hamtramck

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

**DRUNK DRIVING:** A 27-year-old Ypsilanti man was arrested for OUIL on southbound Beck Road near Nine Mile at 3 a.m. Aug. 15. He was driving a 1985 Pontiac Sunbird.

**DRUNK DRIVING:** A 49-year-old Northville man was arrested for OUIL shortly before 12:30 a.m. Aug. 15.

Police stopped the man, who was driving a 1993 Ford Taurus, on eastbound Eight Mile near Meadowbrook.

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## Novi Briefs

**Hole in One:** Friday the 13th turned out to be a lucky day for Novi Mayor Matt Quinn. He shot a hole in one at the Treetops golf course in Gaylord that day.

Quinn sailed the ball 170 yards where it landed 15 feet past the pin, then rolled back in.

Quinn's golf partners were John Balagna, Paul Riggo and Bob Overmars.

**Try-outs:** The Novi Players, in cooperation with SRO Players, are scheduling auditions for a new children's musical play written by a Michigan author, *An Axe and a Buckskin Jacket*.

Auditions are at the Novi Civic Center on Tuesday, September 1 at 7:30 p.m. and Wednesday, September 2 at 7 p.m. Bring a prepared song (the accompanist will be provided), a current photo and be ready for script readings. Casting is for three men, one young man, two women and two miscellaneous (sic) characters.

Show dates will be Nov. 19, 20 and 21 at the Novi Civic Center, with followup SRO show dates in December and January.

Need more information? Call 474-8032.

**Keep on Truckin':** The winners for the 6th annual Michigan 50's Festival Car Show in the truck categories were inadvertently omitted from a recent list of car show winners. The truck winners are as follows:

Trucks—original/restored. First place: Jan and Terry Duvall, Highland—1950 Ford F1. Second place: Charles Runolo, St. Clair Shores—1948 Hudson Pick up. Third place: Roland Davidson, Livonia—1937 Studebaker Pick-up.

Trucks—Modified. First place: Ron Siedlak, Taylor—1972 Chevy El Camino. Second place: John Krol, Pinckney—1956 Ford F-100. Third place: Jim Judd, Brighton—1950 Chevy 1/2-ton pick-up.

**Open House at Preschool:** Kaala-T Child Care, a new home-based preschool program at 46280 Ten Mile Road in Novi, will host an open house 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday the week of Aug. 23-27. The purpose is to introduce the new facility, and owners Donna Holschneider and Debra Kitka, to the community.

**Volunteers Needed:** Novi Youth Assistance is a volunteer-run community-based program that supports the development of healthy family living styles. NYA offers free professional counseling, adult mentor matches for youth, a summer teen drop-in program, camp, skill-building scholarships, and parenting classes. NYA annually recognizes local youth who contribute to their community, families and neighborhoods and make positive changes in their own lives.

NYA funds these programs through volunteer-operated fundraising events at the Michigan 50's Festival, Art at the Oaks, and the Chilly Willy Festival. An annual Kashi for Kids Bowl-A-Thon is also held each Spring. The money collected is guaranteed to go directly into the lives of the Novi families who need it.

Volunteers are needed with interest or skills in the following areas: educational program planning and coordination, fundraising, membership recruitment, child mentoring, teen activities planning, parent network building, scholarship applicant review and disbursement, and youth-of-the-month selection.

Energetic, enthusiastic and creative people who think kids and their families are important should call 347-0410.

# Schools provide site for church

By RANDY COBLE Staff Writer

The old Methodist Church is one step closer to salvation, thanks to the Novi Community School District's Board of Education.

The board at its Aug. 19 meeting agreed in concept to allow Preservation Novi, a local historical group, to move the church from its Grand River Avenue location to a parcel of land it owns at Ten Mile and Taft roads. It's an important step in the fight to save the church from the wrecking ball.

The owner of the property on which the church sits wants to build a strip mall there. The City of Novi imposed a demolition moratorium while interested groups hunted for an alternative.

They found one last week. Courtesy of a deal the city and Fretter Superstores agreed to on Aug. 16, Preservation Novi has \$50,000 to move the church. The board's 7-0 vote on Thursday gives the group someplace to move it to. With the expiration of the moratorium looming on Sept. 21, the agreements were timely ones.

Board members expressed support for the plan, echoing City Council Member Tim Pope's call to help Novi develop and grow.

"You have an opportunity to help plan this community," Pope told the board.

The district need not put up any money or be heavily involved in the project, Pope pointed out. The land it would offer, he added, would be invaluable.

The church, constructed in 1876, is only one of two historic public buildings left in Novi, the other being the Old Town Hall. The hall sits next to the Novi Public Library and the proposed spot for the church.

The church would become a community asset, Pope said, perhaps as a children's theater and the site of other community functions. Parking would be in the library parking lot, and a sidewalk would connect it with the church.

Board members asked Preservation Novi member Kathy Mutch questions about how the church would sit relative to the town hall and about concerns they had for insurance liability and safety during construction of a basement for the structure.

A local contractor has offered to pour a foundation for the church if it proves necessary, Mutch said. Library parking would be no problem with that, Mutch said, as long as scheduling conflicts for the two facilities are avoided.

The spot Preservation Novi wants for the church would place it half on city property and half on district property. Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations James Koester recommended that the board consider leasing the land to the city to avoid any liability concerns.

To address that issue and others the board raised, three of its members will meet with administration officials in the next two weeks. Together they will review concerns the district may face in the move such as liability, landscaping screening and safety measures during possible basement construction. The board would ask Preservation Novi to satisfy those concerns before formally approving the final plan.

The group will make its recommendations to the full board at that body's Sept. 2 meeting. Members are expected to get a look-see at an exact site plan for the church at that meeting as well.

Other members disagreed with Toth. "The council gave them the right to build low," Council Member Carol Mason said. "You can't penalize them for that."

Jolly said that Toth's reasoning was unfair. To make his point, Jolly continued, under that thinking Fretter should get the property taxes the city has received from West Oaks II since the corporation gave Novi the easement to build the road that allowed it to develop.

As the city's moratorium staying the demolition of the church expires Sept. 21, Preservation Novi is expected to move fast on working out the details with Keros, the city and the school district on moving the church.

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# Opinions

## As We See It

### Independent review of Briarwood needed

Sump pumps?

The water produced by the sump pumps in the basements of houses in the Briarwood Homes subdivision is the cause of flooding that is killing trees in two wooded common areas in that neighborhood, according to a recent review of the situation by JCK & Associates, the city's engineering firm.

