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Planners brainstorm city center housing

By SUZANNE HOLLYER
Staff Writer

City leaders know what they want in the southeast quadrant of the town center, but the question remains as to how they will get it.

Local developers, city officials, planners, realtors and architects were invited to the April 14 session to discuss ideas for the lot.

The yet-to-be-developed 55-acre plot sits south of Grand River, across from the Novi Town Center shopping mall, and east of Novi Road. The entire town center district, not to be confused with the shopping mall, is only about one-fourth developed, said Mayor Matthew Quinn.

City planners have sought to develop the southeast one-fourth with a mixed-use development reminiscent of traditional, urban settings. They hope the plan will be pedestrian friendly with old-fashioned amenities adding to a traditional flavor.

Similar developments known as neo-traditional plans have been developed around the country, but to date no one has tried such a plan in Michigan.

The idea of developing of a "town center" in Novi goes back 10 years, said Oakland County planner David Hay.

Developer Mike Horowitz of The Selective Group was on hand to explain why he would not be working on the project. Horowitz attempted to design a plan for the 55-acre site. But, on paper, he could not make the venture profitable even when working in a "total vacuum of ordinances and economics."

Horowitz said he "personally and emotionally" wanted to design a small town in the center of Novi, but he "had no idea what we were getting into."

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Photo by HAL GOULD

Easter bonnets

All in purple and adorned with feathers, this bonnet by Mary Watkins was the winning entry in an Easter Bonnet Contest held at BeLynn Coiffeurs on Novi Road last week. Judged by Novi Mayor Matt Quinn and his family, the bon-

net was selected from a field of 28 entries make especially for the Easter contest. BeLynn's employee Lynda Kalvenas models the winning bonnet in the above photograph.

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Novi delays pay hike for firefighters

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

After several oxygen masks froze at a January house fire, new breathing apparatus units are the highest priority for the Novi Fire Department this budget year, Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan told the city council Wednesday.

Lenaghan is also seeking a 50-cents-an-hour pay increase for paid-on-call (volunteer) firefighters, their first raise in three years.

Council member Tim Pope's motion to grant the raise immediately fell one vote short of the needed five, with some of his colleagues saying they'd prefer to decide later.

The city council is scheduled to adopt the entire city budget on May 18. The council will wrangle its way through at least two more budget sessions this month.

Proposed is a fire department budget of \$1.694 million, a 17 percent increase over last year. Lenaghan has asked for an additional \$290,000.

But most of this increase would be taken up by the purchase of a new pumper tanker at \$210,000

■ Nancy Cassis, of Novi City Council, requested Wednesday that city department heads go back and pare their 1992-93 budgets by an additional five to ten percent. The city is currently facing a fiscal squeeze due to the state property tax freeze and a cutback in state shared revenue funds. The story is on page 6A.

and two passenger cars at \$16,000. These would be financed by the voter-approved police and fire millage, not the city's general fund.

"Yours is one of the few that came in under the (1991-1992) adopted budget. You saved the city around \$42,000. Other departments went way over the adopted budget," Council member Nancy Cassis told Lenaghan.

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Providence to merge with McAuley Health

By SUZANNE HOLLYER
Staff Writer

Providence Hospital and the McAuley Health System are looking at ways to work together, including a possible merger, said Providence president and chief executive officer Brian Connolly in a Thursday interview.

Both hospitals have signed a 120-day letter of intent to look at opportunities for working together on projects including a possible merger, Connolly said.

The merger could mean McAuley would help in the development of Providence Park, a medical facility under construction at Beck Road and Grand River Avenue, Connolly said.

The McAuley Health System operates hospitals in Ann Arbor, Saline and Howell.

Both medical companies are sponsored by the Catholic church. Providence is sponsored by the Daughters of Charity National Health System and McAuley by the Sisters of Mercy Health Corp. of Farmington Hills.

A merger of the expanding Providence and McAuley would provide a strong presence for the organizations in western Wayne and Oakland counties.

Providence operates a 462-bed

acute care teaching hospital facility in Southfield, 10 ambulatory care centers in southeastern Michigan, including Novi, and is expected to open the first phase of Providence Park this summer.

McAuley operates St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, a 740-bed teaching and referral institution in Ann Arbor. McAuley also runs hospitals in Saline and Howell, and ambulatory care facilities in Washtenaw, Livingston and western Wayne counties.

A task force representing both institutions has formed to explore the possibilities during the next 120 days, Connolly said.

Both hospitals are financially strong and are looking to work together. Neither institution would be taken over by the other, Connolly said.

The two organizations opened talks because the "health care climate is changing," Connolly said. The talks could result in joint programs and technology costs sponsored by both medical organizations, Connolly said.

For example, the hospitals could form a joint ambulatory care network, share the cost of technology and cover a large geographic base of people, Connolly said.

Discussions should be complete sometime in mid-July.

Parking poses trouble for Expo

By SUZANNE HOLLYER
Staff Writer

Members of the public will get the next say in a proposed Novi expo ordinance.

The ordinance was designed in response to the conversion of the Mohawk Liquor building on Fonda Drive to a Novi Expo Center.

After much debate Wednesday, the Novi Planning Commission decided to set a public hearing on the ordinance. The hearing is scheduled for the commission's May 20 meeting.

The commission debated and passed a motion changing the parking requirements for the center from one parking space per 100 square feet of useable floor space to one parking space per 120 square feet of useable floor space. The change would have decreased the number of parking spaces required on-site from about 2,000 to about 1,667.

Planning consultant Brandon Rogers said the original requirement came after careful consideration and study of other expo centers.

But Commissioner John Balagna, who made the motion to change the requirement, disagreed.

"The 120 (square feet requirement) came after careful consideration by the six of us," he said. Commissioner Kathleen McLallen felt the

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Judy Johnson
Planning Commissioner

change should not have been made at the commission table.

"I don't think something as important as parking should be arbitrarily pulled out of a hat," she said.

She voted with six other commissioners to put the parking figures back in the hands of the consultants. Balagna and Commissioner Steven Gorgas voted for the change.

The question of off-site parking was raised by City Council when it reviewed the ordinance. An amount equal to 25 percent of on-site parking may be up to 3,000 feet away from the center if a shuttle service is available.

Some council members expressed concern

about the lack of guidelines for off-site parking. But the commission agreed it could not support legislating off-site parking.

"I really don't know how they (Expo Center officials) can solve this except to convince council that their agreements (for off-site parking) are solid," Planning Commissioner Judy Johnson said.

Commissioner Kathleen McLallen said legislating parking rules are "difficult if not impossible."

"I think we have a decent set of safeguards in place."

Concerns raised by the council and at least one commissioner that the Expo Center ordinance does not discuss facade requirements for the new building were addressed at the Wednesday meeting.

Rogers said Expo Center officials plan to add awnings, fresh paint and exit doors, but they cannot be required to add brick and stone to the building. Town Center buildings are required to meet certain facade requirements, including the use of red brick, and to provide specific lighting and benches.

Three sides of the Expo Center are painted cinder blocks. The front facade is brown brick.

"You can't require them to put brick and stone all around the building," Rogers said.

Court seeks probation volunteers

By CRISTINA FERRIER
Staff Writer

Volunteers for a new probation program at 52-1 District Court will gain a firsthand look behind the scenes of the court system — as well as a chance to help change some lives.

The court is currently recruiting volunteers to supervise probationers convicted of misdemeanor crimes such as shoplifting or drunk driving. Although the volunteer program is new in this court, it has been successfully used for many years in other courts.

Patricia Crane, director of probation services, said there are no specific qualifications for volunteer probation officers, but they are looking

for people who are good listeners and enjoy helping others.

