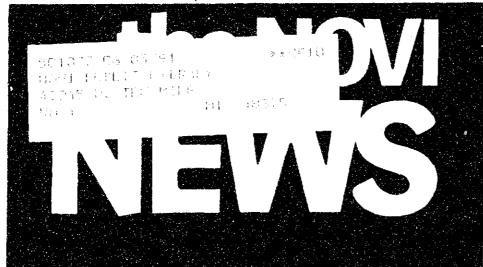
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Plans to bring back Meijer put to a stop

By JAN JEFFRES

A last ditch effort to persuade Meijer Inc. to locate a store in Novi may have been buried by the planning commission Wednesday.

The request to recommend the rezoning of 28 acres - once part of the city's controversial Grand Pian - from heavy industrial to commercial was rejected as too openended by the planners.

Meijer at one time had an option to purchase the site on the west side of Wixom Road south of Grand River and planned to build 205,000 square-foot store there. The comparry's representatives now say the 24-hour shopping mart will likely be on adjacent land within Wixom's boundaries.

David Kull, a Farmington Hills attorney representing the owners, British West Corporation of the Cayman Islands, said the firm hopes to lure Meijer to Novi after all.

We understand that they have

"Like it or not, this section of our city is changing. The changes are being made outside our city and having impact on our city. We can be leaders and take initiative and bring it back to our city. I think we are putting our heads in the sand by saying it's not going to come to Novi."

> Kathleen McLallen Novi Planning Commissioner

strongly involved with a piece of property there (Wixom)," he told the commission.

We feel if the property were zoned B-3, we could entice them to change their mind. We think if we were the first-est with the most-est they would come back to us. We think they will have problems with the other parcel."

Kull conceded that no new offer from Meijer has been forthcoming: not committed but are pretty "If we were unable to obtain Meijer. we would certainly be looking to develop the property with a comparable facility to Meijer."

Rezoning the land without a firm commitment from the Grand Rapids-based Meljer left the majority of the planning commission cold. Their recommendation for denial will be sent on to the city council, which has the final word. The commission had earlier sup-

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Soldier's return awaited

By SCOTT DANIEL Staff Writer

William and Denna Heller's hopes of seeing their son for the first time in six months were temporarily put on hold Friday after being informed by Army officials that the Novi soldier wouldn't be among those returning home from the Persian Gulf over the weekend.

John Heller, 19, has been stationed in the gulf since early August as part of the 82nd Airborne Division. The Novi couple headed south Wednesday in hopes that thier son would be among the 900 soldiers from the division returning to Fort Bragg, N.C., over the weekend.
"We are going on the outside chance of seeing him,"

said Denna Heller Wednesday. According to daughter Nova Heller, the couple arrived in Frederick, Md., near Andrews Air Force Base, Wednesday night aftering leaving the city at around 4 p.m. She said her parents had learned from news reports early last week that the soldiers would be arriving

at the Maryland base Friday. Information from the Pentagon refuted the news reports, however, saying that the troops would go directly

Nova Heller said her parents decided to stay in Maryland with family through the weekend and then return to Novi today. She said they were disappointed that the

soldier didn't return over the weekend, but are looking forward to the day he does.

They are going to be in the car heading right back down when they find out when John is coming in," she

The couple had prepared a special message to find their son in the crowd they expected at the base. "We are going to make a big posterboard saving, John Heller, you are our hero," Denna said before leaving Wednesday. That is the only way we will be able to find him from all the other soldiers."

John's eventual return to the U.S. will end a difficult stay in the Middle East. The 19-year-old underwent surgery to remove his appendix Nov. 5 last year after developing a case of acute appendicitis. He was sent back to his unit shortly after the surgery on Nov. 10.

William and Denna Heller contacted U.S. Sen. Carl Levin's office in Detroit in an attempt to bring their son home to recuperate after the surgery. The couple was unsuccessful in their attempts and had no knowledge of their son's condition until he called the day after

Since then, Denna Heller said the family has had sporatic contact with John. She said they last heard from him March 4, after receiving a letter dated Feb. 3.

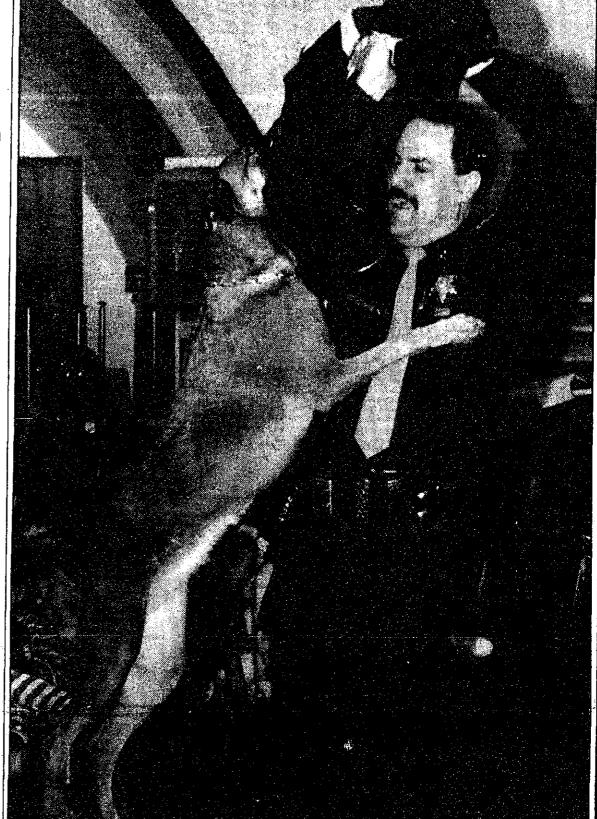


Photo by SUZANNE HOLLYER

Cora the drug-sniffing dog

In a demonstration before students from Novi and Northville, Wayne County deputy investigator Greg Morris shows how determined Cora the drug-sniffing dog can be in getting

ahold of a duffle bag that still has traces of drugs in it. More details on Cora and the program are on page 4.

Identical house sparks lawsuit

By JAN JEFFRES

In September, when Randall and Lisa Deboer moved into their new Novi home, they thought the red brick colonial they had chosen would be unique to Royal Crown Estates subdivision.

In December, the couple was dismayed to learn that the ground had already been broken next door for a home identical to their 2,800 square-foot "Breckenridge" model.

The Deboers live on Lot 47. White Pine Drive. The duplicate house would have been on Lot 48, Braydon Court - technically on the corner of another street, but literally side-by-side to the Deboer family

residence. Complaints to the city and the builder, based on a Novi "similarto-similar ordinance barring duplicate houses adjacent to one another on the same street and across the street, did not bring satisfaction, Lisa Deboer said Tuesday.

In February, in an attempt to stop the construction, the Deboers filed a lawsuit against Novi; the developers, the Beztak Corporation: and the builders Premier Homes Building Company Inc. and Lifestyle Homes.

We've got a quarter of a million dollars tied up in this house. When you build your dreamhouse, you



The home of Randall and Lisa Deboer, left, and the site of an identical home next door that led to a lawsuit based on Novi's "similar-to-similar" ordinance.

don't expect them to build a house exactly like it right next door to you. We would have bought a bungalow

in Dearborn," Lisa Deboer said. On Feb. 25, the Novi City Council unanimously agreed to a variance needed to alter the design of the second house, essentially putting the case to rest.

At the time, Assistant City Attorney Dennis Watson described the lawsuit as 'very unusual," explaining that usually a developer complains that a city ordinance goes too far, but this time a resident contended that the ordinance didn't go

far enough. The Braydon Court house was originally approved by city engineers and building department, who ruled it met the letter of the ordinance: The building department didn't believe and we agreed with them we couldn't deny it," Watson

Randall Deboer contested that. "I thought I had to stand for what is right and in the best interests of the resale value of my home," he

explained. Basically, the judge said we had a case and that all the parties should sit down and come up with a resolution acceptable to all parties. The judge made it very clear to the city that it was in the city's best in-

terest to approve the variance." Some city council members agreed with the Deboers that the intention of the city ordinance was violated.

Mayor Pro Tem Edward Leininger threw his support behind the couple: I agree with the ordinance and I'm glad they did something about it. The spirit of the ordinance was violated. Just because it faces this street or this street, they're next-door neighbors. The people who brought this lawsuit were absolutely correct."

The Deboers and the defendents in the lawsuit sat down with Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Hon. Barry L. Howard, and hammered out a compromise - one which ultimately won city council approval.

The ordinance has since been sent to the planning commission for review and to the city attorney for a

A variance was granted from the city's design and construction standards that call for driveways to be located no closer than three feet from the side lot line, to allow the still unbuilt home to be shifted one foot closer to the lot line.

We all walked away satisfied. I. feel justice was done," Randall Deboer said.

Meanwhile, the Deboers are paying their attorney's fees.

Hair salon robber sought by police

By CRISTINA FERRIER Staff Writer

A man wearing a woman's nylon hose over his head threatened to kill two employees at Fantastic Sam's on Grand River in Novi Monday night, then made off with all the money in the cash register, Novi Police

The employees, two Howell women, told police the man walked in

shortly after 8 p.m. Monday night, pointed a semiautomatic gun at each of them, threatened to kill

them, then fled with the money. The hairstyling salon was already closed when the man came in, the women told police. One of the women was in the salon's break room when he walked in, and the other was in the office counting the

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Feature stories, columns, and complete program listings -- all that inside today's paper in "Suburban Cable Weekly," your guide to television. The TV listings are keyed to the actual channel numbers on the local MetroVision cable system.