Readers should realize that what we are talking about is a great deal of water, enough to keep substantial portions of those common areas covered for long periods of time, virtually continuously, and as a result kill the trees there. It is hard to believe that sump pumps alone can produce that kind of volume.

Nonetheless, it was not a mystery that homes would be built there, or that they would have basements. Along with basements come sump pumps. So, it seems only logical to us that when the original design for that subdivision was being drafted, it should have taken into account the water that would be produced by the sump pumps and provide for a means to drain it off the property.

JCK & Associates presented its findings to the Novi City Council Monday, Aug. 16, when members voted to have JCK seek state Department of Natural Resources approval of a \$110,000 plan to solve the problem. Of course, there is still the question of who will end up footing the bill for the repairs.

And considering that it was JCK that reviewed and approved the plans for the subdivision and potentially could wind up footing some portion of the bill for the corrections, we have to question the wisdom of assigning JCK to the task of making the final determination of the cause of the problem... kind of like letting the fox guard the chicken coop.

Clearly, another engineer should be looking at the drainage in the Briarwood subdivision, assessing its cause and reviewing the plans for making it right.

Briarwood Homes is a neighborhood of condominiums, site condos and single family homes on the northeast corner of Ten Mile and Beck roads. Water runoff has been collecting in two common areas which are heavily laden with trees, turning them into "virtual swamps." Because of that, the trees there are dying. Homeowners are looking

Now, it was pointed out in the meeting that the city does not require drainage plans for subdivisions before they receive site plan approval. In the past, the city has considered drainage too unpredictable. But it only makes sense that some type of drainage plan should be put in place for the site plan process in the future.

But the question still remains as to who should foot the bill for this problem. And when you have an engineering firm which signed off on the plan in the first place and could be at risk to share some of the financial responsibility for making repairs, there is surely a conflict of interests.

It would only make sense to have an independent engineer take a look at the plan, and try to figure out exactly where things went wrong in the process. Only then will the public be assured the fairest possible review has been given, and that the cost has been assessed to the right parties.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

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## Some reminders for council



Phil Jerome

I have heard a lot of disturbing stories about the Novi City Council lately.

Actually, it hasn't been all that lately. For the past two years, I have been picking up bits and pieces from a variety of sources about council members who clearly have stepped over the bounds of proper conduct for municipal legislators.

Unfortunately, two of the worst offenders—Nancy Cassis and Joseph Toth—are running for mayor in November. But, they're not the only Novi council members who are guilty of inappropriate behavior.

What's more, some members of the Northville Township Board aren't any better and, in fact, may be worse.

With that in mind, it might be prudent to review a few of the rules of appropriate board member conduct.

Rule No. One is that elected council members are legislators—not administrators. Their jobs are to show up at city council and township board meetings and make policy decisions.

Their jobs are not to manage the government. Responsibility for the day-to-day operations belongs to the city or township manager.

When legislators—council or board members—begin to thrust themselves into operational matters, they are way out of bounds.

Rule No. Two is similar. Legislators deal only with the manager. When they begin dealing directly with department heads or other employees, they are exceeding their limits.

If a legislator seeks a question about government operations, it should be asked of the city or township manager.

who will then get the answer for them from the appropriate employee.

When council members begin dealing directly with employees, the entire system starts breaking down. The manager answers to the council or board; all other employees answer to the manager.

In Novi, several council members have taken it upon themselves to send memos and directives directly to department heads and other employees. This disrupts the proper chain of command, undermining efficient operations and confusing (or alienating) employees.

Rule No. Three deals with decorum at the council table. Council members should behave professionally at all times toward all involved—a group that includes administrators, employees and the general public.

Publicly berating an administrator, employee or citizen is simply uncalled for. Intelligent people are able to discuss issues without attacking people personally. Personal attacks are unprofessional, unnecessary and out of line.

Both the Novi City Council and the Northville Township Board have several members who love to rant and rave, get quoted in the newspaper and put on a grand show for whoever's in the audience.

What they need to be told—and what they should remember—is that such behavior is impressive, but impressive in a negative context.

What's needed is more council members who are capable of listening, thinking and offering constructive discussion.

What's not needed is legislators who think they're administrators, who get involved in administrative matters and who place more importance on hearing their own voices than behaving responsibly.

Phil Jerome is executive editor of The Novi News and HomeTown Newspapers.

## In passing

By Hal Gould



Tariq (pronounced "trick") Khan, chef and co-proprietor of the Gourmet Wine Shoppe

## Obits can be the death of you



Rick Byrne

Whoever said you're worth more dead than alive never had to pay for a funeral.

A friend of a friend had to make funeral arrangements for a relative recently, and the funeral home (not in this area) assessed a charge of \$80 to publish the death notice in The Oakland Press.

These folks obviously had other concerns, so they didn't give the fee a second thought and paid it.

The matter came to the fore, though, when the death notice came out in the paper. It was a woman that had died, yet they listed her as the "beloved husband of..."

They wondered aloud to me what they had paid \$60 for. I said I had no clue because our paper charges no fee for death notices. We get 'em. We run 'em. That's that.

To me, it sounded like a rip-off. Either the funeral home was charging to deliver obituaries, or The Oakland Press was charging to print them, a foreign concept around here.

In any event, I told the family to call The Press to see if they'd rerun a corrected version of the death notice.

column by 2 1/4-inch death notice ran \$42. Where the remaining \$18 went, I haven't learned.

The Press phone operator, despite the bone-headedness of the blunder, wasn't apologetic in the least. She grudgingly agreed to rerun the item.

I can't say we've never made a mistake on an obituary. I can tell you this, though. The same death notice would have been free in this paper, and we'd gladly correct any errors.

While we're on the subject, there's a reason that we only deal with the funeral home in accepting obituaries.

It seems that about 15 or 20 years ago, someone at this paper accepted a death notice over the phone, only to have the alleged corpse show up at our front desk some time later to say, "Reports of my death have been exaggerated."

We were the unwitting tool for someone's practical joke. Fortunately, the quite live victim of the prank saw the humor, and just asked us to run a correction.

The handwriting was on the wall, though. We could easily have gotten sued, so we now exercise due care and caution in the publication of death notices.

Rick Byrne is copy editor of The Northville Record and The Novi News.

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## Lawmakers settle on potty parity

By TIM RICHARD  
Staff Writer

Months of stalemate ended as the state House of Representatives Tuesday approved a compromise version of the so-called "potty parity" bill.

The House gave 98 to one approval, with 11 absent, to the conference report of a joint Senate-House committee. All local members voted yes.

"It will not greatly impact small business," said Rep. Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills, sponsor of the bill to require more water closets in women's restrooms in public buildings.