And, above all, volunteers must have a non-judgmental attitude.

"The main function of volunteers will be supervising people who are already placed on probation," Crane explained. "They will be able to provide a service paid probation officers don't because of overcrowding and heavy caseloads."

In other words, they will be able to spend more time talking with and listening to probationers.

"The special appeal of volunteers is the way they are viewed by probationers," Crane explained. "Volunteers are not perceived as an arm of the court. They are seen as people who help because they want to, not for a paycheck or

promotion."

Although all types of adults can be good probation officers, Crane said they hope to find among their volunteers active people who work and have families and want to give something to the community.

"We will screen the applicants," she said. "But there are no specific qualifications. An unwritten requirement is that they should have at least a high school education."

"The volunteers will have a very low caseload, and they don't have to do the paperwork and other tasks that paid probation officers must do."

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Community Calendar

Today, April 20
Band Boosters: The Novi High School Band Boosters will meet in room 511 of the high school at 7 p.m.
Arts Council: The executive board of the Novi Arts Council is scheduled to meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.
Budget study: The Novi City Council will be holding a budget study session in the activities room of the Novi Civic Center.
Tuesday, April 21
Band rehearsal: The Novi Concert Band rehearsals at 7:30 p.m. in the band room at Novi High School. For more information on the group, call manager Warren Ledger at 348-2955.
Garden Club: The Novi Garden Club is scheduled to meet at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.
Chamber luncheon: The Novi Chamber of Commerce will hold its regular monthly luncheon at noon at the Red Timbers Restaurant on Grand River.
Wednesday, April 22
Seniors Club: The Novi Seniors Club holds its monthly business meeting at 1 p.m. in the Community Center in the Novi Civic Center.
Cancelled: A budget study session of the Novi City Council, scheduled for April 22 in the activities room, has been cancelled.
Thursday, April 23
School board: The Novi Board of Education will hold its regular session in the Educational Services Building. The budget will be on the agenda. Meeting begins at 7 p.m.
Friday, April 24
Novi Players: The Novi Players begin a 3-day run of the show, "Alone Together," in the theater in the Novi Expo Center. The show will run Friday through Sunday.
Providence Run: Registration for the 12th Annual Novi Providence Run will begin at 11 a.m. at the Novi Civic Center. The Fun Run will begin at noon, while the competition races are scheduled for 1 p.m.
Monday, April 27
Spring break ends: Spring break in Novi schools ends today as students report back to class in the morning.

City Council: The Novi City Council will meet in the Novi Civic Center at 8 p.m.
Tuesday, April 28
Small Business Day: Entrepreneurs from across the state will have an opportunity to learn about critical small business issues during a day-long series of workshops, beginning at 9:30 a.m., at the Novi Hilton. An awards banquet will also be held in the evening, in which the 1992 Michigan Private 100 will be recognized. Tickets are \$65 if purchased before April 16; \$80 after that date. The event is co-sponsored by the Novi Chamber of Commerce, the U.S. Small Business Administration, the Michigan Department of Commerce, the Small Business Association of Michigan and other groups.
LARA meeting: Novi and Walled Lake residents are being invited to the monthly of the Lakes Area Residents Association at 7 p.m. in the Walled Lake Junior High School cafeteria.
Youth Assistance: The Novi Youth Assistance will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.
Wednesday, April 29
Budget study: The Novi City Council will be holding a budget study session in the activities room of the Novi Civic Center.
Thursday, April 30
Newcomers: The Novi Newcomers are scheduled to meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.
Monday, May 4
City Council: The Novi City Council will meet in regular session in the council chambers of the Novi Civic Center.
Budget hearing: The Novi City Council has scheduled a public hearing on its proposed budget for the coming year in the council chambers of the Novi Civic Center.
Monday, May 18
City Council: Novi City Council will hold its regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the council chambers of the Novi Civic Center. The subject on the agenda for the evening is the adoption of the city's budget for the coming year.

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.

Make-A-Wish tour to finish locally

By STEVE KELLMAN
 Staff Writer

When a two-wheeler leaves its rider in the lurch...
 "You're never left alone... We're always around," Janousek said. Though the WAM 300 brochure lists the Northville Community Chamber of Commerce as the local coordinator, Northville's Rotary Club will be the actual coordinating body. Laurie Marrs, the chamber's executive director and a Rotary Club member, explained that Make-A-Wish asked both Rotary and the chamber to consider sponsoring, but Rotary was asked first and accepted the challenge. Marrs will chair the Rotary committee coordinating Northville's involvement. And while the WAM 300 brochure speaks of a celebration hosted by the Northville community, some details remain to be worked out on Northville's end of the route. "We're thinking of ending it at either Maybury State Park, Fish Hatchery Park or Mill Race Village," Marrs said. "We figure we have a ways to go on it."
 The Lansing-based Make-A-Wish Foundation, founded in 1984, helps answer the wishes of Michigan children between 3 and 17 years old who suffer from life-threatening illnesses including cancer, leukemia and AIDS. It is one of 74 affiliates of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of America, founded in Phoenix in 1980. Michigan's first "wish child" was 11-year-old Joshua Kazmierczak of Tecumseh, who wanted to go to Disney World with his family. He died five months after his wish was granted. "To date we've granted over 640 wishes, and this year we're over 80 already," Janousek said. "We're looking to do over 175."
 Most children wish for family trips, a meeting with a favorite celebrity, a dream job, or a special present. Nationally, Make-A-Wish has granted more than 14,000 wishes at an average cost of \$3,500 per wish. It is the largest wish-granting organization in the world. Make-A-Wish of Michigan is led by an unpaid, volunteer board of directors, and run by a three-person state administrative staff. The predominantly volunteer organization directs 85 percent of its funds toward granting wishes. Donations to the non-profit organization are fully tax-deductible. For more information on the foundation or the bicycle tour, write Make-A-Wish at 1028 E. Saginaw, Lansing, MI 48906, or call 1-800-622-WISH.
 Cyclists can also depend on several support vehicles that will follow the tour, including a repair truck to perform bicycle repairs along the way.

