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Novi gets first mile of 'greenway' park

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

Developers spent the 1980s bulldozing through Novi's woods, fields and former farmlands. Now, local officials are hoping the same key individuals will — with equal gusto donate land for a 35-mile long natural park system.

Feb. 25, the city's ambitious "Rhythms, A Linear Greenway System" will leave the drawing boards and become a reality as developer Sam Blumenstein gives the first segment of what may become a meandering network of hiking, biking and running trails running through pristine woodlands and wetlands.

"Basically, when we get it all in place, you'll be able to go through the city on these pathways without going onto a major road," said Linda Lemke, a city planning consultant specializing in woodlands and landscape architecture.

Lemke and city planning consultant Brandon Rogers designed the ing taxes on it.

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> Linda Lemke City Planning Consultant

linear greenbelt system in 1988. It was adopted by the city council in

Persuading developers to deed the easements to the city should be a snap, according to Lemke. Most of the land, already in state- and cityprotected wetlands or in woodlands guarded under the city's ordinances, would remain open anyhow.

But the developer would be pay-

it's (the greenbelt) an amenity for the developer and they can do this good neighbor thing for the

city," Lemke said.
"We haven't met with any resistance from developers we've approached. They're pretty excited about it.

The greenway system may take as long as 20 years to complete. When it's done, woodchipped hiking trails, hard-surface bike and jogging trails -- complete with a nature interpretation area and benches for the restful contemplation of nature - will wind throughout Novi.

An urban segment may roam along the Rouge River in Novi's downtown.

The award-wining design is unique, Lemke said: "This one was definitely a labor of love. I haven't heard of anything like this."

Most greenbelts are built along rivers or on abandoned railroad

N'ville Twp. drops CMS; Novi happy with service

While the Novi Fire Department has occasionally had gripes about Community Emergency Medical Service (CEMS) in the past, Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan said Friday he is satisfied with the company's

overall service. The Novi-based ambulance carrier was recently dropped by Northville Township due to what officials there described as lengthy response times, lack of minimum equipment for patient care, no portable oxygen, failure to assess pa-

tients properly, rudeness to patients and their families, units getin multiple-injury accidents.

The complaints Novi shares with the township are incidents of rudeness to patients and lack of backup units in multiple-injury incidents, according to Lenaghan.

"I'd say it (CEMS service) is adequate. For the most part, they're right there; and when there's a problem, their management people come in and discuss it," he said.

Lenaghan routinely compares CEMS response times reported by Novi firefighters with those provided to his department by the company. In January, CEMS began sending him computer print-outs of ages prepared by the firm's management.

"It came out pretty good," he

Novi's state-based operating guidelines provided to CEMS in December 1989 call for a response time of 10 minutes or less 90 percent of the time. Earlier that year, the company reportedly had several

long reponse times. However, Lenaghan agreed with the Northville Township contention

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Photo by MICHAEL MALOTT

Tripping the light fantastic

out at the Novi Civic Center Wednesday and Thursday evening for the Parks and Recreation sponsored Daddy-Daughter Dance, a Val-

Nearly 500 fathers and their daughters turned entine's Day special. Above, Gary Vermeulen of Novi gives daughter Carolyn, 7, a spin to some '40s-era Big Band music. It was Carolyn first dance ever, according to Dad.



Slippery conditions and excessive speed led to tragedy on I-96 Thursday morning

Engler's cuts make Faxon plan useless

By SUZANNE HOLLYER Staff Writer

With the arts now targeted for budget cuts, a local legislator has called his own proposal to provide money for the building and equipment needs of cultural organizations, "like buying a new dress for a corpse."

Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, introduced a bill in early February to ask voters to authorize the sale of \$300 million in bonds to provide grants for state cultural institutions.

Grants would be awarded for capital improvements through the Michigan Council for the Arts, the Michigan Bureau of History, the Michigan Department of Management and Budget and the Commission on Art in Public Places.

But Faxon was surprised when Gov. John Engler proposed putting an end to state grants for the arts. A House committee rejected Engler's plan, and a 9.2-percent across-theboard cut is being implemented.

Faxon said he is surprised by En-Continued on 3

One killed in five-car collision

By THOMAS VARCIE

A 38-year-old Redford Township man died Thursday, Feb. 14 after his car spun out of control and was struck by oncoming traffic on I-96 between Wixom and Old Plank roads.

The accident, which involved four other vehicles, occurred about 8:20 a.m. on the slushcovered expressway near the western border of the City of

In addition to the fatality, two other people were injured. They were treated and released from Providence Hospital Novi Center, Michigan State Police officials report.

John Gabbert of Redford, driving a Ford Tempo, died at the scene from multiple wounds he sustained in the crash, according to Trooper Rose Shiel of the MSP Northville post.

Police report Gabbert was driving in the left lane of westbound 1-96 when he spun out-of-control,

went through the median and was side-swiped on the passenger side by a Grand Prix traveling eastbound.

After the first impact, a Ford Escort then broadsided, or Tboned," Gabbert's driver's side

Two other passenger cars, a Dodge Laser and Dodge Diplomat, received minor damage after drivers attempted to swerve around the wreckage.

Lyon Township Fire Depart-

ment officials assisted at the scene to clean up the wreckage, which closed eastbound I-96 for almost 30 minutes between Milford and Wixom roads. Community EMS of Novi transported the two injured drivers to the hospital.

Shiel said the accident occurred because "he (Gabbert) was simply going too fast." Several witnesses at the scene told police Gabbert's vehicle was traveling between 60 and 80 mph. Shiel said the surface was snowcovered and slushy.

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Novi to stay with CMS

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problem getting a second unit to Rick Rosselle.

people several months ago, Novi emergency runs beginning March transported a non-critical patient 15. when both CEMS ambulances were Close scrutiny of CEMS activities on a run, he said.

Novi guidelines require the com- early 1991 led to the decision, Rosparty to respond with an advanced selle said. A list of concerns cuiled life support unit, which it is doing at from fire department and CEMS rethis time, Lenaghan said. Lenaghan said he complained to Thursday evening.

several months ago: "Our people feit the township's concerns. Rosselle the attitude by the ambulance atten- said. dant was uncalled for and unnecces- CEMS President Greg Beauchesary, it was my understanding that min said he was blindsided by the disciplinary action was taken with township's action.