"It would impact restaurants with 150 seats or above," said Dolan as she presented a version worked out by a joint House-Senate conference committee.

"There is no retrofit provision in this legislation. Unless major renovations occurred in facilities with over 150 occupancy, there would be no impact."

Outstate senators had balked at Dolan's original bill, contending it would fall too harshly on smaller restaurants.

If approved by the Senate and signed by the governor, the bill will require that all building codes provide for greater numbers of water closets in women's restrooms, depending on the size and usage of the building.

The bill's greatest impact is intended to be on new stadiums, theaters and large auditoriums after Jan. 1, 1994. Major renovations of existing buildings also would be covered.

Developers whose plans were nearly complete by that date may apply for an exemption.

The conference committee added a new provision: "A building or structure that has baby changing stations in the women's restrooms shall have baby changing stations in the men's restrooms."



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

## Moving out

A worker takes down the sign of the Highland Appliance store in the Novi Town Center, drawing a close to the company's going out of business deals. This worker removed the letters from the end all the way to the "g," but left the "Hi," giving passers-by a salutation for several days.

## Crack down on trail violators

By TIM RICHARD  
Staff Writer

The House of Representatives derided a package of bills allowing police to impound property of ordinance violators.

Senators, including Robert Geake, R-Northville, had designed the bills to improve law enforcement along state designated trailways. The Senate responded to fears that trail users would vandalize, steal from and trespass on private property bordering the trails.

"That's an awful big remedy," objected Rep. Michael Nye, R-Litchfield, an attorney. "Here we're going to go heavy-handed after misdemeanors."

Added Rep. Bill Martin, R-Battle Creek, a former police officer: "We give 90 days in jail and a \$100 fine for a misdemeanor, but here we would allow a \$20,000 vehicle to be taken (confiscated) by law enforcement officials. That makes no sense at all."

The bills had been reported out by the House Local Government Committee, but Tuesday the full House sent them to the Tourism and Recreation Committee.

In a key roll call, the House voted 74 to 26 to send the Senate Bill 313, by Geake, back to that committee. Geake's bill would authorize county boards to pass forfeiture ordinances.

Voting yes (to send the bill to committee) were: Willis Bullard, R-Milford; Dan Gustafson, R-Haslett; Tom Middleton, R-Ortonville; Susan Munsell, R-Howell; and Kirk Profit, D-Ypsilanti.

Voting no was Jerry Vorva, R-Plymouth. Other bills in the package would grant forfeiture powers to regional park boards (SB 312), charter villages (SB 314), general law villages (SB 315), township park authorities (SB 316), home rule cities (SB 414) and township boards (SB 415).

The bills had been endorsed by the state Department of Natural Resources and the Michigan Townships

Association.

The bills would allow a law enforcement officer to impound a vehicle and any property on or in it where use of the vehicle had been prohibited.

The county prosecutor would have to give notice of the impoundment. A court could order the confiscated property returned to the owner or forfeited. The judge also could order the violator to restore damaged public or private property — including stream banks.

Michigan's trailways were designed for use by hikers and bicyclists. Although motorized vehicles are prohibited, local officials complained they often are used by persons who damage private property.

To comment on the bills, write to the House Committee on Tourism and Recreation, State Capitol, Lansing 48909. Coauthors are Reps. Tracy Yodanis, D-St. Clair Shores, and Beverly Bodem, R-Alpena.

## Teach 'stranger safety' to kids

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Similarly, children should know that if they are lost they should approach a police officer. "Teach the children that police are there to help and that police are your friends," he said.

Children should never volunteer information over the telephone. Teach them to take a message, and never tell the person on the phone if their parents are not home. "Don't tell them that Mom and Dad are out," Anger said. "And also, don't ever open the door to a stranger."

Be aware of tricks used by child abductors to lure children into cars. "We all know about strangers offering candy to children," Anger said. "Another ploy in the past has been 'Will you help me find my lost dog or cat.' Children like animals, and they will want to help."

Children should never go anywhere without their parents' permission. And when they go somewhere, the parents should always have the address and telephone number where the child can be reached.

Use a secret code word or phrase. If there is an emergency and the parents are unable to pick up a child after school, it helps to have an agreed-upon code that means the person sent to pick up the child is OK.

"It should be something that wouldn't be in everyday conversation, but something the child will remember," Anger said. He recalls that his family's code word, when he was a child, was "the big rock." If, for some reason, his parents had been unable to pick him up after school and had to send a friend to pick him up, the friend would have used that code

word to show that he was safe. Children shouldn't go places alone. They should not enter a public bathroom alone, and they should not walk to school alone.

"When you walk to school, walk with friends," Anger advised. "It's safer that way, and it's a whole lot more fun."

If someone stops to ask for directions, never approach the car. It's a judgment call, Anger said, whether the child should give directions from a distance or just say "I don't know" and walk away.

Teach children about inappropriate touch. "That's a sensitive issue with parents, and it's difficult to do it with sensitivity," Anger said. "A good way to put it is that no one has a right to touch you in any place that your bathing suit would cover."

Children should play in back yards. "If you can supervise kids the whole time while they're playing, that's super," he said. "But that's not always possible. If you can't supervise them, keep them in the back yard away from the streets. There's more room back there, if you chase a ball you don't have to chase it into the street, and you are out of sight from strangers."

Anger said he doesn't want to scare children, but wants parents to open a dialogue with them for their own safety.

"Kids are often smarter than we give them credit for," he said.

Anyone who sees something suspicious in their neighborhood is encouraged to call 9-1-1. For crime tips call the Novi Police Tip Line at 349-6887. Or, for general information about child or neighborhood safety, feel free to call Anger at 347-0334.

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## Clean air bill sees opposition

By TIM RICHARD  
Staff Writer

Regional and business leaders are getting nervous as the state House of Representatives delays voting on a local version of the federal Clean Air Act.

"It doesn't have any support," said Rep. Greg Kaza, R-Rochester Hills, of the bill that is languishing on the House calendar after months of committee work.

Gov. John Engler supports a clean air bill, though reluctantly. "We're caught in a squeeze play — Washington mandates that west Michigan clean up its air by 1996 or face stiff sanctions," Engler said.

Service station dealers are opposing it. An aide to Rep. Mary Brown, R-Kalamazoo, says the bill is a must-pass measure that needs an education effort.

Under the 1990 federal Clean Air Act, Michigan must clean up its air some more. The list of "non-attainment" counties is up to 10 and includes three near Lake Michigan — Kent, Ottawa and Muskegon.