Today, March 11

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

Board of Review: Novi's Board of Review will begin its annual deliberations of challenges to property tax assessments Monday. The board will be meeting thoughout the week, although residents may present their cases to the board by appointment only. Residents challenging their assessments will have seven minutes in which to make their case to the board. Board members will attempt to make a determination at the time of the hearing, although some appeals may be held for further review. The board of review will be meeting from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. On Tuesday, the board session will run from noon to 9 p.m.

Tuesday, March 12

Questions about your SEV?: An informational meeting in which Novi residents were informed about how to go about appealing their property tax assessments to the Board of Review will be rebroadcast on Channel 12. Covered in the meeting were the functions and procedures of the board of review, the data residents need to submit to the board to support their appeals, and how to read the assessor's field cards on individual properties. The meeting will be aired on Novi public access channel at 11 a.m. and 9 p.m.

Wednesday, March 13

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

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

Thursday, March 14

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

Historical Commission: Also meeting in the Novi Civic Center will be city's Historical Commission. The meeting is set for 7:30 p.m.

Open house: Novi Co-Op Nursery School is sponsoring an open

police she heard the front door open lice he then asked where the safe

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The woman in the break room told

and rose out of her chair, but the rob-

ber was already standing there.

pointing the gun in her face. She told

police he used obscenities and told

According to the police report, the

her to "sit down and don't move."

man then went into the office and

pointed the gun at the other woman.

and she dropped it on the floor.

house from 10 a.m. to noon. Those interested can meet the teachers and view the facilities. The public is also invited to a craft auction Thursday. March 21 at 8 p.m. For more information, contact Kathy at 344-0118 or Merry at 349-5842.

Friday, March 15

One last chance: For those who have did not get a chance to go before the Board of Review to appeal their assessments, there is still one more chance. Residents may submit an appeal in writing to the board of review by 5 p.m. today. Residents' protests of assessment levels must meet the same standards as those who present their appeals in person to the board. They may claim hardship or attempt to show why the assessment is set too high. Those who do not file an appeal with the board of review may not file an appeal with the state tax tribunal.

Mother-Son Dance: Novi Parks and Recreation will be holding a mother-son dance in the Community Center of the Novi Civic Center beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available through the Parks and Recrea-

Roch-a-thon: The Mid-High Youth of Faith Community United Presbyterian Church are holding an all-night Rock-a-thon to raise money for the Novi Emergency Food Program. This is a community volunteer program that uses donations to purchase food from Gleaners and then distributes the food every other week to about 25 families in the Novi area. The organization is a group of seventh and eighth graders and friends who will be rocking in rocking chairs for ten hours and will be accepting pledges from the community for each hour that they stay in those chairs. The community is invited to attend an open house from 7:30 to 9 p.m. to cheer the youngsters on and to show support. The church is located at 44400 West Ten Mile Road. Dessert will be served. Last year was the first time the Rock-a-thon was held and the group raised \$2,000. The goal this year is to top that figure. Anyone interested in making a donation to the group may sent it to the Faith Community United Presbyterian Church, 44400 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, 48376.

To get your event listed in the Community Calendar, send information regarding the event, activities to be included, who is sponsoring it, location, time and date, ticket information and the purpose to which any proceeds will be put to the Novi News at 104 Main Street, Northville, 48167.

Planners put end to Meijer in Novi

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the city council in spring 1990.

The Grand Plan would have moved heavy industry from the city's downtown to 300 acres on the west end. To make the program - which included reduced land costs as an incentive -financially attractive to the landow-

ners, the Meiler store was included. The B-3 zoning allows fast food restaurants, car wash facilities, gas stations, car dealerships, nurseries, motels and drive-ins - the most unlimited of the business districts, city planning consultant Brandon Rogers said. The proposed zoning is also in conformance with the city's master

plan, he added. But Rogers did not support the switch, saying he could not do so until more definitive plans were available and the Novi master plan committee and commission made their recommendations.

"I'm having a lot of difficulties about B-3. It's too open. Without being Tim Gilberg.

process, residents opposed to the "I think we are putting our heads concept - pointing to the Northville in the sand by saying it's not going to Township Meijer store as an example come to Novi." Supporters of the store's place- as the industrial park and the quality ment in Novi say it will give residents of heavy truck traffic it would

of the city's west end a place to shop. generate.

as well as bringing in more property tax revenue. The Northville store has ported the zoning reclassification a tentative state equalized valuation when it was part of the Grand Plan of \$4.253 million this year, according package, but this was overruled by to the township treasurer's office. But some members of the planning commission said that road im-

provements that would have been part of the Grand Plan won't happen with the Meijer alone in Novi. Planning commissioner Harry Avagian agreed that west end residents need a place to buy a bottle of milk. but didn't think he could support a

Said planning commissioner Judy Johnson: "You may end up with a Meijer in Wixom and an equally large use in Novi. You're talking about doubling the traffic without the fund for road improvement. The people who opposed it will have all the negatives without any of the advantages of the

carte blanche move to give B-3 zoning

Planning commissioners Kathleen McLallen. Thomas O'Branovic and Eric Shaefer supported the rezoning. "Like it or not, this section of our

too specific, there's been some car city is changing," McLallen said. "The dealerships issues in discussion changes are being made outside our there, said planning commissioner city and having impact on our city, We can be leaders and take initiative During the drawn-out Grand Plan and bring it back to our city.

- said they feared crime problems at O'Branovic said that residents opthe 24-hour operation, as well as posed to the Grand Plan said they really didn't mind the Meijer so much

"He looked good," the mother said.

City hikes tap-in fee for new homes By SCOTT DANIEL Staff Writer

November. Only Toth and Quinn - volunteer work, he might have been

from \$500 to \$1,100 at its meeting on the costs on them." \$100 on the connection fee would

By JAN JEFFRES

cated, he said.

out all but six.

commission volunteer."

"Yesterday, he (his doctor) advised petitions.

been made. I shall remain as your candidate.

the only mayoral candidate to date - overdoing it.

me it was more than stress and I will

ring for three available seats on the

city council, possibly triggering a

primary this summer. If 10 candi-

dates do run, the primary would cut

The terms of Mayor Matthew

Quinn, Mayor Pro Tem Edward Lei-

ninger and council members Joseph

Toth and Martha Hoyer are up in

have said they'll seek re-election.

come after the intial rise. used to complete the city's water sys- ilv made similar hikes. tem by paying for main extensions and connections to future housing. Hills have made similar jumps," Na-"We need seriously to look at in- glich told Hoyer. "\$1,100 is fair." creasing water tap charges so that we In the letter to Kriewall, he pointed

several fronts." glich, a city engineering consultant, He said a total of 71.000 linear feet of

comes more fully developed. need, Naglich said. Estimated cost for a council vote on the matter.

for the improvements, he said, is \$8.6

missioner," she said.

missioner John Balangna.

Aruffo explained that he is in-

volved with so many meetings and

"I think I'm going to be all right. I'm

"I've got a little heartburn on this." Developers of future housing in said council member Joe Toth. "All Novi may have to pay more for con- it's going to do is drive up the cost of nections to the city's water system. housing. On one hand we are asking City council agreed in concept to developers to make affordable hous more than double the connection fee, ing then on the other we are raising

March 4. Annual increases of up to Council member Martha Hoyer said the jump would constitute a 220-percent increase. She asked Na-The increased revenue would be glich if other communities had recen-

*Northville Township and Auburn can make improvements over the to several other communities that next 10 to 15 years," City Manager Ed currently have higher water connec-Kriewall told council members. We tion fees. Nearby Canton Township are facing water improvements on charges \$1,300, while Farmington

Hills charges \$1,500 and Plymouth water mains, ranging in diameters of the city. She added that developers 12 to 30 inches, would be needed to would pay for its costs.

complete the system as the city be- The council instructed City Attorney David Fried to refine Novi's ordi-Pressure regulating valves, meters nance to reflect the higher water conand a booster station will also be nection fee. No timeframe was given



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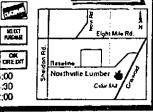
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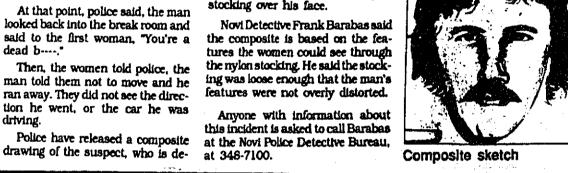
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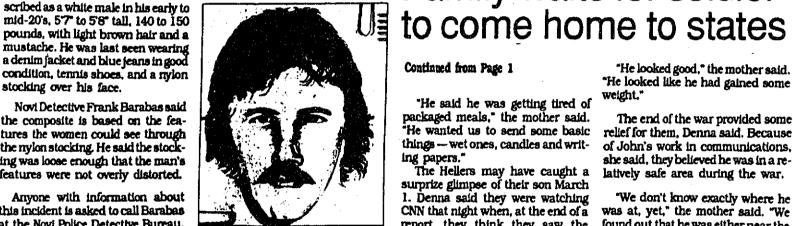
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demanding the money. The woman man told them not to move and he features were not overly distorted.

who was in the office told police she ran away. They did not see the direchad just begun to count the money, tion he went, or the car he was Anyone with information about She told police that the robber bePolice have released a composite at the Novi Police Detective Bureau, gan picking up the money and said drawing of the suspect, who is de- at 348-7100.