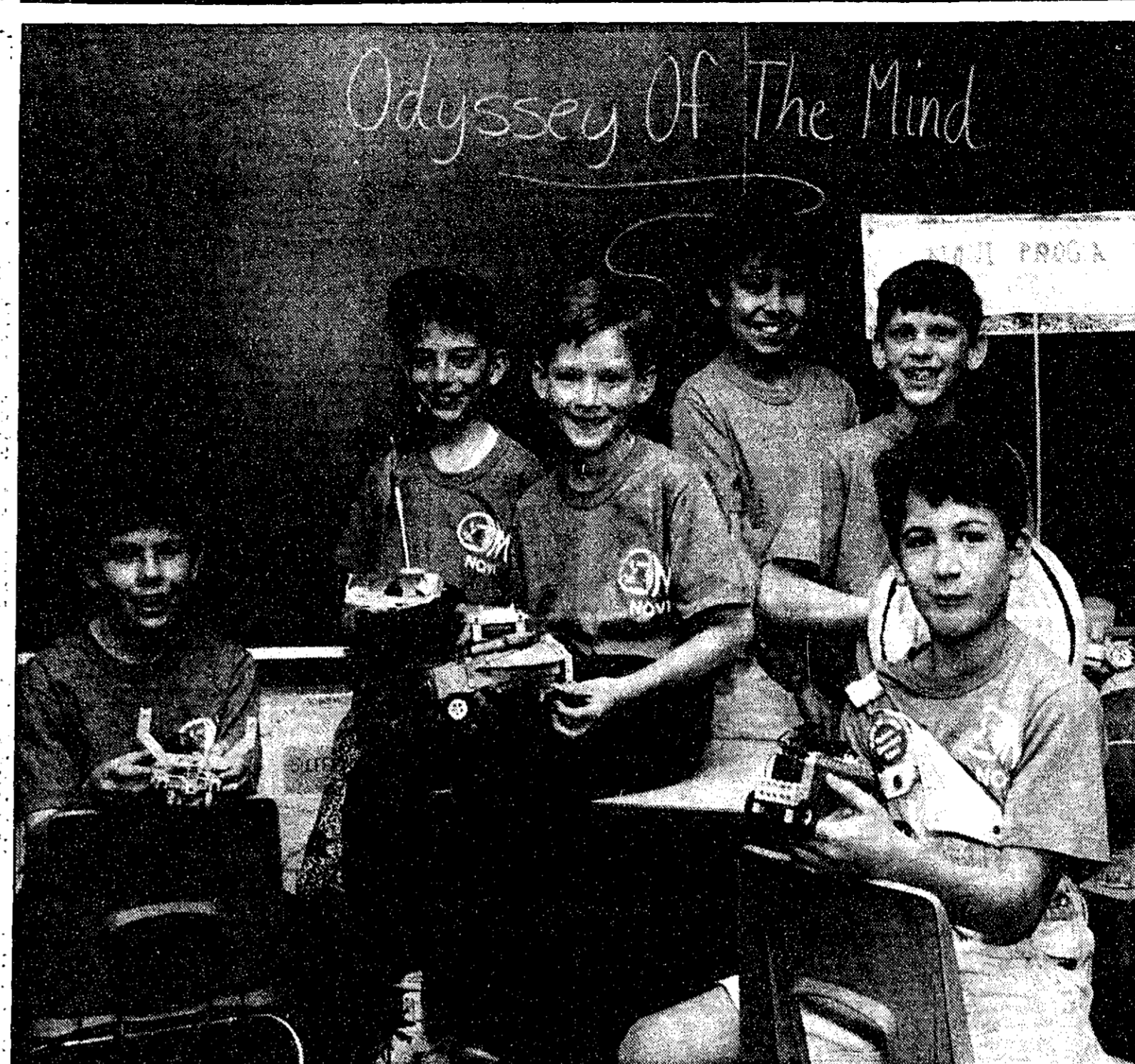


Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Team scores well

A Novi elementary school team won second place in the region for their invention in the Odyssey of the Mind program. For the competition, students designed alternative power sources for vehicles. Members from Parkview and a member from Novi Woods joined forces on the team. The elementary school team was one of eight teams in the school district to compete. The high

school team won the regional competition and will compete at the state level on April 25 at Central Michigan University. Elementary competitors (pictured from left to right) are Ben Heusel, Chris DeNen, David Marsh, Jason Pyoral, Rob Wilson and Josh Monroe. Team member Mike Gallagher is not pictured.

Speaking for themselves

Kearney wins letter contest

Novi Middle School eighth-grader Kelly Kearney was worried about the Social Security system and, like many Americans, she wrote her U.S. Representative to tell him. But unlike most political activists, Kearney won a \$50 savings bond and a certificate of achievement from Social Security, however, I did find one poll which showed that a large number of young people don't believe that Social Security will be there when they need it. Although misinformation about future funding has caused additional fear and confusion, efforts to use Social Security to lower the national deficit have added to public uncertainty to the program's future. Over the next forty years a sizeable reserve trust fund is expected to exist so that the solvency of the Social Security program can extend into the next century. After building up to a projected peak of \$12 trillion in the year 2030, the trust fund is expected to dwindle extremely rapidly as the number of retirees grows due to the baby boom generation. Accompanying this is the increasing temptation to use the excess money in the fund to lessen the deficit instead of lessening the burden of paying for the retirement benefits of the baby boom generation. I encourage you to further investigate and better inform yourself about the Social Security program. I hope the information I have provided has helped in prompting you to study this issue further. Sincerely, Kelly Kearney, Eighth grader, Novi Middle School

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All classes begin at 7:00 p.m. and are held at Health Development Network, Botsford General Hospital Center for Health Improvement, 39750 Grand River Avenue • Novi, Michigan 48375. Pre-registration and \$5 fee required for each session. For more information call 477-6100. Botsford Center for Health Improvement Community Health Care Service of Botsford General Hospital

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Thieves steal smokes from Wards

An employee at Ward's Super Store, a car repair facility on Grand River, reported April 4 that two suspects stole two cartons of cigarettes from the waiting area while he was attending to another customer.

Police News

The suspects were reportedly waiting for their vehicle, a 1977 Oldsmobile, which was being worked on at the time. The employee, who was the only person working in the store, said he discovered the cigarettes missing after he returned to the waiting area, and that the suspects were the only people in the area at the time of the theft.

DRUNK DRIVING: A 33-year-old Waterford man was arrested April 9 for operating under the influence of liquor (OUIL). Police stopped the man, who was heading south on Haggerty in a 1985 Audi. After he failed numerous on-site sobriety tests, he was jailed and charged with OUIL.

CONCEALED STOLEN MERCHANDISE: Two shoplifting suspects were arrested at Hudson's in Twelve Oaks Mall April 7 after security personnel reportedly discovered they were concealing merchandise stolen from both Hudson's and Lord and Taylor in two Lord & Taylor bags they were carrying at the time. The stolen merchandise totalled \$395 in value, police said.

DRUNK DRIVING: An anonymous call from a man who said he was driving behind a woman who had nearly caused several accidents led to the arrest of a 41-year-old Detroit woman for OUIL and marijuana possession. The caller provided police with a description of her car and her license plate number. Police stopped the woman on southbound Novi Road. After she failed several sobriety tests, she was

arrested for OUIL. A search of her vehicle revealed a small bag of marijuana.

LARCENY OF MOTORCYCLE PARTS: The owner of a 1989 Harley-Davidson motorcycle reported March 26 that miscellaneous parts were stolen from it while it was parked at Twelve Oaks Mall. The man told police he parked at the mall around 1:30 p.m. March 26 and returned at 3 p.m. to discover the damage. Police had no further information on the incident.

STOLEN VEHICLE: A West Bloomfield man reported March 31 that someone stole his GMC Typhoon from his parking place at Twelve Oaks Mall March 31.

He told police he parked there at 11 a.m. and went to the movies. He said he returned at 3:30 p.m. to discover it was gone. Police and mall security checked all of the lots at the mall, but were unable to locate the vehicle.

DRUNK DRIVING: A 42-year-old Ferndale woman was arrested April 12 for OUIL. She was driving north on Novi Road in a 1985 Pontiac Bonneville.

DRUNK DRIVING: A 23-year-old Novi man was arrested for OUIL April 12. He was stopped by police while driving south on Haggerty Road in a 1993 Ford Probe.

DRUNK DRIVING: A 29-year-old Redford Township man was arrested for OUIL April 11 on southbound Beck Road. He was driving a 1983 Volkswagen pickup truck.

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

Novi Briefs

Jaycees anniversary: The Novi Jaycees will celebrate the 25th anniversary of their charter by the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce with a dinner/dance at the Novi Wyndham Garden Hotel on May 2.

A committee has been working on locating past members, arranging for displays of information, awards and scrapbooks. The evening promises to be one of renewing friendships and telling stories. Currently, the Jaycees are looking for individuals who belonged to the Novi Jaycees, Jayettes, and Novi Women. Specifically, they are looking for past Jaycee presidents Dean Bainerd, Charles Collins, Ben Hemker, Brad Mathers, Todd Price, Bob Stambaugh and Doug Thrush. Anyone with information on these or any other past members should call 348-3121.