The western counties are balking because they say their dirty air comes from the Chicago area. "Residents in this area should not be mandated to clean up problems over which they have no control," said Rep. Harold Voorhees, R-Wyoming.

For the seven counties in southeastern Michigan, the federal law means they must reduce air emissions 15 percent below 1990 levels.

Currently in the tri-county area, 1,400 auto service stations perform the annual \$10-per-car chore of checking auto emissions levels. Under the Brown bill, advocated by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, centralized testing facilities would administer tougher emissions tests at a cost of about \$30 every two years. Local stations would lose the work.

"Asking consumers to wait for hours for the test, pay three times

more for it and drive miles just to get one — all for a program that may not work — is ludicrous and bad policy," said Terry Burns of the Service Station Dealers Association.

If Michigan fails to meet federal standards, say SEMCOG chiefs, three bad things can happen:

■ The state can lose \$500 million in federal highway aid.

■ Smokestack permits for industries can be halted, throwing a monkey wrench in the state's economic recovery.

■ The federal government would impose its own program.

In floor debate last month, Rep. Vincent Joe Porreca, D-Trenton, objected: "We're doing this for industry. It's not fair to my constituents to have to stand in line three hours so someone (industry) can be left off the hook."

"I don't much like this bill," added Rep. Maxine Berman, D-Southfield. "I don't know if I'll vote for it, even if my amendments are adopted."

The bill was shoved aside late in July as the House passed 1994 budget bills and the school tax cut.

Michigan has until Nov. 15 to show the feds it is complying, and the clock is running. SEMCOG is fighting back, charging the service stations with a "self-serving scare campaign based on half-truths."

Joining with SEMCOG, the seven-county regional planning agency, are the American Automobile Manufacturers Association, the Michigan Association of Manufacturers, Michigan Chemical Council, Michigan Chamber of Commerce, Detroit Edison Co. and Consumers Power Co.

So are several environmental groups: Michigan United Conservation Clubs, Eastern Michigan Environmental Action Council and Sierra Club.

John Amberger, SEMCOG executive director, offered this rebuttal to the service station dealers:

"The current AET test is outdated and produces a false failure rate as

high as 30 percent because of significant engineering improvements in vehicles made in the past several years. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency — charged with enforcing the Clean Air Act — will not count results of the current or basic AET program against the 15 percent required emissions reduction.

"If a significant portion of the 15 percent is not realized from this AET program, then severe and costly restrictions on industrial emissions will be required."

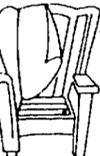
To the dealers' charge that drivers will face long waits for tests, Amberger said drivers in Minnesota, which has centralized tests, wait an average of two minutes. Most testing areas can be put within 10 minutes of residents.

While the test may cost more, it will be required every two years instead of the current once-a-year. And in a 1991 survey, 96 percent of Minnesotans rated the waiting time good or very good, Amberger said.

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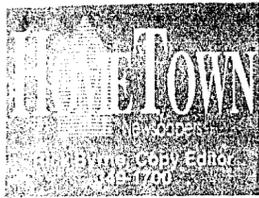
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## State's wines shine through rebuilding year

"I can't speak for the entire state, but I know that sales of St. Julian wines are up 10 percent this year," said owner Dave Braganini. Annually, we've taken stock of the progress of Michigan's wine industry. It's healthy even after the disastrous 1992 growing season that could hardly be called summer.

"St. Julian's sales are booming outside Michigan in Illinois, Indiana and Nebraska," Braganini said. "For some producers up north, 1992 was a tough year because the crop never ripened, but our 1992 Riesling is the best we've made. The future continues to look bright. In 1993, we'll have a significant number of new plantings coming into production to bring our chardonnay close to 2,000 cases.

"People are buying our wines because they perceive value. In the \$5 range, we're as good as they get. Simply Red is our best seller at \$5."

In September, Great White will be introduced as a counterpart to Simply Red. It, too, will be \$5 and is a blend of chardonnay, vigneoles and riesling.

While Braganini deservedly touts his 1992 Riesling (\$8.50), we're putting all red wine lovers on alert for the 1991 St. Julian Chambourcin (\$8.50). Both wines are hard to beat at this price.

The number of Michigan wineries grew by three during the past year. Jack and Linda Stegenga will welcome you to their Bowers Harbor Vineyard (2896 Bowers Harbor Road, Traverse City, (616)223-7615).

From Traverse City, take M-37 (Center Road) 8.5 miles north on the Old Mission Peninsula to Seven Hills Road and turn left. Continue a half-mile and turn left on Bowers Harbor Road. The winery is on the left.

The Stegengas believe, as all vintners in that region do, that Old Mission Peninsula is a natural vineyard haven. The winery is producing chardonnay, Riesling and a methode champenoise Brut sparkling wine. Most impressive of all Bowers Harbor bottlings is the 1991 Reserve Chardonnay (\$12.75). Vanilla oakiness harmonizes well with gentle fruit. If you like your chardonnay with defined oak impressions, you'll find it attractive.

Grower Bob Begin has teamed up with Mark Johnson, former Chateau Grand Traverse winemaker for 10 years, to open Chateau Chantal (15900 Rue de Vin, Traverse City, (616)223-4110) in July. The unusual, retreat-like development is a 65-acre site replete with winery, vineyards, orchards, bed and breakfast, residence and six private homesites.

At the bed and breakfast, suites are \$115 and the Queen Room is \$85. A two-night minimum stay is required on weekends, June 15 to Oct. 30. From Traverse City, drive north 11 miles on M-37 and look for Chateau Chantal on the right.

"While the estate offers one of the most unique settings in northern Michigan, our business is wine," Johnson said. "Chateau Chantal is a must-see, must-visit wine retreat."

From Chateau Chantal, the 1991 Select Harvest Johannisberg Riesling (\$11) and the 1991 Select Harvest Gewurztraminer are solid examples of the varietals.

Rick Moersch, former Tabor Hill winemaker, has launched Heart of the Vineyard (10981 Hills Road, Baroda, (616)422-1617), a western Michigan wine-oriented getaway. Currently, wines are vinified and bottled at Fern Valley Vineyards, but the winery's tasting room is in an 1881 post and beam bank barn.

There you can taste more than 20 varieties of sparkling, white, blush and red wines crafted by Moersch. It's hard for us to pick just one winner from among Moersch's offerings. They're all unusual. "With some of the wines, I only make a minuscule amount, he said. "It keeps me from getting bored. I was born to be a grape grower."