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things — wet ones, candles and writing papers." The Hellers may have caught a surprize glimpse of their son March

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"He said he was getting tired of packaged meals," the mother said.

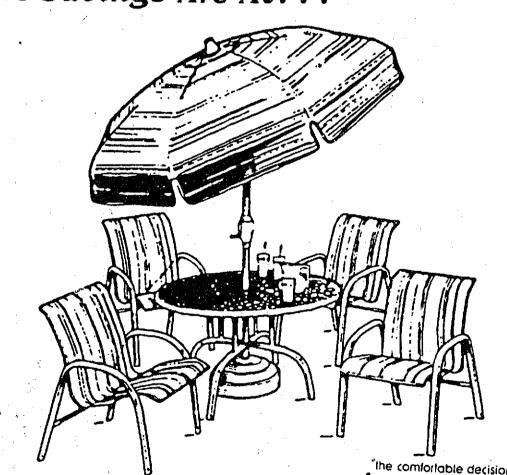
1. Denna said they were watching

"He looked like he had gained some The end of the war provided some He wanted us to send some basic relief for them, Denna said. Because

Family waits for soldier

of John's work in communications. she said, they believed he was in a relatively safe area during the war. "We don't know exactly where he CNN that night when, at the end of a was at, yet," the mother said. "We report, they think they saw the found out that he was either near the

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Police News

He told police that the group fol-

lowed them on foot as they tried to described as tall with brown hair and exit the parking lot. As they turned a mustache, with a thin build. The east onto Ten Mile Road, he said, one rest of the group could not be of the harassers threw a rock at the identified. The person who threw the rock OUIL: A 31-year-old Detroit man

their 1987 Ford Bronco, owned by was described as short and muscu- was arrested by state police March 1 the first youth's mother, and started lar, with blonde hair that was long in for OUIL while traveling eastbound pended license.

Troopers stopped the man after Another of the six in the group was

> A subsequent breath test revealed that the man was legally intoxicated. He was taken into custody, and ticketed for OUIL and driving with a sus-

Murder suspect up for extradition exam in Chicago

By CRISTINA FERRIER

Design applauded for saving forest

ios itom city consultants --and the planning commission were forthcoming Wednesday for a design to save 25 acres of woodlands and wetlands via smaller lot sizes in a new subdivision south of Nine Mile

The Selective Group's plans for the 89-home Lake Forest Estates — to be passed to the city council for final approval -- keep intact 31 percent of the subdivision's land as four open-

space parks. Eighty-one acres on the southeast corner of Nine Mile and Beck Roads are eyed for the development. The

density of 1.09 lots per acre.

loper hopes to plat 1.7 lots per acre. sultant to the developers. The ordinance allows reduced lot tional subdivision layout.

By SUZANNE HOLLYER

But not to Cora.

For a non-drug user, Cora is a big

with her teeth are like night and day. dealer.

when she smells drugs," said Morris,

hard it is to stop

smoking."

we'll have it forever. That's a major | ing by as many as 13 points in the

"We're very pleased to see this appear, that you're taking us up on our new ordinance," said chairperson

south in Northville.

"As we learned from the Timber area is zoned for residential with a Ridge subdivision, the best way to save trees is to stay out of them com-Under a provision of the city's new pletely and not just places houses aradjusted lot size ordinance, the deve- ound them," said Clif Seiber, a con-

development. I commend the designers," city planning consultant

Rogers said the woods left in the natural state will complement regu-Novi subdivision and those to the

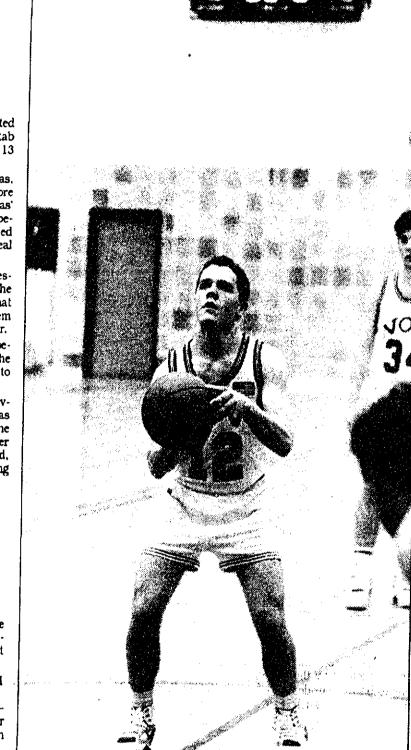
Planning commissioner Judy sizes if it is found that the preserva- Johnson applauded the blueprints: tion and protection of woodlands and "A million square feet of parkland will an abrupt end to the program's throws down the stretch to hold on. wetlands would not permit a conven- come into preserved existence and | most successful season ever. Trail-

The commission agreed

Sixteen acres of woodlands regulated by the city will remain intact. lated woodlands in the Bradford of



clocking him at 75 miles per hour in a 55 mph zone on the highway. Upon making contact with the 31-year-old, troopers observed that the man appeared confused and lethargic. They also noted a strong odor of intodeants from the man breath, reports



Doug Soper at the free-throw line

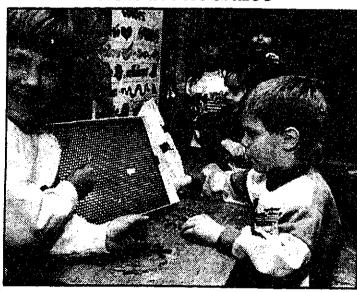
Sports Briefs

The Wildcats (17-4 overall) were "I'm glad this is the first one to set a hallmark, as far as I'm concerned." | fourth quarter, Novi staged a great paced by Doug Soper's 15 points.

March 5 at her home of cardiac Mrs. Wolff was born Sept. 21. O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Fun-

pulchre Cemetary. sent to the Anti-Cruelty Assoc., 13569 Jos. Campau, Detroit, 48212.

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needed to drill an oil well west of Echo Valley Estates subdivision was tabled March 5 by the zoning board of appeals.

The applicant, the Southern Michigan Oil Company (SOMOCO) has a lawsuit against Novi currently pending in the Oakland County Circuit

Held Over: An appeal of a city council denial for permits and variances

A special meeting on March 26 at 7 p.m. has been set aside for the local Zoning board chair Gerald Bauer said the meeting will last at least four

"That's what SOMOCO indicated and I think there's going to be a great leal of audience participation," board member Lisa Foote added.

Show biz: The city council is already being televised live on cable Channel 13. Now the planning commission is wondering if it will also get in on the "We should start discussing how we feel about having the switch turned

on for us... I'm personally very supportive and ready to do this at any time," commission chair Edward Kramer said Wednesday. Planning commission member Harry Avagian quipped that maybe some members might choose to be individually blacked out: There would be words on the screen that this commissioner does not wish to be televised due to an FCC requirement."

Novi hoopsters honored: Mayor Matt Quinn presented members of the Novi High basketball team with a "Team Novi" award Monday at the city council meeting. Each member of the team shook hands with the mayor and was given a Team Novi pin.

"We chose to honor you because you adopted Team Novi," " Quinn said. "You are ambaseadors for the city throughout the state of Michigan." The council also passed a resolution commending the team on their fine season, including the championship of the Kennsington Valley

Providence Novi Run: The 11th annual Providence Novi Run will be held Sunday, April 28 this year. Runners will have their choice of a one-mile walk and run. 5.000- or 10.000-meter runs.

The mile run leaves city hall at 12:30 p.m. while the other runs will get under way at 1 p.m. Each run will wind through several city subdivisions and conclude on Taft Road. An \$8 entry fee for the run will be charged for the 5 and 10k runs. The mile run will be \$5. Refreshments and awards will be given afterwards. The

first 400 runners to register will receive T-shirts. Wrong number: Some unfortunate callers in Novi has been receiving a lot of wrong numbers lately. A number listed in the Novi Parks and Recreation brochure as the contact number for information about Novi Youth Baseball League was incorrectly printed. The correct number should be 348-7218. Paul D'Agostino can be reached at that number year-round to

provide information about the league. The Novi Youth Baseball League will be taking registration through March 28. All players 8 to 16 years of age are eligible. Players must be 8 years of age as of Dec. 1, 1991 and must have proof of age, such as a birth certifi-

Registration information can also be obtained through John Goodman

Arts Council honored: The Novi Art Council received the 1991 Community Service Award from the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association (MRPA) during the group's annual conference in the Detroit Westin

The Novi Arts Council has been in operation since 1987 when six residents began meeting to improve the arts and cultural activities in the Novi

Obituaries

Irene M. Sheehan

Novi died Friday, March 1, of heart was employed by Detroit Public complications at Sinai Hospital. on June 2, 1912, to Myrtise Breden- in 1968 from Fox Elementary. Mrs. burg and Joseph Sheehan. She was Wolff was a member of Holy Family employed by the Chrysler Corp. as a Church, was an afficionado of bridge secretary for 40 years. Currently re- and pinochle, and was a world siding in Farmington Hills, she was a traveler.

member of the Church of the Holy Family and of St. Priscilla parish in A scripture service was held March 3 at 4 p.m. at the O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi. Funeral services were held Monday, March 4, at St. Priscilla parish. Fr.