A request that specific paramedics problem," he said. "I was totally tapreferred by the department be sta- ken by surprise."

naw County-based ambulance firm. that a back-up ambulance is some- agreed to drop the company based on

In a car collision with four injured in Ann Arbor, will take over township over the last quarter of 1990 and

ports was presented to the board CEMS after Novi firefighters reported Repeated conversations with a paramedic was rude to a patient. CEMS management did not remedy

"I had no knowledge there was a

tioned in Novi has generally been Beauchemin said he was notified honored by CEMS, Lenaghan said. of the decision by a hand-delivered Northville Township has dropped letter Friday at 11:37 a.m. He said it Northville Township's firstits CEMS as its primary-care ambu- was "quite disturbing" to learn of the responder units to adequately cover lance provider in favor of a Washte- change after the board meeting. the township, Berry said.

The township board last Thursday the township board, "he said. This is something, in 10 years of EMS work. times not available: They do have a the recommendation of Fire Chief that Ive never experienced." Beauchemin disputed fire depart-Huron Valley Ambulance, based ment claims about slow response times and other alleged problems. He

> "My office has not received complaints in writing," he said. "My only reaction (on response times) is that it's subjective and not verifiable. "I can't respond to verbal accusations," he said. "I have to say it's (the change) the first order of business for a new township fire chief."

said the township was not in frequent

communication with him, as stated

to the township board.

Huron Valley Ambulance handles all emergency care runs in Washtenaw County, according to Dale Berry, company executive director. HVA's fleet includes 20 advanced

life-support ambulances, Berry said. Locally, the firm operates two ambulances out of Plymouth's Fire Station Two on Spring Street, he said. Those ambulances will work with

Murder case awaits date

By CRISTINA FERRIER

the murder of a Detroit man whose Kenney was kidnapped. body was discovered along Twelveand-a-half Mile Road in Novi Nov. 9, is still awaiting a trial date.

Cobas was arraigned in circuit charge, if any, Cobas should be court Feb. 11 before Judge Gene convicted. Schneiz after being bound over Jan. 28 by Walled Lake 52nd District Court, Division 1 Judge Harold Bulgarelli on an open murder charge.

Cobas, of Grand Rapids, is one of he was with Cobas, Planes and Kentwo suspects in the murder of ney hours before Kenney's death in-33-year-old Dorlando Kenney. Ken- dicated that Cobas and Planes killed ney died after suffering 13 stab Kenney because someone had to wounds, some of which were in his pay for a \$27,000 drug deal gone back. Novi Police said evidence at the bad. Twelve-and-a-half Mile Road scene indicated that Kenney was killed af-

The second suspect, Felipe Planes, range a cocaine deal for them. kidnapping, felony murder and first dealer sold them turned out to be anything to police.

degree murder, but Bulgarelli dropped the kidnapping and felony murder charges because he said Nelson Cobas, who is charged with there was no testimony indicating

> He changed the first degree murder charge to open murder to allow a jury to decide on which homicide

Cobas is currently being held in Oakland County Jail without bond. Testimony during the preliminary examination by a witness who said

The witness, Domingo Martin, with Kenney so that Kenney could ar-

Martin said the four drove around Detroit trying to find the dealer to get their money back, but were unsuccesaful. He then testified that Cobas became angry with Kenney because he believed Kenney was responsible for the incident.

Martin, Cobas and Planes are all natives of Cuba who speak Spanish fluently. Kenney spoke only English. Martin testified that Cobas began telling Planes in Spanish that they must "pressure," "intimidate" and "tame" Kenney and that "someone has to pay."

Martin testified that before they dropped him off at home — with Kenney still in the car - they asked in Spanish for directions to Grand

He then testified that over the next said he had set Cobas and Planes up several days, after Kenney's body was discovered, he received numerous phone calls from Cobas, asking also of Grand Rapids, is still at large. He testified that Kenney arranged whether Kenney's body had been dis-Cobas was originally charged with the deal, but that the "cocaine" the covered and warning him not to say

Community Calendar

Today, February 18 President's Day: Novi City offices will be closed for

will be holding a community information meeting to an- 12:15-12:55 p.m. and 1:05-1:45 p.m. swer voters' questions about its upcoming miliage renewal election. The meeting will be held in the Educational Services Building at 7:30 p.m. Anyone who would like information about the millage, but is unable to attend the session should contact Superintendent Robert hold its regularly scheduled meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Piwko or Associate Superintendent William Barr at Novi Civic Center.

Historical society: The Wixom Historical Society cafeteria of the Novi Meadow Elementary School at 25549 will present Dr. Weldon Petz as a guest speaker at this regular meeting of the society. This is Petz' 16th appearance before the group and his topic will be "Lincoln and Religion." The meetings are held in Wixom City Hall at 49045 Pontiac Trail in Wixom.

Back to school: Mid-winter recess ends, and regular classes in the Novi School district resume today. Band Boosters: The Novi High School Band Boosters meet in the media center of the high school at 7 p.m. The organization consists of parents who seek to support for the school's band programming. The high school is located at 24062 Taft Road.

Wednesday, February 20

Planning Commission: The Novi City Planning Commission will meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. today in the Novi Civic Center.

All about beauty pageants: This class at the Novi Hilton will cover how to get started in pageant competition, what are the legitimate expenses, and how to avoid getting "ripped off," Information on upcoming Michigan beauty pageants will also be available and a proessional in the field will be available to answer question. The free class for children and teens will begin at 7 p.m. ageants for single adults will be addressed at 7:30 p.m. Ars. pageants will be the topic of the 8 p.m. session. For 348-8585.

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more information, call 422-8700. Career day: A career day will be held for Novi High School ninth graders. The Novi Optimist Club is sponsoring the event, which will be held at the Novi Civic Center. Thirteen career categories will be represented by three or Informational meeting: The Novi School District four speakers each. Sessions will be held from

Thursday, February 21

Historical Society: The Novi Historical Society will

Newcomer's Club: The Novi Newcomer's Club will hold its regularly scheduled meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the

Board of Education: The Novi schools Board of Education will meet in the media center of the Novi Meadows Elementary School at 7:30 p.m. The school is lo-

PTO meeting: The Parent-Teacher Organization of the Novi Middle School will meet at the Middle School at 7:30 p.m. The school is located at 25299 Taft Road. Sunday, February 24

DARE to care: It costs money to support Novi's successful Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program and one way the funds are raised is through the annual DARE Dinner. This year's event, the second, will be held at 6 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center's community center. The \$25 per person donation will be used to support the innovative program, aimed at sixth graders in the Novi Meadows school. A buffet dinner, entertainment and door prizes are planned for the event. Tickets are available through the Novi Parks and Recreation Department, Phyl's Barber-Styling at 41370 Ten Mile Road, and the Novi Chamber of Commerce, at 25972 Novi Road. Home delivery of tickets is also available. Novi Council on Substance Abuse member Judy Maxwell will drop off tickets anywhere in the city. Contact Maxwell at

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'Greenway' park plan to create path through city

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"I'm happy that Novi is the first city adopted a massive greenway plan. It's fantastic. We're happy to particlpate. We hope every developer will follow suit," said Classic Construction's Blumenstein, the developer of the Maples of Novi.