Rick and his wife, Sherrie, have recently remodeled a nearly 100-year-old country home

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## Spices suffice

### You won't be sari learning Indian cooking

By RICK BYRNE  
Copy Editor

The newest teacher in the Northville school district puts some spice in her teaching, quite literally. Sunetra Humbad a Royal Crown Estates resident will be teaching a series of five adult education classes in Indian Vegetarian cooking at Northville Schools this fall, beginning Sept. 27.

In six years, she's taught similar classes on eight different occasions in the Boston area. She and her family moved to Michigan recently, and Sunetra sees teaching as a way to meet people in the community.

"I wanted to do here what I did in Boston," says the petite native of India.

Sunetra learned as much from her former classes as her students did. Her first big lesson was to provide students with recipes.

"I don't ever use recipes," she said. "I just look at (what I'm cooking) and I do it. They wanted me to write it down, so in that first class I learned to write things down."

Most of the students who take Sunetra's class want to become vegetarians for health reasons. She doesn't blame them.

"I've never been sick in 16 years," she says. "The only time I've been to a hospital is to have two children. I have three friends here who've become vegetarians based on the recipes they've learned from me."

For the occasional feverish feeling, she recommends rose petal jam, a concoction taught to her by her grandmother. You have to use petals from organically grown pink roses in bloom (no other colors will work, Sunetra says). The petals are washed and pressed, then crushed by hand. Spread it with granulated sugar, and let it set in the sun for a while, and what comes out is a soothing sweet and pungent spread, just right on chipati bread.

Although the health aspects of Indian food are important, Sunetra views food as a way of meeting strangers and welcoming friends.

"Since I cook, I meet more people," she says. "We had 150 people in our house in India, so I like people very much. When someone comes to visit, you don't let them go away with an empty stomach. I was brought up that way."

"That's the way we say welcome. In America, some offer a drink. We offer food."

Cooking for the family is important, too. With four children in the house — sons Nilesh, Shailesh and Parag, and daughter Mikhila — and husband, Niranjan, it's a way to gather everyone together. Indian cooking emphasizes balance. The diet consists of grains and beans for protein, bread, dairy products (again as a protein source) and, yes, even sweets, all in one meal.

"We don't go much for snacks," said Sunetra. "We usually eat two big meals a day."

The children have become somewhat Americanized, though, in that they enjoy something to munch on while watching television. For them, some spiced chick pea noodles, similar to what you'd find in a Chinese restaurant, make a great snack.

One thing's for certain; there's never a shortage of variety in the Humbad household. With the help of a friend, Sunetra has made preparations to publish a cookbook, and already has 135 recipes written down.

She's come a long way for someone who had never so much as boiled water for tea until she was married.

"I never liked cooking," she says. "At home we had 20 servants who did all the cooking and so forth. When I got married, my husband taught me how to prepare tea and rice. I cut and burned myself the first time I tried cooking."

That was 16 years ago, though. Friends and relatives showed her how to cook, and she brought the skills with her when she moved to the United States.

One skill Sunetra didn't bring with her though, was the ability to speak English.

"I couldn't communicate," she says. "My husband would sit next to me and talk, and I wouldn't understand."

The solution, she says, was soap operas. While taking an English class in the Boston area, she used daytime television as a learning tool. As a result, her English is beautiful, with one side effect: "I watched the soap operas and now I'm hooked."

An accent remains, but Sunetra can get around it with good humor. In repeating her name, she says, "You know, like the singer, Frank Sinatra."

Learning about Indian cooking means mastering the spices. There's a spice rack on the wall in Sunetra's kitchen, and in what might be the utensil drawer for an American cook, there's a small lazy susan with tins of some of the most frequently used flavors: turmeric, hot pepper, a mustard seed mix, and garam masala (a mixture of cinnamon, cardamom, cloves, pepper and cumin).

Curry turns up often as well. Sunetra explains that



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Sunetra Humbad prepares an omelette while her daughter Mikhila, 8, watches in their kitchen.

curry is not just one spice, but a name for a group of spice mixtures, which may vary. The one common ingredient in all curries is turmeric, but from there, the spicemaker's whim takes over. Curries may be yellow, green and even red, and may be hot or mild.

The bread, in flat round loaves called chapatis, is similar to the Mexican soft flour tortillas. Indian custom, Sunetra explains, is to forego utensils, using hunks of bread to pick up your food from the plate. Whereas dips are appetizers in the U.S., in India, your whole meal is a dip.

"I always teach people to eat by hand because it tastes better that way," Sunetra says. "And you must always use the right hand."

Lentil soup, flavorful and spicy hot, usually appears daily. Spices make up half the ingredient list for Sunetra's lentil soup recipe.

Where Americans may be used to ordinary white flour, Indian recipes call for whole wheat flour, or the more esoteric chick pea flour, which is high in protein. If you can't find it, a good substitute is equal parts white flour and cream of wheat.

Eating vegetarian, in addition to being healthy for you, is also less expensive. The trick is to go to an ethnic grocer (Sunetra says there are many Indian grocers

alongside Indian restaurants in Canton and east along Ford Road) to buy your spices and flours in measured quantities.

"Saffron is expensive, but other than that, (eating vegetarian) is not very expensive," she says. "In the supermarket, things are more expensive. But if you go to the smaller markets you can get them for less."

For Sunetra, vegetarianism is a religious choice. The family practices Jainism, a Hindu religion that resembles Buddhism. Among the religion's tenets is reverence for all living things.

"We're not to kill animals, because they have the same heart as we do," she said.

Some people take to vegetarianism slowly, but once they sample the vast array of flavors and sensations, Sunetra says they're hooked.

"One friend of mine wouldn't come eat at my house," Sunetra said. "You're poisoning me," she'd say. Now she jumps when I say come to my house for lunch."

#### LENTIL SOUP

¼ clove garlic, chopped  
1 cup onion, chopped

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## Tour helps to improve restaurant product



Mary Brady

This is the seventh in a series of columns examining the fish handling procedures of Foley's, a Boston wholesaler.

As we head back to the New Bedford plant for a quick tour and exit luncheon, I can't help but feel some remorse that the seminar is over.

I'd been taking notes so that I could come back and write a column about the

experience, and now, seven weeks later, I'm just finishing up. I hope that you've enjoyed learning, even though second hand, what I had the pleasure of experiencing in person.

The New Bedford plant is much newer and state of the art than the one in Boston. "Cutting edge" as we say in the business. Fish is handled in the same impeccable manner as the sister fish house, with the main difference that most of the fish is routed to retail outlets versus restaurants. After a fast excursion about the factory, we end up around a conference table with Mike Foley at its head. He is telling us one final time that Foley's really cares. I believe him. Envelopes and paper are passed ar-

ound, and we're asked to write a mission statement for our respective restaurants, clubs and businesses. What have we learned that we'll introduce at home? In a few weeks they'll be mailed to us.