Kevin O'Brien presided at the 9:30 a.m. ceremony. Interment will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetary. Arrangements were made by the O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Fun-

Ruth V. Wolff

Ruth V. Wolff, 81, of Novi died

Vatter and Leslie W. Kindred. She received her masters degree in 1953 Irene M. Sheehan, 78, formerly of from Wayne State University. She Schools as an art and elementary Irene Sheehan was born in Detroit school teacher for 36 years, retiring

Mrs. Wolff's husband Harold preceded her in death. Surviving her are her sister Eleanor Takken, her daughter Eleanor R. Wiles and one

A scripture reading was held Friday, March 8. Visitation was Thursday, March 7.

Funeral services for Ruth Wolff were held March 9 at the O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi, followed by a mass at Holy Family. Fr. John Budde officiated. Interment will be at Holy Se-Memorial contributions may be

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It was about 6:30 on a Thurs-

day night and we were stopped

at the light on Eight Mile by the

"Man. Man. Man. Two men.

Man, Woman, Man, Three men,"

I said, counting aloud the occupants of the cars whizzing

down the exit ramp and turning

"What in the world are you

doing now?" she asked

westbound 275 exit.

left on Eight Mile.

curiously.

"Nothing important, my little pet." I replied. "Just con-

ducting my own little survey of the work force in the greater

pooling lives. Man. Man. Two men. Woman." And on I

went, until the light turned green and we continued our

"Of course, light of my life," I replied, not yet recognizing

I was about to be hit by a Scud attack. "According to the re-

sults of an admittedly unscientific survey of automobiles

exiting westbound 275 at 6:30 on a Thursday night in

March, the work force in the Northville-Novi area is com-

prised of roughly five times as many men as women . . .

thus proving that, rumors to the contrary notwithstand-

ing, the work place in contemporary society remains male-

Now I didn't regard my statement as having been parti-

cularly sexist. On the contrary, I regarded it as having

been rather supportive of the sentiment that contempor-

Would you like to share the results of your little survey

trek out Eight Mile for dinner at El Nibble Nook."

Phil

Jerome

Northville-Novi area.

And I returned to my counting.

with me now?" she asked politely.

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As We See It

Make a commitment to open-door policy

That's a question we in Novi ask nearly every day, in part because the city is growing so fast. And the answer we usually get is that we want it to be a quality residential municipality, one in which residents have a strong sense of identification with the community. one in which they have a strong sense of participating in the community. To borrow a few phrases from Mayor Matthew Quinn, we also would want Novi to be an "open-door community," one with a "diverse housing stock" and, hence, a diverse population.

To get such a community, one would have to welcome all contributing members of society who would like to set up residence here, regardless of race, creed or color. One would also have to have a community in which residents could live all their lives, from birth through childhood into adulthood until death. A community should provide a place for residents in all stages of life.

Novi is in many aspects already a high quality community. It does, however, fall short of some of the aforementioned goals.

This point was made clear by the recent release of 1990 census figures by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG). The most recent federal head count showed that the size of Novi's black population was six times larger than a decade ago. However, black residents still accounted for less than one percent of the total Novi

Residents of all other minority groups also increased, but still accounted for just over 4 percent of the population.

Mayor Quinn pointed to the increase as evidence that Novi is an "open, integrated community." He said he expects the growth of minority populations will continue and he contended that Novi is "recognized by the black minority . . . as the place to be." The city has sought to encourage the migration of minorities into the city through its recent support of the Oakland County Center for

Open Housing. But there is a problem, and Quinn hit the point right on the head. To quote, he said: There are are no barriers in Novi, except for the economic barrier."

But that, dear reader, is a significant barrier indeed. And it serves not only as a barrier to blacks and other minorities, who on the whole still trail whites in earnings, but to a substantial portion of the middle class, regardless of race, who might desire to move

Additionally, it serves as a barrier to Novi's own children who might just want to stay here after they reach adulthood. With the economic barrier as it stands, many of Novi's own youth find they must move elsewhere in order to obtain affordable housing since few can attain upper-middle class status in that first job out of college - and can only move back if and when they achieve "success."

Consider the degree of that barrier. The average wage in the U.S. is \$22,600, at least as it was calculated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the latest year available, 1989. The average wage in Michigan in only slightly higher, \$24,900.

Using the bankers' old rule of thumb that a homeowner can afford a house three times his or her annual salary - the average worker in this state can afford a house worth

Now consider the likelihood of buying a house in Novi for that amount. According to the figures offered by the Oakland County Economic Development Group, the average house in Novi was valued at \$131,500. To move into Novi these days, it seems you need a family income of at least \$43,800.

Granted, Novi does have a few low cost housing options. For one, it seems to have a more than ample supply of mobile home parks. But this certainly is not the American Dream. And while there are a few low cost houses going in. the clear preference of Novi builders is for the higher end of the market.

So, that economic barrier would seem to exclude not only the lower class, but also the lower-middle class, the middle-middle class. and even a sizable chunk of the upper-middle

Development

Even if Novi does welcome blacks and other minorities, it would seem to be headed toward something akin to "economic

To a degree, the policies of the City of Novi exacerbate that problem. Take for instance the move several years back to increase lot sizes in the western portion of the community. The purpose, we recognize, was not just to make housing more expensive. It was to improve the quality of developments in that area, by decreasing density and preserving more open space, by moderating growth. and by insuring that the area could develop in a residential fashion without need of

Still, a side effect was to boost even further the price of homes that would be built there and put those houses even further beyond the reach of even more middle-income wage earners.

Another example would be the minimum size of new homes as required by the city. Novi allows no home to be built under 1.200 square feet. Needless to say, such homes cannot be constructed for a price most middle income wage earners can afford. It is due in large part to these kinds of size requirements that builders all across the suburban market, not just in Novi, now avoid the "starter home market." Back in the '50s and '60s, when communities would allow homes in the 900- to 1,000-square-foot range, much new construction was actually targeted at first-home buyers. First-home buyers are these days relegated to the used housing market. In effect, they are also relegated to the older communities which have ample supplies of used housing stock.

Quinn concluded on a positive note. While admitting new housing in the city is expensive, he said he believed there is existing housing in Novi which is within the pricerange of most people. "We still have a good cross-section of housing. Our goal is to have a diverse housing stock. The big test over the next 10 years will be to keep that diversity,"

We certainly agree with his stated goal, but we have to disagree that the way to achieve diversity is to merely maintain the existing moderately-priced homes. Rather, the city's stock of low-end, starter homes needs to be expanded. Otherwise, it will certainly continue to make up a smaller and smaller portion of homes as the city's residential areas expand.

It is a difficult dilemma to solve. The city is now attempting to create a quality community, one which can be maintained as a quality community in the decades to come. Building only expensive homes is one way to achieve that, since they are more likely to receive high levels of care. Lower-priced homes are admittedly more susceptible to decay. But it also seems to us there are other ways the city can avoid that problem. They may simply require more diligence.

In any case, it would seem to us that further diversification of the housing stock should be the goal. A diverse housing stock will be the only means of insuring that the community's doors can truly stay open - to middle-income earners, to minorities, and to Novi's own young adults.

letters to the editor

The week prior to an election, this newspaper will not accept letters to the editor that open up new

This newspaper welcomes letters to the editor. We ask, however, that they be issue-oriented, confined to 400 words and that they contain the signature, address, and telephone number of the writer. The writer's name may be withheld from publication if the writer fears bodily harm, severe persecution, or the loss of his or her job. The writer requesting anonymity must explain his or her circumstances. Submit letters for consideration by 4 pm Monday for that Thursday's paper. We reserve the right to edit letters for brevity, clarity, libel, and taste.

ine week prior to an election, and rewspaper 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. was a freshman in college. One Friday afternoon in the spring, alarms went off in

Women keep society running

ity in the work place. But for some unknown reason, she took exception to my

ary society still has a long way to go before achieving equal-

"That's not the way it is at all," she replied rather testily. The problem is that you did your survey at 6:30, and everybody knows that women leave work promptly at five o'clock because they have to rush home to take care of the kids and get dinner on the table so that his royal majesty has a lovely meal waiting on the table when he finally straggles in and demands to be fed."

I was a bit taken aback by the vehemence of her feelings

and was about to respond when she let me have it again. "That's right," she snapped. "Women have to go right home after work, but you men . . . you men head immedi-" 'Sorry, I'm late dear,' " she said huskily, apparently

attempting to emulate a male voice, " but I stopped off for "Man. Two men. Man. Woman. Two women. Oops, women on a roll right now. Man. Man. Four men. Wow, car a drink on the way home. Tough day at the office. So I had a quick one with Rich and Chris over at Clancy's.'

"Well, it's all a crock. . . and every woman knows it. It's us women who are helping American business run smoothly. And then we run home to keep home and family together as well." She stopped talking then, so I figured her little diatribe

was over and began thinking of an appropriate response to defend the honor of us men, of course. I thought for a minute about saying how I always see lots of women in the bar whenever I stop off for a drink after

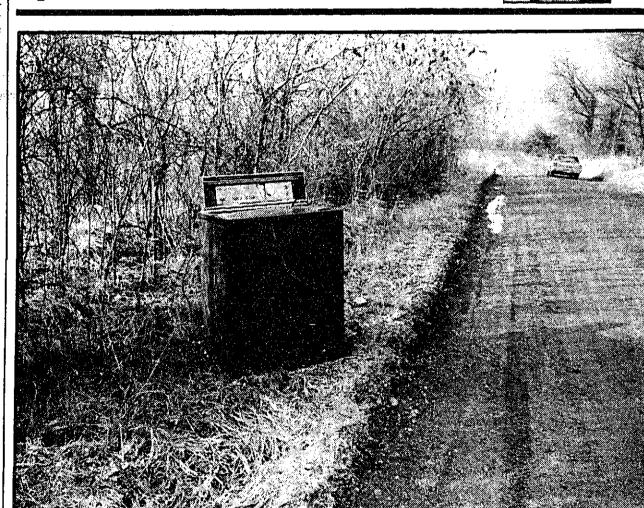
But I recovered my senses in time to realize that such a comment would probably get me in more trouble than I was already in, so I acted judiciously and asked her what kind of gift she wanted for her birthday.