The closest thing to Novi's greenway system is a plan for nature paths just getting underway in West Bloomfleld, he said, but it's not as extensive as the Novi project - "not even close."

Blumenstein estimated the easement he's handing over to the city, a portion of the Maples' southern woodlands, is worth \$75,000 to \$100,000. The city's segment will link into four miles of woodland and wetland nature trails within the Maples, at Fourteen Mile and Decker roads. The developer will put the woodchip trail in for the city.

been articulated in all the campaign-

body had any idea this was going on."

last year, he said. Engler, a senator at

passed the Senate and died in the

the time, supported the bill, which personal.

provide funding support for the arts cil for the Arts.

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together." Faxon said.

Soft Paint

wood development at Ten Mile and Jamestown Green at Tast between Ten and Eleven Mile roads; and Singh Development land at the Wexford Townshouses just south of the Maples of Novi.

This - together with the Maples site - will give the city one of its 35 The proximity of the green space

sions, Blumenstein said. to get away from the city stress and of the 10 members of the city's Nathe concrete. People are into nature. tural Resources Implementation People like to walk around." Blumenstein said.

This first developed section of the linear greenway will be named natural surroundings were like be-

"We don't think people have to

"When you serve a dinner that

Maybe it makes it better and it's a

Faxon's interest in the arts is

"I'm an artist myself," he said. "I

perform with the Michigan Opera

He sponsored the original legisla-

gan's natural resources and schools. slative career," he said.

Cuts make art grants moot

gler's "hostile" attitude toward the make a choice (between the arts and

ing," Faxon said. "I don't think any- doesn't mean you can't serve dessert.

Faxon introduced the same bill small portion of the cost of the meal."

"I had no idea the governor was go- Theatre and a number of symphony

Faxon now may rewrite the bill to tion establishing the Michigan Coun-

which he says is as important as providing financial support for Michiculture from the beginning of my legi-

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ing to eliminate arts funding al- orchestras throughout the state."

ts. other state-funded programs)."
This is something that had never Faxon said.

follow Blumenstein's example, 12 segments, each thematically re-Lemke said: Lee Walter is expected to flecting the city's history, present and in the metropolitan area that has sign over land adjacent to his Briar- future — the "Rhythms" of Novi. In 1990, the design won the Honor Beck Roads; the Pulte Corporation Award from the Michigan chapter of may hand over an easement at the American Society of Landscape

"It started because we had preserved woodland and wetlands areas within a development and there wasn't any public access to it. So we came up with this plan," Lemke said. "We're really kind of excited about

"Rhythms" will also offer sanctumay be a selling point for subdivi- ary to Novi's wildlife as their habitats are increasingly threatened by new "I think it gives you an opportunity construction, said Chris Pargoff, one Committee. The committee is helping the greenway system take shape.

This will let people see what the "Farmlane" to reflect Novi's not so fore the developers," Pargoff said.

mind and decide that promoting cui-

ture is not an adverse circumstance

for the future of our state." Faxor

The state Legislature is still strug-

CITY OF NOVI

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi

will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 20, 1991 in the Council Chambers at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI to view a 26 minute video pre-

sentation called, "Density by Design: Detacted Housing" by the Urban Land Institute (ULI). The regularly scheduled agenda items will begin at 7:30 p.m. KAREN TINDALE,

gling with the budget. Faxon said he

lation supporting the arts.

life. Faxon said.



Slow dancin'

Donald Duda of Novi and daughter Lauren, 2, one of two dances the city held for fathers and Dance Thursday at the Novi Civic Center. It was Girl." will wait until the budget issue is resolved before pursuing further legis-

PLANNING CLERK

got out on to the floor for a slow dance during daughters for Valentine's Day. Of course, the Novi Parks and Recreation's Daddy Daughter special song of the evening was "Daddy's Little



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Police News

anger to open the lock.

the vehicle was unknown, and that STOLEN FLAGS - Numerous restthe suspect may have used a coath- dents living in the Meadowbrook Glens subdivision in Novi reported Most of the stereo wires in the Jeep Feb. 8 that their American flags had had been cut. There are currently no been stolen during the night, police

There is currently no further information.

LARCENY FROM VEHICLE - A Novi resident reported Feb. 7 that the factory-installed stereo was missing from his 1990 Cadillac.

The resident said someone apparently pulled the lock from his car

Novi Briefs

That special someone: If you know of a Novi resident who is outstanding in giving of his or her time as a volunteer, the Novi Jaycees are looking for nominations for their 19th annual Distinguished Service Award. Nominees must not be members of the Jaycees, but the organization will select the final winner. Applications for the award are available at the Novi Public Library, the Novi Civic Center or by calling the Jaycees at 348-6684. The organization will also be honoring the city's outstanding firefighter. police officer and young person at a Saturday, March 16 breakfast at the Wyndam Garden Hotel.

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

Robbery trial set

By CRISTINA FERRIER

A trial date of March 25 has been set for DeMarco Hawkins of Detroit in connection with the Dec. 22 attempted robbery of a McDonald's restaurant on Twelve Mile Road in Novi. Hawkins will face charges of armed robbery, felonious assault, kidnapping and posession of a firearm in commission of a felony before Judge Richard Kuhn in Oakland County Circuit Court.

Hawkins began the robbery attempt at approximately 1 a.m. Dec. them to open the safe within five sec-22 as McDonald's manager Chriss Pease and her 11-year-old son Rikki Dietz were closing the restaurant for

Pease told the Novi News that Hawkins, a former employee of the restaurant, and another suspect approached her with a gun outside the door. She immediately shoved her son back into the restaurant and the door locked automatically behind

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years, 1991, 1992 and 1993 to provide additional funds for operating purposes (this

eing a renewal of 10.5 mills for operating purposes which expired with the 1990 tax

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PRECINCT NO. 3

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clark of the city or

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AS AMENDED

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Novi Township County School District of Oakland County

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waship in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

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Once inside the restaurant, the boy dialed 9-1-1 and summoned Novi Police to the scene.