For myself, the most important aspect was/is to make my employees aware of the perishability of fish protein. Also to teach them the proper storage, receiving and handling methods so important to supply our customers with a quality product.

While still in Boston, I called the restaurant and had a note posted for a kitchen meeting the following Sunday morning. For that hour and a half, I went over the significance of keeping the fish cold, handling minimally, keeping the skin on whenever possible, storing in the

shipping containers, portioning close to service, and proper cooking procedures.

It was one of the most rewarding meetings for me and the staff. Interesting stuff. We all learned, and better yet, have been following all the rules, and our restaurant is better for it. When I opened my "mission statement," it was fulfilled.

Mike then gave each of us a graduation "certificate," and we recessed to the test kitchen/dining room for some last minute treats. Soft shell crabs, oysters, clams, crab salad and cold beers sent us on our way.

By two o'clock, the van with everyone other than myself was on the way to the airport. We had said our good-byes and promised to look each other up if ever in

their town. I think we were probably the best group ever. Of course, there might be a bit of prejudice noted . . .

Driving back to the hotel I was anxious to start a short vacation with Tom, who would be waiting. We had that afternoon and evening to spend in Boston, and then off to Provincetown and a visit with my cousins. I'll fill you in next week.

Once again, thank you to everyone at Foley's for a fantastic educational experience. You'll be seeing more of my staff in the future.

Northville resident Mary Brady is a certified executive chef and co-owner of Diamond Jim Brady's in Nant.

### The Refrigerator Door

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

**WINE SEMINAR:** Eleanora and Ray Heald are offering a fall wine seminar at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays, Sept. 13 through Oct. 11.

The topic is "Tasting Great Wines from Great Grapes," and will feature Elements of Style for wines made from sauvignon blanc, syrah, chardonnay, cabernet sauvignon and merlot grapes showcasing their best growing regions around the world.

The cost is \$99 per person for the entire seminar. Call the Healds' at 953-2047, Mailbox 1864 to request a reservation form.

**SCHOOLCRAFT CLASSES:** Schoolcraft College is taking registrations for the following culinary arts classes that begin in September:

**European Bread Making:** Learn to make European style breads, including yeast doughs, sourdough breads, quick breads and rolls. The two-week course will meet Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. beginning Sept. 18. The fee is \$85.

**Understanding French Wines:** Participate in a comprehensive study of French Wines, including information on Bordeaux, Burgundy, Rhone, Champagne and other regions. Wine tasting is included. The five-week course will meet Mondays, 7-10:10 p.m. beginning Sept. 20. The fee is \$96.

**Pasta Cookery:** Learn how to prepare quick, simple, healthy pasta dishes at home. Demonstrations will be given for ravioli, cannelloni, lasagna, fettuccini and angel hair pasta entrees with sauces. The course will meet Mondays from 6-9 p.m. beginning Sept. 20. The fee is \$85.

**Wild Game Preparation:** Learn about wild game preparation, including: game handling, aging, skinning, plucking, grilling, broiling, marinating, curing, smoking, larding, roasting, sauteing, braising and stewing of wild game. The five-week course will meet Thursdays from 6-10 p.m. beginning Sept. 23. The fee is \$145.

Call 462-4448 for information or registration.

**LES SAISONS CLASSES:** Les Saisons gourmet shop in Royal Oak has announced its summer cooking class schedule. All classes are held 6-8 p.m. Wednesday evenings at Les Saisons, 304 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Cost is \$30 per class per person, or \$75 for your choice of three classes. Everyone is welcome.

On Monday, Aug. 23, Chef Marcus Haight of The Lark will present Specialties of the Lark.

Call 545-3400 for information or registration.

**HOME CANNING COURSE:** If you've promised yourself each year that you would learn how to can foods properly — this is the time to start.

The Oakland County Cooperative Extension is now offering a seven week correspondence Food Preservation course for \$15 to cover mailing and printing charges.

For enrollment information and other food and nutrition, food safety and food preservation questions, call the Food and Nutrition Hotline, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 858-0904.

The various lessons include — complete information on food safety; canning of low acid and high acid foods; pickling and jam and jelly preparation; freezing and drying of foods.

The lessons are mailed every two weeks to your home so you can work at your own pace. Complete background materials and recipes are provided. There's even a quiz at each lesson's end for you to see what you have learned.

## Indian fare full of flavor and fire

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- 1 medium tomato, chopped
- 2 inches of long, green hot pepper
- 2 tablespoons coriander leaves
- 1/2 cup oil (or other) lentils
- 3 tablespoons corn oil
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon unsweetened coconut
- 1 teaspoon turmeric
- 1 teaspoon salt
- pinch of hing (found at Indian grocery)
- 1/2 teaspoon mustard seed mixture (see note)
- 4-5 Indian bay leaves
- 2 dried hot peppers
- 1 1/2 teaspoon cumin/coriander powder
- 1 teaspoon hot red pepper powder
- 1/2 teaspoon garam masala
- 1/2 teaspoon other masala (for more garam masala)

Rinse lentils well, and cook in 3 cups water until soft, about 30 minutes. Place lentils in bowl with

## Avoid accidents: mark containers

With so many food items that look like other household products, cleaning supplies, cosmetics or even medicines, extreme care must be taken to prevent accidental poisoning.

So cautions Sylvia Treitman, home economist for the Oakland County Cooperative Extension Service.

"One of the most dangerous things you can do is to transfer household cleaners out of their original containers," she said.

Sometimes containers appear so similar in color or shape that they can be accidentally mistaken for one another. Food items should never be stored with household chemicals, and medicines need to be either locked up or completely out of reach of young children.

Here are some tips to prevent poisoning by look-alike items:

- Keep original labels on all foods.

household medicines, cleaners and other items.

- Read labels and instructions before use.
- Store medications separately from all other household products, including vitamins.
- Never give or take medication in the dark.
- Never refer to medication as "candy." Call it by the correct name. Keep all cleaners and medicines out of a child's reach or locked up.

To learn more about preventing poisoning from deadly look-alikes, call the Food and Nutrition Hotline, Monday through Friday at 858-0904.

Or stop by and visit Sylvia Treitman, home economist at the Michigan State Fair, Aug. 27-Sept. 6. A display, "Deadly Look Alikes," can be viewed during the fair in the lobby of the Community Arts Building.

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turmeric and salt. Mix with a rotary beater until smooth.