Phil Jerome is executive editor of HomeTown Newspapers

which publishes the Novi News.

In passing

By Hal Gould



'Country cooking

Curiosity proves compelling



Byrne

night, and I watched a second

television last week was the 60 Minutes program that featured the interviews with Bob Simon and his fellow journalists who were held prisoner in Iraq. I was one of those with my eyes glued to the Sony that

interview with the unfortunate quartet the next morning on Cable News Network. Call it professional curiosity, but I just wanted to know what they were trying to do when they got caught. I think it was producer Peter Bluff who pointed out that

they weren't trying for any great scoop or daring, sensational footage. We just wanted to see what was going on at the front," he said. All four were veteran war reporters, and had placed themselves in more dangerous places before to get a story.

It was a false sense of security, peppered with a little naiv-

ete, that put them in a spot where the iraqis could capture

The interviews with Simon, Bluff and the others were riveting for me because, given the circumstances, I'm almost certain I would have done the same damned thing.

So too, I think, would most journalists. I remembered an incident that happened to me when

Rick Burne is copy editor for The Northville Record and

It's just a little occupational hazard called curiosity.

my dorm, and our resident advisers told us a tornado had

touched down about 10 miles away. They shuttled every-

one down to the basement of the building for safe keeping.

ride the subways at night, then a tornado ought to be a

piece of cake. Never having seen or experienced a tornado,

I wanted to see what they were all about. I slipped back to

my room, grabbed my rain poncho and walked outside.

as I looked skyward. From a hill alongside the dorm, I

could see for a mile or two to the west, north and east, I

watched the western horizon, but saw nothing. The rain

got a little heavier, and a light breeze kicked up, but no-

thing catastrophic. After a half hour or so, I gave up,

Now older and wiser, I realize the danger in which I had

I wasn't trying to be a thrill-seeker or a daredevil. I

That emotion is what drove Simon and his crew to put

themselves at risk, and it is what drives journalists to do

their jobs. So often the media are assailed for "carrying out

witch hunts," "trying to make headlines," or "trying to get

the big story." For the majority of journalists, it's nothing

wasn't looking to impress anyone. I just wanted to see a

placed myself. Looking back, I'm fascinated with the inno-

cence that put me in that position.

tornado. I was curious.

quite so complicated.

All was eerily quiet, and the light rain fell on my cheeks

I had grown up in New York City, and I figured if I could



WILDCAT UPDATE: The comeback and eventually pulled to Novi basketballers made a quick within one with less than a minute exit from the MHSAA District Tour- remaining, thanks to a seven-point nament. The host Wildcats fell to outburst by Mike Sumerton. But Plymouth Canton 61-57, putting the Chiefs nailed some clutch free

Drug dog shows skills to students

The dogs reward for finding the ound the library with Morris and the Cora demonstrated her determi-

bag with her teeth while Morris lifted the bag above his head.

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And the differences between the Morris told Amerman, Moraine explained, because no one trusts affectionate, playful Cora and the and St. Paul's elementary school stu-their credit. Cora that tears a duffle bag apart dents a story of the life of a drug

day job at the airport, Cora is just drugs on it via the drug dealer's hands, he said. The only time she gets to play is That's where Cora comes in.

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Northville schools as part of Red Rib- said. He showed a picture of a pile of Cora, a 5-year-old, drug-sniffing bon Week. Sponsored by Northville drug money found by Cora. dog for the Wayne County Sheriff's school organizations and the North- "Now he's getting 50 cents a day bag was a quick, playful romp ar-Department, lives with deputy inves- ville Action Council, Red Ribbon washing dishes in the state prison," tigator Greg Morris by night and Week is intended to remind students Morris said of the dealer. searches Metro Airport for drugs by of the problems related to substance Drug dealers cannot use checks to

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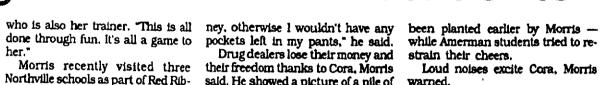
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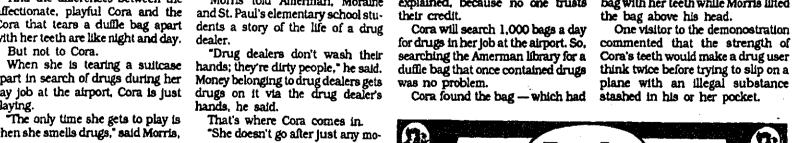
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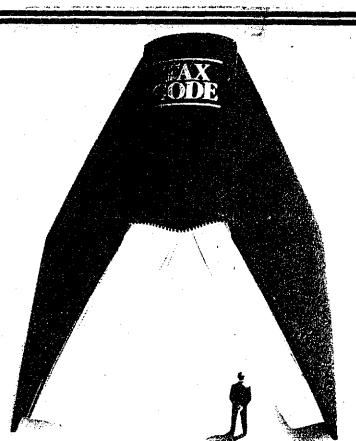
avoid carrying so much cash, Morris nation when she clung to the duffle Cora will search 1,000 bags a day

for drugs in her job at the airport. So,

Cora found the bag — which had







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Eleanor & Ray Heald/Wine

Gallo finds it's time for their premium wine

E. & J. Gallo Winery is this nation's largest wine producer. E. & J. Gallo's Hearty Burgundy may well be America's best-known wine. But let's face it, Gallo offers no competition in the premium end of the market. Until nowl

Born within 100 miles of Modesto, Calif., the city they put on the map, Ernest and Julio Gallo grew up working a small vineyard bought by their father in 1925. At the end of Prohibition in 1933, the brothers borrowed about \$6,000 and started the greatest wine success story in a rented warehouse.

At the start, their table wines were shipped in barrels. Distributors at the other end of the line bottled the wine under a variety of labels. It was only in the early 1940s that the first Gallo label

How big is Gallo today? No one in the company will give exact production figures, but it's easy to make close estimates because Gallo has its own glass plant that churns out 1.5 million bottles per

OK. You've seen the bottles in every grocery chain, but have you been noticing the subtle changes over the last few years? Wineries in So-

noma County have. A little-known fact is that E. & J. Gallo is one of the largest Sonoma vintners, crushing more grapes from this premium California wine region than any other winery. In the mid-1980s, Julio Gallo and his son Bob resculptured hillsides in Sonoma's Dry Creek area to create magnificent vineyards where cabernet sauvignon and zinfandel have been planted. In the Russian River region of Sonoma, they planted chardonnay, johannisberg riesling and gewurztraminer.

In 1989, the Gallos bought a 1,000-acre vineyard site near Asti in the northern reaches of Sonoma County. Vines from this property will come into production in four to six years.

What does this Sonoma County vineyard commitment mean to the consumer? Part of the answer can already be experienced with a taste of Gallo's vintage-dated premium varietals. The completion of the query will come with release of the first estate-bottled Sonoma wines in the near future. This sequel is being ushered in with Gallo's 1988 Limited Release Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc together with a stunning rendition, 1978 Gallo Private Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon.

Sorry, folks, you can't find these wines at the supermarket. Gallo's doing it right. They are showcasing these wines in restaurants. And in this area, we're not talking about dinner houses. We're talking upscale restaurants - the Whitney and the Van Dyke Place in Detroit, Fox and Hounds in Bloomfield Hills, the Round Table in Plymouth, Country Epicure in Novi and Pike Street Restaurant in Pontlac, to name a few.

The 1988 Gallo Limited Release Chardonnav (\$12-14 restaurant list price) is a departure from early 1980s releases. The attempt is to highlight fruit without overly emphasizing chardonnay's inherent appley qualities," said Carmen Castorina. Gallo's regional communications director.

Ask for it in a restaurant to accompany light seafood selections, chicken or pasta, with a delicate cream sauce.

WINE SELECTION OF THE WEEK 1978 E.& J. Gallo Private Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon (about \$30 on area restaurant wine lists). Bottled in 1983, this wine was personally selected by Julio Gallo, who also supervised the winemaking.

It was aged 48 months in 4,000-gallon Yugoslavian cooperage. It is soft, supple, generous and at its optimum drinkability. Until now, this "Private Reserve bottling was called the Family Selection, reserved for the Gallos' private use and has been seen in the marketplace only at select benefit auctions. It could change the way you view E.& J. Gallo

Sophisticated Ladles

Chefs demonstrate the best of the best

By RICK BYRNE Copy Editor

Detroit carmakers have their auto show, but for chefs in the area. the chance to showcase their successes comes at the annual chef's seminar at Schoolcraft College.

The third annual edition of the seminar was held last Monday. March 4, with some of the most talented and innovative chefs in Southeast Michigan sharing their expertise with participants. Eight chefs gave their demonstrations, among them Ed Janos of Too Chez in Novi, and Jeff Gabriel, chief instructor of Schoolcraft's American Harvest Restaurant, and chef/partner of Les Auteurs in Royal Oak.