Hawkins then allegedly struck Pease on the head with his gun and forced her at gunpoint to unlock the door with her keys and go back into the restaurant with him. The second suspect did not enter the restaurant. Hawkins allegedly threatened to kill Rikki for calling the police, but Rikki told him he had only tried to call

home, and there was no answer. Hawkins then allegedly pointed a gun at Pease and her son, ordering onds or he would kill them.

By the time the safe had been opened and Hawkins reportedly had placed the contents in a plastic garbage bag. Novi, Wixom and Farmington Hills police had all arrived at the

When Hawkins realized police had surrounded the building, he allegedly told Pease he was going to use her son as a hostage.

BASKETBALL

Thursday, February 21st

Novi

Milford

This Thursday's game at Milford will be the most important Novi Basketball game in the last 12 years. A win will give Novi the undisputed lead in the KVC, and a first e ver KVC Championship.

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MONDAY February 18.

As We See It

Keep the 'volunteer' in community service

No one disputes the value of community service work. And no one would dispute the benefits of having youngsters involved in community service work at a very early age. Not only would the community benefit from the extra effort these youngsters put out, they would also likely learn of the value of such programs. And it seems that those who get involved early would more likely continue to be active participants in the **Education** community as they grow older and reach

Still, there is a good deal of debate about how best to proceed with the job of encouraging youths to get involved. Ron Wixom, coordinator of cooperative occupational training for Novi schools and head of the district's Community Volunteer Service Student Placement program, raised that issue before the Novi board of education last week.

Wixom proposed that the word "volunteer" be dropped from the program's title and that all students of the district be mandated to participate. He suggested each student should have to complete 40 hours of service work to be allowed to graduate. If students want to do that work during school time, he said, they would be allowed to take the last hour off their school day, an option already available to seniors. And if they wanted to fulfill their requirement during the summer, they would be allowed to do the work anywhere, as long as proof was presented to the district.

The school board didn't go for it. Some members suggested they would... participation were mandatory.

Quite frankly, we too were divided as community service work. on this issue. Members of the Novi News staff argued vehemently on the issue both pro and con. In favor of mandating participation, arguments were offered mandated involvement, points were put district and city. forward that youngsters already often have little to say about the jobs they are fect, of turning kids off to the idea.

much improved upon and, with that im- ter in life. provement, might well attract many more students to participate. A better mandatory.

dents would earn for the same time in the title.

spent in a class. At present, 37 students are enrolled in the program.

Among our suggestions for improving the program would be to increase the credits students can earn for the hours worked, or, better yet, formalizing the program into a course for students. The instructor could advise students on how to get involved in community service work and the various volunteer organizations available. Students might also be informed about the importance of community work and made aware of the contribution volunteerism makes to our society. Such instruction might give the work more meaning to the students.

This instruction would not take long, so the rest of the time could be spent actually doing the community service work. Putting the course at the end of the day would make it both a part of the regular curriculum and would allow students to work more hours volunteering if they desired.

 Another improvement would be a have trouble keeping otherwise good better selection of community services students from graduating for the lack of the students could perform. Some now community service hours. Others ques - tutoring, working with the disabled at tioned whether students would receive the Toligate 4-H Farm, working at a the same benefits from the program if home for the aged, hospital volunteer, serving as a companion to abused children and crack babies - seem pretty valid

Others do not. Assignments in the office of the Novi Parks and Recreation Department, the administrative offices that this approach would get those stu- of various schools and the Novi public lidents involved who otherwise would not brary don't seem a lot like community participate, the very students which service work. Frankly, it sounds more most need the program. In opposition to like a source of free labor for the school

There are hundreds of charitable required to perform. Mandating com- and service organizations operating in munity work might have the opposite ef- Novi and Oakland County. Opportunities abound. And if the point is to make community service attractive to stu-What we did agree on however was dents, the more valid and legitimate their that the Novi school district's current first experience with community service community service program could be is, the more likely they will continue it la-

Novi's Community Volunteer Serprogram and higher levels of participa- vice program is relatively new. Although tion might eliminate any need to make it it has yet to attract large numbers of students, giving the program time, improving on the options available, increasing In the present program, if students incentives, and recuiting for the program work 100 hours for a community service more vigorously might all help to ineffort, they earn a half credit toward gra- crease enrollments. And then perhaps duation, the same amount of credit stu- we'll be able to keep the word "volunteer"

As You See It

Remark showed disrespect

chigan to Saddam Hussein was totally unbe- and irresponsible remark. coming to a "leader" of education. It showed a lack of class and depth of character. It was dis-

respectful of the office and of the taxpayers who Novi Board of Education Robert Schram's placed him in office. He should be removed comparison of the governor of the State of Mi- from his position for making such an immature

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Potential for harm is there

shocked as I was at the commentary from the Northville school board last week with regard to the parking problems in front of the Early Childhood Center preschool. I drive past the offending

Main Street spot every day on my way to the office here. I noticed the problem long before Mary Elwart-Keys addressed both city council and the board of education in meetings over the past couple of weeks.

Parents dropping their kids off at the school form motorcades in front of the building every morning. Elwart-Keys and her neighbors take issue with the parents blocking — and in some cases occupying — their driveways, but

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l have a different beef. As a motorist, I find driving past the school at drop-off time more frightening than rush hour on glare ice. I slow to a crawl and honk my horn every time I go by. First off, the preponderance of parents these days are

driving minivans. These vehicles are hard to see around,

and easy for kids to hide behind before darting into the Remember the good old days when people drove station vagons? At least if a kid was behind an old Country Squire, you could see his head above the hood ornament if you watched through the windows. Driving past a row of minivans in front of the school is like playing Russian

And if you want to see an exercise in futility, you should see the moms trying to park their offspring-haulers. The perils of parallel parking have befallen the stalwart matriarchs. They take three or four passes to dock their cruisers in a space big enough to fit the Bismarck.

I'd also like to go on the record as saying that the parents who make U-turns in front of this school should not just be ticketed, they should be vaporized.

It goes without saying that there are usually kids darting around the Main Street starting grid (the mothers are usually accompanied by more than one child as Elwart-Keys pointed out to the board). But the mothers themselves are perhaps the worst offenders in this regard. They walk out into the street like they were stepping out into their own driveways.

The city has done what it could to alleviate the problem. Signs were posted creating 16 streetside parking spaces with a 10-minute time limit. Can somebody explain to me how the police plan to enforce the limit? What are they going to do? Have an officer chalk the tires of the parked vehicles every 10 minutes?