In a saucepan, heat corn oil and add, ginger, mustard seed mix (NOTE: found at Indian grocery, or mix equal parts mustard seed, ground cumin and sesame seeds), bay leaves and dried hot peppers. Then add garlic, onion, tomato, fresh hot peppers and coriander leaves. Add brown sugar, coconut, cumin/coriander powder, red pepper powder, and masalas. Add lentil mixture and 1 cup water (for more for proper consistency) and cook until heated through.

The following is an after dinner pastry, usually reserved for special occasions like weddings.

**CHICK PEA SWEET BALLS**

- 2 1/2 cups chick pea flour
- 1/2 cup Crisco
- 1/2 cup ghee (recipe below)
- powdered almond (optional)
- 2 cups granulated sugar

1/2 teaspoon cardamom powder

In a saucepan, mix flour, Crisco, ghee and almonds. Saute over low heat, stirring well for 20-25 minutes until softened to the consistency of peanut butter, and slightly lumpy. Take off heat and cool, then add granulated sugar and cardamom powder. Mix well, and roll into 1-inch balls. Toss in palms to give shiny surface.

A key ingredient in many Indian dishes, ghee is a butter by-product.

**GHEE**

1 pound butter

Heat butter in saucepan until boiling and slightly brown. Pour off clear layer, which is the ghee.

The brown remainder in the pan may be mixed with 1/2 tablespoon of sugar and eaten as a treat, much like licking frosting off the blades of a hand mixer.



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## Contest seeking liquorless drinks

Michigan residents can help make this year's holiday season the safest ever on the highways and win \$500 and other prizes by entering a non-alcoholic drink in AAA Michigan's 13th annual "Zero-Proof Mix-Off" competition. Entry deadline is Sept. 22.

The contest is part of the Auto Club's "First A Friend, Then A Host" program, which draws attention to alcohol awareness during the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's holidays.

To enter, send AAA Michigan a written non-alcoholic drink recipe with a clever name that reflects the magic of the holidays. Fifteen finalists will be chosen to mix their drinks in person at one of three regional contests — five finalists per contest.

Regional contests will be held Oct. 5 in Alpena; Oct. 6 in Kalamazoo; and Oct. 7 in Birmingham. In each region, the drink judged best on taste, appearance, name and the ease of preparation will win its creator \$500. Second-place winners will receive a weekend getaway package for two, while third place merits a dinner for two at one of Michigan's outstanding restaurants.

Entries should include name, address, daytime telephone number, name of drink, ingredients and mixing directions. Mail entries to: "Zero-Proof Mix-Off," AAA Michigan Public Relations, Auto Club Drive, Dearborn, MI 48126.

## Freeze bounty now and enjoy in winter

Making jams and jellies isn't the only way to save your surplus produce. You can simply freeze it without a lot of prep work.

For help on the best way to freeze foods, pick up the 32nd edition of the Ball "Blue Book."

According to the authors, freezing is a good way to preserve foods because freezing retains the flavor, natural color and nutritive qualities of most foods better than other methods.

Most vegetables should be blanched and then frozen. Some fruits can be frozen whole without sugar, while others should be stored either in a sugar pack or syrup pack — a mixture of water or juice, sugar, ascorbic and citric acid to prevent discoloration.

Nothing could be easier than freezing berries. Use this method for blueberries, cranberries, strawberries and raspberries. Wash thoroughly, drain, pat dry, and put on cookie sheet in the freezer.

When berries are frozen, dump them into a resealable plastic freezer bag. While you're doing this, imagine how delicious fresh blueberry muffins will taste on a cold Sunday morning in February.

Plums can also be frozen whole without sugar. Wash, halve and pit plums. Pack the washed and drained plums in a plastic freezer bag, attempting to fill all space, seal and freeze.

First-place winners from each region will be invited to mix drinks in person in mid-October at the Detroit Press Club. Members of the Automotive Press Association will choose a statewide winner. First-place winner in the state contest will also earn \$500. All contestants at the state contest will receive mileage costs and an overnight stay at the Westin Hotel in Detroit's Renaissance Center.

Winning recipes will be featured in the 1993 "Great Pretenders Party Guide" distributed free at AAA full-service branches statewide in November and December.

Winning recipes will be featured in the 1993 "Great Pretenders Party Guide" distributed free at AAA full-service branches statewide in November and December.

Entrants must be Michigan residents 16 or older. No alcohol — or flavor extract containing alcohol — is allowed. Previous winning drinks are not eligible. Only one recipe per person and one person per entry are allowed. AAA Michigan employees and their immediate families are not eligible.

Entries should include name, address, daytime telephone number, name of drink, ingredients and mixing directions. Mail entries to: "Zero-Proof Mix-Off," AAA Michigan Public Relations, Auto Club Drive, Dearborn, MI 48126.

## Kitchen rule says keep it clean

Every year between \$5 and \$17 billion are spent on medical costs and lost productivity as a result of food borne illnesses. Slaughter practices, limited inspections and food processing techniques can be blamed for these high numbers. Blame some of this on us, the consumer.

One-third of food poisoning cases are caused by food prepared at home. We have the basic equipment in our kitchens to prevent most food borne illnesses, the stove, refrigerator and running water, but still forget the precautions.

Germs accumulate on your hands as you go from task to task. It is reported that most cases of diarrhea and vomiting are caused by inadequate handwashing. By not washing your hands thoroughly you can pass on a host of ailments to friends and family. These can range from the common cold to dysentery or hepatitis.

The simplest way to avoid these infections is with a little soap and water. Just running water over your hands doesn't count as a washing. Apply soap or detergent to your hands and rub vigorously for 10-20 seconds, then rinse. Germs tend to accumulate around cuticles, under fingernails and creases in your hands. It is critical to wash your hands before handling or eating food, after handling raw food, especially meat; after a visit to the bathroom; after blowing your nose or sneezing or coughing into your hand; after handling garbage; after playing with a pet; after changing a diaper or after handling money. Make vigorous hand washing a habit to stay healthy.

Next step to food safety is to keep your refrigerator set below 40 degrees and the freezer at or below 0 degrees. Slip meat packages into

another plastic bag or container prior to refrigeration. Juices from raw meat or poultry may leak from the original package and contaminate other foods or surfaces.

Ground meat tends to spoil faster than other cuts, so store ground beef, pork, lamb, turkey or poultry two days at the most. If you purchase jumbo-sized or family-sized packages of meat, make sure you follow the two-day guideline from the refrigerator or freeze it. You may also cook it all and then freeze it.

Store raw roasts and steaks in the refrigerator no longer than three to five days, raw chicken or turkey no longer than one to two days and leftover meats no longer than three or four days.