Earth Day in Novi: Novi's second annual Plant a Tree for Earth Week program has been expanded.

Trees can be purchased and planted in Novi on city property. The trees can be planted in honor of relatives or friends or in honor of a special event. This year, trees also can be purchased for planting in your own yard.

Anyone purchasing a tree for use on public land will have his or her name inscribed on a plaque. They also will receive a certificate. Trees for sale were selected by Novi Forester Chris Pargoff. A variety of 2-year-old evergreens are available and individually potted for transplanting. Trees cost \$5 with all proceeds benefiting Novi High School band activities.

Tree order forms are available at the Novi Civic Center. Tree pick up will be April 25 and May 2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and weekdays April 27 through May 2 from 4-7 p.m. Call Doug Thomas, 348-7069 for more information.

Earth Watch, 1800s-style: Margaret Schmidt, founder of the Novi 4-H Adventurers, will lecture tonight on the life of pioneering naturalist, photographer and author Gene Stratton Porter.

At the turn of the century, Porter was a best-selling writer who educated millions of readers about the environment. Schmidt, a long-time Porter fan, will show the books, photographs and artifacts she has collected about this unique woman.

The program, sponsored by the Novi Historical Society, begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Town Hall on Ten Mile Road near the library. No charge.

Tree City USA: Preceding the regular Novi City Council meeting on Monday, April 27, council members will plant a tree in front of the Civic Center at 7 p.m. The event will include the presentation of a 1992 Arbor Day flag and plaque.

Novi has been named a "Tree City USA" by the National Arbor Day Foundation. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

To become a Tree City USA, a community must meet four standards: a tree board or department, a city tree ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program and an Arbor Day observance.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Woodlands Review Board, of the City of Novi, will hold a meeting on Thursday, April 23, 1992 at 3:30 PM in the Community Development Department, Novi City Offices, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan to review the Woodlands Permit Application for 21922 Heshbarrae, Lot 110, in Section 36.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are invited to attend. Any written comments may be sent to the Department of Planning & Community Development, Alan Gerrie Dent, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, until 5:00 PM, Wednesday, April 22, 1992.

GERRIE DENT, PLANNING AIDE
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Saturday hours linked to vandalism

By CRISTINA FERRIER Staff Writer

An ongoing Detroit-area controversy about car dealerships opening on Saturdays may have led to a reported act of vandalism at the Marty Feldman dealership on Grand River the night of April 10.

According to Novi police reports, 10 Chevrolets at the dealership, which is open on Saturdays, were scratched with a key or similar sharp object. Some of the cars reportedly had warnings to close Saturdays scratched on them.

Controversy between car dealerships that open on Saturdays and those that do not has raged for over 10 years. At one time, Detroit-area dealerships allegedly had an agreement to remain closed on Saturdays. When some dealerships in the 1970s began to open on Saturdays, various acts of vandalism, ranging from minor damage to cars to the bombing of one dealership began to occur.

He said it affected "just a couple" of cars and that it could have been accidentally caused by someone's coat zipper rubbing against the cars. "We had no vandalism per se," he said.

But police reports stated that three of the Marty Feldman vehicles were scratched with the messages "Close Sats" and "No More Sats."

According to police, the alleged vandalism occurred some time between 7 p.m. Friday, April 10 and 9 a.m. Saturday, April 11. Listed as damaged were three 1992 Lumias, two 1992 Astros, a 1992 pickup truck, two 1991 Corsicas, a 1991 Cavalier and a 1989 pickup truck.

All of the vehicles were parked in close proximity to the dealership's office, police said. The report also stated that employees at the dealership speculated that someone from a competing dealership may have been responsible for the incident, stemming from the fact that Marty Feldman is open on Saturdays while others are not.

However, Wilhelm disagreed. "I doubt that very much," he said.

He ruled that the agreement between Detroit-area dealerships to close on Saturdays was an unlawful conspiracy.

"Any individual company is free to make their own decisions on the hours to open," said FTC attorney Carl Heuvelink, who works for the commission's bureau of competition in Washington, D.C. "Any kind of agreement like that is unlawful."

Heuvelink explained that the FTC obtained orders against the Detroit auto dealerships that prohibited them from "taking part in the conspiracy" and further required them to open a certain number of hours per week.

The requirement, he said, was designed to "undo the harm caused by the long, ongoing conspiracy."

The matter still is not resolved. The FTC's ruling is currently in the U.S. Court of Appeals. Gary Wilhelm, general sales manager at the Marty Feldman dealership, denied that any vandalism related to the Saturday conspiracy occurred there. He called the incident "minimal."

Planners mull town center housing

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The project will not likely be completed by one developer, Horowitz said, because one developer cannot "take on all the risk and change the mentality of the land buyer" who may be unfamiliar with and therefore wary of a neo-traditional development.

The bottom line, Horowitz said, is the city must be involved in the project. He suggested the city put in the main road dissecting the plot of land.

Planning Commissioner Kathleen McLallen said city leaders recognize the risk involved in the project, and for that reason they have hoped a private businessperson would take the first step in developing the southeast quadrant of the Town Center. But developers have been hoping the city would make the first move, she said.

McLallen said a partnership must be formed between businesses and the city. Council Member Nancy Cassis said the city does not need to "legislate every nook and cranny

in the Town Center. But city officials do need to provide leadership in the plan's development. "I'm thinking that to get this off the ground... that we go back and start building a consensus," Cassis said.

Town Center Steering Committee Chair Ron Watson ended the meeting by calling the night's work a "part of a natural evolution."

He echoed the feeling expressed by many saying the development will be influenced by "a heck of a lot of input from the market."

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As We See It

On the right track with Expo ordinance

Novi City Council got its first chance to look at the proposed zoning ordinance for the Novi Expo Center last week. All said and done, the objections to the proposal appear to be minor, at least not so severe they cannot be worked out. And the concerns which are being expressed appear to be right on the money.

The Novi Expo Center building, formerly the Mohawk Liquor building southwest of the Novi Road/196 intersection, is zoned for light industrial. The expo center ordinance was tailor made for the Novi Expo Center, but one can understand that considering how few such facilities any given city is likely to end up having. Nonetheless, the rules have to be written so that can be fairly applied to other projects, because who knows what could come along in the future.

One of the main concerns expressed by the owners and operators of the Expo Center, the Adell Brothers Children's Trust and the Thompson Brown Realty company, was that if the expo center should fail, they wanted assurance they could return the building to its present industrial zoning. Council was not terribly receptive to that idea. And it shouldn't be.

We're hoping the Expo Center succeeds of course. But the council has to keep in mind the possibilities of what could occur at the building in the future. And if the expo center were to fail, we think council would like the option of reviewing again what is to go in there. It's only reasonable.

Not giving that reversion clause doesn't mean the building can't go back, only that the owners would have to re-

Au revoir, my trusted friend



Phil Jerome

It was one of those nights which you pray will last forever. One of those days which you pray will never begin.

"Phil, you've got to get up now," I heard her say. "You've got to go out to the garage and make sure the tractor starts before they come to pick it up." There it was. The bitter reality. They were coming to take away my beloved friend. The lawn tractor on whose seat I have spent the past 10 summers, mowing the grass, mulching the leaves, hauling fertilizer to all the gardens around the house.

"I don't feel good about this," I said as I joined her for a cup of coffee in the kitchen. "That tractor and I have spent a lot of time together. Oh, sure, there have been bad times. She's probably had more than her share of mechanical problems over the years. But there have been good times, too. The times when she let me load her little red wagon with firewood to haul to the back of the house. The times when she purred across the lawn, carefully slicing each blade of grass. The times when..."