But perhaps the most annoying aspect of this whole issue has been the school system's response to the

Mary Kay Scullen, a specialist at the preschool, said no more than four cars are scheduled to arrive at the center during any 15-minute period. Well, that may be what it says on paper, but in the real world, I can count six to eight and sometimes more at around 9 a.m.

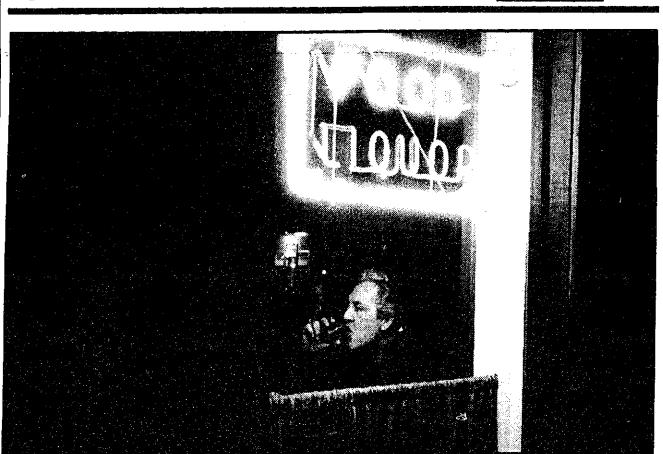
Then Superintendent George Bell defended the schools' position by saying the parents are responsible for their own children's safety when dropping off and picking up. That's true enough, but the school should be responsible for providing a safe environment for loading and

As I see it, this is a two-fold problem: the drop-off area is less-than-adequate, and the parents are failing to exercise the necessary caution on what is sometimes a busy street.

Admittedly Main Street in Northville is not East Jefferson in Detroit, but the potential for harm is there. Tragically, the consequences of not finding an alternate drop-off point could prove fatal.

In passing

By Hal Gould



'Night Life' This column 'For Men Only'

Jerome

Which means that if you're not a man, you better stop reading right now. Find something else to read. Go back and read

the front page again. Check out the police blotter. The wine column on Page 1B is interesting. But stop reading this column, ladies. It's For Men Only. Do not pass this point.

This column is For Men Only.

mean it, too. It's no laughing

matter. This is For Men Only.

Airight, guys. I think they're gone now. Which means that I can start talking about a phenomenon which has troubled me since I was a kid. What I'm talking about is the propensity for the female

of the species to position herself directly in front of the television set during any and all sporting events. A corollary to my basic theorem is that the frequency of the phenomenon varies in direct proportion to the importance of the game.

You know what I'm talking about? You've worked hard all week to put food on the table and buy clothes for the kids. The weekend has finally arrived. The big game you've been looking forward to all week is on the tube. And just at the crucial moment — just as Vinnie squares up with a second left on the clock or Cecil shuffles up to the plate with the bases loaded and two down in the bottom of the ninth — guess who shows up to block the TV screen.

I first observed this behavior as a kid...back when my family lived in a small house on Horton Street between Baseline and the Eight Mile cutoff. My brother David and I would be intently watching the Tigers on TV on Saturday and would be interested in any data you might pass along.

We'll have to do this secretly, of course. But as far as I'm concerned. It's a fight worth fighting. afternoon when the screen would suddenly be blocked by

our mother and her vacuum cleaner. The vacuum cleaner was a particularly insidious flourish because it enabled her to remain in front of the screen until the inning was over and Brewster the Goebel Beer Rooster was crowing about whatever it was he used to

crow about. What made the vacuum cleaner even more sinister was the fact that it was designed to create feelings of guilt for watching the game while others were working. You wanted to yell, "Hey, Mom. Get your 38-inch butt away from my 21-inch television set." But you were afraid to do so because you knew she would order you to go out and mow

the lawn with Kaline, Cash and Colavito coming to the plate in the bottom of the ninth. I used to think the "old block the television trick" was peculiar to my mother. But now I'm beginning to wonder because my wife is starting to do the same thing. She managed to block out a key interception during the Michigan-Notre Dame game last September. She did it again during

the Michigan-Michigan State game. And it's getting worse. She's hitting just about every Pistons game. And she manages to break into Red Wing games whenever Probert drops his gloves. She even managed to interrupt the Super Bowl, for crying out loud. Is no-

It's possible, I suppose, that my wife learned this technique from my mother . . . some sort of evil, little husband-baiting recipe that's handed down from generation to generation. But my suspicion is that it's far more wide-spread than that. My suspicion is that it's part of a world-wide feminist conspiracy to confound us men.

I can't prove it. Not yet anyway. But I am doing research



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Hacienda covers spectrum well

Wine shops display a plethora of brands, labels and grape varieties from France, Germany, Spain and California. Shopping for wine is easier when you know the name of a full-spectrum winery that you can trust. One name to look for is Haclenda, a small California winery that still remains relatively undiscovered by most of America's wineconsuming public.

Hacienda Winery is in Sonoma County, where Count Agoston Haraszthy, a Hungarian nobleman, first planted vineyards of European grape varieties in 1857. Here, Hacienda handcrafts seven vintagedated varietals: chardonnay, chenin blanc, sauvignon blanc, gerwurztraminer, pinot noir, zinfandel and cabernet sauvignon.

Believing that great wines are grown in the vineyard, winemaker Eric Laumann harvests and ferments each lot of grapes separately. This laborintensive and time-consuming practice allows the fruit from each vineyard to be evaluated individually for constant improvement in grape selection.

Laumann creates the Hacienda wines with moderate alcohol, a balance of fruit and oak flavor and a subtle beauty that will enhance fine food.

Over a glass of 1989 Hacienda Dry Chenin Blanc we recently had the opportunity of speaking with Bob Cooley, winery representative and national sales manager.

"Chenin Blanc is fresh, fruity and fun," Cooley explained. This is a rich man's chenin, not a poor man's chardonnay. Chenin blanc is not a second-class citizen compared to chardonnay. This wine showcases ripe California fruit that goes so well with an appetizer of fresh melon wrapped in thinly sliced prosciutto."

Cooley has the right idea. The wine world is filled with tremendous variety, but when selecting wine most consumers request chardonnay or

Tasting two vintages (1985 and 1988) of Hacienda Chardonnay side by side was a education in the flavor evolution of white wine. The more mature wine showed toasty oak aromas that were inviting but with less emphasis on fresh fruit. The youthful version was alive with bright, fresh flavors and creamy feel. Our rule of thumb calls for aging most white wine no longer than three to five years past the vintage.