Never thaw foods, especially meat, at room temperature. The outside surface thaws before the inside, leaving the outside vulnerable to bacterial contamination and growth. Cook food frozen or thaw in the refrigerator.

Marinate meats and poultry only in the refrigerator. Don't put cooked meat back into uncooked marinade or on a plate that previously held raw meat. If you do, you're passing the bacteria back and forth. Don't trust your nose to pick up bacteria smell. Bacteria growth is odorless.

Never use utensils that have touched raw meat or poultry without a thorough washing. Everything that comes in contact with the raw meat should be washed immediately. Don't contaminate other foods or hands by reusing towels or sponges that have been used to clean up drippings from raw meat.

Wash your cutting board with hot soapy wa-

ter or put it in the dishwasher. Occasionally wash it with a mild bleach solution and rinse with clean water. Cross contamination from a cooked product is a common mistake that can be avoided with some thought.

Some foods can be eaten raw but meat and poultry aren't on that list. Steak tartare may be considered a delight to your taste buds; however, it could be dangerous to your health. Most health authorities discourage any consumption of raw meat.

Cook hamburger meat thoroughly. Hamburger meat is riskier than steaks or other cuts because it has so much surface area. Cook until no pink shows in the center. Rare beef does carry some bacterial risk, so you make the choice. Cook meat to an internal temperature of at least 160 degrees. Red meat when done is brown or grey inside, and the juices in poultry run clear.

Cooking meat perfectly means careful timing and temperature. A very high heat will harden the protein and make meat tough and dry. When grilling or broiling, the timing is extremely important.

Recent deaths and serious illnesses from fast food hamburger really underscore the importance of food safety at home and away. Heat destroys most bacteria so use good judgement when cooking meats and keep your work space and hands clean.

Proper food handling will help eliminate food borne illnesses. Who needs a headache or stomachache ache anyhow?

Lois Thieleke is a home economist with the Oakland County Cooperative Extension Service.

## Dessert book deserves a look

The adage that a picture is worth a thousand words is especially true when it's illustrating a complicated recipe.

The Good Housekeeping Illustrated Book of Desserts, edited by Mildred Ying, and published by Hearst Books and McGraw-Hill, Inc. (\$25), uses pictures to make elaborate dessert-making easy.

Also accompanying the recipes are little tricks to make the desserts look good as well as taste good.

If you're making fancy desserts are your goal, this book has plenty of ideas. The recipe for Dreamy Chocolate Cake includes directions on how to make the grated chocolate curls to go along the edges of the completed cake. Cannoli Cake features instructions for making a feather design on the top.

The Creamy Rice Pudding recipe is topped off with a cinnamon lattice design. We tried this one out on guests at a party, and although we didn't get the lattice design as perfect as the picture, it was still impressive.

For the same party, we made the Double-Chocolate Mousse Cake. I was hesitant to try out new recipes on guests, but the picture was so pretty to resist, we had some trouble keeping the mousse in one piece when

transferring it to the cake plate, but once it was glazed, it looked great. The trick is to put waxed paper between the cake and the serving plate to catch the glaze drippings. Once the glaze is set, trim off the messy edges. A whipped cream border along the edge makes it look like a professional made it.

Chocolate lovers will find many connections to their liking, such as the Marbled Mousse, Individual Chocolate Souffles with coffee cream and the Chocolate Box with berries and cream that features directions on how to make a chocolate box.

And the section on decorative pie edges shows how to spice up an ordinary pie recipe by making fancy fluted edges, leaf edges, ruffled edges and beaded edges.

Some of the directions rely on basic cake-decorating skills such as how to pipe the borders on the Valentine Cake. Beginners could have problems completing the shell and ruffle designs.

Other recipes make use of fresh fruits for their appeal, such as the Flag Cake, which uses raspberries and blueberries to make a Stars and Stripes design on the top.

Also included in this 320-page book are information and instruc-

tions for icings, fillings, sweet sauces and meringues and pastry piping.

Included in the cookie section are 28 recipes with such tempters as Brandy Snaps, Two-Tone Hearts, Apricot Rugelach and Crispy Snowflakes.

More than 200 recipes are included, with chapters on cakes, pies, tarts and pastries, cookies and frozen desserts as well as special desserts such as mousses and souffles, custards and creams, crepes, blintzes and meringues.

**CREAMY RICE PUDDING**  
(Begin about 2 hours before serving or early in the day.)

2 quarts milk  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 cup regular long-grain rice  
1/2 cup dark seedless raisins  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 tablespoon vanilla extract  
2 12-ounce cans evaporated milk  
4 large eggs  
ground cinnamon  
fresh or Maraschino cherries for garnish

In 4-quart saucepan over medium heat, heat milk and salt to simmering; stir in rice. Reduce heat to low; and simmer 45 to 50 minutes until rice is very tender and mixture is thick, stirring occasionally. Stir in raisins.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Grease 13-by-9-inch baking dish; set in large roasting pan.

In large bowl, with wire whisk or fork, beat sugar, vanilla extract, evaporated milk and eggs until blended; gradually stir in hot rice mixture.

Place baking dish in pan on oven rack; carefully pour rice mixture into baking dish (mixture will almost fill dish). Fill roasting pan with boiling water to come halfway up sides of baking dish. Bake 40 to 45 minutes until knife inserted in center of pudding comes out clean.

Make cinnamon lattice on top of pudding. Hold ruler diagonally across one corner of baking dish, about 1 inch from edge of pudding. Holding cinnamon jar in other hand, evenly shake spice through sprinder hold along ruler edge. Shake excess spice off ruler. Repeat at 1-inch intervals. Repeat in opposite direction to form lattice pattern.

To serve garnish pudding with cherries. Serve warm or refrigerate to serve cold later. Serves 16.

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## Michigan wineries bounce back

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Leelanau Wine Cellars continues to improve its quality. The 1992 Chardonnay (\$10) is fruity and dry. Tall Ship Chardonnay Reserve (\$13) is its fuller counterpart. Vis a Vis white and red (\$11) are value-priced minimum stay on weekends from Memorial to Labor Day.

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The state's best sparkling wine producer Larry Mawby is recuperating well from a bout with colon cancer. Mawby was hit hard by last year's non-summer. His late ripening red varietals didn't ripen and there will not be any 1992 Vignoles. Always the innovator, Mawby has

introduced a new blended off-dry white dubbed Moira (\$7.80) after the Greek goddess of fate because as Mawby put it "it reflects the fate of the vintage." A red blend (also reflective of the late of the 1992 vintage), and as yet unnamed, will be introduced in September.

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