"I must have been drifting off because I was startled when I heard her voice. "Knock it off, Phil," she said. "It's only a machine." "There you go again," I said. "You never did understand the special bond that develops between a man and his riding lawnmower. That lawnmower and I have spent a lot of time together over the years. This is very difficult for me. It's like saying goodbye to a very dear friend."

"Only it's worse. Because I'm sending my trusted friend off to an uncertain future. Who knows what fate awaits her. How would you feel if you were sending one of your

In passing



Hal Gould

Residents of the trailer park in Plymouth come out into the streets to survey the tornado damage.

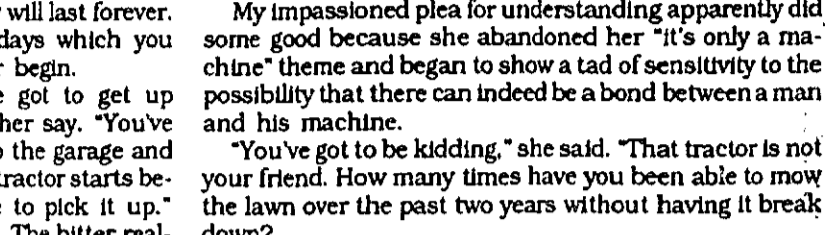
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Headcolds make you stupid



Rick Byrne

"In the town where I was born, lived a something something something... Icht AH-chool! Argh! "And he told us something something in the land of submarines..."

Damn, how does that song go? God, I hate headcolds. I know that because I have one right now. Seems like every two years or so, I have to do battle with the Goody Death.

You know the cold I'm talking about. It's the one where your nose plugs up and drips nothing but water; your sinuses swell up like a football; your ears feel like you're listening to the ocean through a seashell; you get a fever that makes your skin say, "Don't touch me, EVER!"

But the worst side effect of all is that the pressure of all these swollen tissues and membranes and suchlike does something to your brain. It makes you stupid. AH-chool!

Trying to decide a coin flip (in this case, do I go to work today to spread my wealth in germs, or do I sack out on the couch and sweat?) becomes as difficult as integral calculus. You can't even remember the words to a song when

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Submit letters to: Editor, The Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167.

It missed us

Tornado sirens sounded in Novi about 4 p.m. Thursday afternoon as a tornado warning was issued for Wayne and Oakland counties. But Novi, for once, didn't suffer much in the way of storm damage. According to Fire Chief Art Lenaghan, the only effect of the storm in Novi was a single downed power line. Residents living only a few miles to the south weren't as lucky. A tornado scooted along North Territorial Road destroying several structures in Salem and Plymouth townships. The tornado cut a jagged path about two miles long. Plymouth Hills Mobile Home Park, off Ridge and North Territorial, suffered the most damage with at least three people reporting minor injuries. Eight mobile homes there were destroyed.



Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Cassis wants budget trimmed 5-10 percent

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Council member Nancy Cassis requested Wednesday that city department heads go back and pare their 1992-1993 budgets by an additional 5 to 10 percent.

The city is currently facing a fiscal squeeze due to the state property tax freeze and a cutback in state shared revenue funds.

"Added to this scenario is the reality that the current 1991-1992 budget is \$643,896 short of projected expenditures. As if this were not enough, our finance director predicts a combined 1992-1993 and 1993-1994 shortfall of approximately \$1.5 million," Cassis read from a prepared statement.

"Without substantial new sources of revenue, which are unlikely, the budget fund balance of just under \$2 million could potentially be wiped out..."

"Residents throughout our country and indeed many in Novi are tightening their household budgets and scaling back. Can we in government expect any less of ourselves?"

Mayor Matthew Quinn said he doesn't know if Cassis' suggestion will be implemented.

"I personally don't have any comments on any flat over-the-board cuts yet. We haven't seen all the departments yet. I think it's a little premature," Quinn said Thursday.

"Everybody really won't have their final say until we have the budget wrap-up on the (April) 29th." At that time, he expects council members will toss out specific budget cuts, Quinn added.

The city administration already sliced \$1.2 million from the budget prepared by the department heads, before passing the approximately \$21 million package on to the council.

Some have described the \$644,000 figure as the deficit that's

not technically a deficit.

"The money is in our fund balance. The way last year's budget was set up, it was set up to draw down from the fund balance, as a planned deficit," Quinn said.

It's anticipated that Novi will have a fund balance of \$1.6 million in June, which might be reduced by \$892,000 to make the 1992-1993 budget balance.

The budget proposed by the city administration is below Truth in Taxation levels. Truth in Taxation is a state law which requires a public hearing if the taxes to be levied go above those of the previous year.

Last year, the only fund to go above Truth in Taxation was the library budget, which draws on its own millage.

Quinn said the city now faces a choice of exceeding Truth in Taxation boundaries, drawing on the fund balance or making deep cuts.

The city auditors said in December that although Novi was well-positioned financially, the city over the next few "tough" years ahead would likely have to dip into its savings to keep services at the same level.

Cassis says she's heard some of her fellow council members say informally that "we need to get a handle on this budget."

She argues that if the city draws too deeply on the fund balance, its new blue chip bond rating could fall, jeopardizing bond sales for possible projects such as park acquisition.

Department heads would be the well-suited to make the budget incisions, Cassis finds, because they know best what they're working with.

"Five to 10 percent wasn't just something magically pulled out of the sky. The shortfall is 5 percent of the budget. It's no new thing under the sun. It's being done in the private sector and public sector," Cassis told the council.

Fire pay hike spurs council debate

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Nineteen of the department's 28 breathing apparatus units are over 15 years old and were reconditioned 10 years ago, Lenaghan said. The fewest are six to eight years old.

To replace all 28, the cost would be \$40,000. "If you convince me you need 28 of them, I want 28 of them. I don't want 19 or 20 and have eight or nine firefighters without the same proper gear everybody else has," Council Member Hugh Crawford said.

Now on hold, the salary hike for the paid-on-call firefighters would only apply to those who were beyond entry-level. Entry-level is \$8 an hour. The increase, if adopted, would bring level two firefighters to \$12 an hour and the maximum pay to \$13 an hour.

Firefighters who participate in the sleep-in

program would with the pay hike earn \$5 an hour on weekdays and \$5.50 on weekends and holidays. Lenaghan said that since the paid-on-call firefighters began the sleep-in program, the average response time is seven minutes.

Several years ago, several long response times became a community concern, particularly in the lakes area.

The department has a volunteer force of 48 with a high turnover. Twelve percent of the paid-on-call staff left for other jobs in January, Lenaghan said.

Cassis, who voted against the raise, said she understands that the consumer price index will rise by 2 percent this year and that salary hikes should be in line with this.

"We would not be tremendously out of line in staying where we are. These are very hard times. People are cutting back all over and just being

happy that they're somewhat competitive and have jobs," she said.

Also voting no were Council Members Carol Mason and Robert Schmid, who said they would prefer to review the entire city budget prior to making this decision.

"It's the process, not the raise," Schmid said. In past years, the council made pay decisions as they went through the budget sessions, Mayor Matthew Quinn said.

"I don't know how you can argue on the merits that this is not justified," Pope said.

Cassis answered that it wasn't "matter of merit pay."

"It's a matter of keeping jobs and keeping the level of service. We have had very tough budgets all along when the years were good. Now they're lean," she said.

Probation dept. needs volunteers

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Volunteer probation officers will supervise people who have been convicted of offenses such as shoplifting, drinking and driving, and minor assault and battery charges.