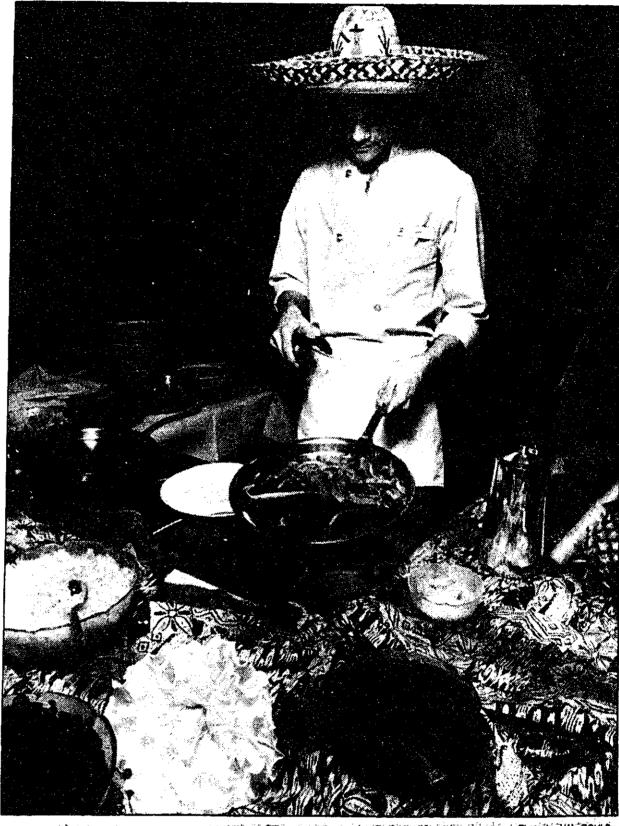
rve Cabernet Sauvignon is released from the winery six years after the harvest. The current release is the 1984, a wine with three years' barrel age and three years' bottle age. When a Hacienda Cabernet arrives in the marketplace. the consumer can be confident that it is ready to drink. The 1984 exhibits lush fruit, smooth texture and attractive spice.

If you are in the market for a special meritage blend of cabernet sauvignon, merlot and cabernet franc, consider the 1987 Antares from Hacienda. This is connoisseur's wine and needs three more years' aging. This wine bursts with young fruit flavor and rich, structured tannins. As always, our advice is: If you like it, drink it.

When visiting in California wine country, give Hacienda a call at (707)-938-3220 to arrange a personalized winery tour. Visitors are invited to picnic under the oaks surrounding this historic Sonoma landmark or participate in a complimentary wine tasting from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

WINE SELECTION OF THE WEEK

1989 Hacienda Chenin Blanc (\$9) is a benchmark, dry-style California chenin blanc. Its trueto-type varietal style, quality fruit and resultant charm make it easy to match with food such as shellfish, salads, grilled fish or poultry. According to Madeline Triffon, sommelier at the Rattlesnake Club, this is the best chenin blanc made in California.



Dave Carter whips up fajitas at La Casa Fajita in the **Novi Hilton**

Sea Cruisin' in Novi

Hilton's theme buffet is a fantasy fiesta

By RICK BYRNE Copy Editor

Think of it as dinner and a show. Friday evening buffet dinners at the Novi Hilton have taken on a fun, uptempo style with the hotel's newest promotion. dubbed the S.S. Novi Hilton. This mythical cruise ship docks in a new port of call every few weeks, and the menu in the hotel's cafe

highlights a selected country's cuisine. But the theme doesn't end at the buffet line. Servers greet you in the native tongue, decorations capture the atmosphere of the host nation, and you enter

via a gangplank at the doorway. On Jan. 25, the S.S. Novi Hilton put in at a Mexican port. According to Edwin Rios, food and beverage manager at the Hilton, the original plan was to keep the Mexican theme for a month before changing to something else.

"Now we find we're going to have to do it for about seven weeks," said Rice. "We found there was more demand than we expected. We'll keep each new theme for about six or seven weeks."

Diners choose an a la carte appetizer from among Nachos de Queso (corn chips with cheese, jalapeno peppers and other goodies), Queso Flameado (a flaming sausage and cheese dish) and several other selections, including a Mexican salad bar. The main course offers Quesadillas (two tortillas filled with chicken, cheese or shrimp), Enchiladas, a marinated flank steak or a marinated red snapper. Or you can hit the Fajita station - La Casa Fajita" — a thatched-roof hut serving all the

fixings for fajitas, hot and fresh. Said manager Bonnie Kirschke, 'The fajitas are great. You can walk in the hotel and smell them cooking from one end to the other."

Hot sauce, placed on your table when you arrive, comes in three varieties: mild, hot and "volcanic."

"The volcanic uses lots of jalapeno," said Kirschke. "It's almost green in color."

Several dessert options are tempting as well, but the requisite stop for most diners is the Cantina. There, one can purchase Corona and Dos Equis beers, a notorious Cancun Kicker or a marguerita. In researching the Mexican theme, Rios learned that you've got to have a good marguerita."

And Rics is quick to point out that the Hilton kitchen staff, led by head chef John Silvia, and the floor staff led by Kirschke, really did their homework before putting on the Mexican spread.

"After choosing Mexico, we visited three or four Mexican restaurants," said Rios. "We looked at the menu, and go to go behind the kitchen to learn the preparation

. . . We made a couple of contacts in Mexican grocery stores so we have authentic Mexican products and preparation

"We would have been shooting in the dark if we'd attempted to teach ourselves. One of our banquet people, his father owns the Old Mexico restaurant (in Livonia). The Old Mexico was a big help to us."

The staff gets into the act with Mexican dress, and some of them have played their roles to the hilt. One staffer likes to work the Fajita station in sombrero, handlebar mustache and a pair of six-shooters hols-

tered at his sides. Then there's Antonio, a strolling guitarist. A native Mexican, he plays in matching sombrero and costume, and has demonstrated the talented to segue from "La Bamba" to "Twist and Shout" without missing a beat."

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Chef Mary Brady

Picka pounda pasta pleasure

Pasta is a mainstay of the Italian diet, especially in Italy where it is eaten at least once and many times twice a day. Pasta is served with a sauce for lunch and in a broth for dinner.

In our own country pasta popularity has risen to new heights. A simple staple, pasta has a long history. The first record of pasta in Italy was in 1279 when it was listed on an estate inventory as a valuable. This challenges the theory that Marco Polo brought pasta from China as it pre-dates his travels by several years.