Those in attendance lined up on small bleachers in the huge kitchens at the school's Waterman Campus Center to view the presentations.

"The title was right: 'Seminar for Sophisticated Cooks,' * said Janos. "Every chef demonstrated what was going on in his restaurant, some current trends and entrees."

Most of those attending were professional chefs and restauranteurs.

looking to pick up pointers. Others were serious home cooks. All received continuing education credit for their participation. Chefs are like doctors in that they must continue their education to maintain certification.

"I'm a Certifled Executive Chef." said Janos. "When you're certifled. you have to have certain numbers of continuing education points every five years to be recertified."

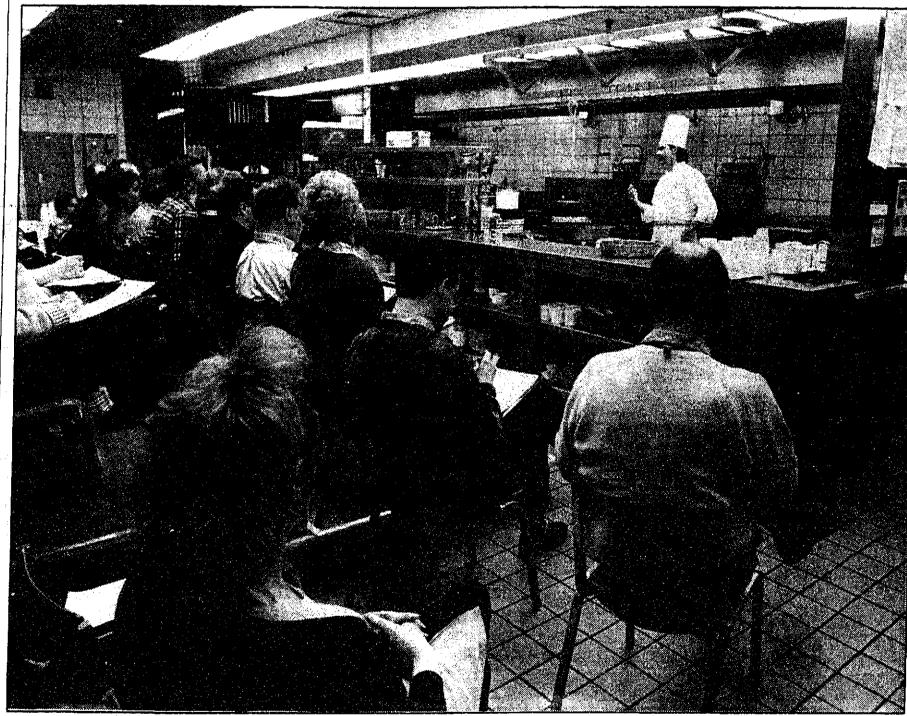
Janos demonstrated his innovative, almost quirky, style with his herb-braised Atlantic Wolffish over potato pizza. He then sequed into a twice-cooked crisped duck from one of his award-winning presentations. An experienced lecturer, Janos teaches about 10 classes a year at Schoolcraft, Kitchen Clamor stores and elsewhere.

"The people enjoyed it a lot," said Janos. They enjoyed the new techniques and different flavors and the new plating. At least they said they

For his session, Chef Gabriel drew on his experience in competition. Ga-



The Seminar for Sophisticated Cooks offered plenty of interaction between chefs and their audiences. Below, Chef Brian Polcyn of the Pike Street Restaurant answers questions. Above, Chef Brian prepares pheasant consomme with corn custard, a Southwest specialty.



Chef Mary Brady

Put on the pressure for good food

pened upon a block garage sale. After six miles, I was ready for a break, and what a good excuse.

My husband Tom, along on his bike, is not a browser, and strongly urged me on. Of course I couldn't pass up potential bargains and we went through at least 10 garages befopre I found it: a like-new, only-used-twice, 1950s Sears pressure cooker for \$5.

Against the protests of "What will you use that for?" and "How many gadgets do we need?" I promteed the seller, an older gentleman, that one of us would be back to retrieve our purchase later that

I had dreams of cooking beans, tougher cuts of meat and soups, and canning quarts upon quarts of tomatoes and sauces to get me through the winter. My mother used a pressure cooker - for what I don't remember -- so it seemed "right" that I should learn also; not to mention that as a chef and lover of cooking, my curiosity to discover another cooking method had been aroused.

Well, the summer went on and the time came to try the new toy. Carefully I read the instructions, recalling the extreme danger always associated with cooking under pressure. I readied my ingredients, assembeled the cooker, turned on the heat and waited with anticipation.

And waited, and waited . . . No pressure ever built up. The rubber gasket

Early last summer on one of my runs, I hap- had deteriorated with time. With disappointment, everything was packed up, put into storage and forgotten — until now.

Toula Patsalis, owner of Kitchen Glamor with her husband, Chris, and director of their cooking schools, has written a book entitled "Joys of Pressure Cooking." And what a book it is. Full of quick, delicious and nutritious recipes. From appetizers to desserts, this colorful, fun, easy-to-follow book has them all.

The advantages of pressure cookers are varied: up to 70 percent less cooking time, energy savings, one-pot coolding with easy cleanup and little preparation time. In addition, as Toula points out, the meals are tastier because of the concentration of flavors, and more nutritious because leaner cuts of meat can be used.

The book goes into detail to explain the ins and outs of a pressure cooker. The selection of the proper cooker is where the process starts. As with any other kitchen tool, there are varying grades. The stainless or enamel cookers are preferred over the aluminum because there is no darkening of food due to acid interaction.

Size is also of importance. Even if your family is small, you should consider a model large enough to provide some leftovers. Regardless of the number of portions a recipe yields, cooking time will reare certain steps that should be followed. Always read the manufacturer's manual and take particular care to understand the explanation given for the various parts. Keep extra rubber rings on hand and check the flexibility of the valve.

Study your recipe and collect the ingredients. Trim excess fat and cut veggles to the same sizes. Use adequate liquid, never less than what is

Purchase a heat diffuser if one isn't included with your unit, and use when cooking rice, pasta and beans. Be sure the lid is securely attached and build steam until the desired pressure is reached. Turn the burner to medium heat to maintain pressure and begin timing. Invest in an accurate timer as time is crucial to success. Follow instructions to relieve pressure.

Finally, thoroughly wash all parts of your unit in hot, sudsy water. Cleanliness is imperative for the proper functioning and long life of your cooker.

There are over 200 recipes included in Toula's book. It is hard to believe cheesecakes and bread pudding are cooked to perfection under pressure. The stock recipes are so easy and fast, you'll never use a canned stock again. There is even a chapter on salads and luscious-sounding chutneys and jams. The meat, poultry and fish recipes are impressively easy and sound mouthwatering.

For perfect pressure cooking every time, there

MEXICHICKEN TACOS 3 slices bacon, cut in 1-inch pieces

1/2 cup olive oil

1 onion, sliced 3 cloves garlic, crushed % cup fresh cilantro, finely

chopped % cup salsa jalapeno (bottled) % cup ketchup I cup canned or fresh chicken

broth 1 teaspoon salt

14 teaspoon chili powder 4 chicken breast halves, skinned, boned and cut in 2-inch

& cup sour cream I tablespoon potato starch 1 (24 count) package miniature;

taco shells
1 cup (4 ounces) grated Monterey Jack cheese

2 cups shredded lettuce l green pepper, coarsely.

l large tomato, seeds removed, coarsely chopped
2 avocados, peeled, thinly

In pressure cooker, saute bacon in hot oil for one minute. Add onion, garlic and cilantro; saute for three minutes. Stir in salsa, ketchup, broth, seasonings and chicken strips

Secure lid. Over high heat, develop steam to medium pressure. Reduce range heat to medium and cook for six minutes. Release steam according to manufacturer's directions. Remove lid.

Stir chicken and sauce. Combine sour cream and potato starch. Stir into chicken and sauce and cook over medium heat for one minute

Place taco shells on large tray. Spoon chicken and sauce into shells. Add pinch of cheese, lettuce, green pepper, and tomato to each filled shell, topping with sliced avocado.

These taces are a real winner for football Sundays, Chicken filling.

may be frozen for up to three months.

polyunsaturated fat indirectly stimulates the produc-

tion of cholesterol. Additionally, he points out that by

eating fried foods one nurtures a taste for them. Ironi-

cally, according to Pritikin, people are born with an in-

nate preference for sweets. A taste for fat is cultivated.

He also attributes the failure of most weight-loss

diets to the focus on portion control instead of the elimi-

nation of fats. "Buy a frozen diet dinner and see how

small it looks on a dinner plate," he recommends. Anal-

yze its contents and you will discover that the portion is

small because the fat content is so high. Fat is so calori-

Pritikin maintains, and he cites several studies again

to back him up, that a person on a fat-free diet can eat

as much as he wants and still lose weight. "A person

should be able to walk away from the table feeling satis-

One of the many diet pitfalls is dining out, and al-

though restaurants are trying to offer more healthful

options, Pritikin believes the choices are still too lim-

ited. "We go out to eat as a reward and end up punishing

ourselves by eating and drinking the wrong things," he

cally dense that it requires portion control.

The Refrigerator Door

PRESSURE COOKING: A demonstration in pressure cooking will be given at noon on March 16 at the Kitchen Witch, 107 N. Center St. In Northville. The demonstration will be given by Taula Patsalis, author of the book Joys of Pressure Cooking. Kitchen Witch owner Ronnie Cambra will be offering a 15-percent discount on Patsalis' book on that day, as well as a 15-percent discount on all pressure

CHILI COOK-OFF: Amateur and professional chili cooks are invited to compete in the 1991 Great Chili Cook-Off, May 4 and 5, sponsored by The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan.