"Volunteers will usually be assigned to a person with some kind of problem, but no violent offenders and no difficult people," Crane said. A probationer assigned to a volunteer "would be somebody who realizes he has done something wrong and wants to take the steps necessary to (resolve it)."

Responsibilities include making sure probationers meet the conditions set by the court, making referrals to community service agencies, helping probationers with any problems that arise, and just talking and listening.

Volunteers "get a sense of helping others, and a sense of contribution,"

she said. "And also, when you're dealing with others, you take back something for yourself."

"It's not like, 'look how well I do and how good I am and you should be like me.' That's why we specify that volunteers should be non-judgmental. You gain from each other. You pull and there's this flow between the two of you."

The court will ask volunteers to meet with clients up to once a week for a year. They will meet with their probationers during evening hours. A volunteer would not be forced to supervise a probationer convicted of a crime with which the volunteer is uncomfortable.

All volunteers will receive nine hours of training and will work under the supervision of a full-time probation officer.

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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Department of Community Development, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 6, 1992.

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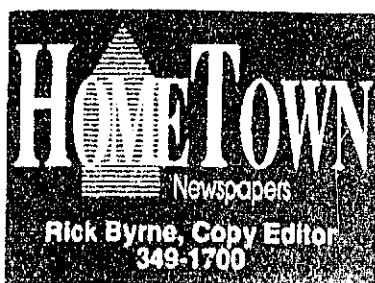
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FOOD CREATIVE DINING

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April 20, 1992

Lois Thieleke/Home Economist

Milk products are turning up everywhere

"Drink your milk." We have heard that or maybe said that! Milk is important in a healthy diet because of the important nutrients it contains — calcium to name one.

A large share of the milk consumed in the United States is a beverage; however, milk is also an important ingredient for cooks. Due to its milkfat, milk adds moisture and richness to cakes, cookies and bread dough. It makes breads brown better, improves their keeping quality and gives a creamier softer crumb.

Milk is sometimes used as a soaking medium for fish or chicken livers. This soaking helps to get rid of strong flavors or provides the stick-em to coating for foods to be fried.

Milk plays a major role in making sauces, and is the primary liquid in most puddings and the base for ice cream and sherbets. Milk moistens breakfast cereal, sweetens coffee or tea and is the major part of other beverages like hot or cold cocoa, eggnog and milk shakes. Milk is also the starting point for yogurt and cheese.

Acidophilus milk is pasteurized skim or low-fat with a bacterial culture added. The milk is immediately packaged and cooled to prevent fermentation. When consumed the bacterial culture is activated at body temperature. Many people believe that these bacteria help maintain the balance of beneficial microorganisms in the intestinal tract.

Buttermilk is made by adding bacterial cultures to pasteurized milk (usually skim) to produce the acidity, body, flavor and aroma. Yellow flecks in soe buttermilk are bits of real butter. Buttermilk is the base to many creamy dressings and gives flavor and tenderness to pancakes, biscuits, quick breads and cakes.

Evaporated milk is canned whole milk concentrate that has been heated to remove about 60 percent of the water. Evaporated milk can not contain less than 7.5 percent milkfat in this concentrate. One-half cup of evaporated can be reconstituted with equal amount of water to make one cup whole milk. Sweetened condensed milk is a canned milk concentrate containing not less than 8 percent milkfat, with 40 to 45 percent sugar added. It can not be substituted for evaporated milk.

Imagine a milk so stable that it needs no refrigeration. It's called U.H.T. (ultra high temperature) milk. This is a very popular milk in Europe and starting to account for a fraction of the milk sales here. U.H.T. milk production requires temperatures of 275 degrees — 300 degrees Fahrenheit. It is exposed to this high temperature for only a few seconds but long enough to destroy all bacteria. The milk is then placed in aseptic packaging and is safe to drink for about six months. The nutritional value is the same as pasteurized milk.

Whole milk has to contain at least 3.25 percent milkfat and 8.6 percent solids that are not fat. Lowfat milk has had sufficient milkfat removed to bring the fat level to between 0.5 and 2 percent. Many people assume that "2 percent" means that 2 percent of the milk's calories come from fat. An eight-ounce glass of 2 percent milk has about 130 calories and five grams of fat, and 45 of the calories are derived from fat — 35 percent of the total. Whole milk derives about 50 percent of its calories from fat. So 2 percent milk is better, but not much.

Skim milk, also called nonfat milk, has had sufficient milkfat removed to bring the total to less than 0.5 percent. Powdered milk or nonfat dry milk is skim milk with the water removed. It reconstitutes readily in warm water. Instant nonfat dry reconstitutes readily in cold

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Southwest with style

Indian, Mexican foods spice up new class

By RICK BYRNE
Copy Editor

It's boom time in the American Southwest.

This time, though, the hardest reservations to get aren't for Indians. They're for dinner.

Restaurants sprang up in the American Southwest proffering food based on the Spanish and Native American influences of their region. Visitors liked the idea and spurred a nationwide trend toward Southwestern cooking.

Master Chef Jeff Gabriel of Schoolcraft College is a devotee of the style, and will teach a class in Southwestern Cooking. The class will be given Thursday, April 30, at the Les Auteurs School of Cooking in Royal Oak.

"We do classes on many different topics, but the main thing is I teach by objective," said Gabriel. "I will write a Southwestern menu, and it will probably consist of a Southwestern marinated grilled steak with chili black beans, an herb-roasted cilantro potato, and also a soup with some kind of feathered game. I may also try chicken with a roasted pepper sauce."

Gabriel explained that whatever the topic, his classes generally require students to assist in preparing a soup, a fish course, an entree and sometimes a dessert. From this class, students should come away with an understanding of the flavors, ingredients and style popularized by restaurants of the Southwest.

"The influences come mainly from the West and California," said Gabriel. "There's a lot of grilling. They use a lot of western ingredients, such as different tomatillos and peppers. There are also different types of salsas, western more than Spanish or Mexican."

Native American influences are also evident, especially in the cooking methods. The grilling Chef Gabriel emphasizes isn't a far cry from the primitive style of the Indians of New Mexico and Arizona. They also make good use of what the land has to offer.

"They do a lot of things with cactus, and again peppers, all the varieties of peppers," Gabriel said. "Venison is very popular, and all kinds of game are very widely eaten."

Corn, black beans and Texas beans are readily available. Blue corn (which is actually more brown than blue) and blue cornmeal show up often in Southwestern dishes, Gabriel added, and hors d'oeuvres with blue corn tortillas are popular.

Flavoring in most Southwestern cooking is accomplished with cumin, chili powders and cilantro.

What many newcomers to Southwestern food don't realize is that there are variations by region, and even from pueblo to pueblo in parts of New Mexico.

"I like to incorporate the different regions," said Gabriel. "Most of all I like keeping it real simple. I like a Southwestern marinated grilled steak on top of a warm bean salad and a little bit of roasted pepper sauce. That's keeping it simple, but with unique presentation. It's not just separate meat, potato and vegetable. The spicy flavors are there along with the cool flavors."

The fact that the class is focusing on a trendy style should bring out some fun-loving would-be cooks, but that's usually the case anyway, said Gabriel.

"The classes are really good," he said. "They are a lot of fun. What I always hear is that people feel like they get a good value."

Students come from all backgrounds and culinary abilities. They include professionals, housewives, single people and just plain people who want to learn how to cook, according to Gabriel.



Cactus pads benefit from a jalapeno pepper sauce in this Southwestern-influenced offering

One class, like Southwestern Cuisine, costs \$25, but if you sign up for three classes, the total is \$65. They usually last for two to two and a half hours, and students go home with detailed recipes for the food they prepared.