The first published recipes appear in a 13th-century cookbook and pasta was being made commercially by the 1400s. In the earliest of times pasta was a means of preservthat the wheat crop by drying in the sunny, windy coastal breezes. The industry developed rapidly in Naples around the 1800s.

Pasta, which literally means paste, can be divided into two categories - fresh and dried. The notion that fresh pasta is better than dried is erroneous. Comparing the two is it-

kening apples to oranges. Dried pasta is the traditionally from Southern Italy and is historically made from just flour and water. The best is made from durum wheat/seminola flour. The flour has a high gluten content which improves the strength of the pasta and allows it to cook al

dente, tender and firm.

Seminola produces a fast-drying pasta which contains less fat and more proteins and vitamins than fresh pasta. The gluten shields the nutrients from being lost in the cooking water. When purchasing dried pasta look on the label to verify that it is made of durum wheat and semolina flour.

A strong case can be made for the superior quality of Italian pasta mainly because the government imposes regulations that the U.S. doesn't. Additionally, Italian companies are smaller and usually family run which means limited, quality-controlled ingredients and final products.

Fresh pasta is traditionally from Northern Italy and is lighter and richer due to the use of all-purpose flour and eggs. Fresh pasta needs a more delicate sauce because of its lightness. Again, neither is superior to the other. Dried is by far a better value than fresh, is easier to store and has a longer shelf life.

Pasta sizes are as varied as sauces for a particular reason. Long strands are used preferably for tomato sauces and pestos. Short, thick tubular shapes are coupled with robust sauces since it is desirable to have quick contact between spices and the mouth and they require little or no chewing. Short pastas are adventurous, nutritious and reasonable to are matched with peas or beans and flat pas- prepare.

tas are used with cream and cheese sauces. When cooking pasta use at least one gallon of water per pound of pasta. This will assure the water will return to a boil rapidly after

the pasta is added and allow the pasta to have room to float freely. Salt can be added but there is no reason to add oil. Stir occasionally to keep it from sticking. About 1/4 -pound of pasta per person is usual but allow a bit more for fresh. Cooking time varies: fresh is done almost immediately

while dried takes longer. The only sure way

to check for doneness is to taste, and remove and drain while it is still firm/tender, or al Drain in a large colander giving it a few shakes. Do not rinse with water. Toss with the sauce and place on a hot serving platter or plates. Pasta cools very quickly so the hot

dishes are a must. Eating pasta fast also The number of recipes for pasta are endless. It is possible to eat pasta twice a day for a year and never repeat a dish. Many sauces can be made ahead of time and reheated. Making pasta at home is hin and can be a family affair on a dreary afternoon. Let your imagination lead you to meals that

PASTA WITH CHICKEN AND PEPPERS

6 large garlic cloves

2 thsp. olive oil 1 small red onion, thinly sliced 1 yellowor red bell pepper, thinly sliced 2 scallions, cleaned and thinly sliced

14 tsp. red pepper flakes

1 1/2 cu. julienne chicken (smoked, if 12 ounces penne (tube pasta) 2 bunches escarole, trimmed and cut

into 1-inch ribbons 12 cherry tomatoes, halved salt, pepper, and Parmesan to taste

Roast garlic in a shallow pan, drizzled with 1 thsp. office off for 20 minutes at 400 degrees. Cool. Peel and chop. Heat a large skillet. Add 2 thsp. offve oil and saute red onion, green onion, bell pepper, and red pepper flakes until crisp and tender. Add chicken and garlic. Set aside. Boil pasta for 6-8 minutes. Add escarole and cook 4-5 minutes. Drain and rinse. Return pasta and escarole to pot. Mix in chicken and vegetables. Season with salt, pepper, and Pannesan.

STUFFED SHELLS FLORENTINE

Simple Tomato Sauce:

1-pound can of tomato purce 8-ounce can of tomato sauce 1 crushed clove of garlic 3 tablespoons of Italian seasoning

Mix together the ingredients for the sauce, set aside.

Stuffing:

5 ounces Parmesan cheese (1 package) 2 pounds low-fat cottage cheese (1 1/4 percent milkfatl

10-ounce package frozen chopped spinach thawed, or I pound fresh spinach jumbo macaroni shells (1 package), available at large grocery stores or at stores specializing in Italian foods.

Cook the shells. When they are done, drain them and cover them with cool water. While the shells cook, prepare the stuffing in a food processor grate (pulver-ize with the steel blade) the Parmesan cheese, or grate by hand. Put the cheese in a large bowl. Process the cottage cheese in the food processor until it is only slightly grainy. If you do not have a food processor, use ricotta cheese, but it will have more calories. Add the cottage cheese mixture to the cheeses in the bowl. Squeeze as much moisture as possible. from the spinach. Mix the spinach and cheeses together thoroughly. Drain the shells and stuff with mixture. Place atuffed shells in a large pan or dish and pour the sauce over them evenly. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 40 minutes, until bubbly. 70-80 calories per shell with squee. Makes six servings.

The Refrigerator Door

WINE SESSIONS: Wine classes are taught Wednesdays during February at the Community House in Birmingham. Sessions include "Wine Wars No. 1: Chardonnay Grape," a blind tasting, from 7:30-10 p.m. Feb. 20, cost \$25; and "Wine Wars No. 2: Cabernet Sauvignon Grape, 7:30-10 p.m., Feb. 27, cost \$25. For registration call the Community House at 644-5832.

LAMB CONTEST: Entrants are being sought for the Sizzlin' Lamb Barbecue Contest, which offers a top prize of \$2,500. For contest information and rules, send a stamped, self-addressed business-size envelope to: Sizzlin' Lamb Barbecue Contest, National Live Stock and Meat Board, 444 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago 60611. Entries must be postmarked no later than March 1.

MICHIGAN BEEF CONTEST: Have you discovered an original beef dish that has a lip-smacking effect on family and friends? Why not enter this favorite beef recipe in the Michigan Beef Cook-off? You could win \$500 plus an expense-paid trip for two to the National Beef Cook-Off where you will compete for over \$35,500 in national prize money.

The deadline for entries is March 1, 1991. Submit a typed copy of your beef recipe using any fresh cut of beef (excluding organ meats) to the Michigan Beef Industry Commission, 2145 University Park Drive, Suite 300, Okemos, 48864. Be sure to include your name, address. phone number, and a brief statement about the origin of your recipe. There are three categories in which to enter: Indoor Conventional, Microwave and Outdoor Barbecue.