The event features two days of chill cooking competitions at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds in Saline, located near Ann Arbor. Eighty cooks will be selected to compete in Saturday's cook-off, which follows the rules of the International Chili Society, forbidding beans and other fillers. The winner will receive \$500 and be eligible to compete in the International Chili Society World Championship Cook-Off to be held in California this fall.

The "anything in the pot" Renegade Cook-Off on Sunday, May 5, allows cooks to use beans, pasta and other fillers. The winner gets \$250 and a guaranteed spot on in the 1992 Saturday cook-off. Forty cooks will be selected to participate.

Registrations for both cook-offs will be accepted through March 15. Cooks will be selected through a lottery drawing on March 18. To receive a registration form, call The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan toll-free at 1-800-482-1455.

TASTE OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY: As part of the annual Livingston County Home Show on Saturday, March 16, several area caterers and restauranteurs will be offering samples of their specialties. The event is held in the Howell High School Fieldhouse from noon to 4 p.m. Admission to the show is \$2. Aside from the food, some 125 booths will be displaying the latest in home improvement and decor. Call (517) 546-3920 for more information.

WINTER AND SPRING CLASSES: Kitchen Glamor Stores in Redford, West Bloomfield and Rochester are taking registration for their winter and spring classes. Eight well-known area chefs, including Tom MacKinnon from MacKinnon's in Northville and Marcus Haight from the Lark in West Bloomfield, will offer a series of classes. The fee is \$40 per class or \$375 for the series.

Other classes will cover such subjects as one-pot meals, Passover dishes and turkey entrees. For details, call 537-1300,

TURKEY LOVERS' CONTEST: The National Turkey Federation is conducting its second annual "Turkey Lovers' Recipe Contest" designed for young chefs aged 12-18. Copies of the contest rules may be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: RULES, National Turkey Federation, 11319 Sunset Hills Road, Re-

Contest entries will be accepted through April 1. Each entry will be Judged on three parts: the recipe, an essay describing nutritional content and an essay describing food handling techniques.

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

"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

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semisweet, and the latter - only slightly sweetened with sugar — is by far the more popular, Manufacturers sell more than 123 million pounds of semisweet chocolate chips - that's ab-

out 1/2 pound per person per year. Chocolate chip cookies are perhaps the most popular vehicle for these tasty morsels, but your microwave can transform them into a variety of sweet treats to tempt your palate.

Melted chocolate chips make an easy candy coating - and melting them is a snap in your microwave. Always be sure that utensils are perfectly dry when melting chocolate. Never cover chocolate when melting, and melt at medium (50 percent) or medium-high (70 per-

cent) setting rather than at full power. This will help ensure against overcooking. Check chocolate frequently when melting, and always check after minimum time specified in

Overheating chocolate chips when melting can result in scorching and a plastic-like, hardened mass - or in "crumbs" of dried-out chocolate. If this happens, add 1 or 2 tablespoons of vegetable shortening (not butter or margarine) per 6 ounces

of chocolate; stir until fluid. Do not allow chocolate to come into contact with wet utensils during melting as this can result in a cohesive, hardened lump. Should this occur, add shortening as directed above.

For an easy chocolate candy coating, combine 2 cups semisweet chocolate chips with 1/4 cup grated food-grade paraffln. Microwave at mediumhigh (70 percent power) setting about three minutes; stir until smooth. Microwave again at late chips medium-high setting one to 1 1/4 minutes, if necessary. Stir until smooth. Use while warm to coat homemade candies, pretzels, fresh whole strawberries or to dip corners of plain butter

Out of chocolate chips? In some recipes, you may replace 6 ounces (1 cup) of chocolate chips with % cup cocoa plus % cup sugar plus % butter

Ever wonder why chocolate is so popular for Valentine's Day? It might be because chocolate contains a small amount of energizing casseine and a tiny amount of theobromine (a mildly addicsize microwave-safe mixing bowl, Microwave 1 to 3 1-inch squares. Yields about 5 dozen squares.

mine (a chemical that has been linked to romantic chips are melted. feelings).

(Recipes in this column are tested in 625-700 watt microwave ovens.)

MICRO-TIP OF THE WEEK How to tell when chocolate chips are melted? FUDGE CREME FROSTING Microwaved chips will hold their shape as they melt; they will look soft and puffy and the surface will appear shiny. With stirring, chocolate will be-

DELUXE HAYSTACKS 1 (6-ounce) package (1 cup) semisweet choco-

1 (6-ounce) package (1 cup) butterscotch chips 1 (3-ounce) can crispy chow mein noodles cup crispy rice cereal & cup salted Spanish peanuts

Preparation time: 5 minutes Cooking time: 2 1/4 to 4 minutes

Oven setting: medium-high (70 percent power) Combine chocolate and butterscotch chips in 2-quart microwave-safe casserole, Microwave chips can be stirred smooth. Fold in all remaining ingredients until evenly

coated. Drop by teaspoons onto waxed paperlined baking sheet and let stand until firm. Yields about 4 dozen clusters.

COCONUT ROCKY ROAD BITES 1 (6-ounce) package (1 cup) semisweet choco-

2 tablespoons milk l teaspoon vanilla 2 cups miniature marshmallows l % cups chopped walnuts cup shredded coconut

Preparation time: 10 to 15 minutes Cooking time: 1 to 3 minutes

Oven setting: medium-high (70 percent power) Combine chocolate chips and milk in medium-

Chocolate chips come in milk chocolate or tive stimulant) as well as a hint of phenylethyla- minutes, stirring every minute, until chocolate Stir in all remaining ingredients, mixing well. Let cool slightly, then form into small balls. Place on waxed paper-lined baking sheet and refrigerate until set. Yields about 2 1/2 dozen candies.

1 cup granulated sugar

% cup butter or margarine 1/4 cup evaporated milk 1 (6-ounce) package (1 cup) semisweet choco-I cup marshmallow creme l teaspoon vanilla extract 1/2 teaspoon salt

Preparation time: 5 to 10 minutes Cooking time: 3 to 4 minutes Oven setting: MEDIUM-HIGH (70 percent

In medium-size microwave-safe mixing bowl combine sugar, butter or margarine, and evaporated milk. Microwave, uncovered. 2 to 4 minutes. stirring every minute, until mixture is bubbly. Immediately add all remaining ingredients, 2 % to 4 minutes, stirring every minute, until stirring until chocolate chips are melted and mixture is smooth and creamy. Use to frost brownies or layer cake. Yields about 2 cups frosting.

> EASY CHOCOLATE CHIP FUDGE 1 1/3 cups (14-ounce can) sweetened condensed milk (NOT evaporated)

1 (12-ounce) package (2 cups) semisweet chocolate chips

1 teaspoon vanilla I cup chopped salted almonds

Cooking time: 2 1/2 to 4 minutes Oven setting: medium-high (70 percent power)

Combine condensed milk and chocolate chips in medium-sized microwave-safe mixing bowl. Microwave 21/2 to 4 minutes, or until chips are softened and can be stirred smooth. Stir in vanilla. Spread evenly in buttered 8-inch square pan. Sprinkle evenly with chopped almonds and press in gently. Cover and chill until firm. Cut into

Pressure

If you are in the market for a new pressure cooker, do your homework before going to the store. Better yet, visit the Kitchen Witch at 108 N. Center St. in Northville this Saturday, March 16, at noon and learn about the magic of pressure cooking from the master herself. Toula will demonstrate the recipe included here and answer questions.

Her class is fun, informative and free. If you're as lucky as me, Toula will autograph your book. Surely it will be appreciated for generations.

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Pritikin diet still requires getting the fat out

Polished and tan, Robert Pritikin looks very much like a living advertisment for the program his father Nathan began more than 20 years ago. Though most people associate the name Pritikin with weight loss, in fact it is a lifestyle plan.

Diet, exercise and stress management are all part of a program which goes by the credo "Live Your Life in Your

The point of this program "is to let people know that they can eat well without compromising taste or lifestyle," says Pritikin, who is director of the Pritikin Longevity Center.

The Pritikin Program advocates a diet of 10 percent reduce average blood cholesterol by 23 percent in three

In 1978, one study revealed that Americans ate a diet made up of 40 percent fat. In 1989, despite an increased interest in nutrition, fat in the American diet was reduced by only 3 percent.

may eat more vegetables but they stir fry them in oil.

Credo is eat healthy, live hearty

products available in area servings.

After years of concentrating on research to support their clinical findings, the Pritikin people are reaching out to the community at large via the "Eat Healthy! Live Heartyl" program. Events include a free evening seminar with Pritikin, which was held last week at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham; the Pritikin Culinary Classic, a chef's competition (not open to the general public) Monday, Feb. 4, at Schooleraft College; and free, eductional handouts in local food stores which began

Citing numerous studies, Pritikin points to dietary fat as the culprit which leads to the major causes of death in the United States: heart disease, cancer and diabetes. People in countries like China eat a 10-percent fat diet and consequently have a much lower incidence of these life-threatening diseases.

calories from fat. Getting the fat out of what we eat is the bottom line, according to Pritikin, whose plan is said to

This is no small feat for Americans whose diet straddles the 30- to 40-percent range of calories derived from fat. When one considers that food which derives 30 percent of its calories from fat can be labeled low-fat, this is not surprising. And although Amercians appear to have become more health-food conscious in recent years. Pritikin maintains that things haven't changed all that

People deceive themselves, Pritikin explains. They

These recipes are provided by the sauce has thickened, stirring con- Omg; Dietary Fiber, 4g; Sodium Pritikin Program and include Pritikin stantly. Serve with brown rice. 4 25mg, Percent of calories from fat: 5.