"It's important that they be able to go home and duplicate it," Gabriel said. "I don't just do a demonstration, and I don't

make it so difficult that they can't do it at home. It's simplicity with elegance."

Students also get a complimentary glass of wine, which is matched to the food prepared. Wine choice is just one of the topics covered during the class. And of course students sample everything that is made.

"They almost walk out of there having

eaten a full meal," Gabriel said.

Recent classes have included a special roast rack of lamb in preparation for Easter, and a couples-only class called Romantic Cuisine, which Gabriel teaches along with wife Pam.

For more information on the Les Auteurs School of Cooking, call (313) 545-3400.

Chef Mary Brady

Bay scallops require same scrutiny as fish



Every day, I'm asked "What would you recommend we order from the special menu?" "Which fish is best?" "What doesn't taste fishy?"

If it tastes fishy, it isn't fresh. Consequently none of our fish tastes fishy. In general, we try very hard to order mild flavored species. We do not always have varieties that the layman is familiar with. Sometimes it takes a bit of coaxing to persuade you to taste wolfish (ocean catfish), rockfish (similar to grouper) or taltoug, also known as blackfish.

Loup de mer, or ocean catfish, is sweet

and firm, with a snow white flesh. I prefer it to farm-raised catfish because of the texture. Is is also perhaps the ugliest creature in the sea, vicious looking with big, goopy teeth. But it makes such beautiful filets.

Six months ago, I couldn't sell a piece without guaranteeing its wonderful flavor. Now I can sell out an entire shipment in one evening. This is happening more and more with the unconventional fish. We have lists of people to call when their favorite comes in.

Oflate, one of my favorites has been bay scallops. If they are available, we buy them. Their flesh is creamywhite and smells very similar to the ocean. If they are quickly seared and finished in the oven, an incomparable sweetness comes out — candy of the sea.

Bivalve mollusks, belonging to the same family as mussels and clams, scallops have two hinged shells, and feed on microscopic plants and animals which

they filter out of the nutrient-rich ocean waters.

They swim only when threatened by clapping their shells together to create a "jetting" effect. A single propulsion can carry a scallop up to 14 feet.

Sea scallops have a maximum lifespan of 16-17 years, and their shells can grow as large as 18 inches. They become marketable in approximately four years. In its early life, a scallop grows rapidly and its age can be determined by counting the lines on the outside of the shell.

The shell has historic and symbolic interest, having been used as symbols for the crusaders, incorporated in the coat of arms for Sir Winston Churchill, and as the logo for Shell Oil.

There are over 300 species of scallop with those from the Northwest Atlantic being the most prized (Guess where ours come from?). Fishing vessels towing large chain dredges across the ocean bottom

collect the shellfish. Once on board the boat, the scallops are dumped, shucked, washed and iced. Once in a while whole scallops are brought to market. I've used them one, and although beautiful, they're not practical or cost effective.

It is imperative that the fisherman use good judgement on bringing up the dredges before they are too full. If the scallops are not cleaned and iced in the least amount of time possible, they heat up, and when bagged begin to spoil from the inside out.

Many plants take part in a practice called "soaking," which masks off odors, adds weight and improves appearance. The soak solution has a tremendous water-binding capacity, so 100 pounds of scallops becomes 120 pounds of scallops in just two days. Salt is cheap, so there is a tremendous return on investment.

These "bargain" scallops show their true colors in your kitchen. The cell walls

break down when cooked, and the water is released. The trapped odors are liberated, and even if the scallop wasn't old when soaked, the process destroys the rich, sweet flavor.

Soaked scallops will be white in color, or have white fringes around the meat due to the bleaching effect. Generally they will have no odor or foul smell, and will be slimy to the touch. Unsoaked sea scallops have a sweet ocean smell with firm, moist meat. Their natural color varies from creamy white to tannish pink to orange.

I know I've said it a million times, but I'll do it again. Know whom you buy your fish from. Ask to smell and inspect it before purchase.

It is heavenly to open a tin of scallops from our purveyor in Boston. The ocean smells so real, it is as if you've just returned from a walk on the beach.

Clippin' coupons can save on your food bill

Over the course of a year, the average shopper will walk 4 1/2 miles behind a grocery cart, according to Lois Thieleke, home economist for the Cooperative Extension Service.

A survey by Kraft Light Naturals of 1,000 consumers nationwide found an average shopping trip is 42 minutes.

Grocery shopping requires a lot of time and energy. To get the most from your workout, plan ahead and shop smart.

Mary Bugis of Beverly Hills pulled out all of her coupons when area grocery stores advertised double coupons up to \$1 in November and

December. Some stores also offered a free turkey if you bought a certain amount of groceries.

On Nov. 21, Bugis went shopping at Farmer Jack. She redeemed 51 coupons that added up to \$53.46 in savings on a \$153.34 grocery bill and got a free turkey worth \$8.55. Her total out-of-pocket expense was \$91.33.

"I cut coupons out every week and save \$20 to \$21 regularly," she said.

"When I heard they were offering double coupons up to \$1, I started a special envelope for coupons over 50 cents. We were having a party so I bought more than I usually do."

Bugis stocked up on coffee, juice, sponges, noodles, paper products, canned goods and other nonperishables. "I'm still using laundry soap that I bought in November," she said.

To save with coupons, you've got to clip them and organize them, many people don't.

A 1989 survey showed that consumers in the Metro Detroit area took advantage of less than 3 percent of their potential savings. Clipping coupons adds up to an average savings of \$35 per week, times 52 weeks in a year, which equals \$1,820.

The average time spent organizing

and clipping coupons is one hour. The average number of coupons used per month was 26, but some people used over 100.

A follow-up survey of the state of the economy and its effect on coupon usage by NCH Promotional Services found that during the current economic slowdown, consumers consider it essential to increase their coupon use.

Manufacturers distributed 292 billion coupons in 1991, a 4.5-percent increase over 1990.

In response, consumers redeemed a record number of coupons last year, 7.46 billion. Consumers have

also changed their buying habits. The study found that over three-fourths of the 500 men and 500 women surveyed said they are now more careful when checking prices in the grocery store.

Since most families spend about a fifth of their disposable income on food, it pays to shop with a strategy.

"Don't shop when you're hungry or rushed," said Linda DeVore, registered dietitian at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. "You'll probably spend more."

Thieleke recommends planning

meals a week in advance, making a list of the foods you need, taking an inventory of your pantry, checking newspapers and magazines for food specials, coupons and recipes, and comparing food prices at different markets. Shop where the values are better.

File your coupons in an organizer, and keep it in your car for last-minute shopping tips.

At the store, do your shopping quickly; buy only what is on the list. Buy what you need and eat with-out wasting food.

Milk turns on a boost of energy

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water. These products are convenient for their long shelf life.

Fluid milk is perishable and needs refrigeration at less than 40 degrees Fahrenheit. Milk can be frozen in most home freezers for up to three months. The water in the milk freezes first and may separate from the milk solids. After thawing stir or shake milk thoroughly. You may not like the taste for drinking but is fine for cooking.

Four milk into glasses only what is needed, so the balance is not left unrefrigerated. Milk can host many microbes and is easily contaminated. If milk is served in a pitcher, never pour contents back into original container but store separately in a covered container. Covering prevents absorption of other flavors from the refrigerator.


To scald milk, heat to just below the boiling point until tiny bubbles form at the edge of the pan. Prevent skin formation on milk during heating by covering the pan.

There are many milk products available at the supermarket. Whether you drink your milk or cook with milk, it is a healthy addition to the diet.

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

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Sinful pleasures

Simple recipe has large following

By RICK BYRANE
Copy Editor



It's ironic that the inscription on the bottom of Verna Wall's recipe card for Sinfully Delicious reads, "You'll think you've died and gone to heaven."