Only Indoor Conventional recipes will be in competition at the Michigan Beef Cook-Off on April 27 at the Meridian Mall in Okemos. The first place winner will represent Michigan at the National Beef Cook-Off, Sept. 22-24, In Colorado Springs, Colo.

Microwave and Outdoor Barbecue recipes will be entered in the Regional competition. Seven winners in each category will be chosen to compete at the national contest.

For more information, call (517) 347-0911.

COOKING FOR COMPETITION: Schoolcraft College is offering Culinary Arts Salon Competition Class taught by Certified Master Chef, Jeff Gabriel. This four-week course begins March 9. The course meets on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the fee is \$200. The course is designed to prepare professional chefs, apprentices, and culinary arts students to display platters at the American Culinary Federation-approved competition. Through demonstrations and theory, participants will learn to plan, organize and execute award winning platters by applying modern techniques.

Master Chef Gabriel has served as chef garde manager at the Detrolt Athletic Club, Executive Chef at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, and Executive Chef at the Sugarloaf Resort. Chef Gabriel's achievements include: receiving 10 gold medals in international and local competition; competing as a member of the United States 1984 Culinary Olympic Team; and serving as Captain of the United States 1988 Regional Culinary Olympic Team. He received two gold medals with

Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile Roads in Livonia. For further information, please call Continuing Education Services at 462-4448.

"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

Theme buffets set sail in Novi

Servers and hosts have learned a few Mexican phrases to guide diners along, though it did take some getting

We had some of them saying 'adios' when they were supposed to be saying 'welcome,' " Rios said with a laugh. "As the weeks go by they get

in fact, the success of this new promotion is a tribute to the enthusiasm of Kirschke and the restaurant staff. Kirschke admits to being a nut for Mexican food, but her favorite contribution is the decorating, which

"Our 'energy force' is Bonnie," said player be so energetic . . . In this you can feel the energy level. And I Clam Bake.

think guests can really read it when a staff is involved."

> The S.S. Novi Hilton has already drawn a loyal following, which Rice hopes will carry over when the fantasy liner docks in Italy on March 15. "With the amount that goes into these promotions, they can look questionable when you put pencil to paper," he said. "But I'd rather have a restaurant full of people in an exciting atmosphere than a place that is

empty and has nothing. "People want variety right now. And they want quality at the right price. They want fun types of food like Mexican - and good basics, but they don't want to pay through the

The Italian buffet will continue Rios. "It's important to have a key through April 19, to be followed by April (and most of May) in Paris. June



room, with the decor and the menu will see an authentic New England Looking like Julie-Your-Cruise-Director, Suzie Farnick

Top chefs converge on Schoolcraft

Schoolcraft College, home of one of the finest culinary arts schools in the nation, has scheduled its annual chefs seminar on Monday, March 4. The seminar is open to the public and designed to benefit the sophisticated cook or chef who appreciates the value of techniques and tips shared by talented professionals. Teaching in the seminar are professional, successful chefs, all of whom are award winners and several who have brought home prestigious Olympic Medals

in culinary competition. The seminar is open to the public, with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. and continuing until 4:30 p.m. The seminar will take place in the Culinary Demonstration Lab on the Schoolcraft campus, 18600 Haggerty Road in Livonia.

Eight separate sessions are offered with registrants selecting two in the morning and two in the afternoon. "Taste-testing the wonderful food selection is part of this learning experience," said a Schoolcraft spokesperson. "We find that participants leave this day with renewed enthusiasm for the constantly changing, always exciting world of cooking."

Scheduled to take part in the Chef's Seminar is Edward Janos, certified executive chef from Too Chez in Novi, who will prepare an awardwinning marinated duck presentation.

After serving as chef at several high-profile restaurants including The London Chop House, Janos became executive chef at Chez Raphael. The blue ribbon restaurant changed its name to Too Chez in 1990, adopting a more contemporary format.

This year Certified Master Chef, Jeff Gabriel. chef-instructor for Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts School, and captain of the Regional Olympic Team, will discuss and demonstrate food preparation for competition. Chef Gabriel will address food trends and share techniques for winning Olympic competition dishes. Milos Cihelka, Certified Master Cheffrom The

Golden Mushroom in Southfield. Chef Milos brings his respected knowledge to the seminar with a background of consecutive Grand Prizes with the Michigan Culinary Team, and numeros others which include nine gold medals, two gold cloverleafs and a grand prize from the Frankfurt, William Hall, Executive Chef at the newly

share his special knowledge in preparing "exquisite Italian* foods. Chef Hall will demonstrate dishes from the Tuscany region of Italy where foods have a more gentle flavor and softer touch. The new Chimayo Restaurant, sister to the popular Pike Street Restaurant in Pontiac, sends its owner/chef Brian Polcyn to the seminar to present Southwest Cuisine at its finest. Another gold and silver medal winner. Chef Polyon continues to gain recognition as a creative and ta-

lented professional. The authentic English Tea, a traditional ritual becoming more and more popular at restaurants

and hotels, and even in the home, is part of the program. Pauline Palazzolo and Chef Leisa Tompkins-Hoffman who oversee High Tea at The Townsend Hotel in Birmingham (where reservations must be made weeks ahead), will direct the presentation. Palazzolo will focus on elegant service and proper tea brewing of traditional English Tea and Chef Leisa wil demonstrate and prepare the elegant sandwiches, canapes, mini-pastries, English trifle and tender scones.

The Lark, the five-star restaurant in Farmington, sends its popular Chef Marcus Haight to prepare his imaginative specialities for the seminar. Coming from a background like The Greenbriar, La Maisonette, Le Français and Le Bec Fin, Chef Haight has built a loyal following in this area the last four years.

Known all over town for his sumptious di sserts (as well as other foods). Chef Peter Loren opened Arriva Italian Restorante in Warren, will from Opus One in Detroit will create new con temporary pastries designed especially for the seminar. Chef Loren will share his artful knowledge about component ingredients, innovative techniques and designs, resulting in the popular dessert selections he serves in this restaurant Registration is now being taken for the 1991

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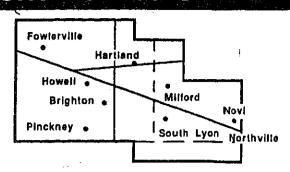
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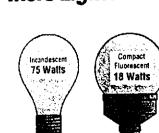


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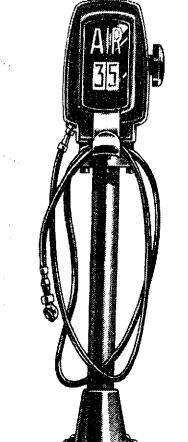
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