Nutrition Information (per serving):

Calories, 270: Protein, 25g; Carbohy-

drate, 32g; Total Fat, 5g; Cholesterol,

ITALIAN PASTA SALAD

4 ounces Pritikin Rotini Select

1/2 cup cherry tomatoes, quartered

I small red pepper, cut into strips

artichokes, rinsed and drained

1/2 cup mushrooms, halved

1/2 teaspoon black pepper

STIR-FRIED BEEF AND BROCCOLI

% pound well-trimmed boneless 17. op sirioin steak (about 1 inch thick) 3 cups small broccoli florets 2 tablespoons dry sherry or water

1 tablespoon cornstarch

1 cup Pritildn Chicken Broth

2 teaspoons "light" soy sauce (light 2 cloves garlic, minced I to 2 teaspoons finely grated fresh

1/4 to 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes 2 cups cooked brown rice

Slice steak into 1/4 -by-2-inch strips. Lightly spray 10-inch skillet with no stick cooking spray. Heat skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Add beef and broccoli; stir-fry 3 bowl. Cover and refrigerate 2 hours to 5 minutes or until beef is no longer before serving, 6 servings. pink. Combine sherry and cornstarch; stir in remaining ingredients

They add a bit of butter before broiling their fish, or add

oily dressings to large salads. He agrees that they are

making better food choices in some respects but that ul-

timately the preparation of foods is critical to reducing

TEX-MEX BEAN CHILI l medium onion, chopped l medium green bell pepper

50mg; Dietary Fiber, 2g; Sodium, 230mg. Percent of calories from fat: Two 14% ounce cans no-saltadded tomatoes, drained and chopped (reserve liquid) 3 cups cooked kidney beans or two

15-ounce cans, rinsed and drained 1 cup Pritikin Spaghetti Sauce One 14-ounce can water-packed 1 tablespoon chili powder 2 teaspoons ground cumin 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper

says emphatically. Lightly spray large saucepan o It is hoped that the Culinary Classic will inspire I small red onion, cut into strips Dutch oven with no-stick cooking spray. Cook onion and green pepper noted chefs -- including Steven Allen of the Golden Mushroom in Southfield, Ed Janos of Too Chez in Novi, and One 8-ounce bottle Prilikin Italian over medium-high heat 3 to 4 miothers - to create culinary adventures using Pritikinnutes or until peppers are crisptender, stirring frequently. Add reapproved foods. "Fat-free food that is prepared well is wonderful," Pri-Cook rotini as package directs; maining ingredients; mixwell. Cover; rinse with cold water and drain. reduce heat to low, Simmer 25 to 30 Combine all ingredients in large minutes. 8 servings.

Nutrition Information (per serving): Calories, 130; Protein, 8a; Carbohu-Nutrition Information (per serving): drate, 25g; Total Fat, 1g; Cholesterol, except rice. Pour over beef and broccoli; cook 2 to 3 minutes or until drate, 24g; Total Fat, 1g; Cholesterol, mg. Percent of calories from fat: 6.

This is why the ingredient restrictions for the Culin-

ary Classic, the chef's competition, are largely based on

fat, not calorie content.

tikin says, and it should have a regular place on the menus of all fine eating establishments." How does one adapt to a fat-free diet, especially in a

world of microwaveable and fast foods? According to Pritikin, planning ahead is key. "If you keep your kitchen stocked with healthful foods that are easy to prepare, eating well will become second nature," he

The Priitkin Eating Plan recommends choosing more whole grains, fruits, legumes and vegetables and less fat, cholesterol and sodium. The Pritikin Program provides a range of tools to help people implement these choices, including books, stress reduction and exercise What about the use of cholesterol-free oils? Pritikin tapes, seminars and other educational vehicles, Pritikin again refers to studies which demonstrate that eating brand foods and Pritikin Longevity Centers.

:Chefs strut their stuff at seminar

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briel was a member of the 1984 Culinary Olympic Team, and was caplain of the 1988 Culinary Regional Olympic Team. He gave his thoughts on preparing food for competition, and spoke about 1990 Culinary Olympic food trends and philosophies of past and present winning

Milos Cihelka, chef of the Golden Mushroom in Southfield, prepared an impressive baked, stuffed flounder with shrimp mousseline in filo, and Omelette Stephanie, a special fruit-filled dessert baked in fry pans. William J. Hall of Arriva Italia in Warren highlighted Italian cooking from the Tuscany region. Brian Polcyn, chef partner of the Pike Street

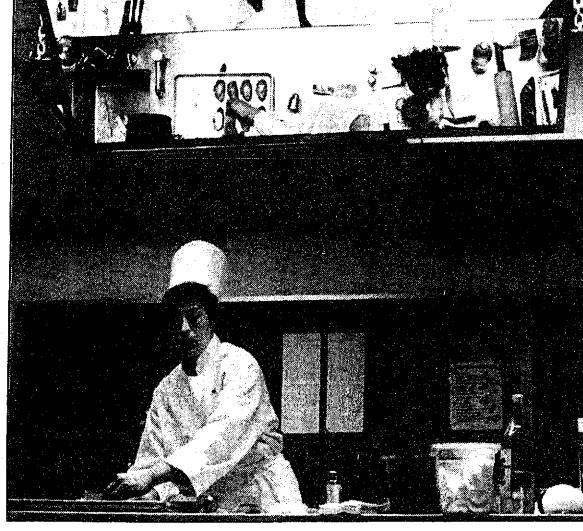
Restaurant in Pontiac, demonstrated

the popular Southwest cuisine, with his own touches thrown in. He has opened a new Southwest-style restaurant called Chimayo. A British flair was exhibited by Leisa Tompkins-Hoffman and Pauline Palazzolo of the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. The Townsend is known for its classic English tea. which is often booked weeks in ad-

vance. Palazzolo and Tompkins-

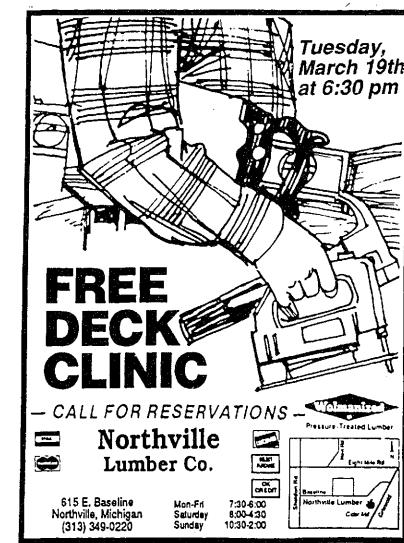
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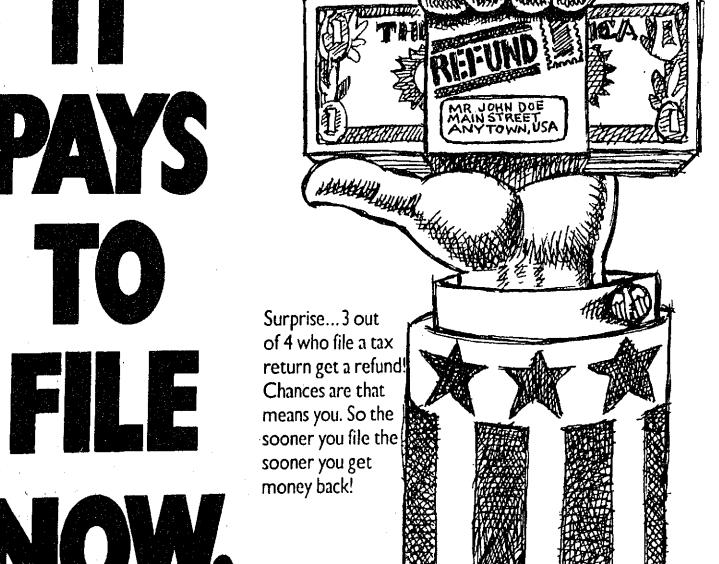
and service, along with preparation of pastries, English trifle and scones.



Chef Leisa Tompkins-Hoffman demonstrates tea sandwiches, canapes and mini-pastries Surprise...3 out of 4 who file a tax return get a refund! Chances are that means you. So the sooner you file the sooner you get money back!







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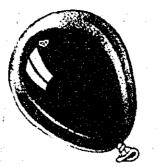
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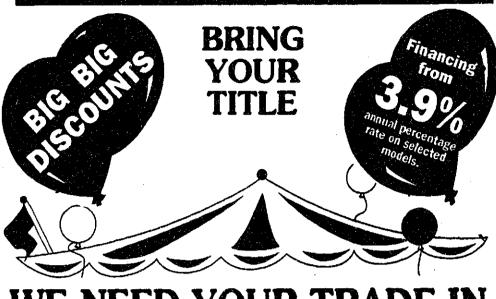
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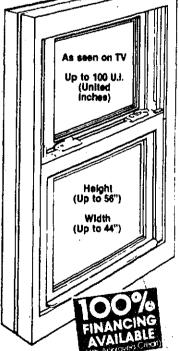
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