But, then again, one taste will tell you've probably done something that merits a little penance. Sinfully Delicious, a simple yet rich-tasting chocolate cake, is not just for chocoholics. It really is the everyman's cake.

It's flavorful enough to serve for company, but it's so simple the ingredient list is just five items long that it can be made at midweek and packed in kids' lunches.

"You can't really make a cake like that for just two people," she said, although we thought we could find a friend who wouldn't mind packing in half of one. "When I have my bridge club, or family over for dinner, I make it. The one I made the other day I distributed amongst the neighbors."

File your coupons in an organizer, and keep it in your car for last-minute shopping tips.

At the store, do your shopping quickly; buy only what is on the list. Buy what you need and eat with-out wasting food.

What also admits to a penchant for making desserts.

"I like all kinds of foods," she said. "But mainly I just do ordinary food. I'm not a gourmet cook. If I have to take anything anyplace, I always have to bring dessert. I like fancy desserts."

Wall said she got the recipe from a friend just a little more than a month ago.

"It's new, and I think it's new to the area," she said. "No body I know has



Verna Wall serves up her cake, Sinfully Delicious

Recycling starts in the kitchen this Earth Day

April 22 is Earth Day, a celebration of the important aspects of environment protection: preservation and conservation.

Amid reports of such global catastrophes as vanishing rain forests and holes in the ozone layer, we are becoming more aware of the need to protect our natural resources and wildlife.

The magnificent California condor, thought by some American Indians to transport the souls of the dead to heaven, now stands a better chance of survival from extinction. Several of the birds were released recently from captivity, introduced back into a natural habitat sadly devoid of condors for the past six years.

Dolphins are free now to frolic through the waters of the Atlantic and Pacific. Publicly about the dolphin-killing seiner nets used to trap tuna launched a campaign to boycott this form of tuna fishing. Dolphin-safe tuna is available on grocers' shelves, and this is the tuna to buy — on Earth Day and every day.

To the benefit of ourselves and our planet, we have begun an environmental turnaround in recent years. We are becoming more aware of the repercussions of a disposable lifestyle, as throwaway containers choke landfills already brimming with trash. We are making progress — but much remains to be done. Bear in mind the following grim statistics:

Fact: The average American family produces 100 pounds of trash per week.

Fact: More than half of the cities in the United States will exhaust their current landfills by the year 1995.

What can you do, as a consumer, to protect and preserve our Mother Earth? Here are some ideas:

- Ask for biodegradable paper bags instead of plastic at the market — and reuse them. Better yet, buy reusable cloth or net bags to tote groceries home. Use plastic vegetable and fruit bags only when necessary. Buying a bunch of bananas? No need for a plastic bag!
- Recycle newspapers, cans, plastic bottles and glass. Use biodegradable detergents.
- Walk or ride a bike whenever possible, or take the bus instead of driving.
- Plant a tree.

As you celebrate Mother Earth on April 22, keep in mind the following thought from the American Indians who cherished this land long before "environmentalism" became a watchword:

"We do not inherit the land from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children."

Tell your kids! Recipes in this story are tested in 625- to 700-watt microwave ovens.

Micro-Tip of the week: Did you know that microwaves use only 1/4 the energy of conventional ovens? Combine with the time-saving benefits your microwave oven offers, you can turn out a delicious, quick and energy-efficient meal in honor of Earth Day.

SINFULLY DELICIOUS

1 German chocolate cake mix
1 large can condensed milk
1 jar of Mrs. Richardson's caramel sauce
12 ounce carton Cool Whip
3 small Heath bars, crushed
Bake cake according to directions, in a 9-by-13 pan. While cake is still warm, poke holes in the cake with a wooden spoon handle. Pour milk over evenly, then caramel sauce. Frost with Cool Whip and sprinkle with Heath bars.

AU GRATIN TOMATO HALVES

4 large, ripe, fresh tomatoes
2 teaspoons crumbled dried sweet basil
1 teaspoon instant minced onion
1 teaspoon granulated sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
Dash of freshly ground pepper
4 tablespoons shredded sharp cheddar cheese
Yields eight servings
Preparation time: 5 minutes
Cooking time: 5 to 6 minutes
Oven setting: HIGH (100 percent power). Wash and halve tomatoes; sprinkle each half evenly with seasonings.
Arrange tomato halves in shallow 12-by-8-by-2-inch microwave-safe casserole. Microwave 3 minutes. Rotate dish 1/2 turn. Sprinkle tomato halves evenly with cheese and microwave two to three minutes longer, rotating dish 1/2 turn halfway through cooking time.

PINE NUT AND SPINACH-STUFFED CHICKEN

4 (4-ounce) boneless chicken breasts, pounded flat
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
4 ounces Provolone cheese, thinly sliced
1 tablespoon olive oil
1/4 cup chopped pine nuts
1 clove minced garlic
1 cup fresh chopped spinach, well rinsed and drained
1 teaspoon crumbled dried leaf oregano.
Yields 4 servings
Preparation time: 5 to 10 minutes.
Cooking time: 9 to 14 minutes (plus 5 minutes standing time).
Oven setting: HIGH (100 percent power). Smooth mustard over each flattened chicken breast and cover with Provolone cheese. Set aside.
Mix olive oil, pine nuts and garlic in 1-quart microwave-safe baking dish; cover loosely with wax paper and microwave 2 minutes. Add spinach and oregano; cover tightly and microwave 1 to 2 minutes longer, or until spinach wilts.
Spoon spinach mixture in strips along 1 edge of chicken breasts and roll breasts up, with spinach mixture inside. Secure with wooden toothpick, if necessary.
Arrange rolls spoke-fashion on microwave-safe plate; cover loosely with wax paper and microwave 6 to 10 minutes, or until chicken is no longer pink, rearranging rolls halfway through cooking time. Let stand, covered, 5 minutes before serving.

Schoolcraft cooks top awards

Schoolcraft College students and chefs came home with some of the top awards at the recent 1992 Michigan Culinary Art Salon Competition held at the Hyatt Regency, Dearborn.

Entrants from the college's Culinary Arts Department won gold, silver and bronze medals, including the prestigious Augie and Best of Show Awards.

Culinary student Brian Henson and his apprentice, Shawn Mac, won a gold medal with distinction for a perfect score, (40 points), the Best of

Show award, and prestigious Augie trophy in the College Division for their Cold Platter variation of Capon Midwest and five-course hors d'oeuvres. Kelli Thistius won a gold medal for her Cake Decorating.

A silver medal was awarded to culinary student Chris Moore for Pastry in the Student Division. Sylvia Hayes, Steven Pylon, and Chris Carl received silver medals for their Cold Platters and five-course hors d'oeuvres in the Professional Division. Helen Orloff received a bronze

medal in the Professional Division for her Cold Platter and five-course hors d'oeuvres.

Schoolcraft Chef Joseph Decker, a member of the practicing Michigan Culinary Team, presented a miniature pastry display and plated desserts. Chef Kevin Cawronski, also a member of Team exhibited a five-course meal and hors d'oeuvres.

Chef Richard H. Benson of Schoolcraft College served as Culinary Art Salon Chairman for the 1992 competition, along with Schoolcraft chefs

John Vanderwouwe, who served as a judge in the High School Division, and Master Chef Leopold Shaell, who judged in the College Division.

Schoolcraft's Culinary Arts program is rated number one in the mid-west, producing award-winning chefs in all areas of culinary arts. For further information on the Culinary program, contact the Culinary Arts Division at 462-4400, Ext. 5423. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads in Livonia.

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